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NOT IN THE RACE FOR PRESIDENT.

A Brief Announcement That His Name Will Not Go Before the Republican Convention.

His Friends Are Thanked and Urged to Work for the Nominee—Washington Notables Believe It Means Harrison by Acclamation, but Callum and Others Getting Their Lightning Rods Up—The Man Who Watches the Secretary's Health Gets in Some Work—Governor Thayer Concludes to Give Governor Boyd No Further Trouble—Political Notes.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The following letter, dated Washington, Feb. 6, and addressed to Hon. J. S. Clarkson, chairman of the Republican national committee, is made public here:

"MY DEAR SIR: I am not a candidate for the presidency, and my name will not go before the Republican national convention for the nomination. I make this announcement in due season. To those who have tendered me their support I owe sincere thanks and am most grateful for their confidence. They will, I am sure, make earnest effort in the approaching contest, which is rendered specially important by reason of the industrial and financial policies of the government being at stake. The popular decision on these issues is of great moment and will be of far-reaching consequence. Very sincerely yours,
[Signed] JAMES G. BLAINE.
Means Harrison as the Leader.

The announcement that the secretary had written the letter withdrawing himself from the field of candidates created much excitement, notwithstanding the probability of its utterance had been discussed for the past forty-eight hours with renewed vigor and its appearance thereby discounted to some extent. Secretary Foster was seen by a reporter and asked for his opinion of the effect of the letter. He said he had been anticipating its appearance, but was surprised that it had come out now. "It will result, I think," he said, "in President Harrison's renomination."

"Will it open the field for other candidates or restrict it?"
"The field has always been an open one, but several gentlemen to whom Secretary Blaine was a block will enter the race."

Two Men Who Were Not Surprised.
Secretary Elkins talked freely and interestingly on the subject. "For some time," said he, "a month or more, certainly, it has been known among the Republican politicians, and was becoming generally known among the people, that Secretary Blaine would not be a candidate. Some of them are for Harrison, and some for others, but the great mass are for the president, and he will be renominated."

Secretary Tracy said: "I am not surprised. I have been expecting such a letter for some time. It points to Harrison's renomination and re-election."
Mr. Tracy would not say that Mr. Blaine's health had anything to do with the present letter, nor would he make answer to the query, "Was not Blaine now stronger before the country than he ever was?"

CULLOM IS IN THE RACE.

Would "Make a Pretty Good Candidate," But Is for the Nominee.
Senator Cullom spoke with frankness. "I am not surprised," said he, "I had intimations of its coming from various sources, and indeed from the secretary himself, but nothing definite."
"Will you enter the field for the nomination, senator?"
"Yes, I have said to my friends that having given Illinois nearly thirty years of earnest service I would esteem it a great honor if the delegation to the national Republican convention from Illinois would support me for the nomination. If I could be nominated, well and good; if not, the delegation would be free to support any good man. If any other man can get more votes than I can I would be for him. But if you permit me to say it, I think I would make a pretty good candidate."

Some Other Views in Brief.
Senator Allison said it would open the field to any number of aspirants, but that Iowa had no "favorite son," and was well-disposed toward Harrison. Representative Burrows said it means Harrison by acclamation. Senator Brice knew it would come—had known it for eighteen months. He said Harrison had been continually growing stronger with his party, and renomination by acclamation was and had been for some time a certainty. He added: "The Republican convention will have its work all cut out long before it meets, while we are getting things in such shape that no man can tell who will be the nominee at Chicago. Poor Clarkson, I am sorry for him. To be compelled to hold a tournament with no competition. It's a very dull outlook for him."

Makes Alger a Candidate.
Senator McMillan, of Michigan, said last night: "General Alger is now a candidate for the Republican nomination, and will go into the contest with the solid delegation from his own state, with support from many other states and with a stronger following than many people and better chance of success than most people think for."

An Alleged Sad Feature.
The saddest feature of this political sensation is the condition of health which more than anything else induces Mr. Blaine to take this step. It is no longer a secret among Mr. Blaine's friends in Washington that he is going to pieces both physically and mentally. The closest friends of Mr. Blaine have talked of this fact with deep regret, and the country will be as sorry as they to learn that the brilliant secretary of state is suffering from a combination of troubles which threaten in the near future to drive him out of public life.

Hill Is Ahead So Far.
ALBANY, Feb. 8.—Nine of the 128 assembly districts of the state have held conventions to elect delegates to the Democratic state convention to be held here on Washington's birthday. The districts are in different parts of the state, and are claimed by Hill's friends to accurately show the sentiment. The only county convention of the nine that is hostile to the senator is the Essex county convention, where Smith

M. Weed controlled; Weed has been unfriendly to Senator Hill ever since Hill was chosen senator. Senator Hill is in town tonight after all the details in person.

ANOTHER MAN STEPS DOWN.

Governor Thayer Surrenders the Executive Chair to Boyd.

OMAHA, Feb. 8.—The suspense in the gubernatorial muddle is at an end. Yesterday, after a long consultation with his legal advisers, Governor Thayer decided to turn the office over to Governor Boyd, and accordingly sent the following letter to him by General Webster last evening:
"—Sir: When I commenced proceedings one year ago to test your title to the office of Governor, I did so in the full belief that there was great doubt in the public mind as to your citizenship and eligibility. I then took occasion to publicly say that as soon as your citizenship was established by the courts I would gladly surrender the office to you. The contest was not one of personal strife nor to satisfy any ambition of my own, but to comply with and uphold the constitution."

Will Not Wait a Mandate.
"Now that the public press has announced that the highest tribunal has declared under the constitution and laws of our country and state your right to the office, I very cheerfully yield the office of governor to you without the mandate of the court. As I am about to leave the state on Monday to be absent some weeks, it would be most convenient for me to turn over the office to you at 3 o'clock on that day if it is your pleasure to accept the same at that time. Very respectfully,
JOHN M. THAYER."

Boyd Will Be on Hand in Time.
In an interview Governor Thayer stated that he was really glad to get rid of the office and at no time intended to deprive Governor Boyd of his office. He was sorry to see so many adverse comments by the press, but felt confident that his course would meet with the approval of all. Governor Boyd was notified by wire and states that he will, if able, go down today and assume the place. He is now confined to his room with a bad cold. Later he wired that he would be on hand at the appointed time and receive the office from Thayer.

Boyd Felt Bad About It.
LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 9.—Governor Boyd took possession of his office yesterday at 2 p. m. He was quite "upish" over the matter, and when Thayer offered his hand refused to take it. Thayer after trying to "smooth the wrinkles" of the situation, went to the clerk would furnish him with an inventory of the executive property, to which Boyd replied that he wanted no inventory, but was "here to take possession of the office to which I was elected."

A FAINT-HEARTED SOLO.

He Proposes to Have the Electric Execution Law Repealed.
SING SING, N. Y., Feb. 9.—McElvaine, a murderer, was executed by electricity yesterday. There were several members of the press present, including representatives of the press associations and New York city dailies, also some assemblymen, doctors, scientists and others. The scientists and doctors said that consciousness was lost by McElvaine as soon as the current struck him. The only movement was a tension of the muscles at first, and when the current was turned off the muscles of the chest relaxed and expelled air from the lungs and some froth from the mouth.

But Assemblyman Stein was very much put out about the whole matter. He probably never saw a hanged man wriggle, draw up his legs and otherwise contort himself in a manner to make a witness feel sick, so the assemblyman said that the execution was cruel and unnatural and made him sick. "I shall try to have the law repealed," he said, "as soon as I get back to Albany. The law should not be allowed to remain on the statute books another day. I do not know whether death was instantaneous or not. I only know that it was horrible and I shall do all in my power to have the law repealed. I do not want to witness another execution."

A MILLION DOLLAR FIRE.

Memphis Visited by a Blaze that Burnt a Whole Block.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 9.—At 9:30 last night the building at 230 Main street, occupied by the Bruce-Bein Hat company, dealers in hats, caps and straw goods, was discovered to be on fire. The entire rear portion of the six-story building from basement to top seemed to be ablaze in an instant, and before the firemen could get it under control the fire had destroyed a whole block.
The block destroyed is bounded by Main, Union, Second and Monroe streets, and is in the heart of the business district of the city. The loss will reach \$1,000,000. The Peabody hotel, on the northwest corner of Main and Monroe, and the Louisville & Nashville ticket office, on the opposite corner, were on fire several times, but by hard work on the part of the hotel employees, guests and bystanders, pressed into service to aid the firemen, were saved. It is reported that one man jumped off a high building and was crushed to death. The insurance is about \$500,000.

THE DEATH RECORD.

JOHN JAY KNOX, ex-comptroller of the currency, at New York.
WILLIAM N. COY, prominent physician, at Jeffersonville, Ind.
STEPHEN D. POOL, editor New Orleans Times-Democrat.
GEORGE E. CARANIS, soldier of the Black Hawk war, at Garfield, Ill.
Justice DAVID CLOPTON of the Alabama supreme court, at Montgomery.
General JAMES F. ROBINSON, well-known turkman, at Lexington, Ky.
ROBERT M. WRITING, ex-commander Brooklyn Yacht club, at Brooklyn.
JOHN STEWART, oldest pioneer of South California, at San Diego.
DICK'S KILLER, pugilist, and brother of the late Pat Killen, at St. Paul.
CHARLES L. O'BRIEN, well-known Michigan politician, at Marquette.

WILLIAM H. KISS, prominent lawyer of Chicago.
Rev. DR. PHILLIPS, president Queen's college, at Cambridge, England.
Rev. B. ST. JAMES FRICK, leading Methodist writer, at St. Louis.
"Honest" JOHN HOGAN, well-known in the west, at St. Louis.
Mrs. G. P. BARBER, "Fath Templeton," at Muskegon, Mich.

President TANNER of Illinois college, at Jacksonville, Ill.
Rear Admiral BRYSON, United States navy, at Washington.
JAMES C. GIBSON, well-known Wisconsin lawyer, at Madison.

AWAKENED TO DIE.

A Score of Victims of a Gotham Holocaust.

HEARTRENDING SCENES AT A FIRE.

Flames Take Possession of the Hotel Royal While the Guests Are Bound in Sleep—The Trapped Inmates, Their Escape Cut Off by the Stairways, Crowd the Windows Imploring for Succor—Some Dare the Fearful Leap to the Street and Death—Others Swallowed Up in the Final Crash When the Walls Collapse—Twenty to Twenty-five Dead and Many Injured.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—A disaster paralleling in horror and probably exceeding in loss of life the terrible occurrence in Park Place, the remembrance of which is still fresh in the public mind, occurred in this city yesterday morning. The Hotel Royal, at Fortieth street and Sixth avenue, was burned to the ground and a large number of people were burned, suffocated by smoke, or crushed to death in the ruins. About 100 were reported missing yesterday morning, but many of the guests were "transients" and may have escaped and gone to their homes. They are not likely to report their escape, which will make it very difficult to get at the real horror of the disaster.

Leaped from the Windows to Death.
An immense crowd gathered to view the tragedy that was progressing. The windows were filled with people in their night clothing, making piteous and heart-rending appeals to the people below for help, while behind them was a great sea of flame. Indeed, these unfortunate beings seemed to be actually in the fire. Harrowing scenes were witnessed by those who were assembled in sight of the burning hotel. One unknown man sprang from a window on the third floor, and was dashed to death on the sidewalk. In a few minutes this same scene was repeated in view of the horror-stricken multitude, another man and two women leaping to certain death.

Climax of the Holocaust.

Meanwhile the flames were eating out the heart of the building and rapidly destroying the woodwork that braced the walls. Finally the grand staircase took place. While at several windows could be seen frantic people crying for help that was impossible, a column of sparks shot up into the air, a rumbling crash was heard and a groan went up from the on-lookers as the walls tumbled into ruins, and the holocaust had reached its limit. Those a moment before seen at the windows pleading for help fell back with the walls and were smothered up in the flames that burst out and leaped skyward for a few minutes fiercer than ever, and then succumbing to the torrent of water that was poured upon them, gradually died away. It had done its worst; but what was the worst?

WHAT IS UNDER THE DEBRIS?

A Strong Force of Men at Work Trying to Answer That Question.

The fire had spent its force at 5:15 a. m., for there was practically nothing combustible left in the shell. Then the scene surveyed by the firemen, the police and the citizens was one of complete and sorrowful wreck. Ambulances had carried away the injured, and those who had escaped unhurt had gone to the hotels or to the homes of friends. All that remained was a smoking, blackened mound of debris that rose to a height of twenty-five feet. And under the debris what would the men set to work immediately to clear away the wreck—what would they find there? This question stayed the crowd, and all yesterday there was a throng of people in Bryant park opposite the ruins, and around all the approaches to the demolished hotel, watching while one hundred able firemen labored in the smoking heap anxious, yet fearful of what each upturned heap might bring forth.

The First Gruesome Discovery.

It was at 11 o'clock that the first body was found. It was a horrible sight to behold, burned, blackened, and bruised. It was hurried away to the morgue, where after much difficulty it was identified as the body of Harvey C. Levy, a member of the firm of Strauss & Freeman, 707 Broadway. Besides Levy and the four who were picked up dead on the pavement as the result of leaping from the windows there were recovered from the debris yesterday two unknown women and two unknown men, one of the latter having evidently died headfirst from some elevated point, as his head was smashed to pieces. This made eight known dead by sundown yesterday. This morning 100 men under Contractor Galloway were put to work, and it is expected the fearful work of the fire will soon be known.

Some Authentic Figures.

During yesterday afternoon, Fire Marshal Mitchell had an interview with Meares, the proprietor of the hotel. From him it was learned that in the hotel at the time the fire occurred were 133 persons. Just how many of these escaped it is difficult to say. At 6 o'clock the police of the Thirtieth street police station gave the following as the official list of those known to have been saved: P. Taylor, W. P. Pierce, Frederick Uhlmann, H. G. Thompson, W. G. Anderled, Jr., Mrs. Knapp, W. G. Buchanan, E. S. Fonday, Rupert Tennant, J. M. Powers, M. Brown, E. P. Rupetdon, Blodgett E. Ball, G. Loper, C. White, T. G. Hardman, W. F. Scott, London Sweet, G. S. Maguire, E. E. Carey, Mrs. E. Tapp, Mr. Gibson, of Newport; — Briggs, wife and child; Simon Uhlmann, Mrs. F. Uhlmann, Mr. and Mrs. Winter, Mr. Forbes, Mr. and Mrs. Hussey, Martin Yardman; F. Olsen, porter; Underwood, night clerk; Harding Schoenfeld, Colonel John Taylor, Mrs. Anderson; Kate Reilly, chambermaid; Mike Curley, porter.

A List of Missing.

These are the missing so far as known: Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Begley, housekeeper; Mrs. Corry, Mrs. May and child, Mrs. Van Norden, C. Halderbrandt; Mrs. Henderson, Denver, Colo.; Miss Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Guild, William E. Armstrong, Charles Close, Thomas Kennedy and four chambermaids.

NEW YORK, Feb. 10.—Five more bodies were recovered yesterday from the Hotel Royal ruins. Three more bodies have been identified—Mrs. J. Cohen, Lewis Levy, and Sarah Blake. A casket of diamonds belonging to Mrs. Hattie Van Norden was also found. Three of the missing have reported all right.

THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE.

What the Lawmakers Are Doing for the Country's Good.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—In the senate yesterday the anti-Chinese bills were reported adversely and a bill continuing in force for ten years the present laws reported favorably. Kyle made a speech in favor of uniform marriage and divorce laws, showing how contradictory statutes and judicial decisions now are in the various states. Vest called up his bill for a post-office building in every town where postal receipts exceed \$3,000 per annum. He said the cost of his bill would be about \$6,000,000. Platt said it would cost \$35,000,000 for small towns alone. After discussing Manderson's printing bill, without action, the senate adjourned.

The house continued the discussion of the rules. The proposal to strike out the provision for riders on appropriation bills was defeated, and that rule was then adopted. An attempt to make more liberal provisions for the consideration of private claims was defeated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Manderson presided in the senate yesterday in the absence of Morton at New York. A bill was introduced to build a monument commemorative of Perry's victory. The report on the Florida contest was made to the effect that Call was the duly elected senator, and the report was adopted. An executive session was held and the senate adjourned to Monday.

In the house Holman objected to immediate consideration of a resolution to pay West Virginia \$151,978 direct tax refund. The rules were then taken up and a final vote reached adopting them substantially as reported. After some unimportant business the house adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Speaker Crisp occupied the chair in the house but a few minutes yesterday as he was suffering with a sore throat. Fithian wanted a bill putting farm implements on the free list printed, and his request was acceded to, and the house went into committee of the whole on the census deficiency. There was some severe criticism of Superintendent Porter indulged in, but the most of the members speaking defended him and the committee rose and the bill was passed. Private bills were then considered for an hour and the house adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The only matter before the house Saturday was the resolutions expressive of the sorrow of the members at the death of Representative Lee, of Virginia. Eulogies were delivered by Meredith of Virginia, Cummings of New York and others, and as a further mark of respect the house adjourned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—A number of petitions were presented in the senate yesterday in favor of the anti-option bill; the bill repealing the law requiring certain life-line throwing appliances on lake vessels was passed. A discussion took place on what proportion of the direct tax payable to Virginia should go to West Virginia, the question of how much of the original debt of the state should be assumed by West Virginia being a feature of the debate, but no decision was reached. An executive session and the consideration without action of Manderson's printing bill occupied the remainder of the session.

In the house a bill to permit railways to give special rates to "drummers" was reported favorably. Several District bills were passed and then in committee the house debated the proposition to send the resolution to investigate World's fair matters to the appropriations committee. Many Democrats opposed this reference but Holman had his way and it was adopted and sent to his committee.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—In the senate yesterday Senators Peffer's and Plumb's free coinage bills, Kyle's bill to make certain issues of money legal tender in payment of all debts and Peffer's bill to loan money to Indiana farmers were reported adversely. Kyle's and Peffer's loan bills were indefinitely postponed, the others placed on the calendar. Sherman introduced a bill prepared at the treasury department to restrict Chinese immigration. A bill was introduced to invite presidents of American republics, the king and queen of Spain and others to the World's fair. The Virginia direct tax bill was debated without action and then eulogies on the late Representative Houk were delivered.

In the house a resolution was agreed to for an investigation into the failure of the Keystone (Philadelphia) and other banks. A bill was passed making the secretary of agriculture eligible to the presidential chair in case of the death of all the other members of the cabinet. The West Point appropriation was debated in committee without action.

IT HARDLY FITS THE CRIME.

The Punishment Awarded the to Valparaiso Rioters.

VALPARAISO, Feb. 5.—Judge of Crimes Foster yesterday passed sentence in the long-pending and much-discussed Baltimore assault case of Oct. 16, 1891. The finding of the court is as follows: Carlos Arena, alias Gomez, sentenced to prison for 20 years, 540 of which is for "wounding" Turnbull, who died of his injuries.

What Is a Murder in Chili, Anyway?
Jose Abumada gets 330 days for injuring Turnbull, while Frederico Rodriguez gets 140 days for wounding Riggins, who also died of his wounds, the judge holding that the shot that was fatal was fired by some unknown person. Gomez and Rodriguez are liable in Chili law for damages to the families of Turnbull and Riggins, recoverable by civil suits.

Death of Ex-Gov. Seales.

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 10.—Ex-Governor Alfred Moore Seales died at his home in Greensboro, N. C., at 9:45 last night. He was born Nov. 26, 1827, in Rockingham county. He served in congress one term before the war and for five consecutive terms after the war; he entered the Confederate army as a private, was in many of the most important battles of that conflict, was twice wounded and before the close of the contest was created brigadier general.

Brakeman Shot by a Lawyer.

SIDABALA, Mo., Feb. 9.—William J. Condon, a Missouri Pacific brakeman, was shot and killed by Lawyer William Parmelee in the latter's office. The trouble grew out of the garnishment of Condon's salary by Parmelee. Condon leaves a wife and two children. Parmelee claims Condon had repeatedly threatened his life and he shot in self-defense.

The Field, Lindley et al. Failures.

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