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# THE STAMPEDE TOWARD BLAINE

Has Already Begun, as Far as Washington Politicians Are Concerned.

MRS. BLAINE IS WILLING.

For She Doesn't Think Her Husband in Harrison's Debt.

Nothing Talked of at the Capital Except Enthusiasm for the Magnetic Man From Maine-Judge Caldwell Confident That the Secretary Will Accept-Merely a Matter of Party Duty-Clarkson at Quay's House in Washington-The Latter's Trip to His Beaver Home Postponed a Day in Consequence of This Visit.

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 WASHINGTON, May 23 .- It is possible that the plau of the anti-Harrison Republicans to stampede the Minneapolis Convention for Blaine may not be carried out successfully, but, so far as Washington politicians are concerned, the stampede has

already begun. When the fact was announced in dispatches more than ten days ago, or immediately after the conference between Senstors Cameron and Quay, Mr. Platt and others, that Blaine was the man upon whom the opposition Republicans would unite, it was generally thought that Blaine would make this plan impossible by declining to allow himself to be considered as a candidate. It was said that he would at once write another letter withdrawing absolutely and unconditionally from the contest and stating that he would not accept the nomination even if made by acclamation. Mr. Blaine has not written that letter, and it is now thought quite unlikely that he will write it.

Another Declaration Not Necessary. In fact, if the word of an influential and honorable Republican Senator is to be believed, Mr. Blaine has stated within the past few days that he feels it entirely unnecessary for him to take any action with regard to the coming Minneapolis convention. He said in the letter to Mr. Clarkson that his name will not go before the convention, and it will not, with his consent. Mr. Blaine considers, however, that he has said all that is necessary, and if his friends insist on nominating him, or attempting to do so, it must be at their own

This attitude of Mr. Blaine is entirely satisfactory to the anti-Harrison men, and they feel perfectly confident of being able to conduct matters to suit themselves, if Blaine will only maintain his present eftective silence.

### Mrs. Blaine on the Subject.

tively at least, placed himself in the hands of his friends, finds confirmation in the fact that Mrs. Blaine has also, within the past few days, stated with the utmost emphasis that Mr. Blaine is not under any obligations to the President, so far as politics is concerned, and that he will under no circumstances do anything more than he has already done to prevent his friends from attempting to bring about his nomination. This report of Mrs. Blaine's announcement is not hearsay, but is an absolute fact.

Senator Quay will leave Washington tomorrow for his home in Beaver, Pa., and will remain there until about next Monday, when he will return to Washington for a day or two before joining his Senatorial colleagues and other Washington Rerublicans in their journey to Minneapolis. A party of Senators is now being made up to take the trip together, and it is a somewhat notable fact that almost every one of them is opposed to Harrison's nomination. Secretary Blaine's Final Assurances.

Mr. Quay will leave the city with the assurance conveyed to him directly that Mr. Blaine will not refuse to accept the nomination if it comes to him as the perfeetly unanimous sentiment of the Republicans assembled in convention at Minneapolis.

Nothing has been talked of in Washington but the wonderful enthusiasm that has been aroused by the knowledge that Blaine is apt to be a candidate after all, and Democrats as well as Republicans now begin to accept it as an assured fact that Mr. Harrison will meet with a relentless and overpowering opposition when his managers arrive in Minneapolis. Men who ten days ago laughed at the idea of Blaine allowing his name to be used now admit that it looks as if he were the most available and likely

candidate. In connection with the Blaine gossip today, it was significant that one of the most outspoken Blaineites was Representative Caldwell, of Ohio, who is ex-Governor Foraker's scrive lieutenant and Chairman of the newly-organized Republican Con-gressional Campaign Committee. He in-tormed his colleagues and those who inter-viewed him on the subject that Blaine would accept the nomination, notwith-standing all that has been said to the con-

#### trary. Merely a Matter of Party Duty.

Judge Caldwell appeared to be so confident that his prediction will be verified that many persons supposed that he had some inside intelligence which Mr. Biaine's Maine triends did not reveal. The Judge met all suggestions raised against the probability of an acceptance of the nomination by Blaine by description. by Blaine by declaring that it is not a question of personal convenience, but a matter of party duty. Mr. Blaine said he owes something to the Republican party, and the time has arrived for him to pay off his debt by accepting the nomination which will be bestowed upon him at Minneapolis. "Were you an original Blaine man, Judge?" asked ex-Representative McComas, of Maryland, who is a Harrison delegate at

large.
"No," replied the Judge, "but I believe he is the strongest man we can nominate, and I am for him in preference to any other man in the party."

This declaration was taken to mean that Caldwell has received a tip from Foraker. The Cabinet officers who advised the President last week that he ought to warn them and other officeholders to stay away from the convention now think they have made a mistake, for they see that Harrison

wirepullers will observe the order rather | Dr. Penrose were class mates.

in the breach than in the observance and go to Minneapolis to keep an eye on the Blaine men and other anti-Harrison con-

spirators.

It is evident, moreover, that when the President issued this order he did it only in a Pickwickian sense, and meant it to apply to some officeholders and not to others. He knows very well, for instance, that the most popular man in Washington connected with his administration, Dan Ransdell, Marshal of the District of Columbia, who is a very clever political worker, will be early on the ground at Minneapolis, looking out for that portion of the work which has been intrusted to him, and that he will be assisted by those officeholders whom he wants and will leave in Washington those whom he does not want.

As a civil service document, therefore,

As a civil service document, therefore, this latest executive order is mere sham and pretense like many that have preceded it.

Alger's Show for Second Place.

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The statement telegraphed to THE DISPATCH last night, to the effect that General
Alger, of Michigan, had finally decided
that he would like to take the second place
on the ticket with Blaine, and that the object of the meeting of Republicans at his
home in Detroit last week was for the purpose of furthering this desire, was directly confirmed to-day by the receipt of
a letter addressed to an anti-Harrison Republican Senator. In this letter General
Alger set forth his ambition for a place on
the ticket with Blaine, while still claiming the ticket with Blaine, while still claiming that under no circumstances would be play second fiddle to any other man in the Re-

second fiddle to any other man in the Re-publican party.

Quay, Platt, Clarkson and many other Republican managers are much taken with the Alger idea, and will support the Michi-gan man with determination, in case they succeed in putting Mr. Blaine or some other Eastern man at the head of the ticket.

#### CLARKSON AT QUAY'S.

The National Chairman's Double Mission to Washington-He Wants to Consult With the Ex-Chairman, and He Is Raising

Some of the Needful, WASHINGTON, May 23. - [Special.] -Chairman Clarkson, of the National Republican Committee, arrived in Washington this evening from New York, and went directly to the house of Senator Quay, where a conference was held. Mr. Clarkson and his stenographer were registered at the Arlington Hotel, but Mr. Clarkson had not put in an appearance at 11 o'clock. The statement was given out by Colonel H. L. Swords, who was at the station on the arrival of the train, that Mr. Clarkson was met with a carriage and was spirited away

met with a carriage and was spirited away no one knew whither.

Senator Quay undoubtedly knew, how-ever, for he had been waiting all day to see the National Chairman. The Senator wanted to leave for Beaver to-night, but decided to wait over until to-morrow for the express purpose of talking with Mr. Clarkson. Heny Cabot Lodge and Chauncey I. Filley were on the train with Mr. Clarkson, and they passed Mr. Blaine between Philadelphia and Baltimore.

Quay Wants to Talk With Clarkson Senator Quay is anxious to talk to Mr. Clarkson about the Blaine programme, and that the Senator is confident it will win is shown by the fact that he expressed to a Senator colleague to day the belief that Mr. Blaine would certainly be nominated. An Iowa Republican who, has been long

ntimate with Mr. Clarkson, said to-day that the latter is so bitter in his opposition to Harrison that he would resign his place as Chairman of the National Committee if the President should be renominated.

Mr. Clarkson has other important business in Washington than conferring with Senator Quay. The National Committee is short of tunds; in fact, its treasury is said to be bankrupt, and unless some good-sized subscriptions are received soon the litera bureau in operation here will have to be abandoned. It is thought, however, that some way will be found to prolong its existence until the campaign is fairly under way and the money for political purposes more plentiful than it is now.

Secretary Trace Has a Little Bee The departure of Secretary Tracy from Washington adds interest to the very lively political gossip that is being indulged in at parament. It is understood at the Nary Department that the Secretary will not return to Washington until June 1, and that he will spend the interval in New York State, working among the delegates in the interest of his chief, Benjamin Harrison.

In this connection it is reported here tonight that the Secretary is rather hopeful that in the event of the renomination of Benjamin Harrison there may be a place on the ticket for Benjamin F. Tracy.

### FIERY FORAKER IS FRANK.

While He May Not Nominate Blaine Him self, He Thinks the Latter Will Lead His Party Again-His Own Bealth None

of the Best Just Now. CINCINNATI, May 23.-Ex-Governor Foraker was a busy man to-night, notwithstanding that his health has not been at the best for several days. A rumor that had evidently grown into the dignity of a report had gone abroad that an important arrangement had been made involving him in the essential work of the coming National Convention at Minneapolis. The effect upon the ex-Governor was to flood him with

inquiries. To a representative of the Associated Press, who was among the first to make a ersonal inquiry as to the truth that Foraker was to make the speech in the convention nominating James G. Blaine for the Presidency, the ex-Governor was exceedingly frank, although not profuse in his

"I do not know anything about such a port," he said, "and have never said I would nominate Mr. Blaine."

Then, thinking a moment, as if not content to leave the matter in such an unsatis-factory state, he added: 'T have said, however, that in my judgment Mr. Blaine should be nominated, and it is my opinion that he will be nominated."

"Your answer does not say you will not make the nomination speech, but only that you have never said that you would," was suggested by way of getting a more explicit

"It is sufficient," he replied, "to indicate plainly what is my preference for President."

His manner indicated that he was mo mpressed with the main fact of who should be nominated than with the smaller preliminary concerning who should make the nominating speech. He said, however, on the subject, that somebody must have been industrious in circulating reports, as he had been queried from numerous quarters, and even then his doorbell was ringing one every five minutes by newspaper represent-atives calling to verify the report, which notwithstanding his half-way denial, notwithstanding his half-way everybody finds it easy to believe.

### DR. PENROSE OUT ON BAIL

He Gives a Bond of \$1,000 and Is Allowed to Roam at Will.

CHEVENNE, WYO., May 23 .- [Special.]-Dr. Charles B. Penrose, the Philadelphian, who was surgeon for the raid in Johnson county, was re leased on habeas corpus proceedings to day. He furnished a bond of \$1,000, and may go where he pleases until called for trial. The information charges him with the murder of Nick Rae, who was killed at the K. C. ranch, with Champion, by the stock men.

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All the Friends and Workers
he can muster, and it is understood that some of the most effective administration wirenuliers will observe the overwithing travel and exposure. Governor Barber and

## BLAINE IN NEW YORK

Where He Went to Consult Eminent Oculists and Also to Visit

HIS BRAND-NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

No Political Significance in His Trip From

Washington.

CLEVELAND AND HILL ALSO IN GOTHAM

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.1 NEW YORK, May 23. - Secretary of State James G. Blaine and Mrs. Blaine reached Jersey City at 9 o'clock to-night. Engine 395, with Engineer Harry J. Codelle, who hauls Mr. A. J. Cassett's car, at the throttle, rolled into the big depot ahead of six cars. There were few people present, as it was not generally known that Mr. Blaine was to arrive.

Near the entrance to the ferry a small an approached Mr. Blaine and said something about a coupe. The Secretary waved him away. The man was persistent, and a second time importuned Mr. Blaine. Again he was repulsed and again he re-Finally Mr. Blaine, who was turned. plainly annoyed, turned around toward him and said: "You are a very impertinent fel-

Instantly the little man turned and hurried up to the reporters. He was weeping and wringing his hands. "I am Isaac P. Rossa, an inspector in the postoffice building," he said. "I am misunderstood, and now where do I stand? I am gone, sure," and he wept aloud. He had endeavored to persuade Mr. Blaine to use a cab that was there. Mr. and Mrs. Blaine took the ferry boat Chicago, on foot.

Lodged in Harrison's Parlors. When the ferry boat reached New York, Detective Morris called a carriage that was waiting, and Mr. Blaine and his wife were driven to the Fifth Avenue Hotel. They were shown to parlors 25 and 27, which were occupied by President Harrison on his

Long before the Secretary's arrival the largest group of newspaper men seen outside of a national convention was in the corridors down-stairs. Every shade of public opinion was represented by these men. They were from all sections of the country. Mingling with them were scores of big local politicians. They were all there for the purpose of catching a glimpse of the man from Maine. They were disappointed. Mr. and Mrs. Blaine remained in their apart-

As soon as Mr. Blaine was refreshed after his journey he received the newspaper men. Many of them had met the Secretary first during his campaign for the Presidency in 1844, or in 1888, when he took the stump

Just Like the Blaine of O d. Standing erect beside the table, which had been set for a late supper, dressed like the Blaine of old, with high standing collar and loosely tied cravat, with his famous Prince Albert coat buttoned tightly famous Prince Albert coat buttoned tightly over his chest, his white hair brushed carelessly off his forehead, and his snow-white beard closely trimmed, the Secretary received his visitors. He had a smile for those he knew, and a broad smile at the number there. As the newspaper men were formally presented to him he gave each of them a cordial handshake and addressed those he knew by name, recalling in one or two instances occasions in which he had met them. Then he straightened himself Then he straightened hir

and was ready for questions.
"I feel, gentlemen," said the Secretary,
"that you have got a dry hand this time. I am very glad to greet you. I have always been glad to greet the gentlemen of your profession. I am not here on any matters pertaining to public business. My eyes have bothered me a trifle, and one of the purposes of my visit to New York at this time is to consult with the best oculists. There is nothing serious, but I feel that it would do no harm to see these oculists. Anwould do no narm to see these occlists. Another point is that I want to see my little granddaughter. I wish to impress upon you that my visit has nothing whatever to do with the political situation. I shall be here four or five days, and shall remain here at the hotel."

His Health Speaks for Itseif. "Would you consider it proper to speak of your conference with the President at the White House, to day?" the Secretary

"Ah," he replied, "I was with the President only 30 minutes, and if I should tell you what occurred you would not be benefitted in the slightest degree."
"As to your health, Mr. Secretary?"

"That speaks for itself," and the Secretary held his head erect. His voice was strong and clear throughout the interview, and it was evident that he was by no means the broken man that his political opponents have made him out to be.

Neither Mr. Platt nor any of the big Re-publican politicians saw Mr. Blaine to-night. At 11 o'clock the lights were out in is rooms, and Mr. Blaine had retired.

Among those who were in the corridor down stairs during the evening were: As sistant Secretary Bussey, of the Interior Department, and General O. L. Spaulding, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Ex-Senator Henry W. Blair, of New Hamp-shire, who has a Presidental boom of his own, was also conspicuous in the throng. Mr. Blair walked around, arm-in-arm with Congressman Burleigh, which gave rise to the report that he was attempting to get up a flirtation with the Warner Miller con

tingent in this State.

Mr. Platt, when questioned about the object of Mr. Blaine's visit, said: "Mr. Blaine's visit has no political significance so far as I know, and if it had any I think l would know. I did not know of his in tended visit until I saw it in the news papers.

Cleveland and Hill Also in Town While one of the representative Repub licans is at the Fifth Avenue, the big Dem-ocrats—Senator David B. Hill and Grover Cleveland—are occupying apartments at the Normandie and the Victoria respectively. Senator Hill came here day, and was busy to-day receiving his friends. He declined to see reporters, but in reply to a message in regard to the report that he was preparing a letter declining the nomination of President, he stated that henceforth he would absolutely ignore the canards spread abroad by Repub-licans and the Republican press. He stated further that he was very much annoyed by these reports, and by the endeavors of re-porters to investigate them. Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Cleveland and baby Ruth all arrived in this city this after-noon from Lakewood, N. J. They will remain probably for the next ten days, and will then proceed to Buzzard's Bay, Mass.,

### WISS KATE PIKE WAS JILTED.

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That's Why She Was Anxious to Shuffle Off

Her Mortal Coll. New York, May 23.-Miss Kate R. Pike, the Treasury Department typewriter, of Washington, who was found unconscious in her room in the Astor House Saturday last with the gas turned on and two cuts in her wrist, was taken from Bellevue Hospital to the Tombs Police Court to-day and arletter to her mother, written before she cut her wrists and turned on the gas. The let-ter betrays the girl's secret, and discloses relations with one she refers to as "Jimmy," who one time had wanted her to marry him, but who, after her yielding to him, told her "such an idea was now ab-

#### DEATH OF YOUNG VANDERBILT.

Typhoid Fever Carries Off the Favorite Grandson of William H .- The Only One Mentioned in His Grandfather's Will-He Leaves a Million.

NEW YORK, May 23 .- William H. Vanderbilt, aged 21, son of Cornelius Vanderbilt, died to night at 10:15 o'clock. His father, mother, brother and sister were present when he passed away.

He had been weak all of the earlier part of yesterday, and was gradually recovering from the effects of hemorrhages of Sunday, until, at 8.35 to-night, he had another hemorrhage of the stomach. Dr. McLane was with him when he died. He apparently rallied from the attack under Dr. McLane's treatment and then went to sleep. His sleep was a perpetual one, for he never awoke.

He was taken ill on May 4 at New Haven, Conn., at that time very seriously. As there was no typhus fever in New Haven at that time it is supposed he contracted the disease while on a trip through the Western States about the Easter holidays. Chauncey M. Depew said to-night that at the time of the term. the time of the trip Mr. Vanderbilt was not in good health and susceptible to ditease. The deceased inherited by the will of his grandfather, William H. Vanderbilt, \$1,000,-

grandfather, William H. Vanderbilt, \$1,000,-000, the income to be converted to his use when he attained his majority, the principal to be placed to his credit when he became 30 years of age. He was the only one of the grandchildren of William H. Vanderbilt mentioned in his will. The deceased was one of the most popular men in the junior class of Yale College.

### NO COLOR LINE DRAWN.

White Men in the South Lynched for the Same Crime That Negroes Are.

ATLANTA, GA., May 23 .- [Special.]-In an interview, Bishop Fitzgerald, in regard to the recent lynching of negroes by Southern mobs, says: "The unspeakable crime for which they were lynched outlaws the perpetrator, whether white or black, in perpetrator, whether white or black, in every part of the United States. Frequent lynchings have occurred from time to time in the North, but they appear to be for-gotten entirely. The white men in the South who are guilty of the same crime meet as swift a doom as the black man. It is notable that in all the spasms of indigna-tion against the Southern people because of tion against the Southern people because of these lynchings, no word of sympathy has been spoken for the white women who were their victims.

their victims.

"The fact is," went on the Bishop, "that the best element of the negro race has no sympathy with the crimes that result in these outbreaks, and they are beginning to realize that Southern people are their truest friends. They have no desire to go where their professed friends are more numerous and noise, but prefer to remain among the and noisy, but prefer to remain among the white people of the South."

#### WALKING GOOD IN THE SOUTH All of the Crescent City's Street Car Lines

Tied Up by Strikers. NEW ORLEANS, LA., May 23.-Yesterday morning the car drivers strike extended to all over the street car lines. People were compelled by necessity to either walk or to call vehicles into requisition. The car lines trying to run to-day are the Canal and Cemeteries, Rampart and Dauphine, Esplande and Bayon road Clayborne. Esplanade and Bayou road, Clayborne, Tullane avenue and Dumain street lines. The cars on these lines, are however, only running at intervals.

The uptown lines are not running to-day. Colonel Walker says there are plenty of men ready to take the places of the strikers, but are restrained by intimidation. The police, he says, respond when notified of any trouble, but their number are insufficient to cope with the ever alert strikers. Colonel Walker said there was absolutely no change in the situation since yesterday.

#### HIS NOSE IN HIS VEST POCKET. an Italian Gets Into a Family Row and

Loses His Smeller, NEW YORK, May 23 .- [ Special ]-Domi nico Savalina went to the Harlem Court today with a mass of bandages hiding what remained of his nose. The piece which was missing was tucked away in his waistcoat oocket, wrapped up in brown paper. It and been bitten off by Gardo Buronvanotto. The police arrested the latter's mother-inlaw, Angela Trincala, who keeps a grocery.

On Friday Savalina dropped into the grocery, kicked Mrs. Trincals and knocked down her daughter, Mrs. Buronvanotto. On Sunday night the woman and her son in-law went to Savalina's house, and there was a row. Beside the nose-biting, Savalina said the woman stabbed him in the neck. As the injured man had been the original offender, Justice Welde paroled the woman. The police are looking for Buronvanotto.

### COURTESY TO PREDECESSORS

Sitting Governors Appointing Ex-Governors to Supreme Bench Positions. NEW ORLEANS, May 23 .- [ Special. ]-The first official act of Governor Foster, installed as Governor last week, was to appoint to-day his predecessor, Governor Nicholl's, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. This is understood to be in return

for Nicholls' services in electing Foster When Nicholls took the executive chair, four years ago, he was under the same ob-ligations to his predecessor, Governor Mc-Enery, and his first act was to appoint the latter to the Supreme Court, which has thus been made a refuge for retiring

### NOT BOUND TO KEEP OPEN HOUSE.

Jury Decides That Pool Room Keeper May Exclude Undesirable Guests. CINCINNATI, May 23,-J M. Boler, a colored man, who was some time ago ejected from Sharp & Co.'s pool room in Covington, because he was a colored man, brought suit for damages under the civil rights law, de-

manding \$5,000.

The trial was held to-day and the jury found for the defendants, on the ground that they are not bound to open their doors to persons whom they wish to exclude.

#### LIEUT. HETHERINGION BOUND HOME He May Be Appointed Steel Inspector a

Bethlehem, Pa. DUBUQUE, IOWA, May 23.-Lieutenant Hetherington and wife will proceed from San Francisco directly to the home of the latter in Wilmington, Del. They will avoid Dubuque and Mr. Hetherington's father will meet them in Chicago Saturday.

He hopes to hear a confirmation of the report that Secretary Tracey will assign the Lieutenant to duty at Bethlehem, Pa., as a

Steel Inspector. The Concord Bound for Vicksburg. GREENVILLE, MISS., May 23.-The war ship Concord remained here to-day, and raigned on the charge of attempting suicide. She was released as having been demented when she attempted her life.

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### CORA NICHOLS' DEATH

Causes Wild Excitement in the Neighborhood of Chartiers.

FOUND DEAD IN AN OLD BARN,

Her Head Resting on a Pole and a Bullet Hole in Her Temple.

NO KNOWN REASON FOR THE TRAGEDY

In an old-fashioned barn on a farm near McKee's Rocks, James Nichols yesterday found his daughter lying dead. Before her, where it had fallen from her grasp when death came, lay her broth-er's revolver with three chambers empty. One ball had entered her right temple, but there was no other wound. The neighbors said they heard three shots. Beyoud that, practically nothing is known of Allegheny county's latest mystery. Some believe it was suicide, but the ab zee of

powder marks throw a doubt on the powder marks throw a doubt on the state of the st Cora Nichols, the victim of the spirite is only 26 years old and very pretty. In of father owns one of the finest farms in the State and the family is the oldest in that section of the country outside the McKees. The farm faces the Ohio river, Last winter the old mansion house burned down and the family is living in one of the farm houses until the new home is completed. There were four boys and two girls in the family. Nearly all are married and live away from home.

Found Dead in the Old Barn Yesterday the father had gone to McKee's Rocks, and about 2 o'clock the mother went over to the house of Mrs. McCoy, who was celebrating her 90th birthday. Before leaving Cora said she intended to kill a chicken and have it ready for dinner the next day. The mother started to McCoy's and the girl soon after went to the old stable in the ravine below.

The father returned home about 6 o'clock, but finding no one about the house, he went down to the old stable. He caught sight of his daughter's dress just inside the door. When he got nearer he found her crouched, half kneeling with her head resting on a pole, as if she had just fallen forward. He next caught sight of the bullet hole in her temple. Under her lay the dead chicken. She had cut off its head, Beside her the ax and just beyond her reach was the revolver. The father was afraid to move the body, and hastened to McKee's Rocks to notify 'Squire Miles Bryan. On the way he told the neighbors,

and the whole countryside is aroused.

There Were No Powder Burns. 'Squire Bryan told him it would be all right to move the body, and Dr. J. W. Onstott accompanied the father home. When the doctor was interviewed he told how she was found and then said: "The family believe it was an accident, but when I examneve it was an accident, but when I examined the wound I could find no powder burns. I would not like to say just how close the muzzle was when the shot was fired. The revolver belonged to her brother, Alexander Nichols, and the mother told me the girl had been in the habit of shooting at a mark with it. shot. She had evidently caught it alive and then cut its head off, so it cannot be explained that she accidentally shot herself while firing at the chickens. There is no way of accounting for a suicide. She was a most estimable young lady and never had any trouble. She was well educated and had a number of admirers, but no lover in particular, and the family cannot think of anything that would cause the girl to end her own life. I had the body taken to the house and Mr. Bryan notified the Coroner. The family refuse to believe anything save that it was an accident."

Many Believe it Was Murder, There are some, however, that believe it

was a murder. Near the farm a great many Hungarians are employed on the railroad and it is thought they attacked her at the barn and that the three chambers were emptied at her assailants instead of at her self. The absence of powder burns also in dicates this, for when a gunshot wound is self-inflicted the flesh about it is always blackened and burned.

Mrs. H. F. Heber, a sister, who lives in McKee's Rocks, favors this idea, for declares there was no reason on earth for Cora Nichols killing herself, and the suicide theory does not seem probable.

### A LOSS OF MILLIONS

Likely to Follow the Break of the Tessie Plantation Levee-4 Crayfish Blamed for the Disturbance-Severe Wind Adds to the Danger.

NEW ORLEANS, May 23 .- [Special.]-The break in the levee at the Tessier plantation, in St. James' parish, last night, promises to be almost as destructive as the Neta crevasse, which occurred in the same locality in 1890, and which caused a damage of nearly \$7,500,000. It is 13 miles above the Bonnet break, and on the same side of the

The chances are that the water from the two crevasses will meet, flooding more or less all the plantations between Tessier and New Orleans, a distance of 44 miles crevasse at 8 P. M. was 15 feet wide and widening, and 10 feet deep. The water from it has not yet flooded the tracks of the Louisville, New Orleans and Texas, or the Mississippi Valley Railroad, but will do so in the next few days, and stop local busi-ness on the line between here and Baton

Rouge.

The break in the levee at Tessier is attributed to a crayfish. The river rose here to two-tenths of a foot above the high water mark of 1890, the highest known, and at Canal street and at several other points on the river the water ran over the levees, but was carried off by the gutters without any harm being done. In the vicinity of Baton Rouge the

severe wind that prevailed all day yesterday drove the water over the levees at various places, causing a great deal of anxiety. The people turned out generally fearing a he, but the levees only washed badly, and there were no breaks.

### STRICKEN BY SMALLPOX.

A Philadelphia Traveling Man Taken With the Dread Disease,

CHICAGO, May 23 .- What may prove to be a malignant case of smallpox was discovered at the Palmer House this afternoon. The patient is T. S. Meek, of Philadelphia, a traveling man, representing a publishing firm there. He was removed to-night to the pesthouse, where he will receive the best of attention. The physicians hope for the best. His room at the Palmer House was thoroughly fumigated and the physicians vaccinated those who had been directly exposed. The Health Department is satisfied that the spread of the contagion

has been prevented.

Meek left his home in Philadelphia Friday, May 13, and visited New York, Toronto, Guelph, Buffalo, Detroit and Columbus be-

fore coming to Chicago. He arrived at the fore coming to Chicago. He arrived at the Palmer House on Saturday last, when he complained of feeling sick, and said he had had a severe back ache and fever for 24 hours. To-day he felt worse and Dr. Brydon, who was called in, found the symptoms those of smallpox. To make sure, however, Drs. Bates and Montgomery were called in and verified the diagnosis. The Health Department was notified and took prompt measures to prevent the spread of the contagion.

#### WESTINGHOUSE A WINNER:

The World's Fair Committee Compelle to Accept His Bid for Lighting the Big Show - It Demands a Million-Dollar Bond From Him, Though.

CHICAGO, May 23 .- [Special.] - George Westinghouse's Company has been awarded the incandescent electric lighting contract for the World's Fair.

After many days of fruitless endeavor to award the work to the Edison General Electric Company, the Committee on Grounds and Buildings, long after dark tonight, was forged to award the contract to Westinghouse because he had by \$81,000 the lowest bid.

Lowever, the committee asked a \$1,000, an evidence that the Westingdo do accept the www.would fulfill its contract. terms. U P

President Nestinghouse, who attended the meeting of the committee by waiting in an ante-room and looking out on roofs for three hours before he was summoned to appear in the committee room, is going back to New York to-morrow and will meditate upon the terms before accepting them.

To-night, when the committee had adjourned, Mr. Westinghouse said he thought the demand for \$1,000,000 unjust, and was not vet decided whether he would accept the terms.

#### CLEWS TO THE DENISON MURDERER. Detectives Think They Are on the Track of the Man They Want,

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 23.-It was rumored here yesterday that the police had incarcerated a man who is strongly suspected of being the fiend who murdered four women at Denison, Tex., several days ago. The man's name is Jack Burke, and he is nominally held on the charge of vagrancy. He has a bad record, having served time for the attempted murder of Bill Lewis and Sergeant Silvers of this city. He was discharged from prison nine months ago and is known to have just come from Texas. Inquiry at police headquar-ters failed in either confirming or contradicting the report, the police officials being

At Denison, Tex., in nearly half the churches yesterday the recent murders were churches yesterday the recent murders were alluded to. Feeling tributes were paid to the memory of Mrs. Haynes, the first victiff killed. It is reported that a New Orleans detective has got a clew which will clear up the mystery of the murder of Miss Teen Hawley. The detective is known to have left here suddenly last night for Texarkana, Tex., where the thread of the murder will be taken up.

### GENERAL SICKLES PASSES AWAY.

He Marched With Sherman to the Sea During the Civil War. MONTEVISTA, COL., May 23.—General died at his residence in Montevista at 5 o'clock this morning of some obscure stomach and liver trouble. An autopsy is now being held. He was 72 years of age. Earty in 1861 he went into the service as

Major of the Eighty-eighth Illinois cavalry, and for a long time commanded that regi-ment as Lieutenant Colonel. He was wounded severely at the battle of Pea Ridge. On recovering he joined Sherman's army and went with Sherman to the sea, and was afterward Military Governor of South Carolina, securing a commission as

#### Brigadier General for meritorious service. YAQUI INDIANS DEFEATED.

Mexican Troops Disperse Them With

Loss of Seven Privates. HEBMOSILLO, MEXICO, May 23.-An engagement took place between Government troops under Lieutenant Colonel Zanata and a band of Yaqui Indians near Los-Pilros on the Rio Yaquin on the 17th instant, but the account was repressed by the officials who had a censorship over the tele-

graph lines.

The official report just received says a number of Yaquis were killed and the remainder dispersed, and owing to the mountainous condition of the country the military were unable to follow. Unofficial reports brought in by American mining men state that seven Mexican privates were killed, and two officers, including the com-

#### manding officer, wounded. ANNA DICKINSON'S SPEECHES.

She Sues the Republican National Committee for Her Compensation. NEW YORK, May 23.-Chairman James S. Clarkson, of the Republican National Committee, appeared in the Supreme Court today to be examined in a suit brought several years ago by Anna Dickinson to re-

cover \$6,000 from the committee for a breach of contract. She makes Mr. Clarkson, Senator Quay, John C. New, J. Sloat Fassett, Samuel Fes-senden, W. W. Dudley and others defend-ants. The alleged contract required her to deliver campaign speeches.

The First Wheat of the Season. SAN FRANCISCO, May 23.—The first carload of new wheat of the season arrived at the Call-board warehouse at Port Costa, Cal., from Delano, Cal., yesterday and was disposed of on 'Change at \$1 521/4 per cental.

Harrison Accedes to Blaine's Request. WASHINGTON, May 23.-The President to-day withdrew the nomination of Frederick Bancroft as United States Consul at Brunswick, Germany.

Big Fire Reported in Washington PORTLAND, ORE., May 23.-It is reported that a disastrous fire is raging at Spokane in the flouring mill district.

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GLAD TO GET EVEN PRESENT SALARIES

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has a playful habit now and then of putting faithful subjects between his Satanic Majesty and the deep sea. Not long ago the Pittsburg street acts were knocked out and confusion reigned. Now it is the Allegheny county officers and their salaries that are on the anxious scats.

There is a world of suspense in an opinion handed down by Justice Heydrick vesterday on a motion to quash the appeal in the case of County Treasurer John A. Bell vs the county of Allegheny, reversing the judgment of Judge Stowe and entering judgment in favor of the defendants upon the demurrer. Justice Mitchell dis-

sented. This case was brought and argued to determine whether the county officers were entitled to an increase of salary or not under the new census apportionment, which placed the population of Allegheny county at 551,000. With Mr. Bell it meant an advance from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year, and was worth fighting for. This is the Treasurer's salary in Philadelphia.

Judge Stowe Approved the Increase. Judge Stowe last December decided that Mr. Bell was entitled to the increase, and an appeal was taken from this decisi on by ten taxpayers to the Supreme Court. In substance the Court decided that general act does not repeal special one, unless it particularly named. The salary of the Treasurer was fixed at \$4,000 by an act relating to Allegheny county in 1861, and by

a supplementary act in 1870 it was in-creased \$500. The Court then says, "unless

these acts have been repealed the salary of that office is now \$4,500 per annum." Under the salary act of 1881 the county treasurer received \$5,000 per year. The general opinion now is that instead of getting an advance of \$5,000, Mr. Bell will have his yearly stipend reduced \$500. This is not pleasant, to say the least. If the decision stopped here, however, the tuture would be clear enough, but it raises so many doubts concerning the salaries of other county officers that Commissioner D. J. Boyle, for one, thinks that no salary warrants can be issued until it is known just what the per annum stipend is in each

Slightly Mixed in Their Opinions,

Commissioner Mercer, Recorder Von Bonnhorst and Register Conner, with other county officers, were nonplussed, and did not know what conclusion to draw. They prefer to wait for more though they talked freely about the de cision. Recorder Von Bonnhorst dismissed the subject by saying he was not lawyer enough to interpret a Supreme Court decision, and he never could make head or

tail out of what the learned justices wrote in their nicely-worded opinions. When the question of increasing the sal-aries of county officers under the new census was raised, the officers refrained, with the exception of Controller Grier, from drawing their pay. It is now 17 months since they have received their wages, but when Judge Stowe decided that Treasurer Bell was entitled to an increase last De-cember, Controller Grier concluded to draw his salary of \$4,000 for the year. It was intimated last evening that applythe decision to Mr. Grier's cas salary is fixed by special acts, and it is not

Cutting Down the Controller's Salary, Commissioner Mercer says the Controller's office was created by the act of 1861. and the year!y stipend was put at \$2,500 Subsequently it was advanced \$500 or \$1,-000, he couldn't remember the exact amount. Others hold that the Controller's salary, as an example, is only \$2,500, just what the act of 1861 made it. This is a This is all guess work, as the same line of reasoning

will apply to all the county officers.

Before the census of 1890 was taken, the officers were paid under the general salary act of 1881. It was an amendment to the act of 1876, fixing the salaries in counties where the population is more than 300,000 and less than 500,000. The act of 1876 provided for countries having a population not less than 150,000 nor more than 300,000. not less than 150,000 nor more than 300,000.

The old salaries per year are as follows:
Sheriff, \$6,500; Coroner, \$2,500; Prothonatory,\$6,000; Clerk of Courts,\$4,500; Register,
\$4,000; Recorder, \$5,000; Controller, \$4,000;
County Treasurer, \$5,000; Commissioners,
\$2,500 each. The other officers are minor,
and not so important. The District Attorney received \$5,000, but under the act of
1891 he now gets \$6,000. By the same
act the county jailor was increased
from \$2,500 to \$3,000, county detective from
\$1,200 to \$1,500 and the county solicitor was \$1,200 to \$1,500 and the county solicitor was also cared for.

The Effect of the Decision If the Supreme Court had decided the other way in Treasurer Bell's case, the Sheriff's salary would have been pushed up to \$15,000 yearly, provided the office could earn it. A fair average would be \$10,000, as the office doesn't pay, clear of expenses, more than from \$2,000 io \$3,000 an-nually. The Coroner would have received \$5,000; Prothonotary under the acts of 1876 and 1883, \$10,000; Controller, under the act of 1876, \$10,000; under the act of 1883,\$8,000, Commissioners, under act of 1883, \$5,000 apiece; Clerk of Courts, under act of 1876, \$10,000; under act of 1883, \$5,000; Register, \$5,000; Recorder, under act of 1876, \$12,000; under act of 1883, \$10,000; Treasurer, \$10,000. It will be seen that in most cases the salaries are doubled, so that the decision of the Supreme Court, provided it is a test case and will apply to all the officers, results in a big saving yearly to the taxpayers.

When County Commissioner D. J. Boyle, the only Democrat on the board, was asked for his opinion on the decision last evening, he remarked: "Well, Justice Heydrick is a Democrat, and it must be good law, but then there were Republican judges who had as much to do with it as himself. Seriously speaking, I am all at sea, and I don't know what the opinion means, or how far reaching it is. We talked about it in the office before we started home this afternoon, but the other commissioners were confused like myself,

May Not Be a lest Case. "I am not sure that the act of 1861 is a