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HARRISON DESERTED.

Quay and Dudley Resigned in Order to Wage War on the President.

THE BATTLE ALREADY ON.

It Will Be a Struggle of the Office-Holders Against the Big Chief of the Party.

CLARKSON FOR BLAINE AND ALGER

The Occupant of the White House Has Not More Than One Adherent on the National Committee.

GORMAN RUNS MARYLAND'S CONVENTION

Probably Futile Attempt of the Orphan School Syndicate to Down Plucky Henry Hall in Mercer County.

A VICTORY FOR JACK ROBINSON IN DELAWARE

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The resignations of Chairman Quay and Treasurer Dudley from their positions on the National Republican Committee naturally have been a prolific subject for gossip and conjecture among the politicians to-day, and among all classes of them the opinion obtains that it means something more than appears on the surface. It seems to be decided by those who should know something about the matter that the resignations of these gentlemen mean a fight from this time on against the nomination of President Harrison for a second term.

Little attempt is made among the close friends of Colonels Quay and Dudley to conceal their conviction that this is the fact. Holding the positions they did Quay and Dudley could not well engage in open battle against the "official chief" of the Republican party. They were largely responsible for the election of Harrison, and they hold the leading offices of the great committee which should be logically the mainstay of the administration.

DUDLEY DISGUSTED WITH HARRISON.

Colonel Dudley has from time to time freely expressed his disgust at the mugwump tendencies of Mr. Harrison. Senator Quay, in frequently canvassing the Presidential probabilities of next year, has significantly refrained from naming Mr. Harrison as even a remote possibility. Colonel Clarkson, now the head of the committee, at least until an election can be held, resigned his position as First Assistant Postmaster General because of his dissatisfaction with the methods of the administration, and, not being hampered as Quay and Dudley were, will, it is asserted, second the outside efforts of those gentlemen by his work within the committee.

A secret poll of the National Committee said to have been made recently showed a majority opposed to Harrison's renomination that almost amounts to unanimity. In one way or another the President seems to have trampled on the toes of nearly every member. With Conger, of Ohio, it was the postoffice at Akron. With Fassett, of New York, it was the postoffice at Elmira, and so on.

A SHARP POLITICAL MOVE.

The President has only now taken the first practical step to counteract his blunders by the appointment of Fassett as Collector of the Port of New York, an office which pays almost as good a salary as that of the President. This is generally admitted to be an acute movement, and even the anti-Harrison element cannot find fault with the bright little editor from Elmira if he accepts.

This act may possibly have the effect to hold New York in line for Harrison, and that is of vast importance. Hiscock, Platt and Fassett will now rule the roost. Ex-Senator Warner Miller is practically out of politics, anyway. His great ambition now is to secure from the Government a guarantee of the Nicaragua canal, and if he can secure that he cares not who runs New York politics.

But even the appointment of Fassett does not secure New York to Harrison beyond question. It merely places New York Republican politics in the hands of Hiscock, Platt and Fassett, and with Mr. Fassett hardly placated by the sop of the collectorship, even if he accepts it. It is asserted that his anti-Harrison views are so strong that in the office presented to him he will do little or nothing to assist Harrison in thwarting the opposition of the powerful, able, methodical, secretive gentlemen who, if general conviction is not at fault, have set out to prevent the renomination of Harrison.

THE FIGHT IS NOW ON.

If this conviction be true, one of the prettiest fights ever seen in this country over a candidacy for the Presidency will be on from this time. On the one side will be the President with a large proportion of the persons whom he has appointed to office, and on the other the great chieftains of the party, who in all ordinary matters control the political machinery of their States. A great number of office holders will be forced into the delicate position of disloyalty to either the appointing power or the power that secured the promise to appoint.

If the President could but use the weapons in his hands there would be little doubt of his success; but he cannot work openly in his own behalf, and against him are a number of men far abler than he in the shaping of politics, who know no failure in the handling of political bodies, and who are thoroughly acquainted with the machinery of the party in every State of the Union. This, it appears to be admitted, is the Republican situation. At present the cry of the anti-Harrison men is for Blaine, but it is possible that this is only a diversion.

A new ticket is being talked of among the politicians to-day. It is composed of the names of Blaine and Alger. The Michigan candidate has repeatedly announced that he would never consent to accepting second place behind any man, however great, but all the same his friends and others feel confident that he would if attached to the tail of a Blaine ticket.

THE IDEA OF CLARKSON.

Colonel Clarkson has always been regarded as an Alger boomer, although friendly to Blaine, but it is said by some of his friends that he has recently come to the conclusion that it would be useless to attempt to nominate the soldier candidate for the first place, and especially in view of the fact that Blaine has such a sure thing on the nomination. But Blaine and Alger sounds well to the ears of many Republicans, and the members of the National Republican Committee who are at present in control seem especially fond of it. Should ill-health or a mistaken sense of loyalty to Harrifon cause Mr. Blaine to refuse to be a candidate, however, the Alger combination is apt to be broken by the appearance of McKinley in the field.

Should the Major carry Ohio this fall and find the Presidental race an open one in 1892, with Blaine not in it, he would be very apt to come to the front and then Alger as a Western man would not be a possibility. Blaine and Alger at present is a favorite ticket with Maine Republicans.

To turn to the other great party the Maryland Convention to-day has aroused more interest outside of Maryland than any former convention of that State. It is believed that it has rendered Gorman a Presidental impossibility on account of its declaration against free coinage. No one believes that Gorman did not control and shape every feature of the convention, and that the coinage plank in the platform is not of his making, notwithstanding his vote for free coinage in the United States Senate.

QUAY EXPLAINS WHY

HE HELD BACK HIS RESIGNATION AS CHAIRMAN SO LONG.

He Did Not Want to Step Down Under Fire of the Attacks Made on Him—No Idea of Resigning From the Senate Yet—Ignorant as to His Successor.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—Senator Quay arrived in the city from Washington at 7 o'clock to-night. He was accompanied by his son, Dick, and Frank Willing Leach. While at dinner they were joined by General W. H. H. Davis, of Doylestown. General B. Frank Reeder, of Easton, and Christy C. Kauffman, of Lancaster, were also early callers. The Senator went out to make a social call, and when he returned he made the remark that he had been detained longer than he expected to be. When asked about his resignation as Chairman of the National Committee the Senator said:

"It was my intention to resign on the Saturday night following the Presidental election, but I was requested to hold on, and at that time it was thought that the Democrats would attempt to steal Congress. I agreed to hold on, on condition that the National Committee should not interfere with the Congressional conventions of 1889, which it didn't. I then made up my mind to resign as Chairman on my return from Florida in March, 1890, but at that time the New York *World* began its attack on me and I could not retire under fire. I found that this was a good time to withdraw and concluded that I would do so."

"But Senator, it was not your intention to withdraw from the committee altogether, was it?" the reporter queried.

"I found that the only possible way for me to resign the chairmanship was to leave the committee altogether, and that I concluded to do."

"There has been some talk of your resigning from the Senate also. Is there any truth in that?"

"Not a particle. It is absolutely without foundation, and Tom South denies that he ever made such a statement."

"Do you know who your successor in the committee from Pennsylvania will be?"

"I do not. I haven't given it a moment's thought and know nothing whatever about it."

"Do you know when your successor will be appointed?"

"I do not. He must be appointed by the delegation from the State to the National Convention under the rule, I believe."

"Then he will not be appointed until after the next National Convention, will he?"

"I don't know anything about it."

LAWRENCE COUNTY FOR HASTINGS.

The Young Men's Republican Club Favors Him for the State Presidency.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW CASTLE, July 30.—The Young Men's Republican Club, of Lawrence county, with a membership of over 700, met in their hall in this city to-night. Nothing of a disagreeable nature cropped out, so it may be safely said that the hatchet has been buried that flourished so wildly during the famous Phillips-McDowell fight. Without opposition the following well-known Republican workers were elected delegates to the State Convention: William D. Wallace, William M. Brown and Captain J. C. Ewner. A member then arose and presented the following resolution:

"Resolved, That we deplore the present contest for the presidency of the State League of Republican Clubs of Pennsylvania, apprehending that it may operate to the very serious detriment of the Republican League and the Republican party. We, therefore, instruct our delegates, this day elected, to act and vote in such manner as will best secure harmony in the organization, and for that purpose we recommend that they support and vote for General D. H. Hastings for the Presidency of the Republican League Clubs, believing that his high character and his popularity and services to the State and to the Republican party will commend him to the almost unanimous sentiment of the League. In the event of his refusal to accept, then the delegates are instructed to exert their best efforts to secure the harmonious election of some other person."

The resolutions were passed unanimously with a hurrah. Should Hastings refuse the presidency, then the votes will go with the majority, but hardly in the direction of Dalzell.

ROBINSON STILL ON TOP.

He and His Henchmen Carry Everything in the Delaware County Primaries.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

MEDIA, PA., July 30.—The Republican primaries were held in Delaware county to-day, and the convention of delegates to vote their instructions and put a county ticket in nomination meets to-morrow afternoon. The result of the election shows that fighting "Jack" Robinson is still in the lead, and that Cooper, Johnson and Baker must occupy second place for a while longer. There were three candidates for delegate to the Constitutional Convention, from which two were to be selected. One of these was Captain Joseph H. Huddell, manager of Senator Robinson's aggressive campaigns of 1889 and 1890, when he won the Senatorial and Congressional nominations. The other candidates were Benjamin F. Darlington, of Media, and William Ward, of Chester, both leading members of the Delaware county bar.

It was considered by many a hopeless task for Huddell to attempt to make the nomination for any office against two such popular men. But he went to work, and through the Robinsonian machinery being used in his behalf he has pulled through though by a small margin. Darlington and Huddell will be the nominees, the latter defeating Ward by nine delegates. William L. Mathues, of Media, the present Deputy Prothonotary, was nominated for Prothonotary over Edward S. Hickman, of Thornbury, with plenty to spare. Mathues is a Robinson man.

JESSE HARPER'S FIAT.

He Says the People's Party Will Swamp Sherman and McKinley in Ohio.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

COLUMBUS, July 30.—Colonel Jesse Harper, the farmer statesman of Illinois, addressed a mass meeting under the auspices of the People's party local committee in Capitol Square to-night. He said among other things that the people of Ohio would soon witness the most aggressive campaign against Sherman and McKinley that has occurred in the history of the country. The Kansas cyclone, which wiped out 82,000 Republican majority and buried Ingalls, will be duplicated in Ohio this fall. He said there would be 400 People's party speakers strike Ohio the 1st of October, and the Republicans will cut no figure in the result of the election.

Colonel Harper said they would neither fight nor indorse the Democratic party, but would devote themselves to the defeat of the Republicans. Harper has been in Ohio since July 20 and has addressed meetings in the principal cities of the State.

PERHAPS IT WILL BE CAMERON.

The Senior Senator May Take Quay's Place in the National Committee.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Thomas C. Platt is expected here to-morrow to consult with Secretary Foster about Custom House matters and presumably with General Clarkson with regard to political questions generally. J. Sloat Fassett left the city this evening for Philadelphia, and, it is understood, will be at Cape May in the morning for a consultation with the President. Secretary Foster said this evening that there would be a number of Custom House changes, and, also, that Special Agent C. S. Wilbur would get one of the Assistant Appraiserships.

General Clarkson, who will assume charge of the National Republican Committee, will make his headquarters in New York, having rooms engaged at the Plaza Hotel. It is rumored here to-day that Senator Cameron will be selected as Quay's successor as a member of the National Republican Committee from Pennsylvania. If this report is correct it will account for the presence of Senator Cameron in Washington during the past few days while the Executive Committee was in session.

A BOOM FOR GORMAN

ILL-CONCEALED IN MARYLAND DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Senator Unanimously Indorsed for Re-Election, With a Sentiment Visible for Giving Him Higher Honors—Frank Brown, the Farmer Candidate, for Governor.

BALTIMORE, July 30.—It was well known that United States Senator Gorman is a candidate for re-election by the next General Assembly of Maryland, and that his name has been mentioned frequently for Presidental honors. Attention has been centered upon him in the State convention of his party, which was held here to-day.

Although Senator Gorman was unable to be present, having gone to Washington last night after several days of conference and friendly association with the County Democracy, the convention was unanimously for him, as is shown by the resolutions adopted and the frequent and rapturous applause whenever his name was mentioned. Not only does the platform recognize his signal service to the National Democracy, but the special resolution indorsing him for re-election to the Senate gives evidence of the esteem in which he is held by the people of his native State.

The platform compares the present administration to that of Grover Cleveland to the advantage of the latter, denounces the force bill and condemns the McKinley bill. Regarding silver it says: The power of Congress to coin gold and silver ought not to be so exercised that gold coin or silver coin will become a commodity and so disturb the operations of trade, but in such manner that the dollar in gold coin and the dollar in silver coin shall be of equal exchangeable value in all the markets of the United States. Any attempt to depreciate by legislation either of the metals ought to be deprecated and condemned. The platform expresses warm sympathy for the Hebrews in Russia.

An additional resolution warmly eulogized Senator Gorman for his services in defeating the force bill, and nominated him for re-election to the Senate.

After the enthusiasm of the convention aroused by the Gorman resolution, had spent itself, Dr. Frank Shaw nominated Frank Brown, of Carroll county, for Governor, having performed the same duty four years ago. The convention went wild over the "farmer candidate," and no less than five speeches were made in seconding the nomination, which was made by acclamation. The other nominations were: Marion DeKalb Smith, of Kent county, for State Controller; John P. Boe, of Baltimore, for Attorney General; and J. F. Ford, of St. Mary's county, for Clerk of the Court of Appeals.

One speaker in seconding a nomination prophesied boldly that "The leader in defeating the force bill would be the next President of the United States."

MANLEY'S LETTER ABOUT BLAINE.

The Publication of Its Text Confirms a Previous Dispatch.

DETROIT, July 30.—The dispatch sent from here several days ago giving a summary of a letter received from Hon. Joseph H. Manley, of Augusta, to Captain William A. Gavett, of this city, in regard to Secretary Blaine, has aroused so much interest, and caused so many inquiries to be made as to the authenticity of the communication, that a press representative was to-day permitted to copy the letter, which is as follows:

"MY DEAR GAVETT.—I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst. Mr. Blaine found himself in May last, as a result of overwork and great grief caused by the death of his two children, completely tired out and prostrated by nervous exhaustion. He has no organic disease whatever. All he needed was a rest. He is gaining rapidly—so much so that it does not seem now as if he had ever been sick. He will go back to Washington this fall a much more vigorous and healthy man than he has been for years. Have no fears about Mr. Blaine's health. Of course, what he will do about the Presidency I know not. I know this—he cannot be a candidate, and you would not have him. If the Republican party wants him, it should make it manifest and nominate him. I do not believe he would decline this call. I think this is all that ought to be said."

A FIERCE FIGHT IN MERCER.

But Henry Hall Will Probably Win in To-Morrow's Primaries.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

MERCER, July 30.—Politics in Mercer county are very lively just now. The Republican primaries come off on Saturday, and the fight over the election of delegates to the State Convention is particularly warm. The Soldiers' Orphan School Syndicate and their friends, headed by ex-Senator George W. Wright, are after the scalp of Henry Hall, who is one of the candidates for delegate. Mr. Hall is a pronounced supporter of Hon. John W. Morrison for State Treasurer, but the Syndicate are endeavoring to take advantage of the strong feeling for Mr. Morrison in Mercer county, have, in the last days of the fight, sprung the story that Hall is for Speaker Thompson.

Letters are being sent from henchmen of Senator Wright in Butler and Crawford counties to the old soldiers urging them to slaughter Hall. The people are not falling into line on the syndicate's plan, however, and it is the general impression that Mr. Hall will down them on Saturday.

THE THIRD PARTY IN INDIANA.

A Meeting Held at Indianapolis to Strengthen the Organization.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 30.—The People's party of Indianapolis, organized one year ago, held a meeting here to-day to strengthen the organization. Nearly all the counties in the State were represented. The old State Central Committee was continued in existence and a sub-State Committee was named, composed of three members from each county. It will be the duty of the members of this committee to thoroughly organize the party in their respective localities.

A committee was also appointed to make arrangements for a lecture bureau in this city. The American *Non-Conformist*, one of the most powerful organs of the Alliance in Kansas, will be removed to this city in September.

CRAWFORD COUNTY FOR ROBINSON.

The Home of the Delamaters Seems to Be Strongly Against Dalzell.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

MEADVILLE, July 30.—At a meeting of the Young Men's Republican Club of Crawford county, held in this city this evening, delegates to the Republican Club League Convention, delegates favorable to Hon. J. B. Robinson for President of the league, were overwhelmingly elected, the vote standing 44 for Robinson to 15 for Dalzell.

PELTED WITH COAL.

A Brutal Assault by Boys on an Old Watchman May Result Fatally.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

BUFFALO, July 30.—James Meers was pelted with chunks of coal last night by a dozen boys, none of whom is over 14 years old, and may die. Meers was a watchman on the Erie road. He is 60 years old. Small boys have been troubling him for a long time, and last night he discovered a gang of them playing on the coal cars and ordered them off the company's property. From the top of the cars they began to hail great chunks of coal on to him.

Over 30 pieces of coal struck him on the head and he was frightfully cut and mutilated. He was carried to his home, where it was found that he was also injured internally.

Fassett Accepts It.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Ex-Senator J. Sloat Fassett, of New York, called on Secretary Foster to-day and accepted the post of Collector of the port, New York.

OUT FOR BEAR MEAT.

A Whole Countryside Following the Elusive Trail of Bruin,

WHO REFUSES TO BE CAPTURED.

He Has Been at Large for Several Days, Frightening Villagers.

A YOUNG CANINE'S WOFUL EXPERIENCE

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW YORK, July 30.—The bear which was roaming around on Gravesend Beach on Tuesday night has given the families there the biggest scare they have had since Garry Katen's bear was at large three years ago. Katen had two bears at his hotel at Coney Island. They were chained to trees within a few feet of each other. Katen's guests used to amuse themselves buying beer and giving it to the bears, who would put it down more quickly than any man could. One of the bears was killed after having killed a man. The other escaped once, was hunted for three days and then was found in the bullrushes at Gravesend Beach.

It is thought that the bear now loose is somewhere in the same bullrushes. Van Cleef Voorhees, who lives on the mill road, was the first person to see the bear on Tuesday night. He was sitting on the front porch near midnight, when he thought he saw a black dog in the road. The animal seemed to be too big for a dog, however, and Mr. Voorhees got up and peered out into the darkness at it. He then saw that it was a bear, and it had a little black and white dog in its paws. Mr. Voorhees did not stop to look again. He ran through the hall to the yard and climbed over the fence.

THE BEAR AT PLAY.

William Morris, like Voorhees, a fisherman, lives in the next house. Voorhees woke him up and both went after the bear, which, by this time, had gone through a cross street, and was in a lot 50 yards back of Voorhees' house. The bear was playing with the little dog. He would pick him up in his front paws and walk along on his haunches for 20 yards or more. Then he would rest and amuse himself with knocking the dog about, while the dog howled and snapped.

As soon as Morris assured himself that he had seen a real live bear he started with Neighbor Voorhees to arouse the neighborhood. First they went to Dick Hayman's road house. They found four men there, but no gun. Then Cope Snedeker, who lives close by, was aroused, and he got his rifle. Cope's father set to work charging his double-barreled muzzle-loader. The hubbub of voices aroused others, and there were eventually 20 men out for the bear. Several had lanterns strip of tin, and the hunt for the bear was begun in dead earnest.

HUNTING FOR THE BEAR.

The hunters went over to the spot where the bear was seen and examined the tracks carefully. They were bear tracks, sure enough. There was a line of pudgy depressions in the soft earth, each as big as a silver dollar and half surrounded by three smaller depressions. The hunters followed the trail for 200 yards and then it was lost in a clump of bushes. The dogs which came with the party were set to work, but they were evidently not bear trailers, as none of them gave any sign of having struck the scent.

Then the party determined to go on a blind search. They went down to the Brooklyn Yacht Club house and suddenly all hearts were stilled by somebody claiming he saw something moving about the boats. There was a fusillade, but nothing came of it. The party began to break up then. Snedeker and his father kept up the hunt till daylight, but did not see the bear again.

A good many claim to have seen the bear since then. Mrs. Eldridge, a neighbor of Van Cleef Voorhees, says that she was aroused from the well Wednesday night by the bear. It was subsequently learned that Mrs. Bailey had seen a big Newfoundland dog.

A USED-UP CANINE.

The little dog seen with the bear belonged to Mrs. Denman. She lives a block away from the place where the bear was first seen. The dog arrived home on Wednesday morning covered with blood. One of its ears was lacerated and scratched, as if the bear had hit him with his paw. A man who seemed to be a French Canadian was anxiously inquiring for the bear yesterday morning. He had a long pole, such as men who have performing bears carry. He said that he fell asleep in the woods with his bear beside him. When he awoke the bear was not to be found.

This man is the most energetic bear hunter at Gravesend Beach just now. He fears that his bear will be killed on sight. The bear is probably very hungry by this time and will turn up soon. A reporter saw the bear's tracks to-day. The heavy rain had partly obliterated them. The reporter was hot on the trail when the tracks disappeared abruptly in the smooth sand. He must have jumped out into the road, and the tracks were probably obliterated by wagons. If the bear is not heard from soon there will be an organized hunt for him.

A FAMILY QUARREL IN COURT.

The Son Sues the Father for a Yearly Allowance of 12,000 Francs.

PHILADELPHIA, July 30.—The answer of Edward Pepper, Sr., to the allegations made against him by his son, Edward Pepper, Jr., M. D., in a bill in equity filed April, was filed in court to-day, and discloses an interesting story. The son alleges that some time prior to January, 1884, his health became seriously affected, so as to render it necessary for him to give up his practice in Paris and remove to Algiers. When his mother died she was the owner of a certain property and an estate at St. Servian in Brittany, France, valued at $16,000, and under the laws of France the son, who was the only surviving child, was entitled to half of this amount.

The complainant admitted having released to his father all interest in this property for a consideration, but claimed that his father had entered into an agreement to pay him 12,000 francs per annum. The copy of this agreement he charged his father with having since burned. For a time the annuity was paid to the complainant, but for five years past it was claimed the father neglected to make payments. The answer filed to-day denies that his son was forced to leave Paris on account of ill-health, but says his departure was owing to misconduct. The answer states: "In order to avoid scandal caused by the conduct of my son, I agreed to pay him 1,000 francs a month so that he could leave Paris, but I did not bind myself to pay this for any stated period."

CATHOLIC INDIAN SCHOOLS.

Archbishop Ireland Has a Talk With Morgan, and Cardinal Gibbons Speaks.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Archbishop Ireland, of St. Paul, called upon the Commissioner of Indian Affairs to-day and had an interview with him, during which the recent action of the Commissioner in deciding to make contracts for educating Indian children in Catholic schools directly with the schools, instead of through the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, was discussed.

The Commissioner desires the statement made that he has received absolute and satisfactory assurances that no part of the money received by the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions from the Government for the education of Indian children has been used for the expenses of the Bureau, but that the entire amount so received has been paid to, and used by the schools for which it was intended.

A dispatch from Baltimore says: Cardinal Gibbons in an interview said: "I have every reason to believe that the President and Secretary of the Interior are benevolently disposed toward the Catholic Indian schools. Indeed on this point I speak advisedly. We should remember that men in high places have conflicting interests to subserve, and they are required to consider the views and demands, not of a section of the community, but of the entire people."

CLOSED OUT FOR $1,200,000.

English Mortgage Holders Secure the New Orleans and Gulf Railroad.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

NEW ORLEANS, July 30.—The New Orleans and Gulf Railroad, running from this city to Point a la Hache and Shell Beach, which has been in the hands of a receiver for some time, was sold to-day for $1,200,000. The property includes three steamboats, the Neptune, Alvin and Grace Pitt. The purchase was made for the English holders of the first mortgage bonds, and three of the new board of directors are residents of London.

It was reported some time ago that this road had been purchased by the Illinois Central, or some other of the great trunk lines, which intended establishing a port below New Orleans, some 60 miles nearer the sea, and with port charges, but this now proves to have been an error, and that the road will be run merely for the local traffic.

REV. MR. TATE ACQUITTED.

THE AUDIENCE SANG THE DOXOLOGY AFTER THE DECISION.

Close of a Sensational Trial That Has Upset an Ohio Town—Insufficient Evidence to Convict the Minister—Mrs. McCord Will Appeal the Case.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SPRINGFIELD, O., July 30.—The trial at Jamestown of the Rev. A. W. Tate for infamous assault closed at a late hour to-night. The large Opera House, where the trial was held, was crowded to its utmost capacity. When the Judge announced in deep tones that insufficient evidence to convict the accused had been produced, a shout arose that fairly shook the building. After quiet had been restored the Judge discharged the accused, and, with a large audience joining in, sang the long meter Doxology.

Thus closed one of the most exciting events in the history of Jamestown. Mrs. James McCord, a member of Rev. Mr. Tate's flock, is the woman alleged to have been assaulted. The Rev. Mr. Tate is a very prominent preacher, and the editor of the *Church Vidette*, a magazine. The trial, which was in progress for two days, was attended by an ecclesiastical committee, which heard all the evidence of witnesses for both sides before Justice Clark, of Jamestown. So many people of both sexes were in attendance that the trial had to be conducted in the Opera House, the largest hall in the town.

Mrs. McCord said that the Rev. Mr. Tate made a call at her residence on July 14, and said he intended to stay over night. As she was passing him he caught her by the right arm and tried to pull her on his lap and embrace her, but she fought him off until the lamp was upset, when he let her loose to prevent the house from taking fire, and then ran away.

The Rev. Mr. Tate said that Mrs. McCord's statements were untrue, and that she was trying to malign him because she and her husband had been expelled from the church recently. Formerly they were good friends, and he often called at McCord's since the alleged assault. Mrs. McCord says she will appeal to the Common Pleas Court. The ecclesiastical committee has not reported.

TIN PLATE WORKERS.

Secretary Foster Gives an Opinion as to the Importation of Them.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The Secretary of the Treasury has written the following letter to Hon. F. G. Neidringhaus, of St. Louis, in regard to the importation of skilled workmen for his tin plate mills:

"Replying to your letter of the 21st inst., in which you ask, on behalf of the St. Louis Stamping Company, whether you must go through any particular form to import skilled labor for your tin plate mills, I have the honor to say that no regulations have been issued by this department prescribing forms relating to that subject.

"It is not the practice of this department to express opinions or to make advance rulings on hypothetical cases that may possibly arise, but lest you might draw improper inferences of permission from the above answer to your question, your attention is called to the fifth section of the act entitled, 'An act to prohibit the importation and migration of foreigners and aliens under contract and agreement to perform labor in the United States, its Territories and the District of Columbia,' approved February 26, 1885, and the suggestion is made that I am not prepared at this time, and with the data before me to express any opinion as to whether skilled labor for the St. Louis Stamping Company can be otherwise obtained than by the importation of alien laborers. I don't understand that it was the purpose of the Honorable Superintendent of Immigration in his recent letter to you to express any opinions other than those involved above."

A COAL FAMINE FEARED.

The West May Suffer for Fuel Next Winter Unless Some Move Is Made.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

CHICAGO, July 30.—There is danger of a coal famine in the West this winter, the railroad men say, unless prompt measures are taken by local coal dealers to lay in their stock. The reason for this is explained in the following order to all agents of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad, which has been issued by General Freight Agent J. H. Hiland.

"You will also call the attention of coal dealers to the fact that if they don't lay in their winter's supply within the next six or eight weeks it is almost certain that there will be great suffering from lack of fuel before the winter is over. Last year, in the face of the unusually heavy crop, Western railways were unable to supply the demand for cars. From information now at hand it is evident that within the next two months the demand for cars will be greater than we can supply. A car famine is highly probably, notwithstanding the fact that we are getting equipment as rapidly as possible. It is not likely we will be able to supply our stations with fuel unless dealers provide for the inevitable emergency. The subject is of the utmost importance, and agents are directed to report prompt action."

A MANIAC'S SUDDEN FREAK.

He Is Caught in the Act of Thrusting a Man Into a Furnace.

ELGIN, ILL., July 30.—A horrible crime occurred at the Northern Illinois Asylum for the Insane, in this city, to-day. The fireman, George Lindsay, had for a helper John Anderson, a quiet patient. While they were in the coal house, no others being present, the lunatic, possessed with sudden madness, attacked Lindsay with a heavy hammer. Anderson was caught in the act of thrusting the unconscious and dying man into the furnace fire.

Anderson's mania is of a religious nature, and in the six years since he came from Rockford he had never shown homicidal tendencies. The Coroner's verdict holds nobody to blame.

MORE TIME WANTED.

For Preparing the Guarantee Bond For the Stockton Avenue Site.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Assistant Secretary Crounse, of the Treasury Department, returned from his outing to-day. He is in receipt of a letter from M. T. H. Baird Patterson, asking for a few more days time for the preparation of the guarantee bond in regard to his offer of the Stockton avenue property for a postoffice site, described some days ago in THE DISPATCH, having 120 feet front and extending 240 feet back along East Diamond street to Park way.

The time asked for will be granted and when the bond is received the department will consider the offer.

THE SHIFTING MISSOURI.

It Chooses a New Channel, Nearly Washing Away Many Houses.

PIERRE, S. D., July 30.—There was a lively time at Fort Pierre yesterday, caused by a sudden change in the channel of the Missouri river which washed away a strip of the bank 80 feet wide and a quarter of a mile long.

There were several frame buildings on the strip, but by energetic work they were barely saved from toppling over into the flood.

MARRIED BY A WOMAN.

Two Adjutants of the Salvation Army United in Wedlock.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Adjutant William Wallace Winchell and Adjutant Ida May, of the Salvation Army, were married to-night by Mrs. Ballington Booth, wife of the Commander General of the Army in America, who acted in the absence of her husband.

The wedding is a notable one from the fact that it is the first time that the marriage knot has been tied by a woman.

COLLARED MR. CLAY.

A Letter to That Gentleman Lands Him in Jail, Charged With

FRAUDULENTLY USING THE MAILS.

He Got Money on a Promise to Forward Green Goods, but Didn't.

OTHER SWINDLERS AT THE SAME GAME

The aspirations of a young man in the direction of an easy if dishonest livelihood were nipped in the bud yesterday afternoon simultaneously with the nipping of the young man himself. Postoffice Inspector A. M. Sproesser did the dual nipping, and the bud may be said to be the Registry Department of the Postoffice, where W. B. Clay, alias Walter S. Myers, was arrested, charged with using the mails for fraudulent purposes. Mr. Clay, alias Myers, was afforded lodging in the jail, and whatever he can say in his defense he will be accorded an opportunity of doing this morning before Commissioner McCandless.

A letter which Postmaster McKean received yesterday from a Mt. Pleasant merchant shows that the real genus of "green goods" operator—he who will send you the stuff on receipt of the order—is also abroad in the land. In this case New York is the initiatory point, and George May, of Darlington, Ala., the kindly philanthropist who will supply the goods.

IN BUSINESS AS AN AGENT.

Mr. Clay's scheme for providing the wherewithal may be termed a younger brother to what is known as the "green goods swindle." He was not in the business of suddenly enriching a few favored mortals in this particular section of the country by selling them $1,000 worth of counterfeit greenbacks, "made from plates engraved in the Treasury Department," for $100 of the real stuff received. He was but the humble agent, whose duty it was to inquire into the wishes of the community on the matter, and receive orders to be executed by his principals. His method of operating was simple, and presumably effective, for the postoffice authorities have been desirous of his acquaintance for some time, and his appearance is that of a young gentleman with good credit at his tailor's and a balance at his banker's.

Mr. Clay arrived in this city last Friday and lost no time in getting down to business. Neither did he hesitate because he saw the intelligence that he was in a position to furnish "green goods" at the rate of ten bills for one genuine one, and these he sent to selected persons. A sample of the "goods" accompanied each circular. This was a genuine greenback money pasted on paper, and "You Know," as Clay signed himself, guaranteed to furnish goods equal to sample on receipt of the money. That was the extent of his scheme—he got the money, but failed to deliver the goods.

The Postoffice Department at Washington has been receiving complaints for some time past, from various sections of the State, of the mails being used for some such scheme as Clay's. Harrisburg was the latest place heard from, and from there the Inspector Sproesser took up the hunt for the swindler.

WORKING UP A CLEW.

Succeeding in getting hold of a circular sent to Philip Stahl, of Hanover, Pa., with the address "W. C. Clay, Pittsburg, Pa.," posted on the back, Mr. Sproesser about concluded he had his man, arriving here Wednesday morning. Yesterday morning he caused a regular notice of the arrival of a registered letter to be mailed to Clay, and then, with Deputy United States Marshal Lew Garver, proceeded to await developments. These commenced about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Clay called for his mail, and, receiving the notice, walked around to the Registry Department for his letter. He was handed it, and immediately on signing the receipt, was arrested.

Confronted with the charge, Clay denied that was his name, and said it was Myers, and then declared that either name was his. He said he was a waiter in a Fifth avenue restaurant, and lodged at the Anchor Hotel. Asked to name the restaurant, he refused to do so. He was then searched and a large number of letters found on him. The names of the writers had been scratched out, showing he was aware of the chances he was taking. One letter, from Abbotsville, Pa., was from a weekless admirer. The contents showed he had been at school there and had resided there last winter. Inspector Sproesser's opinion of him is that he is new at the business and has not made much out of it. If he got five or ten cents on the dollar from $2 to $5 each, he was well repaid. He commenced his operations in the East and never spent more than ten days in any city, taking care always to inform his customers that his stay in the city was limited to that time.

OUT FOR THE LONG STUFF.

Postmaster McKean yesterday received a letter which shows that if Mr. Clay was prepared to act only as an agent, the out-and-out "green goods" man is also in the field. Mr. James S. Braddock, of Braddock & King, Mt. Pleasant, was a recipient of attentions from these gentry a day or two ago. He received a letter inclosing a circular, an alleged clipping from a newspaper, and slips directing him how to order the goods if he elected to buy. The circular was printed in typewriter type, and was couched in the usual insidious and persuasive phraseology of the "green goods" man. Did he want to spend his life in a continual round of slavery, or was he willing to become rich at very little trouble and expense? Did he ever pause to think how his neighbors acquired their wealth, or consider how they got out of difficulties in a very sudden manner? Was he in want of a few thousand dollars to tide him over temporary trouble, etc? Now was his time, the chance of a lifetime, etc., etc.

The newspaper clipping contained the report of a trial, in which a Charles Wilson was sought to be convicted of selling counterfeit greenbacks, but ineffectually, as the jury found it impossible to distinguish between the spurious and the genuine. Neither could the Court, and the story concludes with an alleged interview with a millionaire who, poorer report had it, had become wealthy in a very sudden and mysterious manner.

"When called upon by your reporter," the story ran, "the millionaire got very angry. He said it was no one's business but his own how he got rich, and he declined to say anything about it."

No person who ever saw a newspaper could ever have taken the "clipping," and its story, too, for anything but an exceedingly bad imitation of legitimate work. One of the slips of paper contained directions how to order. They were to telegraph to "George May, Darlington, Ala.;" "Forward at once;" the message to be signed "Summer, 88," and not otherwise. If these instructions were not carried out no attention would be paid, etc., as usual. The letter was postmarked "New York" and addressed as stated.

A WOMAN'S CLEVER RUSE.

She Makes It Appear That She Was Drowned to Cover Her Elopement.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SAN FRANCISCO, July 30.—About two months ago Mrs. J. U. Winninger, wife of a prominent business man of Woodland, Cal., was reported drowned at Santa Cruz. Her clothes were found on the beach and all the circumstances pointed to suicide. Now, however, the woman has been located in this city with another man and her husband has begun divorce proceedings.

The case is noteworthy because of the clever work by the woman to conceal her actions. She went to a seaside resort for her health in company with a female friend. It was noticed that she was seen talking with a man just before she went in bathing. After that she was seen no more, and the fact that all her clothes were in the bathhouse led also to the theory of suicide, which was strengthened by a letter left for her husband, saying she was tired of life. It appears she was taken from the water by her lover in a boat and then secretly, in disguise, removed to this city, where she has since been living.

MORE DELAMATER PROPERTY SOLD.

Low Prices Received for Real Estate, Including Conneaut Lake.

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

MEADVILLE, July 30.—The sale of a portion of the real estate belonging to G. E. Delamater and T. A. Delamater, in this vicinity, took place to-day and was well attended, but low prices were realized in the main.

Several parcels, however, were withdrawn and the sale