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THE DEMOCRATS IN WAR PAINT.

Factional Fights and Cries of Fraud Keep Harrisburg Wide Awake.

A BOLT IS THREATENED

By Anti-Administration People if They Don't Come Out Ahead.

CLEVELAND AND NO BOSS

The Guffeyite Watchword, but Harry is His Own Prophet.

Two Sides and Two Platforms to Be Offered—Not Radical for Free Trade—Mayor Merritt, of Reading, and George A. Allen, of Erie, Stated for Congressmen-at-Large—Tim O'Leary Sargeant-at-Arms—Colonel Orr Claims a Majority of the Committee on Credentials.

The Alleged Delegation at War—A Spicy Platform Prepared by the Guffeyites—The Events of the Day and a Forecast of To-Morrow's Work.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

HARRISBURG, April 12.—"There is but one candidate for President, and Harry is his prophet," is the way the Koran is paraphrased by the hustling adherents of the Secretary of State, and Islam's followers were never more devoted and enthusiastic.

"Cleveland and no boss" is the legend blazoned on the breasts of Guffey's adherents, and they loudly proclaim that no persons are more faithful to the cause of the ex-President than themselves.

They go farther and now claim to be the only genuine friends of Grover, and openly charge that Harry is endeavoring to get into a position where he can play the traitor to the favorite of the masses of the party.

They base this assertion upon the statement that the Harry program is for the adoption of a unit rule to be in force at Chicago with an indorsement of Cleveland, but without positive and definite instructions.

Only twice in forty years have the Keystone Democrats adopted the unit rule, and on both these occasions it was intended to bind the delegation to the State's home candidates.

When the Big Guns Boom.

On this point the heaviest fighting of to-morrow is expected, as it is believed to be the particular spot where the Harry forces are weakest and where Guffey can command the most strength.

"There will be no unit rule adopted by the convention to-morrow," said J. M. Guffey at a late hour to-night, in the most emphatic tones.

"Whatever else may happen, that will not. As for the contest in general, I will not attempt to give out any tables, as has been done by the administration. They have all the statistics upon that side. I can name a dozen counties, though, which are claimed wildly in their extravagant statement, where the figures will just be reversed, and many others where the estimates given are radically wrong. I again repeat, I concluded the western leader, "that the unit rule scheme will not go down with the Pennsylvania Democracy. The convention will, and very properly, instruct for Grover Cleveland for President, but there is the boundary line between popular rule and bossism."

Guffey's Friends Have the Biscuits.

Colonel Orr was the only leading light of the anti-Harry forces who to-night claimed that to-morrow would witness the complete route of the administration. On the other hand, a score of Guffey's friends admitted that the Secretary of State will control a working majority in the convention. All of them, however, made vigorous claims as to the Committee on Credentials, which will pass upon the contested seats. It is admitted that Guffey's workers caught their opponents napping at several points on this committee, and that their strength upon it is proportionately in excess of their number of delegates.

The administration leaders held a lengthy conference, which adjourned at midnight it was presided over by Harry in person. At its close it was announced that the elements represented at the meeting controlled 350 of the 403 delegates in the convention, and 38 of the 70 places upon the Committee on Credentials. A class was also duly promulgated, with Congressman Beltzhofer as temporary chairman and Senator Ross as permanent presiding officer.

The State Guffey Hopes to Crack.

The following persons are scheduled for elections at large: Mortimer F. Elliott, of Tioga; John C. Bullett, of Philadelphia; Thomas B. Kennedy, of Franklin, and Henry Meyer, of Allegheny. For the eight delegates at large to the Chicago Convention nine names have been placed on the slate and one will have to be erased to-morrow. The names are: George Ross, of Bucks; William A. Siger, of Philadelphia; Attorney General W. U. Hensel, Lancaster; Charles Robinson, Lackawanna; J. L. McKinnis, Crawford; George W. Herrington, Columbia; Harry Hall, Elk; Charles F. Allen, of Allegheny, and S. L. Mestranz Fayette. The last on the list is the one to which the sponge will probably be applied.

John R. Read is to be Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Senator Hall will have the credentials in charge. Harry refuses to be quoted upon the question of the unit rule, but it is announced that the programme includes such a scheme, with an indorsement of Cleveland, which may or may not amount to an instruction of the delegates.

Wallace will hardly be in the convention to-morrow, and Steger may not be able to get in. The ex-Senator is indisposed to-night, and is given by his friends as being in bed with a cold. He will not lead the anti-administration forces upon the floor.

A Sensational Show From Blair.

The other party announces in high glee that the Clearfield statesman has decided not to face certain defeat, but will permit other and more reckless spirits to govern the doubtful issue of the struggle.

The contest from Blair county has been attracting a great deal of attention and the

reports concerning it are of a highly sensational nature. By Guffey it is charged that the administration has effected a compromise by virtue of which a portion of the delegates holding credentials are to transfer their allegiance to the administration. The consideration is alleged to be the promised appointment of E. V. Dively, one of the delegates, to a judicial position which is as yet only prospectively vacant.

This deal has aroused decided criticism. The DISPATCH correspondent had to practically search with a lantern in daylight for candidates for Supreme Judge and Congressmen at Large. It was finally announced, about midnight, that the administration had renominated for the former position without opposition, and the Harry schedule calls upon Mayor Merritt, of Reading, and George A. Allen, of Erie, to offer themselves as substitutes as candidates for Congressmen at Large.

What Guffey Will Try to Accomplish.

According to the Guffey programme as finally announced S. M. McMastrom, of Butler, will lead upon the floor, and will be the candidate for permanent Chairman. John J. Lananan, of Luzerne, will be the permanent Secretary, and will be an applicant for the Chairmanship of the Committee on Credentials. The Guffey candidates for Delegates at Large are as follows: George Jenks, Jefferson; George E. Baer, Berks; J. M. Guffey, Allegheny; William A. Wallace, Clearfield; D. Markley, Montgomery; George J. Wadlinger, Schuylkill, and J. J. O'Brien, Erie.

The friends of Mr. Guffey have prepared a brief, but in its scope respects, a spicy platform which they propose to present first in the Committee on Resolutions, and if defeated there, in the convention hall. The first important plank is as follows:

Resolved, That recognizing Grover Cleveland as the only true and honest exponent of Democratic principles, and appreciating his fidelity to the great and overshadowing issue of civil reform and his undimmed devotion to correct ideas of administrative reform, the delegates at large to the Democratic National Convention do hereby elect as their permanent delegates and the delegates from the several Congressional districts of this State to said convention, the following named persons, requested to support ex-President Cleveland as the choice of the Democracy of Pennsylvania for the office of President of the United States.

For a Radical Tariff Plank.

The tariff plank is not so radical as many that have recently figured in Democratic platforms. It reads:

Resolved, That tariff reform in the line of free trade is one of the necessities of life for the laboring classes in the great political question of the day and that the Democratic party should give consideration by the voters of the country.

The assault upon Harry's alleged bossism is neatly made in the following:

Resolved, In the language of Governor Robert Pattison that "heads of departments have no right to be in the line of succession to the office under them as a personal appendage to be used in rewarding political friends and adherents of any particular of the public service." The time has arrived when such practices should be stopped.

Then after some meaningless platitudes on the silver question, the line is indorsement of the State administration a blow at Pattison and particularly at Hensel is delivered in these words:

Resolved, That the alleged consolidation of certain cities and corporations, which actually made a violation of the constitution and the Commonwealth and that we demand the immediate repeal of the act which authorized the same, and that we demand judicially, immediately, the repeal of the act by a trial by jury as provided for by fundamental law of this State.

Harry's Friends Will Head It Off.

It is needless to state that the Harry people also have a platform in preparation which they brand as the only genuine one, and they are very confident that the resolutions above quoted will not get very far in the convention.

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OLD ALLEGHENY'S CROWD

Furnishes Enough Factional Fights for the Millions—Everything but Blood Files in the Cancesses—Robbery, Fraud and Everything Else Charged.

The Allegheny Democracy as usual, is making more noise and doing more fighting than any other six counties combined. The personnel of the delegation has already been changed somewhat, and before the convention is long in session to-morrow it will probably bear only a remote resemblance to the crowd which left Pittsburgh this morning with the credentials. A number of substitutes have been announced this early and the contests are expected to do the rest. The Forty-third and Forty-fifth Senatorial districts have been the particular scenes of carnage to-night.

A more indignant politician than Jerry Commissioner Mullen it would be hard to find. According to his story Delegates E. S. Kennedy, L. M. Fagan and G. J. Bleicher, a total of three of the representatives of ten from the Forty-fifth district, met and declared Kennedy the choice of the district for the Committee on Credentials for which the big fight is being made. On the other seven, Sipe, Kilgallon, Lloyd, Collins, Michael, Wells and Mullen, held a meeting and elected the latter to fill the place on the same committee.

But It Was Only a Sparring Match.

Mullen hunted up the Harry trio, and a war of words ensued which nearly resulted in blows. The developments in this case, when the committee meets, promise to be interesting.

The situation in the Forty-third district is perhaps even more muddled. At a meet-

ing held in Guffey's office in Pittsburgh last Friday, seven of the representatives were present, five of these voted for McKenna to go upon the Committee on Contested Seats. To-night T. O'Leary had a substitution from James Clark and other similar movements were made. Another meeting of the delegation was called and on the new deal O'Leary was chosen to go on the important committee, also receiving five votes. The Guffey adherents charging that high robbery and almost every crime in the calendar. When O'Leary was asked for his side of the story he said:

"The opposition will get all the committees belonging to them. We are really checking the tricksters and seeing that districts in which we have a clear majority are not stolen bodily."

Another Allegheny storm center is that part of the county in the Twenty-fourth Congressional district, which is completed by Washington, Fayette and Greene. The Sixteenth Legislative Convention instructed for Sipe for national delegate in this ballwick, but the district elects both Delegates to-night, the two of the supposedly pledged representatives, one of whom is Fagan, will vote against him.

A General All-Around Row.

With these two votes, six from Fayette and three from Greene, they expect to control the district and elect both Delegates. Guffey's friends, though, claim that Fagan is the only Allegheny elect, and that they will divide the vote of Fayette, insuring the selection of Sipe.

Then there are contests in the North-side. Foley and O'Leary say that the Osborn contestants in the Seventh Legislative district will surely be seated, insuring the election of the administration candidates for national delegate, instead of Hockenstein and Frasher. Mr. Frasher is a Democrat.

"I don't believe they dare resort to the high handed means adopted four years ago. I have honestly won every political fight ever I made and I will stand up for my rights to the last."

Thus the merry war goes on, and the mixed and sanguinary conditions of affairs of Allegheny county bids fair to be one of the most vexed of the many difficult problems which the administration will have to face to-morrow. It is safe to say that all the old sores will be re-opened and fresh raw spots will be plentiful. Material for faction fights for years to come will be accumulated.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY.

Cleveland, Pattison and Victory Administration Badges—The Governor Confident—A Boast for Harry From the Philadelphia Delegation—The Rise and Fall of Votes.

Hundreds of Democrats will have to do their sleeping in a standing or sitting position to-night, as the supply of beds has long since vanished. A strong advance guard of delegates and workers was on the ground at daylight. Of these the administration adherents were largely in the majority, and the blue and gold badges bearing the words "Cleveland, Pattison, Victory" were greatly in evidence. At 10 o'clock in the afternoon, however, the Philadelphia kickers, about 200 strong, headed by a band, appeared upon the scene and their red ribbons made a variation and the anti-administration enthusiasm to some extent. Guffey's Pittsburgh contingent arrived about the same time and filled the air with cheers for their chief coupling his name with that of Cleveland.

The entrance of Patrick Foley into the hotel lobbies was the occasion of a number of jokes concerning his traveling in partnership with his old enemy, O'Leary. Ex-Postmaster Larkin officiated as the door-keeper. A number of Harry's headquarters, which were unusually crowded. There were many disputes among the enthusiastic hustlers, but the most of them were conducted with the utmost good nature.

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SADNESS IN THE SOUTH.

The Floods Devastate a Wide Territory—Awful Suffering of the Negroes and Poor Whites—A Chance for Charity's Helping Hand.

COLUMBIA, Miss., April 12.—The death and desolation caused by the flood has so demoralized the entire population that the days are as quiet and business as idle as any Sabbath. While interest is resumed with the northeastern part of the county, still the city is water-bound from every other direction. Later reports rather enlarge than diminish previous estimates of loss of life and destruction of property.

A general idea of the effects of the flood can be stated in this way: A belt of country ranging from five to 15 miles wide running north and south, is one stretch of debris made up of ruins of houses, fences and carcasses. More than 100 people are reported drowned, while many houses, mostly negro shanties, are swept away. The suffering is great, and people are being appealed to for aid.

Russia Will Export Grain Again.

VIENNA, April 12.—It is reported from St. Petersburg that the prohibition of the exportation of grain from Russia will be withdrawn this month.

COLUMBUS, O., April 12.—[Special.]—The Senate passed a bill which provides

DEW MAKERS JUGGED.

Uncle Sam's Officers Swoop Down on Mountain Moonshiners and

GET THREE MEN AND FOUR STILLS

A Little Army of Brave Men Invaded the Hills of Somerset

TO EXTERMINATE ILLEGAL DISTILLERS

[SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.]

SOMERSET, April 12.—United States Secret Service men and internal revenue officials early this morning raided the moonshiners of this county. Three distillers and four stills were captured. A quantity of the illicit liquor was confiscated, and it is safe to say that authority here that the campaign which now seems to have been inaugurated in earnest will be carried on with the same relentless methods employed to-day, until the illegal whiskey makers are driven out of these mountains or are all sent to prison.

The raid to-day was skillfully planned; but, notwithstanding the fact that the officials surrounded their movements with all possible precautions against publicity, three of the stills that had been positively located last week were mysteriously missing this morning. The men who owned the stills were all found, but they had disposed of everything that might come up as damaging evidence against them, and while they were somewhat disappointed by any of those located escaping, they were highly gratified with the success attending their first hunt. The men arrested this morning were John H. Reese, Sr., John H. Reese, Jr., and John H. Miller. Their stills were captured as was also the Pitts still, thought by the officials to be the largest and most active in the region. It had been concealed among some huge rocks.

Plans of the Big Raid.

The raid on the moonshiners was last night planned in Pittsburgh by Samuel F. Culbertson, chief of the secret service officers. He had visited the mountains since the Hoehstetler killing and had familiarized himself with the location and owners of the little distilleries there. The arrangements for surprising the moonshiners was thought to have been complete. A detail of skilled men all well armed was sent into the mountains on Saturday evening. Others followed on Sunday and still others left Pittsburgh last night.

The different delegations met at 3 o'clock this morning at Trent P. O. ten miles into the mountains from Somerset. The party were Chief District Acting Collector of Internal Revenue, Mitchell, of the Pittsburgh bureau, his deputy, D. A. Leslie, Colonel Alexander, of Maryland; Colonel Slusser, of Washington, D. C.; Captain Fisher, who has rode down the hills; Deputy Collector John J. Gaffney, and several others from this and adjoining revenue districts.

When the officers left Trent they divided into four parties, each party, some on horseback, some on foot, and some on mules, started by different mountain paths to meet at Pitts' place just at day break. The Pitts still was captured and was loaded upon a wagon, and the first on the road was a party of men together down through a deep ravine to the home of John Reese, Jr. Reese is an uncertain fellow, and the officers are suspicious that he would show fight. Deputy Johns rode into the little log cabin and called for Reese. Almost instantly a woman appeared at the door and assured the officer that her husband was not in the mountains. "He is working in the Coal and Coke region," the woman said laughingly. "In the morning John has disappeared and was approaching the woman."

"Let me look about the house a moment," Johns said.

John Reese Not in the Woods.

"All right," the woman said, and then added: "There's hardly room in here for two."

The officer entered the house and made a thorough search, but was unable to discover Reese. The party then moved along the ravine, probably 500 yards, to where John Reese, Sr., lived. Officer Johns advanced the party and, dismounting, knocked at the door.

"Who's there?" came promptly from the inside. "John Reese," Johns answered. "Let me in." The door was opened and Johns was admitted. Reese, Sr., had been sleeping with his clothes on. "I want to see your son John," the officer began, at the same time serving notice that he was an official, and that he was there by several others who were waiting outside.

"You fellows are barking up the wrong tree," the old man began. "John is away somewhere."

"John, I'll just look through the house," the officer said, at the same time moving toward a ladder which led to the garret of the place.

"Here, here! don't go up there, boy! John will shoot you! I'll call him down. He did call him down and the father and son were then placed under arrest. Their stills were also taken and some liquor was confiscated. Then the party separated again and followed the mountain stream until they met about noon at Samuel Miller's mountain home. Thirty-two of the officers who had been without sleep or anything to eat since the evening previous crowded into Miller's table place dinner. Meat and eggs and bread and butter were served promptly. The horses were fed, and again the party separated and continued the search through the mountains until they again gathered by arrangement at Trent at 8 o'clock this evening.

Cider to Make Appie-ck.

No additional arrests were made, however. Seven additional places, all under suspicion, were examined, but no stills were found. In three places sour cider was found, from which it was supposed apple-jack was being made, but no distilling apparatus was uncovered.

Young Reese was brought to jail here to-night. His father and Miller were taken to a hotel, where they remained in charge of the officers to-day.

Officer Culbertson said to-night that he would continue his work in this region for several days or until all the moonshiners are disposed of.

The stills captured to-day are like all moonshiner's stills. They are constructed of a copper kettle, two small tubs and a small copper tub curled up like a worm. They will be taken to Pittsburgh probably by to-morrow.

Nitta, the murderer of Hoehstetler, has not yet been captured, and the Sheriff, who has been in the mountains with a large posse for nearly a week, returned to town to-night and announced that he had abandoned the chase. The Sheriff believes Pitts is still in hiding in the mountains. Every house or barn within a radius of 20 miles of where the killing occurred has been searched and many of them are still under guard. The guards will be withdrawn to-morrow.

Ohio to Have a Juggery.

COLUMBUS, O., April 12.—[Special.]—The Senate passed a bill which provides

A MORPHINE FIEND.

The Paige-Huntington Mystery Deepens—The Latter Said to Be a Victim of a Doctor and the Drug—The Former Hiding in Dresden.

DRESDEN, April 12.—Colonel David B. Paige, of Paige, Carey & Co., of New York, who it has been charged has a guilty knowledge of the forged indorsements of Mr. Tom Huntington on certain notes said to be held by certain banks in Cleveland and elsewhere, is supposed to be in hiding in this city waiting for a chance to appeal to Mrs. Huntington for mercy. Vague stories are afloat concerning Mr. Huntington and his medical attendant, Dr. Abnett, an American, who has been to his patient half the night.

Mr. Huntington arrived here a month ago with his wife, a friend and Dr. Abnett. Mr. Huntington soon became critically ill. Eminent physicians who were called in said that besides other disorders, he was suffering from habitual doses of morphine. It was decided to send him to a private hospital, but to this Dr. Abnett strenuously objected. He seemed to have strong influence over Mr. Huntington. Many exciting scenes are said to have occurred before he was finally taken to the hospital and placed under the care of Dr. Hoeltz. In fact it was found necessary to call upon a prominent American to interfere on behalf of Mrs. Huntington before Mr. Huntington could be removed.

Finally Mrs. Huntington paid Dr. Abnett \$3,000 to leave her husband. Mr. Huntington is now said to have recovered from his illness, but he is still suffering from abscesses of the hips and has been reduced to a skeleton. Mr. Hoeltz, his son-in-law, practically admits the truth of the morphine story, but says that the drug was ordered by Dr. Hoeltz, and that Mr. Hoeltz voluntarily paid Dr. Abnett \$3,000 to leave Mrs. Huntington.

MANY TOWNS TREMbled.

Two Distinct Shocks of Earthquake All Over Central New York State—People Knap From Their Homes in Frigid Subterranean Noises Heard.

ALBANY, April 12.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt throughout Montgomery, Warren and Otsego counties this morning. The first occurred at 11:33 o'clock and lasted 30 seconds. The second occurred two minutes later. In Johnstown and Cloversville people rushed wildly from houses, thoroughly frightened. Trembling buildings, falling of plaster and vibration of lamps appear to be the only results.

A dispatch from Utica says: Two distinct and quite severe earthquake shocks were felt in this city to-day. The shocks were about four minutes apart. The first one was felt at 11:30 A. M. Both were accompanied by a rumbling noise as of distant thunder. Reports from Holland Patent, Westerville, Alder Creek and a number of places in the vicinity of the shocks were felt in the country and in some instances the shocks were severe.

The inhabitants of the Mohawk Valley were startled about noon by the shocks. The buildings, falling of plaster and vibration of lamps appear to be the only results. The shocks were felt in Broad Albin at 11:30. The people were much alarmed and ran to their homes. The shocks came from the northwest. They were much more severe at points north.

MORE FAITH CASES.

Leading Presbyterian Ministers of Cleveland in Trouble—How Howard and Sprecher Offend the Orthodox Class by Their Biblical Criticisms.

CLEVELAND, O., April 12.—The conflict between an openly avowed "higher criticism" and the believers of the orthodox doctrines of Christianity has broken out afresh in the Presbyterian churches of this city. At the annual meeting of Cleveland Presbytery to-day charges were preferred against Rev. Burt E. Howard, one of the associate pastors of the First Presbyterian Church, the largest and wealthiest in the city.

Last February he had an article in the Arena arguing that the crucifixion of the Savior was not an atonement for sin in the sense of being a sacrifice. The charges set forth by the views therein expressed are in connection with the meaning of Scriptures held by the Presbyterian Church. A committee of three ministers was appointed to wait upon Rev. Mr. Howard and endeavor to convince him of the error of his views.

At the meeting to-day similar action will be taken in the case of Rev. Dr. S. P. Sprecher, of the Euclid Avenue Presbyterian Church. Dr. Sprecher's case was dropped up by the presbytery a year ago and dropped and since then his pupil utterances along his line of thought have been more pronounced.

THE SWEATERS IN BOSTON.

A Man and His Wife Who Made \$6 a Week Combined.

BOSTON, April 12.—[Special.]—Congressman Warner's commission opened the investigation into the sweating system of clothing manufacture to-day. W. E. Cogswell, a cutter, testified that Massachusetts law had rectified the evil, and that it is comparatively small in Boston. He believed the remedy for the national sweat shop evil to be the enactment of a national law to require that garments made under the sweating system be labeled "tenement made."

W. W. Barnes, a clothing dealer of New Bedford, told of some sweating shops he had seen where men and women labored 18 hours a day for small pay. He described one where a man and wife made knee pants at 65 cents a dozen, and earned only \$6 a week between them.

ANOTHER REBELLION IN BRAZIL.

The State of Mato Grosso Declares Its Independence of the Republic.

BUENOS AYRES, April 12.—The Legislature of the Brazilian State of Mato Grosso has declared that State independent of the United States of Brazil.

THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

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THE WEIR MYSTERY

Investigators Positive That Poison Caused the Death of the Police Chief.

MORE PROOF DISCOVERED.

Coroner McDowell Adds Some Expert Testimony to the Case.

GAMBLE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED

Conflicting Stories About a Scene in the Chamber of Death.

COUNTY OFFICIALS PREPARED TO ACT

The exclusive announcement in THE DISPATCH yesterday that Gamble Weir had been poisoned was almost the sole topic of conversation yesterday.

Nearly every other man in the city had been a friend of the late Superintendent of the Police, and they gathered in knots on the streets and discussed the strange crime. None save a few very close friends had even suspected foul play, and the discovery of poison, together with the high standing of the people who opened the grave, added to the interest of the story. All sorts of wild stories are floating as to the perpetrators of the murder.

The county authorities have taken hold, and the mystery will be sifted to the bottom. District Attorney Burleigh says he will give the case his personal supervision.

Coroner Heber McDowell offered his services yesterday, and said he was willing