

IT'S ANYBODY'S RACE

The Gubernatorial Candidates All Appear to be Confident of Success.

IS THERE A DEAL ON FOOT

Between Hastings and Montooth Agitating Delamater's Adherents.

THE FIGHT FOR CHAIRMAN

Promises to be a Lively One, and United States District Attorney Lyon in the Lead.

TRYING TO BUY OFF MONTOOH

By Offering Him Second Place on the Delamater Ticket, to Which Proposal He Refuses to Listen.

GENERAL POLITICAL NEWS OF THE DAY

Developments at Harrisburg are not of a startling nature, and honors are apparently even. Delamater and Hastings both claim they have nearly equal votes to elect them on the first ballot, while Major Montooth's friends state that he will show up a stronger delegation than expected. Quay has not put in appearance, but is expected to-day. The Permanent Chairmanship will probably go to United States District Attorney Lyon, of this city. Colonel James M. Schoonmaker's name is mentioned as candidate for second place in case Major Montooth cannot be prevailed upon to accept it. The real fight for delegates will occur to-day.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

HARRISBURG, June 23.—All day the trains have been bringing in delegates and clubs for the State Republican Convention, which assembles on Wednesday. Around the Lochiel Hotel, where all the candidates are quartered, there was considerable confusion. But it was after all the excitement had died out and most people had retired that a significant incident occurred upon the third floor of the big hotel. At 1:30 A. M. Major Montooth sat in General Hastings' room, and had first a running conversation, in which several gentlemen entered into earnest conversation. Of course, the incident may have no import whatever, only it has been so often repeated that if any combination was ever made by Montooth it would be against Delamater. The friendly call of Montooth upon Hastings therefore emphasizes his kindly feeling toward that gentleman. The Pittsburgh Major is not in for any combination yet.

Connected With Beaver.

A special telegraph wire was run into the State Chairman Andrews' room at the Lochiel to-day. Some people believe the other end of the wire can be found in Beaver. It seems to be a mooted question whether Senator Quay will attend the convention. "No. 117," his room at the Lochiel, is reserved for him, but he has not yet said that he would be there to occupy it. Rather authentic statements to-night are to the effect that he will come to Harrisburg in a contingency. Later this was magnified to the report that he had been telegraphed for by State Chairman Andrews. Mr. Andrews denied this, however. Still there seems to be some foundation for the belief that Quay will be on hand. It has never yet been explained how he will be a substitute for Delegate Moody, of Beaver.

The Fight for Chairman.

Early this evening indications were that there would be a sharp contest for Temporary Chairman of the convention, in which Delamater would be compelled to show his strength. The friends of the Crawford county man had talked of nominating Lyman D. Gilbert. They threw out the leader that was an unprejudiced person for the temporary office and would be acceptable alike to the other gubernatorial candidates. The field against Delamater, however, were of opinion that there were no good reasons why Delamater should than be chosen. They felt that the fight should begin in the very outset. To this end the Stone and Hastings people agreed to support George S. Graham, of Philadelphia, for Temporary Chairman against Gilbert or any candidate whom Delamater would put up. The agreement simply waited the co-operation of the Montooth people at midnight, when the Delamater leaders said that Graham was perfectly satisfactory to them for Temporary Chairman and they would take him under their wing, too. So that ended the matter and Graham has bright prospects of being the Temporary Chairman.

Delamater Claims It on First Ballot.

The slate first talked of was Collector David Martin, of Philadelphia, for Temporary Chairman, and Walter Lyon, of Pittsburgh, for Permanent Chairman. This, however, is not so popular a ticket to-night as previously. Delamater is claiming to-night almost enough votes to elect him Governor on first ballot Wednesday. His opponents, however, only concede him from 65 to 75. Hastings never seemed brighter or more jovial than to-night. He is very content. His headquarters are located directly opposite Quay's old room, and Stone's are just across the corridor. Major Harry Byram occupies Charles Magee's old room at the head of the stairway. Besides all these, the various candidates for Lieutenant Governor have each their gaily-adorned rooms open at all hours for visitors. The Lochiel is a brilliant sight to-night. At the Stone headquarters may be found

R. B. Stone, the candidate's brother, and the following citizens of Warren: Senator O. C. Allen, Representative, C. G. Thompson, Colonel D. Gardner, W. A. Mitchell, J. A. Wamble, S. W. Waters and Henry Bruce. Lawyer Rice, who will present Stone's name, and Colonel A. J. Wilcox and Hon. W. W. Brown may also be found here.

Brooming the Candidates.

Just across the corridor in the headquarters of Senator Delamater, where Journal Clerk Smiley, Charles F. Etta, Colonel Frank Manor, Captain Delaney and others may be seen, helping their favorite in every possible way to receive his friends.

Delegates Arriving.

The Armstrong and Indiana delegates arrived this afternoon, and a number of the Allegheny delegates this evening. Philadelphia came in force, and there were many delegates from the Pennsylvania Ex-Representative John Elkin, who had such a notable fight for Delamater in Indiana, is one of the most conspicuous men in Delamater's rooms.

Trouble Over the Platform.

The platform that will be presented to the convention will be of unusual scope. There is much curiosity to know how it will treat the tax question, which the party leaders cannot be overlooked this year on account of the agitation on economic questions among farmers. Some careful work was done to-day in State Chairman Andrews' room at the Lochiel in preparing the platform. Only a part of it was completed. It an old time favors the State relieving the counties of some of their tax burdens. As to ballot reform the platform will advise a more secret form of voting. It is not necessary to discuss the platform in detail, but it is believed that the modified form will be adopted.

LYON CHOSEN CHAIRMAN.

Word was received in the city yesterday evening that United States District Attorney Walter Lyon had been selected as Permanent Chairman of the Republican convention which is to nominate a State ticket in Harrisburg to-morrow. Friends of Mr. Lyon were seen, and they admitted this was true. They had seen a telegram which had been exchanged between the managers of a threat convention and Pittsburgh people, which settled the matter. Mr. Lyon has accepted the honor and will fill the position. It was rumored in Pittsburgh last Saturday that he had been selected as Temporary Chairman, but subsequent deals turned the tables, and he was made the Permanent Chairman.

OFFERING A COMPROMISE.

The Delamater Faction Want the Major to Accept Second Place—Colonel Schoonmaker Announced as a Possible Candidate.

UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT TO MAKE A DEAL WITH MONTOOH.

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BY A LARGE MAJORITY

The Senate Passes the Report of the Conference Committee on THE DEPENDENT PENSION BILL.

A Spirited Debate Occurs, in Which It Is Claimed That

INDIANA'S PENSION LIST IS SWOLLEN

The greater portion of the day in the Senate was consumed by a lively debate on the conference report on the Dependent Pension bill, which finally passed a vote of 34 to 18. Several spirited campaign speeches were made.

STAND AND DELIVER.

If any Southern Senator or Representative dares to stand up in the matter of pensions, he will be assailed by both friend and foe. He was told on the one side that he would injure his party; on the other side, he was denounced as a traitor, who had no right to announce any opinion on the subject of pensions. He did not believe in that "stand and deliver" manner of legislation. He was opposed to such an indiscriminate payment of pensions, and he was opposed to the pending bill, which was a pension bill in disguise.

REGARD IT AS A JOKE.

MAJOR MONTOOH WILL OPEN HEADQUARTERS AT THE LOCHIEL.

CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS.

BOTH HASTINGS AND DELAMATER CLAIM THE CONVENTION.

THE GLOVED HAND OF THE MAN FROM BEAVER

THE GLOVED HAND OF THE MAN FROM BEAVER CROPS OUT IN SEVERAL DEALS AND IT IS CLAIMED THAT HE WILL HAVE DELAMETER NOMINATED WHETHER OR NO.

THE BILL AN OBLIGATION.

MR. TULLER DECLARED THAT NO DISBURSEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT MET WITH MORE UNIVERSAL APPROVAL THAN THE PAYING OF PENSIONS.

BLAINE'S BLUSTER.

REPUBLICAN SENATORS ROUNDLY SCORE THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

For the Attempt to Bolster Up His Reciprocity Policy by Criticizing the Authors of the McKinley Tariff Bill in Placing Free Sugar on the List.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The Republican members of the Senate indulged in a great deal of private talk to-day on the subject of Blaine's bluster. He is being severely criticized for his attempt to secure support for his reciprocity policy by finding fault with the framers of the McKinley tariff bill for putting sugar on the free list, without receiving compensating advantages therefor. A majority of these Senators flatly disagreed with the proposition presented by Mr. Blaine and several of them do not hesitate to say that "his unwarranted interference and unsolicited advice is in the highest degree objectionable. There is the best of reasons for supposing that Mr. Blaine has assumed a great many things to be true that cannot be proved, in order to make his case as plausible as possible. In the statement sent to the press last night after being subjected to Mr. Blaine's amendments and approval, were these words: 'Now the question is, will the Republicans on committee. It is known that Mr. McKimley is in favor of the policy advocated by Mr. Blaine. He agreed to accept it and embody it in the pending tariff bill, but was outvoted by the Republicans on committee. It is known, too, that Mr. Allison, Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Jones, of the Senate Committee on Finance, and always have been in favor of Mr. Blaine's proposition, and they, too, were outvoted in their committee.' This statement may possibly be true as far as Mr. McKimley is concerned, for he will neither affirm nor deny it. It is, however, very untrue when questioned, as he always does, Messrs. Allison, Aldrich and Jones, all of the Senate Finance Committee, all happen to be Republicans. It is well known that Mr. Gorman also opposed the conference report. He estimated that the expenditures for the bill would be \$200,000,000, and when that was added to the \$125,000,000 of pension expenditure under existing law it would be seen that in fact the Treasury was bankrupt. There would be money enough to pay these pension charges and the ordinary expenses of the Government. He was not opposed to liberal and fair provision for the soldiers of the country, but professed to be in favor of the McKinley bill. Mr. Brown declares the whole thing was a joke originated down at the seashore by 'Squire Bob Lindsay. He says that a conversation had been in progress about the recent Mayoral election in Pittsburgh and that Schoonmaker's name, having been mentioned as one of the possibilities of that campaign, Lindsay at once took up the name and declared him a splendid candidate for Lieutenant Governor. Somehow the conversation reached the columns of an evening paper in Philadelphia and was then carried by wire to Harrisburg.

IN QUAY'S DISTRICT.

Curious Complications Arising in the Twenty-Fifth Congressional District.

THE SCHEME DENOUNCED.

There is a scheme of opinion irrespectively of party that the Government's new license scheme will not shorten the session of Parliament. The leaders to-night decided to continue their opposition, which, as Mr. Childers stated in the lobby to-night, is based on the ground that the measure is reactionary and unconstitutional, whether it be carried or not. Mr. Childers has been dropped but for Mr. Goschen and Mr. Ritchie, both of whom threatened to resign if the bill was withdrawn. On the other hand, Mr. Balfour is anxious to defer the compensation clause, and the Government appealed to Lord Hartington, who advised a compromise.

SOLD FOR PATRIOTISM.

ARMSTRONG PROCLAIMS HIMSELF UNANSWERED FOR THE MAN FROM PHILADELPHIA.

DISMISSING ZANZIBAR.

The Agreement Completed Between England and France Concerning Her.

THOUSANDS OF CATHOLIC KNIGHTS

Met at Columbus to Hold Their Annual Convention.

BUYING UP LICENSES.

The Proposal Debated at Length by the House of Commons.

AN AMENDMENT IS SUGGESTED

To Lay Aside Ear-Marked Money for the Purpose to be Used

UNDER DIRECTION OF PARLIAMENT.

The House of Commons yesterday debated the proposal that the Government pay for liquor licenses that are extinguished. Mr. Smith announced the withdrawal of this clause in the local taxation bill.

SAVING FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE.

The first proposal had received the assent of the House, both on the second reading and in committee stage, as far as England was concerned. The Government would therefore proceed with the proposal, as affecting Scotland and Ireland, that a certain portion of the new taxation to be introduced be appropriated for the purpose of extinguishing licenses; second, that power be conferred on the county councils to purchase and extinguish licenses; and, third, that the issue of new licenses be suspended.

ELECTED A FREAK.

Springfield Republican Put a Midget in the City Council.

RECEIVED THE TITLE OF MONSIGNOR.

Archbishop Corrigan's Private Secretary Elevated to Papal Chamberlain.

A Charter Granted for the Midland Railroad

HARRISBURG, June 23.—A charter was granted at the State Department to-day to the Pennsylvania Midland Railroad Company for the construction of a railroad in Monroe and Lackawanna counties, 50 miles long, running from the Delaware river at the Delaware river at a point on the Lackawanna river at or near Scranton, Capital \$3,000,000.

TO HASTEN THE WORK.

The plan is, unless the men are rescued, to stop all the mines in the region and bring the miners to the surface and Hill Farnham collieries. Yesterday Mr. Kerfoot conferred with leaders at the two Leisewicks and they agreed that the situation is becoming very serious and his opinions very emphatically to-day. Said he: "This delay is criminal. Why, I could have turned enough men in here to have ripped off the whole of the bill, and have rescued the job. It is about time now that these imprisoned miners should be freed, and we will get them if we have to concentrate all the forces in the region. I haven't seen any maps of the Hill Farnham mine and don't believe there are any in existence. A notice of the situation of the work of rescue was one of the worst blunders I had ever seen. The men are all right."

ALMOST IN THE WINE.

The Laborers at Farm Hill Nearing the End of Their Difficult Task.

A FEW HOURS MORE OF TOIL

Will Probably Enable Them at Last to Enter the Hidden Recess

WHERE THE IMPRISONED MEN ARE.

A Prospect That the Long Anxiety May Speedily be Relieved.

WORK PROGRESSING SATISFACTORILY

There is hope of reaching the imprisoned miners at Farm Hill to-day. At midnight it was announced that the coal had at last been reached, and there was hope of speedily penetrating it.

AFTER OUR GAS WORKS.

Another Agrarian Murder.

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