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SOME LEADING QUESTIONS

Asked During Anna Dickinson's Suit for a Campaign Balance.

SHE MADE FIFTEEN SPEECHES.

But the Committee, She Claims, Flatly Refused to Pay Her for

THE SEASON FOR WHICH SHE WAS HIRED

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) New York, May 25 .- The trial of Miss Anna Dickinson's suit against the Republican National Committee of 1888 for \$1,250, which, she alleges, is the balance due for her services as a lecturer in the campaign of that year, was begun to-day before Judge Truax, in Part III. of the Supreme Court. Of the four persons mentioned particularly as defendants in Miss Dickinson's complaint — United States Senator M. S. Quay, J. S. Clarkson, Samuel Fessenden and Colonel W. W. Dudleyonly the last named was present in court. He sat beside Colonel George Bliss, his counsel, with a grave but non-committal exression on his face.

Miss Dickinson was in court also, with a large number of letters and about a dozen sympathizers, mostly women. She sat close to Lawyer Able Hummel, who, in opening the case for her, referred to her as "The Joan of Arc of the Republican party." She wore a red chip hat with red and white ostrich tips, a richly embroidered black satin dress and a dark mantle. A heavy lace tie ended in a bow at her throat. Her costume was completed with brown undressed kid gloves.

Miss Dickinson's Campaign Contracts. When Miss Dickinson went on the witness stand she opened her mantle and threw it back on her shoulders and began to tell about the conversation she had had tell about the conversation she had had with Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Fessenden and Colonel Dudley, in Mr. Clarkson's room at the Everett House, in August, 1888, having gone there, as she explained, because Mr. Clarkson was confined to his room with a sprained leg. She soon branched off into an account of her experiences as a speaker for the Republican party in the Molly Maguire country in 1863. Colonel Bliss objected to this, whereat Miss Dickinson cast a fiery

this, whereat Miss Dickinson cast a fiery glance at him, and said, haughtily:
"I am not trying to exalt myself, gentlemen of the jury. For this work I was to get \$2,000 a week, or \$12,000 for the camget \$2,000 a week, or \$12,000 for the campaign of six weeks. I would have been cheap, gentlemen, at \$100,000. I had to work six hours a day, and was sticked, stoned and otherwise abused, and had the hair cut from my head by a bullet."

Mr. Hummel interrupted this time, and told the witness to continue with the conversation in Mr. Clarkson's room.

"I told Mr. Clarkson this," she replied, with dignity, "and I told him also that after I returned home from this visit I was thanked by the whole Republican party, and Speaker Coliax asked me to address the House in the hall of the House of Representatives. I was the only woman in the world that had that honor, I told Mr. Clarkson, but I never received the \$12,000. I never received a cent of it. It remains unpaid to this day, and not even my traveling expenses were paid. In those days my party was my country and my country was my God. But now times have changed. am broken down in health and I need the money I ask for my services. I do not want to go into politics. I have had enough of it. I need this money to keep a roof

over the head of a dying mother."

Miss Dickinson had been pulling at her handkerchief nervously. She now broke down and wept. She identified some letters that Mr. Hummel passed up to her as cor-respondence from Mr. Clarkson prior to her final engagement by the National Committee. She read them all to the jury, slowly and with much elecutionary effect. Plenty of Money After Success

In another interview with Mr. Clarkson Miss Dickinson said he told her that in the event of success there would be plenty of money, and she would receive part of the \$12,000 due her from the campaign of 1886. Colonel Dudley was present when Mr. Clarkson said they would pay her \$123 a night for 30 nights and her expenses. He said: "Since we are very poor, almost bankrupt, and have no money in the treas-ury, we can do no better. We are endeavoring to roast some rich Bostonians and Pennsylvanians. Then we will have some money. We will give you what I have said, whether we are successful or not. If Mr. Harrison is elected the amount that you demand in excess of what we offer will be a mere bagatelle. We will then give you the additional \$1,250."

They pledged their word of honor to this, Miss Dickinson testified. She said to them: 'My old friend, Governor Geary, told me once, 'Anna Dickinson, never wait again for your money on the glory of the Grand Old Party for 48 hours, and they replied: 'Miss Dickinson, we pledge ourselves as men of honor that this debt of honor shall be paid to the last dollar. Can't you trust

Paid for Fifteen of the Sp in the West she was notified that her services were no longer needed. They paid her \$3,750 for the lectures and \$750 for expenses. The morning after election she sent a request to Mr. Clarkson for the \$1,200 contingent upon Mr. Harrison's election. She received no reply. In opening for the defense Colonel Bliss

said the only question for the jury to con-sider was whether the contract between Miss Dickinson and the defendants had been correctly stated. He contended that

corroborated Mr. Clarkson, and identified a receipt for the \$3,750 and expenses signed by Miss Dickinson. He had never heard the \$1,250 contingent fee.

Some Leading Questions Ruled Out, Mr. Hummel cross-examined Colonel Dudley. "Were you ever charged with the commission of a crime in Indiana?" he sked.

Colonel Bliss-I object. Mr. Hummel—I wish to show the credibility of this witness. He has attacked that of my client.

Judge Truax—Objection sustained.
"Did you leave Indiana because of the indictment found against you?" Lawyer Hummel asked

"No," replied Colonel Dudley. Were you accused of corrupting voters ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY.



DR. PLATT-YES, SIE; YOUR EYESIGHT IS PERFECT AND YOUR FORESIGHT EXTRAORDINARY. DROP IN ABOUT JUNE 10 AND I WILL EXAMINE YOUR HIND-STORT - New York World

"Are you known by any other name than that of William Dudley?"

"Have you not been called Blocks-of-Five Dudley?"

rested. The case was adjourned till to-

AN ATTACK ON HARRISON

Made by a Blaine Man From Iowa—De-fense of the President by a Hoosier—An Arraignment Made for Effect on Colored Delegates From the South.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—[Special.]—A peculiar incident in the House to-day was that which occurred during the discussion of an amendment to the World's Fair section of the sundry civil bill. General Henderson, the one-legged veteran from Iowa, in speaking to the amendment which appropriated \$100,000 for an exhibit showing the progress of the colored race since the War, read the President a somewhat severe lecture for his failure to urge a proper con-sideration of the colored element of the population in his World's Fair message to

It was plainly an arraignment intended

the chairman. He accomplished little more than to make more conspicuous the attack

HIGGINS HAS HOLD OF THE REINS.

The Young Delaware Senator in His Firs

Important National Role. WASHINGTON, May 25 .- [Special.]-Se stor Higgins, of Delaware, has been made Chairman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee and thus put in charge of the herculean task of electing a Repub is "the only" Higgins' first appearance in national politics, although he has had things pretty much his own way for several Delaware, where he has been successful, his most conspicuous feat being he retirement of Uncle Fli Saulsbury from he United States Senate and the election of himself as his successo

Senators Higgins and Walcott, of Colorado, were classmates at Yale, and are young men of brilliant ability. They are fellow members of the Metropolitan in this city. Their friends were greatly amused at a remark dropped by the Delaware Senator in the smoking room one day soon after his election. Said he: "Ed Walcott is a nice fellow and a smart one, but he seems to want the earth, and if he don't look out we will clash." A few days ago Mr. Higgins said another good thing. He was being bothered in the Senate chamber about some bill that he was not much interested in, and turning suddenly in his chair with a gesture of im-patience, he said: "Well, I don't like legis-lation, anyhow. I am a politician."

A SUITOR IN HARD LUCK. After His Priest Forbids His Marriage His

Sweetheart Spes Him.

SHAMOKIN, PA., May 25 .- The wedding of Miss Annie Micha and Joseph Diesch was to have taken place to-day, but as the priest was about to begin the ceremony a sister of the bridegroom came up the sisle of the church and forbade the marriage on the ground that the couple were cousins, and so within the law of consanguinity. The priest thereupon declined to perform the ceremony, and Miss Micha and Diesel left the church

Miss Micha wished her intended husband to procure the services of a minister and proceed with the ceremony. He refused to do so, as the priest had forbidden the mar-riage. Miss Micha grew angry at the re-fusal, and this afternoon had him arrested or breach of promise. Diesch furnished ball for court.

WINNING WOMAN WINS.

The Methodist Protestant Conference Throws Down the Bars for the Ladies. WESTMINSTER, MD., May 25.-The ab sorbing question in the Methodist Episcopal Conference to-day was the seating of the women delegates from West Virginia, Indiana, Iowa and Kansas. A vote was taken by orders and resulted in the admis-sion of the women delegates. The vote stood: Ministers—41 ayes, 29 nays. Laymen

-34 ayes, 20 nays.

The action of the Conference changes no law of the Church, but interprets the law to mean that women are eligible to ordination and to fill the office of delegate to the Gen-

SAM JONES PREACHES LYNCH LAW.

His Utterances May Result in the Mobbing of a Tennessee Malefactor,

CHATTANOOGA, May 25.-Weems, with officers, boarded the East Tennessee train at Coltewa this morning and they are now en route to Knoxville. The officers and prisoner walked all night long and must have covered 30 miles.

A crowd from this city will go over there and probably a lynching may occur before sunset, as Rev. Sam Jones has been preaching that outragers of women must be the anchor of hempen ropes.

flow a Detroit Census Enumerator Swelled

FALSE BIRTHS AND DEATHS.

DETROIT, May 25 .- [Special.]-Under the State law a county census of births and leaths is taken every year, and about onedeaths is taken every year, and about one-half the reports for the county for 1891 are in. The entry of the county for 1891 are in. The entry of the receive 10 cents for each birth or of the red, and as an unusual number of the red, and as an unusual number of the red, the county auditors beet the red in, the red in the red in, the red in the red in, the red in the red in the red in the red in the red in, the red in the red i

would warrant his receiving \$308 60 from the county. Many of those who are credited with having received additions to their families will be astonished to know it. Couples who many years ago gave up hope of any more children are calmly credited by Mr. Welch with being among the lucky ones. Child-births are located at vacant houses, at fur-

mace shops, etc.

Mr. Welch has killed off people with the same expedition he used in bringing new people on earth, and in some instances he says people died in 1891 for whom their relatives left off mouvaing agreement. relatives left off mourning garments years ago. In many cases widows and old mnids have been credited with children, the births by bachelors.

been completed it will be found that twice as many births and deaths have been reported as have actually taken place. It is also probable that the county has been swindled out of thousands of doilars since 1869 when the census law was passed by false returns made by enumera-

The Examiners in the Combine Suit Begin Their Task - The Companies Admit Many Points, but Require Proof That Their Roads Are Parallel.

HARRISBURG, May 25 .- This afternoon the examiners in the Reading combine suit, Charles H. Bergnoer and J. C. McClarney, of this city, qualified and had a brief sitting. Attorney General Hensel, Deputy Attorney General Stranahan and George Nauman, of Lancaster, associate counsel for the Commonwealth, were present, as were also M. F. Olmsted, general counsel for the defendant corporations, and William B. Lamberton, resident counsel for the

Agreements were put in evidence and maps showing location of the different rail-roads, the Attorney General stating that he was prepared to prove certain things un-less the defendants admitted them. Mr. Olmstead agreed to furnish data as soon as possible showing the amount of coal transported by the various railroads to tide-water, all general orders issued since the date of the lease by the Philadelphia and Reading and Lehigh Valley Railroad Companies, the promoters and stockholders of the Port Reading Railroad, the names of lessees of the Lehigh Valley Coal Com-

river. On such points, he said, the Common-wealth would have to produce proof. After replications had been filed by the Attorney General, joining issue on the matters alleged it was decided to have another sitting Wednesday, June 1, at 3 P. M.

afternoon session of the Supreme Castle of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, the following Supreme officers were elected: Supreme Chief, Ernest H. Koch, Connecticut; Vice Chief, C. H. Nuchell, Okio; High Priest, Lyman P. Lewis, Massachusetts; Master of Records, W. Culbertson, Pennsylvania; Keeper of Executor, T. Mc-Carthy, Pennsylvania; Sir Herald, Jacob

For the next place of meeting Baltimore was chosen. Other business transacted was the revision of the code of laws for govern-ing the death benefit fund. A degree for ladies, the Knights' Wives and Daughters, was also adopted.

THIS MORNING'S NEWS.

BLAINE'S ALL RIGHT,

CENTS.

THREE

Quay Says the Secretary of State Is in Good and Vigorous Health.

THE SENATOR IS FOR HIM.

Pittsburgers Who Think the Maine Man Should Be Nominated

IF HE IS WELL ENOUGH TO RUN.

Chief Brown Says the People Will Elect the Plumed Knight.

HIS NAME AROUSES ENTHUSIASM

Among the guests of the Duquesne Hotel yesterday was not Senator Quay. He had been duly scheduled to turn up at his Pittsburg headquarters, but he did not materialize, and Chief J. O. Brown and a number of others who were in waiting for him did not learn that he had gone directly to his Beaver home until the morning was well advanced. He left Philadelphia last night on the 9.20 train and sat up so late that he was too tired to stay in Pittsburg. Richard R. Quay expected to meet his father here and was as much surprised as anyone when told that he had gone directly home. Richard Quay, Walter Lyon and several others went down to Beaver on the 2.50 Lake Erie train.

The Senator was seen at his residence in the afternoon. He was looking brighter and in better health than he has for many months. During the day he had a number of visitors from Beaver and the adjacent towns. Later in the day State Treasurer John Morrison put in an appearance and talked of polities for an hour or two.

Came Purely on Personal Business. Senator Quay said he had come West on purely personal business wholly discon-nected with politics, although he expected to include politics in his business while

"What of the Presidental conferences we have been hearing about as likely to take place in Beaver?" "I'm afraid I will have to disappoint

anybody who has been looking for that sort of thing here. I came home on personal business disconnected with politics, but, of course, I will see some of my friends while I am here.' "What is the outlook as to the opposition to Harrison?"

"There seems to be a strong Blaine sentiment in all parts of the country that I have heard from. The stories about Mr. Blaine's ill health are untrue. He is in good, vigorous health, or was when I saw him in Washington a few days ago. Everybody knows I favor Blaine's nomination."

"There has been no change of front on the part of any of the leading anti-Harrison men, has there, within a day or two, as has

"I have heard of none." "When do you go to Minneapolis, Sena

"I really have not determined the exact

day, but will probably go about the second or third of June " "When do you come to Pittsburg?"

"I shall go up on Friday morning to spend the day there, and will probably not return to Washington until Monday "What about the outlook on the Legisla-

tive fights in Allegheny county?" 'I have full confidence in my friends and think they will win. And now what is new in polities in Pittsburg?"—and the Senator following his usual custom, fired off a rapid

succession of questions.

It is understood that a large number of those connected with county politics in Western Pennsylvania will call on the Senator. Many of the delegates to the National Convention will drop in on him

both in Pittsburg and Beaver.

There will be no attempt to gather the State delegation together for the trip to Minneapolis. Some will leave Philadel-

phia in special cars, some will go in the private cars of friends, and others will gather in Pittsburg and make up a couple Senator Quay's family are now all at Bea-

ver for the summer, or until such time as they go to the seashore.

ALL FOR BLAINE.

Local Republicans Who Declare That the Man From Maine Is the Proper Candidate of the Party-Growing Sentiment Against a Second Term.

A number of prominent local Republicins were seen downtown last night and asked what they thought of the desirability of Blaine as a candidate, provided he is physically qualified. Their replies were unanimously and strongly for the magnetic statesman, as the following will show:

J. O. Brown, Chief of the Department of Public Safety, on the night that Blaine issued his letter stating that he was not a candidate, unqualifiedly declared for Blaine against all comers notwithstanding the letter. Last night he reaffirmed his position in even more emphatic language. Said he: There is only one man talked of in either party big enough for the first place in this Republic. I need not mention his name. It s known better than that of any man since Napoleon, and no matter whether you call him the Plumed Knight, the Magnetic Man from Maine, or James G. Blaine, it is known, and awakens enthusiasm in every heart wherever spoken. Seven million voters want him for President. There is no getting away from the wishes of the people, and it Blaine won't be a candidate the people will make him a candidate, they will nominate, they will elect him, and they will trium-phantly install him at the head of this great

Always Enthusiastic for Blaine, If you want verification for my statements

look back over the newspaper files through the County and State Conventions in every State in the Union. You will find that in every Republican Convention, no matter who was indorsed for President, that the who was indorsed for President, that the mention of the name of Blaine created a sensation. If not that, some equally strong statement showing the Maine man's unbounded popularity. Blaine will sweep the country in June and he will duplicate the performance in November. No man can stand against him. I don't say he is the only Republican that could be elected, but he is the man for the nomination and he can't be defeated.

A. E. McCandiess, ex-Sheriff and candidate for Mayor—It don't make any difference whether Blaine is physically able to stand a campaign or not, the people will make his canvass for him. Blaine's record has made him the candidate, and no one else has any claim for consideration now. If there are

claim for consideration now. If there ar any claimants they must stand back and wait their turn. I am for Binine.

The Greatest Man in the Country

Er Mayor Andrew Fulton-There have been in the last 30 years two really great men a this Republic, one not greater than

WHEN DUTY CALLS HE WILL OBEY,

Quay Positively Asserts That Blaine Is to Be the Nominee of His Party.

STILL NOT A CANDIDATE,

But a Unanimous Demand for Him Would Be Acquiesced In.

The Ex-Chairman and His Successor Talk in Exactly the Same Strain-Only the Secretary's Health to Be Considered-A Further Putting Aside of the Honor Not Anticipated-A Man to Win Demanded by the Leaders of the Party-Sentiment of All Kinds Thrust to One Side-All Tongues Wagging

PEPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.] PHILADELPHIA, May 25.-It is Blaine unless he breaks down in some unforeseen physical way before the convention. It seems to be a cock-sure thing now that Philadelphia Republicans have had time to digest what Senator Quay told his friends

here Tuesday night. To Dave Martin, State Chairman Frank Reeder and others the Senator spoke in no uncertain tones. He said to one of these gentlemen: "I am convinced that Harrison will not be nominated. I am also convinced that Blaine will be nominated. It is more than unlikely that Blaine will make any communication to the Republican party before the convention meets. I do not think it is his intention to say or do anything which will check the current of opinion which points to him as the man who can most assuredly win next Novem-

Quay Repeats His Assertion, This was repeated in substance to several of the men in whom Senator Quay has the most confidence. He said that the nomination of Blaine would come of its own weight and on its own merits without any boom by mere politicians. To one of his friends the Senator is reported to have said that it is true that Secretary Blaine would not return to Washington until after the convention.

While saying all these things the Senator did not pretend to say that there was any understanding between Blaine and those who are leading the anti-Harrison fight. Quay was asked if it was not probable that Alger would be nominated for Vice President, and he replied that it looked that way. He added that Platt, Clarkson and the others were convinced beyond hope of recall that Harrison could not be re-elected.

Now All Blaine in I hiladelphia. It is understood that Quay will go to Minneapolis early, and will be joined there by Senator Cameron, who will co-operate in getting together the Blaine managers, It is all Blaine in this city to-day among

tion men like Charles Emory Smith are saying that it is a cry of wolf. This is the first open and direct declaration by Senator Quay that Blaine would be nominated and would not try to prevent it, and it can be relied upon as absolutely re-

the Quay people, and only the administra-

ALL TONGUES WAG ALIKE.

Spontaneous Call.

Clarkson Talks in Washington Just as Quay Does Elsewhere-An Authorized Interview With the Chairman of the National Committee-Blaine Not to Refuse a

WASHINGTON, May 25 .- [Special.]-A two-column-long "authorized interview" with Chairman Clarkson, of the National Committee, published in the Post of this morning on the Presideutal nomination topic, has set every tongue wagging at even a livelier rate than before on that all-absorbing question. The interview was undoubtedly dictated by Mr.

Clarkson. Coming from a man who is almost as buffling in response to efforts to induce him to talk as is Senator Quay himself, who is the very embodiment of profound silence except when he desires some publication, the pronunciation of Mr. Clarkson, practically written by himself, is indeed extraordinary. It was written for a purpose, and what that purpose is is not hard to discover to those who have followed closely the movements of Mr. Clarkson's circle

seen at short range. While the "interview" is spread over nearly two columns, most of the space is devoted to generalities and verbiage which is wholly foreign to Mr. Clarkson, who, as a newspaper writer of distinguished ability, has acquired more terseness and directness of speech, which is a distinctive feature of the most attractive and successful modern

Two Points Made by Clarkson.

Stripped of the verbal ornaments, Mr. Clarkson makes two points. One is that the aim of the National Convention must be to nominate the man who will give greatest promise as a winning candidate. He has had no personal preference. Were he to permit his personal feeling to intrude he would choose neither Blaine nor Harrison, but another whom he does not name, but whose idendity may be easily guessed. His second point was in answer the question (put to himself): "How about Blaine?" In answer to this the Chairman describes, with charminge naivete, how "the Chairman ceased whirling an envelope which he held in his hand," and turning in his chair hesitated a moment and then said: "Blaine's all right." And then, in various ways and with many reiterations, he rings the changes on the assertion 7,000,000 of Republican voters' would rather have Blaine for President than anyone else. Seven millions, as everybody knows, comprises about all the Re-publican voters of the United States. The plain deduction is that if all the Republican voters of the United States want Blaine he is the one man to nominate.

Biaine the Man to Be Run.

It is a virtual declaration from the Chairman of the Republican National Committee that Blaine is the candidate with whom to run, and that with Harrison or any other candidate the chances for success would be greatly lessened. The interview is un-doubtedly one of the results of the conferences held between Colonel Clarkson and Colonel Quay, on Monday evening and on Tuesday morning. In other words, it is the inspired offspring of conferences of anti-

Harrison Republicans with the Chairman of the National Republican Committee, and that gentleman was selected as the personal sponsor of the interview, because it would come from him with all the force of the highest official authority of the national

highest official authority of the national party organization.

In all the history of politics probably there is no parallel to this, in which the chief executive of the party as an organization declares against the Chief Executive of the national administration, who is of the same party and who is a candidate for renomination. Praise President Harrison as he may and does, Chairman Clarkson virtually declares war upon him, and announces that Blaine is the candidate with whom to win success, and that the whole weight of the national organization will be thrown against Mr. Harrison and his contingent of officeholders in the National Convention.

The One Question of the Hour.

The One Question of the Hour. The question that agitates the minds of both the Harrison and the anti-Harrison men is: "Does Mr. Clarkson mean what he

There has always been a strong belief among the most sagacious who are not in the swim that the anti-Harrison leaders were merely playing Blaine to divert the popular mind and the State Conventions from Harrison to secure the election of a past head of points protected.

vast body of uninstructed delegates to the National Convention which might be organized against Harrison after they had reached the ground. If that was the plan, it certainly succeeded. Harrison has less than 300 delegates instructed for him. Of the remaining 600 it is doubtful if any can be secured by him with Blaine in the field.

If, therefore, Blaine has been used merely for a stragetic diversion, the tactics have

succeeded admirably.

On the other hand, it is claimed by Mr. Clarkson's friends that he would have never used the language he did in his "interview," at least at this late day, had he not had assurances from Mr. Blaine that if the convention declared for him with anything like

unanimity he would not refuse. Not a Candidate, but Would Accept. I am told by one who has been in close conference with the Chairman since his arrival here that Mr. Blame has given this assurance. He is not a candidate, as he said in his letter. His name will not be presented to the convention. That is, neither Maine nor any other State will formally present his name. But if, without such preliminaries, the convention

with an overwhelming voice should insist on his nomination, he will accept. This recalls an incident which I described to THE DISPATCH about a year ago, and for whose truth I can personally vouch. A friend of Mr. Blaine, in a brief conversation with him, abruptly put this ques-

"Mr. Blaine, you know you could have been nominated in 1888. If you had been within touch of the convention been nominated in 1888. If you had been at home, within touch of the convention and of the people, would you have rejected the nomination as you did by cable?"

"I would not," was the emphatic response of the Secretary.

"Well, again you are not a candidate. You are probably even less a candidate than you were at that time. But, suppose the next convention, not feeling any great concentration of enthusiasm on any other candidate, should name you as the candidate with such unanimity of enthusiasm as no other name could inspire, would you again refuse?"

refuse?"
"I would not," was the response, with greater emphasis than before.

He Is Never Seeking the Office.

In the light of the present conditions these replies are of great significance. They show that at the time this conversation occurred Mr. Blaine was determined in his own mind not to be a candidate. That is, he would not appear as seeking the office. They show also that he was determined if the nomination came to him unsought and, as a result of a general popular feeling, he would accept. Apparently he had the same plan of action in his mind when he wrote his letter, and when, instead of positively saying he would not in any circumstance accept a nomination, he merely said he was

not a candidate and that 'his name would not be presented to the convention. Has Clarkson, then, full assurance that Blaine will accept if he be nominated, or is he using Blame's great name to hold senti-ment aloof from Harrison that he may secure the nomination of Senator Allison, who is his personal choice? If this latter view were the fact Blaine would be quick to recognize it and would certainly at once in some way put a stop to such use of his name; unless, indeed, having determined not to accept, he is yet willing to join so far in the movement to defeat Harrison as a revenge for many slights, one of the chief-est of which was the President's somewhat

shabby attempt to take the credit of originating the scheme of reciprocity. A Genuine Movement to Name Biaine. Does anybody believe that Blaine would engage in such an indirect fight against his chief in office? Turn the political mirror as one will, it seems to reflect only a genuine movement to nominate Blaine, and that not ecause he is the only man with whom to defeat Harrison, but above all because it is away down in their hearts a firm conviction

of the leaders that Blaine is the only candidate with whom the Republicans have any show of success. Of course, last of all, crops up surely and somewhat pathetically the question of Blaine's health. The Secretary has undoubtedly said that his bealth stood in the way of his acceptance. He could not endure the trying duties of the White House if elected—the constant stream of officeseekers, the strain of official duties, the reseptions, the handshaking, the exhausting social demands. It appears, however, according to the best authority—that of his

doctors—that he is in as good health as he has been for years, and that he has stopped worrying on that score. Well, these are the phases of this many-sided, speculative situation, and upon which discussion is unceasing. Every day brings its new grist of speculation, which, it is very gratifying to say, will next week be sent for grinding to the mill at Minneapo-

lis instead of that of Washington.

THE STRONGEST REPUBLICAN. That's the Reason Quay Is for Blaine Hamilton Disston Admits the Scoretary's Strength-He Will Vote for Har-

rison, Though-A Republican Year. NEW YORK, May 25 .- [Special.]-Hamilton Disston, of Philadelphia, a delegate to the Republican National Convention, talked politics with a reporter to-day at the Fifth Avenue Hotel. He intends to vote for President Harrison at Minneapolis.

"Do you think the President will be nominated?" he was asked. "Yes, it looks so now. A majority of the Pennsylvania delegation will vote for him. Senator Quay, I think, is for Mr. Blaine because he thinks he is the strongest Re-publican. He would be for the President if he were not for the Secretary of State. The opposition to the President does not seem to be able to concentrate on any one man. It the opposition could all agree upon a candidate they might stand a better chance to make a fight in the convention. Since I have been in New York I hear that a few of Warner Miller's friends are for Senator Sherman, who is not a candidate. In Michigan General Alger has friends, and in Michigan General Jeremiah Rusk is considered a possibility. In every conven-tion, as a rule, any number of men are complimented by having their names presented as candidates. At Minneapolis I have no doubt that some complimentary nomina-tions will be made and seconded in eloquent speeches. Then, when the strength of the various names presented is tested by a bal-lot, I think it will be found that President

Harrison is the strongest of them all."
"What about the talk of nominating Mr.

tainly have the delegation from his native State, Pennsylvania. But his letter de-clining to have his name go before the convention, it seems to me, was very explicit. In view of that letter, many delegates have been instructed for the President. I have no right to assume that Blaine is a candidate, while his letter declining is so fresh in my memory. As I have said, no one doubts Mr. Blaine's popularity, and no one doubts that he could be nominated if he announced himself a candidate. He has done

the very opposite."
"What do you think of the cry raised by
the opposition, that the President cannot "It is no argument, because I believe any good Republican candidate can win. This is a Republican year, and President Harrison will certainly be elected. His administration has been one to inspire confidence in the people. Even his enemies, the Dem-

ocrats, cannot criticise his administration. He's given the country a safe administration, and I think he will get every Republican vote." ALLISON'S FISH FRY.

The Senator Gives a Dinner to Several Political Friends-He Denies That

WASHINGTON, May 25.—[Special.]—Sen-ator William "Bee" Allison smiled one of his questioned about his boom and the dinner he gave to-night, in honor of Mr. Clarkson. "There was no political significance attached to it," said he, "but simply a

"Oh, no," was the reply, with a merry twinkle. "I believe it is a salmon."

of it. As far as the Presidental race is concerned, I am not in it."

tive parties the campaign would be con-ducted on a most amicable basis." In spite of the light manner in which the Senator from Iowa alluded to his dinner party, it is said that something else besides "fish" was discussed between the clams and cigars. The Clarkson interview has naturally caused much interest in political circles to-day. It proves what probably the President's friends have known all along—that the National Republican Committee members are almost without exception anti-Harrison men. This fact, together with the further and still more important one, that the very strongest and shrewdest political workers of all factions of the Republican party are in the anti-Harrison ranks, make the friends of the President very uneasy, indeed. They know they have an unusually strong convention to beat, whether its candidate is Blaine or some other man like

Sherman, McKinley, Alger, Rusk, Reed, Lincoln or Allison.

HARRISON SHOWS FIGHT. Not Much Encouragement for Ben in

Shrewd Politician, WASHINGTON, May 25 .- [Special.]-The advocates of President Harrison's renomination have begun a systematic and determined attack upon the Blaine boom of the past week, and while professing to believe that "there is nothing in it," they are nevertheless fighting it with every means at their command. The President's newspaper organs this morning announced in concert that there was a Harrison tidal wave in Washington yesterday that fairly overwhelmed the men who are talking about Blaine, and they quoted at length dozens of men of more or less prominence who have all sorts of reasons for pretending to be friendly to the administration at this time,

The fact is that there was no Harrison tidal wave in Washington yesterday or at any other time.
One of the men whom the Harrison organs quote this morning as predicting the Presi-dent's renomination is the aged Senator Sawyer, of Wisconsin, who has long since relinquished the management of Republican politics in the Badger State. The man to whom the Senator gave up the reins of power a few years ago is his protege, Henry C. Payne, of Milwaukee, the Wisconsin member of the Republican National Committee. Simultaneous with the publication of Sawver's prediction that Harrison will be tary Rusk that in his opinion Harrison would

Wisconsin and Illinois if nominated, dispatch to the Chicago Herald a few days ago that Mr. Payne had written such a letter to Uncle Jerry the statement was at once denounced as an anti-Harrison canard. Now Mr. Payne confirms its accuracy and states further his opinion is based on an tioned. Mr. Payne is one of the shrewdest and best posted Republicans in the West, lican leaders generally. His prediction of disaster in case Harrison is nominated has

BLAINE IN GOOD HEALTH,

NEW YORK, May 25 .- [Special.] -Before 7:30 o'clock this morning Secretary Blaine was up and astir. After reading the morning papers the Secretary slipped out of the Twenty-third street entrance and drove up to Central Park, and then to his daughter's house. Secretary Blaine went down into the main corridor of the Fifth Avenue Hotel at 12:15 o'clock. He spoke to several acquaintances, and drove to where Dr. Noyes, the oculist, lives. Dr. Noyes told him that there was no organic trouble, but that he needed principally a change of glasses, due to advancing years and much work. Shortly atter Mr. Blaine returned to the hotel D Depew called. When he came down he said: "Mr. Blaine is looking better than I have seen him for a long time. He is in very good health. Yes, we had a pleasant social chat."

Mr. Blaine left his room at 4:20 o'clock

and fro in front of the big doors. A close friend of Mrs. Blaine's said that Mrs. Blaine had informed her friends that her husband

DUDLEY DENIES

The Wily Old Campaigner

There is Any Politics in It, Though-His Relations With Gorman.

regular sweet william smiles, to-day, when desire on my part to entertain one of my onstituents and a few of my friends. Quite unexpectedly to me, some one sent me a large fish, and, as General Clarkson is fond of good fish, I concluded I would ask him to help me dispose of it. As it is larger than the general and myself can consume, I asked Senators Aldrich and Hale, Representatives D. B. Henderson, Doliver, and two or three other friends to join the party."

"Is it a Presidental fish that some one has thrust upon you so unexpectedly, Senator?"

"Was the political situation discussed during the dinner?"

"Oh, no. It there is any political move connected with the dinner I am not aware

"There is some talk among the political gossips, Senator, of putting you forward as the Republican nominee to contest for Presidental honors with Senator Gorman or some other Democratic nominee." "Well," said the Senator, "if Gorman and I should be the nominees of our respec-

and that the man whom the people want is When it was announced in a Washington intimate knowledge of the Republican sentiment in both of the Western States menand possesses the confidence of the Repub

made a deep impression among politicians

And His Wife Thinks He Could Stand Campaign and an Election.

and walked out to Fifth avenue. As he leaned against the pillar and looked over the trees in the park, people stopped and stared at him. Then he walked slowly to bad informed her friends that her husband beceches. Then, when the strength of the arious names presented is tested by a balta, I think it will be found that President farrison is the strongest of them all."
"What about the talk of nominating Mr. laine?"
"We all know Mr. Blaine is popular, and duties of the office.

Objection sustained.

After some minor testimony the defense

to prejudice the colored members of South-ern Republican delegations to the National Convention against the President, and sug-gested anew, what is well understood, that in case it is found unadvisable to nominate in case it is found unadvisable to nominate Blaine, the anti-Harrison leaders will endeavor to organize the uninstructed delegates for Senator Allison, who, to-night, is dining Chairman Clarkson and other Republican dignitaries.

General Henderson was replied to by Henry Underwood Johnson, the brilliant but somewhat intrusive member from the Sixth Indiana District, who delivered an excited harangue in defense of the Presi-

excited harangue in defense of the President, the force bill and everything else offensive to the Democrats. He created a great uproar, and later in the day, when he resumed the subject on another amendment, he went so far beyond the bounds of order that he had to be seated at the command of

We will give you what I have

She did. After she had made 15 speeches

she was mistaken about the extra \$1 250 He read the minutes of a previous examination of Mr. Clarkson, in which the latter denied having said anything about an extra Colonel Dudley then took the stand. He

An objection to this question was sus tained and the examination went on,

His Fees-New Bables Credited to Widows and Old Maids-The Death List Fully as Peculiar.

of which are also located at houses occupied The ward is the aristocratic one of the city, and the publication of the returns made by Welch has caused no end of joking. Criminal proceedings will be begun against Welch for making false returns. It is supposed that when the investigation has

THE READING IN COURT.

Philadelphia and Reading Company.

pany's lands and the relations of the coal and railroad companies. He refused, however, to admit the suggestion of the Attorney General that the Lehigh Valley and Susquehanna Railroads are parallel and competing, or that they have the same termini and extend through the same towns but on different sides of a street of the same towns but on different sides of a street of the same towns but on different sides of a street of the same towns but on different sides of a street of the same towns but on different sides of a street of the same towns but on different sides of a street of the same towns and the same towns and the same towns and the same towns and the same towns are same to same the same towns and the same towns are same to same the same towns and the same towns are same to same the same towns are same towns.

RULERS OF GOLDEN EAGLE ENIGHTS.

A Degree for Ladies Instituted at the Su preme Castle at Atlantic City. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 25 .- At the Carthy, Pennsylvanis; Sir Herald, Jacob H. Aull, Maryland; First Guardsman, F. O. Krentler, Michigan; Second Guardsman, D. E. Adams, Indiana; Lieutenant General, L. F. Stilz, Pennsylvania; Medical Examiner, Dr. J. E. Whitford, Pennsylvania.

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