HIS OWN PRESIDENTAL CAMPAIGN

Tariff Will Be the Main Issue in the Next National Contest.

THE SOUTH IS NOT FOR FREE SILVER

Ex-Senator Henry W. Blair, of New Hampshire, was at the Monongahela House yesterday afternoon. He went to Washington in the evening. Mr. Blair said he was here on private business, and had stopped over on his return from a trip through Louisiana and Texas. The ex-Sen-ator is a candidate for the

Presidency, and though he would not admit it, it is evident that his mission in the South was purely political. The old man has been joked a good deal about his educational bill, but he is very popular with the Southern negroes, and he may bob up at Minneapolis with a good following. He preferred not to talk about his Presidental aspirations. He wouldn't say whether he thought he would have the support of his State delegation

When asked what he was doing for himself, he laughed, and intimated that he was not asleep. He declared that politics had nothing to do with his visit to Pittsburg. and he didn't know that Senator Quay was in town until informed. He asked a great many questions about politics in Pennsylvania and principally in Pittsburg.

A Candidate for the Presidency. "It is time that I am a candidate for the Presidency," he said. "The question for Republicans to consider is how they can best carry the country. The choice of a candidate is as important as the formation of a platform. My impression is that when the delegates get to Minneapolis the man who is most likely to lead the party to success will be nominated. Pledges won't amount to much when this question is considered. If the party is handicapped in its candidate from the start was reserved to be defeated. from the start, we are sure to be defeated next November. I have great faith in the Republican party, and I feel sure if no seri-Republican party, and I feel sure if no serious blunders are made that we will win. The main issue will be the tariff, and free silver will cut some figure. Are any of the Eastern States shaky? Well, I don't know. The party is not any too well fortified in Massachusetts. While in the South I discovered that the Democrats are all for Cleveland. In Texas they were glad that the silver bill was postponed. The people down South are not so rabid for free silver as we have been led to think. I take it that Mills, who was recently elected to the Senate, represents the feeling in Texas. He is a free trader and favored the postponement of the silver question.

Republicans Might Carry Louisiana.

Republicans Might Carry Louisiana, "In Louisiana the Democrats are badly cut up. I believe the Republicans would carry the State if the vote was counted. As they are not given a fair show in politics. As for the Federal election bill, I would have favored it if the educational measure had been placed side by side with it. Where the

favored it if the educational measure had been placed side by side with it. Where the people are intelligent no legal restraints are needed at the polls, and the law would soon become a dead letter."

"What do you think of the ratification of the Bering Sea treaty?" was asked.

"It would be out of place for me to criticise the action of the Senate now that I amout of it. I have always favored protecting the scals, and was opposed to giving the English any ground for a claim. The industry is ours, and it is our business to defend it against the interference of outsiders. The Government has a right; all that remains to be done is to defend it by fighting; if necessary. All this diplomatic correspondence only gives the English ground for putting in claims to which they are not entitled, and every concession made to them is so much in their favor. The fact is Uncie Sam owns the seal fisheries and they should be protected at any cost. This is the simplest way out of such difficulties."

Mr. Blair declined to say anything about President Harrison, or what he thought of his chances for renomination. He referred to the Chinese anfair, and for that reason preferred to remain silent.

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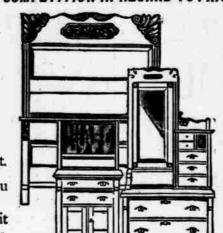
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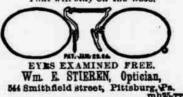
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