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Clarkson Does Not Believe That the Man of Maine Will Add Anything to His Former Negative—Efforts of the Friends of the Administration to Drive the Secretary From the Field—They Assume Almost a Threatening Character, but He Has Been Saying Nothing That Will Act as a Tonic to the President's Nerves.

Whether Harrison withdraws or not he ought to withdraw, and whether Blaine runs or not he ought to run... "Mr. Harrison knows, as every one else does," pursued the Congressman, "99 out of every 100 Republicans, and thousands of Democrats as well, prefer Blaine for President before all others."

Clarkson could throw no light, he said, upon the plan of the anti-Harrison leaders in the event of an enforced abandonment of Blaine. It was questionable if any definite plans were yet matured. They had by no means given up a hope that the nomination of Blaine might not be put out of the question by the Secretary himself.

For some reason the close friends of Mr. Harrison are very jubilant to-day. It is probably on account of the rumors that are flying about that Blaine will positively issue another proclamation refusing the crown. While the rumors have a foundation of fact, they bear those charming signs of unauthenticity such as quotations from a close friend of Blaine, "a Cabinet officer," who says that "Blaine has told the President 50 times since he wrote his letter that he would not accept if nominated."

Blaine Has Been Very Quiet. Either Mr. Harrison must have been somewhat persistent in his inquiries or Mr. Blaine must have been very garrulous, or such childish repetition must seem to be a mere fancy of the Cabinet officer.

Before Senator Quay left for his Beaver home to-day he had a conference with Colonel Clarkson. Both gentlemen said that they separated that they merely discussed in a general way party prospects, and the varied strength and weakness of the candidates, and knew not of any other matters. They were not hatching an "underhand" plot to beat Harrison, or to nominate anyone in particular.

When asked what they thought of the rumor that Blaine would write a new letter of rejection, they both replied that that was surely unnecessary. He had said enough. He had declared that he was not a candidate, and that his name would not be presented to the convention.

Both of the famous Colonels refused to say whether they thought Blaine would be nominated, if he kept still until the meeting of the convention. No One Else in Mind as Yet. Colonel Clarkson had many other distinguished callers, and one of these said to me this evening: "I can assure you positively that the Republican leaders who prefer the nomination of another man than Harrison have no one else in their minds except Blaine."

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Efforts to Make Him Write a Letter. It is perfectly evident that none of Mr. Harrison's friends are yet convinced that Blaine has made up his mind to write another letter, as they are making all sorts of desperate and silly efforts to drive the Secretary to take that step. They inveigh loudly about the indecency of his permitting any doubt to exist as to his intentions, as though it would be indecent for him to accept the results of a grand outburst in his favor at the convention, despite his sincere refusal to pose as a candidate.

FROM ANOTHER SOURCE.

President Harrison Much Worried by Secretary Blaine's Visit to New York—Senator Hale Says There Will Be No Other Letter to the Public. WASHINGTON, May 24.—[Special.]—The absence from the city to-day of Secretary Blaine and Senator Quay has not served to lessen the talk regarding the probability of Blaine's nomination. In fact the Blaine gossip was more than ever general to-day.

Messrs. Clarkson and New were very busy men to-day. The latter had a long talk with the President at the White House and conversed with other Harrison leaders. Mr. Harrison and his friends are quite alarmed at the vigorous reappearance of the Blaine boom, and, while they do not admit it, they know that they have a serious task on hand to keep their forces intact.

It was learned to-day that a Senator who called at the White House this morning discovered that the President was completely mystified at the object of Mr. Blaine's going to New York and exhibiting himself so boldly to the newspaper reporters.

One Harrison statement given to-day is on the authority of a high administration official who has for many years borne the most intimate relations with Mr. Blaine. The individual whose name is cautiously concealed says that Mr. Blaine has told him and told the President at least 50 times recently that under no circumstances would he allow himself to become a candidate.

Mr. Hale's statement to-day was that while he thought Mr. Blaine meant to stand by his letter to Mr. Clarkson, he also thought that he would have no further communications to the public, not having any reasons to retract what has been said, and added the opinion that in his judgment Mr. Blaine could have the unanimous nomination if he wanted it, and that it looked as though he would accept it.

Several of the Southern delegates to the Republican Convention have arrived here en route to Minneapolis. Conspicuous among them is E. M. Brayton, of South Carolina, a delegate at large to the South, and spoken in his opposition to President Harrison. Senator Allen, of Washington, is somewhat perplexed at the complicated state of affairs. The delegates from his State are supposed to be instructed for Harrison, and he has many courtesies from the President.

In spite of the instructions, it is said the delegates from Washington are enthusiastic for Blaine if there is the slightest chance for him to accept the nomination. Senator Allen, when spoken to on the subject to-day, said the Republicans of all the Pacific Coast States are devoted to Blaine, and he would support any other man in the party, and especially the man of the State of Washington. He does not hesitate to say that Mr. Blaine will probably go through the convention with a "through" if his name is presented by some one who announces that he will surely accept the nomination.

Senator Saunders, of Montana, says until to-day he did not believe Mr. Blaine would permit his name to go before the convention, but recent events have convinced him that unless Blaine comes out with another letter of declination he will be nominated without a doubt.

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After the extended conversations which Mr. Platt, Whitaker Reid, General Horace Porter and other Republicans high in the councils of the party had with Mr. Blaine, the closest friends of Mr. Platt said they had learned from his own lips that Mr. Blaine would not interfere with the presentation of his name before the convention at Minneapolis; that it was Mr. Blaine's intention not to return to Washington until after the convention, and that by his health he would leave for Maine and go to Bar Harbor later on.

As to Mr. Blaine's ability to stand the strain of a campaign opinions were diverse. Some were confident that the proper care the Secretary could make a fairly vigorous campaign. Others believed that this will be out of the question. Even the most bitter anti-Harrison men believed that the Secretary's health should be very gravely considered. A break-down during the campaign, they said, would be fatal.

ALLISON MAY HAVE A BOOM.

Anti-Harrison Men Decide to Hold a Conference at His Home To-night.

WASHINGTON, May 24.—[Special.]—An important political conference is to be held to-morrow night at the residence of Senator Allison. It is understood that a number of anti-Harrison men are invited. The conference is to be accompanied by a dinner given in honor of James S. Clarkson. The political gossipers are saying to-night that it is the intention of the anti-Harrison party to support Allison in the event of Blaine's refusal to allow his name to go before the convention.

SALVATIONISTS IN TROUBLE.

They Meet With Rough Treatment While Holding Meetings.

WATERBURY, May 24.—[Special.]—Thirteen members of the Salvation Army held meetings in the old Casino building last week. Three meetings were successful and all of the army left Waterbury on Monday morning to resume their work in other cities. Adjutant John Sammons and Captain Alexander Lamb are trying to control the meetings. Last evening they opened the Casino and a crowd flocked in. About 100 women were present. Sammons and Lamb were seated upon the stage. Sammons concealed and ordered the women in the back gallery, yelled, and the cry was taken up, and soon shouts put a stop to the prayer. Two roughs raised the chairs in which they had been sitting, and bringing them down on the floor, a crash, smash went through the room, and in pandemonium. The electric lights in the center of the room went out. The arrival of the police restored order, and Sammons and Lamb were escorted to their lodgings. They say they will continue the meetings.

PERSONAL HONOR IN THE SOUTH.

Illustrated by His Unparalleled Credit and the Debts It Has Borne.

NASHVILLE, May 24.—John S. Kelton Williams, a prominent banker of Richmond, upon invitation delivered an address before the Commercial Club and other citizens to-night. His subject was "The Credit of the South." Mr. Williams began with an eulogy upon the Old South and its civilization—a civilization whose basis was of an all credit character, and a high and jealous regard for personal honor. This has been illustrated by the care with which the Southern States have protected the interests of their creditors.

PERHAPS 'T WAS A TORPEDO.

The Five Survivors of the Wrecked Brazilian Warship Tell Their Story.

RIO JANEIRO, May 24.—The five survivors of the crew of the Brazilian warship Solimoes, which was lost a few days ago off the coast of Uruguay, have arrived here. They say that the vessel struck a sunken rock, and that they immediately started for the shore in a boat to obtain help. Soon after they left the vessel a terrific explosion occurred, and the vessel disappeared in deep water without leaving a trace to show where the disaster occurred.

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A reporter asked Ex-Governor James E. Campbell whether he thought it was probable that he was as old young Allen W. Thurman. Speaking of the Ohio delegation Mr. Campbell said: "In regard to the Ohio delegation I will say this, that thus far ten delegates have been nominated. I am willing to concede that in many counties and districts the opposition to Mr. Cleveland's renomination has developed unexpected strength. It is not anticipated, but it would be impossible at this time to state the exact status of the Ohio delegation to the National Convention. In fact, this will not be determined until the State Convention meets in this city. It is true that this undeveloped strength, or, as I might say, unexpected opposition to Mr. Cleveland, has been very active and has put forth every effort to get in the way of his nomination and in localities where it was least expected. As to the State Convention, I will say that I believe Mr. Cleveland will have a substantial majority of the delegates to provide guards for the affair has created a great sensation in Barnwell."

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Business Men Will Tell at a Feast How to Boom and Improve the City.

NEARLY ALL SEATS TAKEN.

Scramble Among Representative Men to Be at the Banquet.

IF THAT CANAL WAS ONLY BUILT,

Col. Roberts Says the City Would Become a Second Minneapolis.

IN THE NUMBER OF ITS FLOUR MILLS.

The boom banquet of the Chamber of Commerce at the Duquesne Club Friday evening promises to be a great success. Out of the 180 seats all are taken but a dozen, and it is apparent there won't be enough room for all. The committee included it was possible 180 people than to jam the hall and make every one uncomfortable.

The banquet is given at the suggestion of Colonel T. P. Roberts, who has urged it since last March. The indications are that it will be an unusual affair hereafter, as it should be. The Colonel claims that Pittsburgh business men have lost their sociability by being engrossed too much with their work. It is not good to toil all the time, and by failing to come together often to discuss their own and the city's interests in common, as is done in other less substantial but more pretentious, towns the local merchants and manufacturers are losing many of the opportunities of a lifetime.

Change in the Future. But things are to be changed in the future, it brains, mental and energy to accomplish it. The old Pittsburgh has had its day, and a new era of prosperity and development is to usher in. The time has come when Pittsburgh should take its proper place in the illustrious category of American cities. It is conceded that the people here are too modest, and that they rely too much on their reputation in the iron, glass and steel industries that were built up by the sturdy Scotch-Irish, German and Welsh pioneers. The main object of the feast is to point out how trade can be improved and the city developed. A powerful and central trade organization is desired, and the members of the Chamber of Commerce want to see new blood infused into the city. Taking the Chamber as a nucleus it is to be hoped that a strong association will be established in time in which every firm in the city will be represented. This organization will then look after Pittsburgh's interests and see that nothing escapes that will benefit business and the people. Other cities have such bodies of public spirited citizens and their enthusiasm is felt at every turn.

Don't Realize Pittsburgh's Possibilities. The great growth of Western towns is due to the energy and pride of their inhabitants. Pittsburgh has been making big strides also, but it is felt that the people here do not realize the possibilities around them. Nature has been kind in furnishing them with an abundance of water and other products that have made the city famous. Many of its people have become rich, and in proportion to population Pittsburgh has many millionaires as the average city in the country. In Helena, it is said, every other man met on the street owns a brown stone front and has piles of gold and silver shovels millions out of the earth when the white metal and yellow stuff glisten before his eyes.

The committee in charge of the banquet is Colonel T. P. Roberts, Chairman; John H. Ricketson, Toastmaster; James B. Scott, A. J. Logan, John F. Dray, Charles W. Bennett, John Bindley, George H. Anderson, John W. Chalfant, Morrison Foster, Reuben Miller, H. C. Frick and W. D. Wood. They are all representative men who only exchange of ideas for themselves, and they are backed by other substantial Pittsburghers who are interested in the city's welfare and future growth.

Selecting the Banquet Speakers. The Committee on Toasts and Speakers, consisting of Messrs. Ricketson, Logan and Morrison, have selected the speakers and the arrangements. The list of speakers and their subjects will be announced later. Captain Batchelor is preparing the menu, and he says it will be the finest ever served at a banquet in the city. It will be historical to some extent, and will recall local deeds of the past and present.

So much for the banquet itself, now for some of the object of the feast. It is achieved yesterday. Among other things he said: "I know people sneer at the Chamber of Commerce. The truth is that it has done a great deal for the city. It has made its members aware of it. The Chamber has made its influence felt in shaping national legislation, and it has done much to improve the local waterways. This is only one of the numerous items that should be mentioned. Strange to say it is better known abroad than at home. Other cities have their great exchanges where business men meet daily to bargain and sell. Of course, the Chamber of Commerce would indicate that they want to make a meeting in it. Free rent was offered. One trouble here is the value of a site in a central location. The building into contain a fine music hall that can be used as an auditorium for public meetings. While the music hall is not in them are not receiving the rents they expected. In every case this is due to some fault in the building. Some of the earlier office structures were considered models, but others have been built around them and their supply of light has been cut off. This is true of several where the arrangement is faulty, and on the lower floors tenants are compelled to use artificial light, which is not pleasant. The city is growing so rapidly. It may decrease in some years, but the development is uniform. I claim the city will stand one large office building

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