

BLAINE WILL REFUSE

To Take the Presidential Nomination in 1892 Under Any Circumstances.

REASONS FOR DECLINING.

The Secretary Announces to a Friend That He Will Not Oppose His Chief, Who Is a

CANDIDATE FOR A SECOND TERM.

His Health, While Somewhat Improved, Not Robust Enough to Be Risked in an Exciting Campaign.

HOOSIERS WHO DID NOT GET OFFICES

Are Deserting the Harrison Standard in Droves and Are Anxious That the Major May Shall Stay in the Race.

PLANS OF THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE LEADERS

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. WASHINGTON, March 8.—The reported view of a majority of the Republican of the Indiana Legislature for Blaine as the next Republican candidate for President, and the significant speeches for Blaine of several prominent members of the Indiana Republican Club of this city, at their meeting last evening, have caused much gossip and a good deal of amusement among the politicians here.

President Harrison was hardly installed in office before pretty nearly every abolitionist Republican, and many who had been shaky both physically and politically for years, became an applicant for office. They wanted office, but they wanted all the good, fat, soft places, where there was big pay and little to do, and they wanted them right away.

Not Enough Places to Go Around.

Mr. Harrison started in bravely and got away with some hundreds of his immediate constituents, hitting with remarkable accuracy those who had been of most use to him in the past, or who could be put to good use in the future, but it took him only a few months to discover that there were not enough offices to go around the Indiana applicants, to say nothing of a candidate here and there from other States, who modestly thought that they were entitled to a share in the spoils of the year 1892.

A European Syndicate Charming a Royalty on Carnegie, Phelps & Co.'s Plates.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Since the United States has begun to experiment with nickel-plate for armor-plating, a syndicate of European capitalists, including Schneider & Co., de Crouzet, the French armor makers, have set up a claim for a royalty of 2 cents a pound on all nickel-steel armor made, claiming that their patents cover the process. This claim will be contested by Carnegie, Phelps & Co., of Pittsburgh, who are now making armor plates, two of steel and three of nickel-steel, with differing proportions of nickel or steel plates and one nickel plate with a steel core.

JOBS IN THE INDIAN BILL.

The Sweeping Charge Made by a Member of the Late Congress. WASHINGTON, March 8.—"If any job was left out of the bill it was through an oversight," said an experienced Congressman in speaking of the Indian appropriation bill.

A TALK ON RECIPROcity.

Canadian Officials to Meet and Discuss the Subject. OTTAWA, March 8.—On Wednesday there will be a full meeting of the Cabinet, for the first time since the elections, to decide upon the line of action that the Government will take with regard to opening reciprocity negotiations at Washington.

SENT BACK TO ITALY.

A Batch of Convicted Prisoners Returned to Their Native Soil. NEW YORK, March 8.—Twenty-eight contract laborers, who had been brought here from Italy by padrones, were sent back Saturday. They had been assured, before

TOO STINGY TO LIVE.

A Miserly Mother and Son, Who Were Worth More Than \$50,000, FOUND DEAD IN THE SAME ROOM.

SAWS IN THEIR CELLS.

THE NICELY BOYS READY FOR ANOTHER DESPERATE BREAK.

ALL RIPE FOR ACTION.

LEADERS OF THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE FAVOR A NEW PARTY.

Strong Probability of a Presidential Ticket Being Hoisted in 1892—Ignatius Donnelly and Weaver, of Iowa, Mentioned as Candidates—Jerry Simpson Exhilarated.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The two foremost leaders of the Kansas Farmers' Alliance, Senator Puffer and Congressman Simpson, both of whom are members of the organization of a new political party under the auspices of the Alliance. It is important that this fact should be duly considered, and also that the two Kansas "mainline boomer" of the Alliance, Mrs. Lease and Mrs. Driggs, take the same ground. The influence of the three leaders is very great. Congressman Jerry Simpson says that the party is sure to be set up at the Cincinnati conference in May, on the platform adopted last year at St. Louis, as the representative of all the industrial interests of the country; and he almost loses control of himself as he predicts the triumphs that it will win in this year and next.

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART.

The Son of a Swedish Nobleman Ends His Life in Chicago. CHICAGO, March 8.—Arvid Erickson, 21 years of age, the son of a Swedish nobleman, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart at No. 9237 Commercial avenue this afternoon. Erickson came to Chicago, August 2 last, and immediately obtained employment from Charles Willard, the manufacturing jeweler in Kensington.

THE MISSISSIPPI RISING.

An Unprecedented Rainfall, With Fears of a Serious Flood. MEMPHIS, March 8.—The rainfall in this city and section of the South for the past week has been so heavy that the water level has fallen in this city during the past 48 hours. Specials from the adjacent country report the rain as general. The entire lower part of Ganton, Miss., is under water and the choice of the Illinois Central road are paralyzed.

PERISHED IN THE SNOW.

A Manitoba Priest Who Tried to Get Home for Sunday Service. WINNIPEG, MAN., March 8.—A Regina dispatch reports that Rev. Father Graton, a Catholic priest of Regina, was found dead this morning five miles outside of the city. He was on Thursday to assist in the election.

ANNA DICKINSON IMPROVING.

Her Entire Recovery Said to Be Only a Matter of a Few Months. PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 8.—According to reports received here to-day from the Danville Asylum, Anna Dickinson is gradually improving. Dr. Snails, the superintendent, says that her entire recovery is only a matter of a few months.

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SIXTY YEARS SILENT,

Except to One Man, All Because of a Vow Taken by His Mother.

TWICE WEDDED, BUT SPEECHLESS.

Peculiar Discoveries Following the Arrest of John Pratt.

RESULT OF AN ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

DANBURY, CONN., March 8.—John Pratt, leaning on the arm of his brother William, the only person he has spoken to in 60 years, was arraigned in the Police Court accused of shooting James Morrow.

Most Peculiar Man in the World.

Although it was well known the shooting was an accident a warrant was issued for Pratt's arrest. It is perhaps the most peculiar man in the world he has been 60 years in the world he has been dumb, so far as one person is concerned he is in possession of all his faculties. That is another peculiarity. With him he converses fluently and with freedom, but always assures himself that there is no other listener within hearing.

Trying to Catch a Word.

The boys would creep along behind the fence and listen to his words, hoping to hear his voice, but they were only successful a few times. Then John became weary, and one day he caught Lemuel Taylor eavesdropping and gave him a thrashing. He never again stood for the boys. All efforts to induce him to speak in court were ineffectual, and John spent 30 days in the county jail for contempt of court.

As a result of the shooting.

John was about 30 years old a young man married in New York. He spent the summer at a house near John's farm. The young wife was deeply impressed with the many stories told of her temporary insanity, and she had a desire to be introduced to him. Her husband humored her and an introduction took place. From that time there was a marked change in her. She married in New York. She and in due time a son was born to her. That son now occupies a responsible position with the Government at Washington, but he is a deaf mute.

A Mother's Vow the Explanation.

Perhaps the best explanation of this strange man's peculiarity is that given by a relative who is familiar with the family history. He says John's mother incurred the enmity of her husband's father, who was a wealthy man, and she never spoke to her father-in-law again, and she kept her oath for 15 years, when she died. On her deathbed her husband tried to get her to, but she would not relent. Three months after taking the strange oath John was born.

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