

THE Maine Democratic state convention will reconvene at Waterville, Aug. 6.

CLERKS in the railway mail service have been instructed by the postmaster general not to take an active interest in the campaign.

A TERRIBLE railroad disaster occurred near Atlantic City last week, in which forty seven people were killed and a large number of others injured, some of them so badly that they will die.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has issued a strong proclamation warning citizens of the United States against filibustering or otherwise violating neutrality laws in connection with the Cuban rebellion.

THE New York Dispatch, Republican, thinks McKinley is in greater danger of defeat. It says: "The free silver craze is rooted in every nook and corner of the country. It is stronger in New York city than any place in the Union. It is strong in the New England states, supposed to be solidly for gold."

THE list of bolting Democratic papers printed by the Republican organs already needs revision, as some of them have commenced to see that McKinleyism is a rough road for a Democratic paper to travel. The list includes certain papers in large cities directly under the influence of local gold sentiment.

THE returns from Alabama where a state election was held on Monday show that F. Johnson, Democrat, has been elected Governor over T. Goodwin, the candidate of the Republican and Populist fusion, and that the Democrats have carried a majority of the legislature.

HON. CHARLES A. TOWSE, representative to congress and delegate to the last Republican convention held at St. Louis, Minnesota, writes the New York World as follows: "The cause of silver restoration is growing in a way to overjoy even its most hopeful partisans. I sincerely believe, as a result of thousands of letters received from every quarter of the country and conferences with representative men in widely separated sections, that there is not a single state in the Union that is not fair fighting ground, unless the most reckless resort to corrupt practices known to American politics, which the gold standard interests are threatening, shall avail to purchase the manhood of the Republicans, which I do not believe. William J. Bryan will certainly be the next president of the United States. He will carry the West and several eastern states."

HON. JOHN A. BINGHAM, of Cadiz, one of the oldest Republican leaders in Ohio, has bolted the ticket and will support Bryan and Sewall. Mr. Bingham was a leader in congress during the war and was United States minister to Japan for eight years under President Grant.

HON. LEONARD RHONE, of Bellefonte, was interviewed on Tuesday by a correspondent. Mr. Rhone is the master of the state grange, chairman of the executive committee of the national grange, and is fully informed on the silver sentiment among the farmers everywhere. He said: "The Republicans are entirely too self-reliant and over-confident. They do not realize that tremendous inroads into their party are being made every day. The farmers composing the grange will be almost a unit for free silver, and even outside the organization the great majority will cast their votes for Bryan and the Chicago platform. The sentiment is not confined to agriculturists, but is finding hundreds of advocates among the largest manufacturing centres in the Eastern states, among business men and men in all the various professions."

He further predicts that the feeling will continue to increase from now on until November, and that the Democratic nominees will be elected by one of the largest majorities ever given a national ticket.

THERE will not be, says the Harrisburg Patriot, many votes for McKinley whether a gold ticket be nominated by the Democrats or not. As a matter of course there are some who will vote for the Ohio man if a gold ticket be not placed in the field, but these are Democrats who are not averse to a high tariff. A member of a prominent firm in this section speaking of a Patriot representative says he has had to pay \$3.75 for a keg of wire nails which the national combine sells abroad for \$1.20 a keg, giving this as a sample of McKinley taxation. This gentleman says that while he does not now know how he will vote he cannot and will not vote for McKinley under any circumstances, rightly attributing to him the excessive taxation of imports which has resulted in increased cost to the American consumer and a decreased cost to the foreign purchaser. There are thousands of other Democrats with the same opinion.

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THE farmers of the state, says the Harrisburg Patriot, are showing some interest in the matter of salaries of public officers and in some sections they have agreed to support only such legislative candidates as will favor a general reduction. If the farmers will unite in this they will accomplish a practical reform. The farmers can make a legislature of their own if they really want to. They certainly can elect a legislature pledged to reduce salaries and the cutting out of unnecessary offices, in spite of the politicians.

PUBLIC officials in this state are highly favored. Very few of them have much labor to perform, very few get inadequate wages. The state officers located at the capitol are especially indulged. Throughout the administration of the predecessor of Governor Hastings salaries were increased, sinecures created and the work of each official lessened. In several instances corrupt bargains were entered into between a venal Republican legislature and a pledge-breaking Democratic administration whereby salaries were increased in exchange for other favors at public expense.

GREAT praise, says the Bellefonte Watchman, is being bestowed on the banks that control the money market, for the patriotism they displayed by their recent action in advancing \$15,000,000 in gold to maintain the reserve and protect the credit of the government. They are regarded as particularly patriotic in not asking interest on this advance, but contenting themselves with taking greenbacks in exchange, without a profit.

But what sort of patriotism did those bankers display when the government was driven by its necessity to apply for loans, of which it was compelled to make three or four for the maintenance of the gold reserve? They took advantage of the government's necessity like a set of sharks and drove the hardest bargain with it that they could possibly make.

Their recent display of liberality and so-called patriotism, came entirely from a selfish motive. They knew that if the government were compelled to make a loan of gold in the midst of its presidential campaign it would have such an unfavorable effect upon public sentiment as would be extremely damaging to the gold bug interest at the polls.

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The next president of these United States will pass through Cambria county over the Pennsylvania railroad on next Tuesday morning. His name is William Bryan and he will be on his way to New York.

Washington, Letter. Washington, July 31, 1896.—The gold Democrats are slowly but surely being driven by Bryan and Sewall. Already one member of the cabinet—Secretary Hoke Smith—has declared for them, and three other members, whose names I am not at liberty to mention at this time, have indicated their intention to do the same. Secretary Smith has not only declared his intention to support the ticket, but he has said that if he can possibly arrange his time so as to be there he will accept the invitation which has been extended to him to attend a meeting to be held at Augusta, Ga., August 12. Senators Gordon, of Va., and Landrey, of Ky., who are both old men, were in Washington this week and they announced their intention to vote for Bryan and Sewall but to work for their election. Senator Gordon has already notified Chairman Jones, of the national committee, that he is ready to take the stump for the ticket at the pleasure of the national committee. These things indicate a getting together of Democrats that means victory.

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Mr. John W. Hayes, general secretary of the Knights of Labor, knows what he is talking about, and he probably does that the Knights of Labor are really unanimous for Bryan and free silver. Speaking of this Mr. Hayes said: "The workmen as a class are in favor of free coinage, and they will vote for it and elect Bryan. Labor organizations like the Knights of Labor, who are organized to participate in the campaign, but the members in their individual capacity will. They want free coinage, and in my opinion at least 98 per cent of the Knights of Labor will vote for it."

Mr. J. F. Walker, chairman of the Democratic congressional committee, returned this week from a visit to West Virginia. In reply to a question as to the outlook in that state, he said: "Everything is all right. The silver sentiment at present sweeping over my state reminds me of a prairie fire; it is simply irresistible. Furthermore, it seems to be going straight on in the East; but in spite of its spread we must remember that when we are organizing the great money power and corporate interests in the country are in a fight on our hands that calls for united efforts and determined work to the close of the campaign."

Representative Russell, of Ga., who has just returned from a trip to Boston, says: "I found the Boston 'Hub' talking more about the money question than the people of Washington are, if such a thing is possible. To my utter surprise I found that a goodly per cent of them were in favor of free silver. Men who were in a position to know assured me that the cause was making rapid strides in every New England state, and that if the gain maintained its present ratio Bryan would surely carry one or two of them. There was a word to be heard about McKinley or the tariff; all the enthusiasm was on the side of Bryan and silver. Though personally an advocate of sound money, I am convinced that the people of this country have made up their minds to try the other system, and that Bryan is going to be elected president by a tidal wave majority."

There is considerable growing among the more prominent Republicans at Mark Hanna's dictatorial manner of running things, and among themselves they are recalling the last campaign in which a wealthy business man undertook the duties of chairman of the Republican committee, to show the politicians how a campaign ought to be run and led by seeing Blaine, the most popular Republican ever nominated for president, defeated. The other main candidate was B. F. Jones, of Pittsburg. Hanna seems to remind some of these Republicans of Jones, and the Democrats are confident that his management of the campaign will have the same result—the defeat of the Republicans.

Shot by Tramp Robbers. Fort Wayne, Ind., August 3.—The populace of the northern part of this county is on their arms, and with bloodhounds is on the trail of a tramp who this morning shot and fatally wounded Howard Hall, aged 16, and inflicted a serious gunshot wound on his father, Thomas Hall. During the forenoon the Hall residence, near Huppertown, was robbed by two tramps. Hall and his son started in pursuit of the robbers in a buggy. They soon overtook the marauders. The lad jumped from the vehicle and shot the tramp in the thigh. The tramp drew a revolver, and a duel ensued, in which young Hall was shot in the left breast. The elder Hall was shot in the hip. One of the tramps has been captured, but the murderer is in hiding in a swamp, which is surrounded by a posse.

An Aged Farmer Murdered. Belair, Mo., August 3.—Charles Whitaker, a well to do farmer and an influential citizen of Hartford county, was shot yesterday afternoon by William E. Dowling, and died last night. Dowling, favorable effect upon public sentiment as would be extremely damaging to the gold bug interest at the polls.

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Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE. Bitter off by a Lion.

Chillicothe, O., Aug. 5.—A sight that caused the blood of hundreds of people to run cold was witnessed this afternoon at the Rose county fair grounds on the edge of the city. A ferocious lion, the child's heir in the presence of its father and mother. The county fair is in progress this week, and among the attractions is a branch of Hagenbach's performing menagerie. At 2 o'clock this afternoon the lion was led to test and Manager Hurd and his wife were busily engaged in carrying for the crowds that were clamoring to get into the tent. Their 2-year-old boy, Eddie Hurd, had been playing about the front entrance, and several times had ventured close to the lion. Finally the child toddled within reach of the lion, which suddenly crouched, then let a terrific roar and sprang on his victim. In an instant the child's head was entirely in the lion's mouth. Many people fainting, others screamed. Manager Hurd rushed to the lion, seized him by the head, pulled the beast's jaws apart. Then with one hand he seized his little boy's legs and snatched him from the lion's mouth. But it was too late. The child was dead. The entire top of his head was gone.

Suspected the Wife. La Plata, Md., August 3.—Late Sunday James J. Irwin, a farmer, was found murdered at his home at Allen's Fresh, a little hamlet 12 miles from this place. He had been shot at him while he was asleep, both of which entered his brain. George Matthews, an oysterman, who lives at Rock Point, 10 miles from the scene of the tragedy, has been arrested, charged with the crime, and taken to the jail here. Irwin's wife is said to have been paying attention to Mrs. Irwin, and the authorities have letters, containing endearing terms which Matthews wrote to the woman. Mrs. Irwin said she discovered that her husband was dead at 11 o'clock Sunday night. She ran to the house of her father-in-law, 100 yards distant, and gave the alarm. She asserts that she was in bed beside her husband, but evidence at the coroner's inquest conflicts with her statements.

A Fusion is Possible. Columbus, O., August 5.—General A. J. Warner, who was president of the Democratic state convention, accompanied by Allen W. Thurman, called at the secretary of state's office to day and prepared a certificate of the nomination of the two electors at large. The fact that they did not include the whole state ticket, and that forty miners have been elected to the convention, and will have to be certified by the same officers, if it is certified at all, is taken to indicate that a movement is on foot to fuse with the Populists. One state candidate of the Democrats died since the convention and another, Judge E. J. Bland, a candidate for supreme judge, is known to wish to be withdrawn from the ticket. The plan probably is to withdraw Bland and allow the Populists to nominate members of their party for the two vacancies. The Populists are the leaders of the two parties will proceed to fuse on the electoral ticket.

Michigan Republican Convention. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Aug. 5.—The Republican state convention is being held at the Hotel Grand Rapids, corner of Main Street and Jackson road, bounded on the easterly side by Main street, on the westerly side by No. 3 of John Brown, on the southerly side by Jackson road, having therein erected a large three story frame building, known as the Michigan Republican Convention.

Blind Nominated For Congress. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Aug. 5.—Richard P. Bland has been nominated for congress at large by the Republican district by acclamation. Resolutions endorsing the Chicago platform and electing Bland were adopted.

The Weather. Local thunder storms in northern portion of the state, with heavy showers of light to fresh southerly, shifting to easterly winds, cooler in northern portion, continued warm in southern portion.

Forty Miners Entombed. SWANSEA, Wales, Aug. 5.—A despatch from Swansea, seven miles from here, announces that forty miners have been entombed in the Bryncoch pit near that place by an explosion.

A Fusion Ticket in Minnesota. MINNEAPOLIS, Aug. 5.—The Democrats and Populists have fused, dividing up the state ticket and electors. The gold men were ousted from the convention.

He Got Married Anyhow. New York, August 3.—Despite the determined opposition of his family, and in defiance of the threat of disinheritance, Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, jr., was married to Miss Grand Wilson. Mr. Vanderbilt, Sr., warned the young man that if he contracted the marriage he would have to depend upon his own resources for a livelihood and he need expect no share in the Vanderbilt fortune.

Lincoln, Neb., August 3.—The much studied itinerary of Mr. Bryan has at last been settled definitely. He will leave Lincoln on Friday, August 7, at 2:05 p. m. by the Rock Island route and is due to reach Des Moines at 9:30 o'clock that night. The nominee will make a speech at Des Moines and leave there at 6 o'clock Saturday morning for Chicago, where the train is due at 7 p. m. The itinerary of the journey from Chicago to New York will stand as previously announced in these dispatches. The trip being made by the Pennsylvania railroad, with a stop over at Pittsburg Monday night.

THEY LOST MILLIONS. Moore Bros. in the Hole For Over \$5,000,000. THE BANKERS PREVENTED A PANIC. They Came to the Rescue of the Chicago Speculators.—Business of Diamond Match and New York Biscuit Companies Not Effected.

CHICAGO, Aug. 5.—The speculative deal in Diamond Match and New York Biscuit stocks which ended with the failure of the Moore Bros., the big props in the deal, and the failure of the great speculative scheme ever engineered in Chicago, will not effect the business of the two companies, except to run down the value of the stock some on the market. It is estimated by those in a position to know that the Moore Bros. have lost between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in the Diamond Match deal. However, say it has wiped out every cent of their fortunes. The action of closing the exchange was commended on all sides. It was admitted that if an attempt had been made to carry on trading under present circumstances a panic would surely have followed, in which all stocks would have fallen, and the business of Diamond Match and New York Biscuit would have been run down to 10 and 20. As it is, with the cooperation of the government, the very rich men who are interested in the Diamond Match deal, no great sacrifice in values is anticipated. There is talk among the members of the exchange, the bankers and the heavy financiers of forming an underwriting syndicate to take the match stock belonging to the Moore Bros. at 175. The shares will not be sold. While they are carrying large amounts of Diamond Match stock they have loaned on it only up to 160 and \$170 a share. The Diamond Match stock from \$75 to \$80 a share has been loaned. The stocks, it is figured, are intrinsically worth these amounts and a powerful organization most likely will be perfected to protect values about these figures; the market will not be supported, but it will be saved from bear panic and a panic would, of course, have to take up some stock, but it is argued that it would not take long to impress investment holders of the trust of the shares and that offerings would cease and stock eventually seek a higher plane of quotations again.

Assigned Estate of John Brown. BY virtue of a third parties order of sale in and out of the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county, and to be directed, sold to be sold to public sale, on the premises, in the Borough of Summerhill, Cambria county, on SATURDAY, AUG. 29TH, 1896, at 10 o'clock, P. M.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTIES. First—No. 1 Union Hill Lot, situated in the Borough of Summerhill, corner of Main Street and Jackson road, bounded on the easterly side by Main street, on the westerly side by No. 3 of John Brown, on the southerly side by Jackson road, having therein erected a large three story frame building, known as the Michigan Republican Convention.

UNION HALL. Second—No. 3. One-half interest in place or parcel of land situate in Uroye township, known as William Prince tract, adjoining lands of Uroye, Brown & Stearns, and owned by Frank Kurtz, the Butler tract and others containing 127 acres.

24 ACRES. Third—No. 5. One-half interest in the coal and other minerals of 24 ACRES, and the surface of 7 ACRES, more or less, of the same tract of ground, all known as the William Butler tract, situate on Uroye, Uroye, and the lands of Jacob Prince, William Murray et al.

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