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AGENTS, TAKE NOTICE.
 THE DISPATCH of to-morrow will contain a full and complete report of the Republican State Convention at Harrisburg. Agents wanting extra to supply demand must notify us by letter or telegram not later than 9 o'clock this P. M.

THE DAY AT HARRISBURG.
 Anticipation reports paint rather more the hopes and fears of the men than their backs. The operation of the mind of Senator Quay, who reposes in the cool and quiet of Beaver, and who has not yet unbentured himself to a reporter. But the advisers from Harrisburg are nevertheless full of interest. They show in operation at least three booms for candidates which are inspired by personal attachment and public regard for the men. The hearty backing of the Democratic States rests on this foundation. The advice, however, indicate also that notwithstanding the strength and popularity of Hastings, Montouth and Stone, and regardless that these three have a majority of the delegates pledged among them, it continues to be Delamater who most ardently expects by the grace alone of his political connections to carry off the prize.

If the Senator at Beaver chide, he could even now, before the convention gathered, make a very shrewd guess at the result. There is a dangerous tendency to assume that Quay means to be defeated. But in spite of the opposition, and take all the risks and chances of a campaign for which the Democrats, in the hope of just that contingency, are already preparing with untold vigor and activity. But there are several hours yet before the vote comes off; the Senator has a special view; and until the conclusive ballot is announced, those who give him credit for the greatest shrewdness, and who fancy that the prospect of a big and eager victory in November should please him better than a hard-fought and doubtful struggle for Delamater against within and without, will not part wholly with the belief that Hastings, Montouth or Stone may yet be named.

As for the various combinations that are pictured by last night's rumors as possible, they are dazzling and beautiful to contemplate; but they mostly belong to Senator Ingalls' celebrated classification of irresistible and evanescent dreams. It is the "field" against Delamater. Whatever the ticket, patchwork which tries to combine the opposing forces can add no real strength.
POSSIBILITIES ABOUT PATTERSON.
 It is some comfort to know that the Democracy of Allegheny county will send a majority of its delegates to the Scranton convention instructed for ex-Governor Patterson. Probably a majority of the delegates will vote for the Philadelphia candidate. Ordinarily the nominating of a Democratic candidate for Governor is not a very interesting event in this State. It recalls an expedition to the North Pole too often—it never gets there. But this year the Democracy have some reason to expect an exception to the rule. They will do wisely to put forward their best man. By tonight probably a good many Republicans will know whether the nomination of the Hon. Robert E. Patterson is not a matter of considerable concern to them. Therefore we repeat, it is a comfort to know that the Patterson party has won the fight here.

POLITICS WITHOUT CONVICTIONS.
 A remarkable question of political morality is raised in the criticisms by partisan Democrats of the course of the thirteen Democratic members of the House who voted against the assault which the free coinage interests made on Speaker Reed's reference of the silver bill. These thirteen Democrats were opposed to free coinage; they thought the Speaker's reference to be a matter of course, and they voted in accordance with their views. But the partisan idea is that they ought to have joined the rush to carry the free coinage measure in order to "put the Republican party in a hole" by forcing the President to veto the measure.
 This is the latest, but by no means the only, example of the idea which rules in machine politics that the representatives of the people are to be guided in their votes, not by their convictions of what is for the interests of the people, but by the dictate of party malice. There is no necessity of settling the rights of wrongs of the silver question in this connection. Members who believe that free coinage is the right policy are justified in supporting it. But here is an allegation that men who do not believe in that policy are to throw their convictions to the winds, and to take the side of the party which they do not believe in.

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IT WAS CERTAINLY WARM.
 For once we agree with the thermometer. Its dictum that yesterday was the hottest day of the year was reflected in faces shining with perspiration everywhere. Later on the nineties may become tolerably familiar, but 91.70 for the present is as high as the dizzy eye cares to follow the climbing mercury. It was hotter yesterday than on any day that June, and yesterday was only a day past the highest mercury mark of 1889. Everybody complains that our old-fashioned summer heat had ceased to appear at the old stand. The chances are we shall have a hot summer to make up for the broken lots of weather we have had of late years. The best way is to take it calmly, avoid cucumbers and other choleric pitfalls, and find a cool place if you can.

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