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SETTLES NOTHING.

Judge's Decision in the Omaha Injunction Case.

OUTS STILL OUT AND INS STILL IN.

Old Board Fails to Make Its Contentions Good, But the New Cannot Get Possession Without a Suit at Law—Whitney's View of a Third Term for Cleveland; Also Waterman's—Illinois Delegates to the Free Silver Conference.

OMAHA, Aug. 12.—Judge Hopewell's decision in the police board injunction case gives the new board prima facie right to office. It also restrains the old board from taking forcible possession. The judge says: "The defendants appointed as fire and police commissioners under the law of 1889, now in force, must be held to have the apparent right and to be entitled prima facie to the offices in question. Such being the case a court of equity will not restrain them from claiming such offices or from proceeding in a peaceful and lawful manner to obtain possession thereof. * * * Title to the office cannot be decided in this suit. The question is, will the court by injunction protect the old board, thus obliging the defendants to bring quo warranto proceedings."

Responsibility for Possible Conflict.
Referring to the suggestions that there might be a conflict between the old and new boards the judge said: "Should anything of the kind happen the responsibility will be with those who precipitate it or incite it, and I take occasion to say here that notwithstanding the views here expressed as to the rights of the defendants to the possession and occupancy of the offices in question, yet the plaintiffs have the right to remain peacefully in possession and to execute the functions of said offices until otherwise ordered in a proper legal proceeding." The excitement was intense when court convened. The room was crowded to suffocation. Every aisle was jammed with spectators, and every available seat was taken. Many prominent politicians and officeholders were on hand.

Old Board Will Not Vacate.
The hold-over board in conference with the mayor determined upon a continued policy of resistance, and proposes to hold the fort until the supreme court shall pass upon the validity of the new law. The somewhat ambiguous character of the decision has had the effect to confuse the people, who are expecting trouble as a result. More than 100 special policemen are now guarding the central police station, and the guard in the city hall to protect the patrol station and the records of the old board has been retained. The members of the new board and their expectant friends are jubilant over the decision. They affirm that no violence will be countenanced, and they hope to see none. Their followers, however, are not so passive.

Will Play a Game of Freeze-out.
It is reported that Police Judge Beerka will decline to recognize as lawful arrests made by Chief White's men, and will recognize the authority of the appointees under the new regime. It is also said that Chief Redell, of the fire department, will recognize the new board's authority. The city council has already declared it will vote pay only to the new board and those who recognize its authority. This all looks as if a starvation and freeze-out policy has been agreed upon, and that the new board does not now intend to resort to force to gain possession of the department.

WHITNEY ON THE THIRD TERM.

Declares Cleveland To Be More Popular in His Party Than Ever.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—William C. Whitney was interviewed at Bar Harbor by the World correspondent on the presidential question and talked freely. He said: "In the selection of the next nominee for president I propose to take an active part, but I am not a candidate myself."

"No man has ever refused a nomination tendered by a national convention," suggested the correspondent.

"No one has been nominated for president against his own wish," said Whitney.

"Do you take the gossip about a possible third term for Mr. Cleveland seriously?" the correspondent asked.

"I know absolutely nothing about Mr. Cleveland's intentions," said Whitney. "You can state very strongly my opinion, if you like, that in the next twelve months Mr. Cleveland will grow in public esteem. He is now necessarily the only bulwark against Republican extravagance in congress, and I think he will make a record of it. As for the third term I can only say this—if you want among the Democrats of the country and could ask every Democratic voter whom he preferred for president, wholly apart from any considerations of the feasibility or propriety of a third term, I think a majority of them would tell you that they preferred Mr. Cleveland to any other man as president. I cannot conceive that anything except perhaps a practically unanimous wish would induce him again to be a candidate, although in my judgment he is more popular today than he ever was."

"As to the other candidates?"

"Events before the next twelve months will develop them. The occasion brings the man. Mr. Cleveland was himself the most striking instance of that. I think the condition of the Democratic party in the whole country today is remarkably strong—stronger than it has ever been since the war."

"Why?"

"Because for the first time since the war it has a record to stand on. It has done something. * * * The Cleveland administration met the crisis which the Republicans created the difficulties and the Cleveland administration has solved them."

ILLINOIS FREE SILVER DELEGATES

Appointed to Attend the White Metal Conference at Washington.

SPRINGFIELD, Aug. 12.—Secretary of State Hinrichsen, chairman of the Illinois Democratic central committee, Hon.

BIG PLANT BURNED.

Fire at Newark, N. J., Licks Up Half a Million.

FLAMES SWEEP OVER TEN CITY LOTS

Covered with the Buildings of the Central Stamping Company—Whole Fire Department Required to Fight the Flames—Several Casualties, But None Fatal—Ruins of the New York Collapsed Building Give Up Thirteen Corpses.

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 12.—The fiercest fire the department of this city has had to contend with in many years, with the possible exception of the big grain fire at the Ballantine brewery a couple of months ago, broke out in the plant of the Central Stamping company yesterday afternoon. The front of the Central Stamping company plant was on New Jersey and Railroad avenues and covered ten city lots on that street. From this branched another building five stories high and seventy-five feet wide, running through the block to Liberty street. From this building there was a wing of the same size, extending from the middle of the block through to East Fair street. One the south side of the main building on the avenue were five three-story brick buildings and on the north was a new two-story brick structure.

Whole Fire Department at Work.
All these were destroyed. The loss to the Central Stamping company was estimated by State Senator Ketcham, treasurer of the company, at upwards of half a million dollars; insurance, \$250,000. The other losses will aggregate \$50,000. The flames were discovered in the blacksmith shop. A general alarm was sent out, and within twenty minutes every piece of fire apparatus in the city was on the scene. Fifty thousand people watched the progress of the flames, which shot a hundred feet into the air at times, and big burning brands were carried blocks by the wind.

Houses Wrecked by Falling Walls.
These brands were carried to the roofs of buildings a considerable distance away, and the chemical engine was kept on the rush from one street to another putting out the smaller fires. Firemen were stationed on the roof for several blocks with water in pails and extinguishers to put out the small fires. Less than an hour after the first alarm was turned in the walls began to fall. The house at No. 10 Fair street was crushed beneath the wall next to it. A house at No. 28 Liberty street was also caught beneath a falling wall and wrecked. Several other houses were badly damaged by falling timbers and bricks.

Perilous Position of a Fireman.
Fireman John Van Houghton, of Engine company No. 2, by a narrow escape early in the course of the fire, he had gone to the roof searching for a position from which to direct a stream of water. The roof gave way while he was on it. When he felt it sinking he leaped to the gutter and threw himself over so as to hang from the edge by his hands. The gutter was filled with boiling tar, and although his hands were badly burned he managed to cling until rescued.

SEVERAL PERSONS MORE OR LESS HURT.

James Parker, who lives at No. 15 Hamilton street, was on the roof of his house with buckets watching for sparks. In throwing water on some of them he lost his balance and fell to the ground. He was badly injured about the head, shoulders and arms, but will recover. Captain Frank Meier, of the Salvage corps, was severely cut about the hands. Many firemen were also badly scorched and blistered by the heat.

KNOWN DEAD NUMBER THIRTEEN.

Six More Corpses Dug from the Ruins of the Collapsed Building.

NEW YORK, Aug. 12.—Four more bodies have been recovered from the ruins of the collapsed building at Third street and West Broadway, swelling the list of known victims of Thursday's disaster to eleven. The latest victims discovered were: James Grosso, John McGuire, Edward Hanley, and an unknown. All were workmen. All day a large gang of workmen was overhauling the ruins, but they worked with the greatest difficulty. Besides the narrow space between the walls in which was crowded the tons of plaster and twisted iron the lime dust that arose with each pickfall all but blinded them. There was a disagreeable odor, too, and officials of the board of health were kept busy sprinkling the ruins with carbolic acid. Several other men are yet missing and probably dead.

LATER.—Two more bodies—both unrecognizable—have been found in the ruins. This makes thirteen. Seven are on the list of missing and are doubtless dead, which makes the total death roll twenty.

SERIOUS COLLISION OF STREET CARS.

CINCINNATI, Aug. 12.—Last night two electric cars collided at Fourth and Main streets, seriously injuring three persons and slightly injuring others. Ben Kramburg had his left arm broken and body mangled; Albert Toberg, feet mangled and limbs injured; and John Kuntz, face and head cut—all in a serious condition. The other injured were able to be taken to their homes.

FOUR MEN WENT DOWN TO DEATH.

GREENFIELD, O., Aug. 12.—The bridge across Paint creek, on the Ohio Southern railway, near Bainbridge, O., gave way under a loaded freight train bound north. The bridge, engine and ten loaded cars all went into the creek, taking with them Conductor George Henry, Engineer Clint Radcliff, Fireman Howser and Brakeman Thomas Byers, who were buried under the wreck.

THREE MORE VICTIMS OF THE GRADE C. COLLISION.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Aug. 12.—A Sunday excursion train on the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railroad struck a party of pleasure seekers, consisting of James M. Northrup, his wife, and 4-year-old child at the Marsh road crossing, fatally injuring Mrs. Northrup and seriously injuring both of the other members of the party.

The Chickahominy had its designation from an Indian word, Chick-maw-hony, "the place of turkeys."

RAGING FLAMES AT LOCKPORT.

Score and a Half of Buildings Destroyed with a Money Loss of \$250,000.

LOCKPORT, Ill., Aug. 12.—The fire that so badly scorched this place broke out in the Phoenix building, and it was quickly found that the fire department here was inadequate to cope with the fire, which had started from a stove overturning on the roof of the building where a new roof was in course of construction. Telegrams were immediately sent to Joliet, Lemont and Chicago for assistance. An engine and chemical was sent from Joliet, hose from Lemont, and two engines from Chicago. The engines immediately upon their arrival began to pump from the Illinois and Michigan canal. The fire had gained a terrible headway by this time and raged altogether for four hours before the flames were gotten under control.

The buildings totally destroyed were: McDonald's theatre, O'Brien's saloon, C. H. Bacon & Co.'s drug store, J. F. Eisenman & Co.'s grocery; the buildings of Z. Lundstrum, William Schultz, D. J. Whalen and W. S. Myers; Dr. O. W. Moon's drug store, O. S. Gainer's dry goods store, W. S. Myers' two frame buildings, S. Berger's general store, Thompson's restaurant, Adelman's building, Edward Flavin's saloon, two-story brick owned by Waldrogle, J. A. Donahue's saloon, D. C. Baldwin's two-story brick, O'Connell & Sloan's hardware store, J. S. Alexander's residence, Mrs. J. Sullivan's house, J. S. Finner's store, store occupied by F. S. Hutton, post-office (entirely destroyed, mails all removed), stone schoolhouse of District six, entirely destroyed. A number of other dwellings were also destroyed. Total estimated loss is about \$250,000.

TOOK HER TOO LONG TO DRESS.

Reason Given by a Young Man for Refusing to Marry His Sweetheart.

COLUMBUS, Ind., Aug. 12.—T. Bannon came here from Jeffersonville to wed Miss Minnie Williams. He procured the license, and in company with two or three friends and a justice of the peace called at the residence of his intended bride to have the ceremony performed. While the young lady was preparing herself for the groom he suddenly experienced a change of heart and seized the marriage license from the hands of the justice, who was busy filling in the names, and tore the paper into fragments in the presence of the astonished guests. He then left, with the only explanation of his anger that it took his intended bride too long to dress. The match is entirely off and Miss Williams is heartbroken.

PHOTOGRAPH CONTRADICTS THE JUDGES.

BUFFALO, Aug. 12.—A local photographer shows a print from an instantaneous photograph made of the close finish in the third heat of the Robert J. Joe Patchen race Thursday, which had been awarded to Robert J. The sun rays have registered Joe Patchen's nose ahead of the gelding, which accords with the views of those in the press stand and many other spectators.

PHILADELPHIA AND THE HISTORIC BELL.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 12.—A bill of equity has been filed in common pleas court to have an injunction issued restraining the city from taking the Liberty bell to the Atlanta exposition. The bill sets forth that the bell is too precious a historic object to be endangered by such a long journey.

BASE BALL AT HOMBURG.

HEILIN, Aug. 12.—Base ball has been introduced at Homburg, where it is played on the grounds near the lawn tennis court. One of the best players is M. Le Vicomte Leon de Janza.

TORNADO STRIKES KENNELSAER.

RENSSELAER, Ind., Aug. 12.—A tornado struck this town and lasted thirty minutes. Over \$20,000 damage was done to property here. Fully fifty dwellings were badly wrecked by being crushed by trees that were blown down upon them. Nobody hurt.

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