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REED IS FOR BLAINE

Or Any Other Republican Who Can Defeat President Harrison.

A MOST UNEXPECTED FLOP.

Clarkson Has a Plain Talk With Ben on Party Prospects.

THE PRESIDENT NON-COMMITTAL.

While the Chairman Insists that Blaine Will Be the Nominee.

BLAINE ISSUES ANOTHER BULLETIN

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—The winning of ex-Speaker Reed to the Blaine nomination...

Now, he says, "from the information in my possession, I am convinced that Mr. Blaine intends to accept the nomination...

"If he can defeat Mr. Harrison, I am for him. I am in favor of any Republican who will do that."

Clarkson Talks With Harrison.

Chairman Clarkson, of the National Republican Committee, returned to New York this afternoon, going to the train directly from the White House...

Mr. Clarkson some time ago determined to point out frankly to the President the dissatisfaction which the mass of the Republican party feels for the administration...

BLAINE INTERVIEWED.

His Answer to a Direct Question as to the Nomination Coming to Him.

NEW YORK, May 27.—[Special.]—An Evening Telegram reporter succeeded to-day in obtaining a personal interview with Mr. Blaine relative to the Presidential nomination...

Blaine Has His Picture Taken.

NEW YORK, May 27.—Hon. James G. Blaine strolled down Broadway this morning and stood before the photographic instrument of an eminent artist...

SUICIDE BY DYNAMITE.

A Mine Superintendent Adopts a Novel Way to Shuffe Off a Giant Powder Cartridge Fastened to His Breast With Sand and the Fuse Ignited.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 27.—[Special.]—News of a peculiar and horrible suicide by dynamite comes from a remote part of Sierra county. Alexander Sharpe was superintendent of the Arnett gravel mine at Brandy City...

THE PRESIDENT'S FRIENDS SURPRISED.

The President's own friends, in and out of Congress, are surprised and pained at the part which he has taken in the nomination...

A FRIEND OF UNCLE SAM'S.

Whose Appointment as Governor of Ontario Was Ratified Yesterday.

OTTAWA, Ont., May 27.—[Special.]—At a meeting of the Cabinet to-day the appointment of ex-Speaker Kirkpatrick, son-in-law of Sir David MacPherson, was ratified as Governor of Ontario to succeed the late Sir Alexander Campbell.

Voluntary Manlaughter.

The Verdict Rendered by the Jury in the Father Homicide Case at Somerset.

SOMERSET, May 27.—[Special.]—Florence Fuhrer was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter for the killing of Michael Niland. The jury retired to their room at noon to-day, and at once proceeded to take a ballot. Two votes were cast for a verdict of murder in the first degree...

Creede in Great Danger.

A Raging Mountain Torrent Threatens to Annihilate the Mining Town.

CREEDE, Cal., May 27.—Creede is in danger of being swept away. The melting of the snow on the ranges has caused Willoughby creek to rise rapidly, and for the past week it has been running a tank full...

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TWO HUNDRED LIVES Wiped Out, or Nearly So, by a Terrible Tornado and Waterspout.

A KANSAS TOWN WRECKED.

At Least Fifty People Buried by Walls and at Once Killed.

OVER A HUNDRED FATALLY HURT.

Fire Breaks Out in the Ruins and Adds Horror to the Scene.

HEARTRENDING SIGHTS AT A BIG HOTEL.

SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

WICHITA, Kas., May 27.—Wellington, the county seat of Sumner county, was devastated by a fierce tornado at 6 o'clock to-night, and if reports received here tonight are true the loss of life is frightful. Fifty people are said to be dead in the ruins, and the wounded, many of whom cannot live until morning, will reach 125 or more.

Telegraph and telephone wires between here and the stricken city snapped like threads. The first business which reached here was an 870 business house on Wellington avenue was wrecked and that which streets are in ruins. The Phillips Hotel, a large building, went down with a terrific crash, burying its inmates in the ruins. The Opera House, the Court House and many other prominent buildings are in ruins.

Blocks of Buildings Destroyed. Every building in the blocks bounded by Jefferson avenue, C street, Seventh street and Ninth street is wrecked. The destruction of the newspaper offices is complete.

HARRISON STRONG IN NEW YORK.

Depew Writes That 50 Delegates Wouldn't Vote for Blaine in Any Event.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—[Special.]—The Harrison campaign has been making headway in receiving a letter from Channey M. Depew, of the New York delegation, not only detailing the strength which Mr. Harrison has in the New York delegation, but also giving assurances that there are 50 men in the delegation who would not vote for Blaine even if he were an avowed candidate. That Mr. Depew should make this statement concerning Blaine, was a surprise in order that he might succeed to his friendship toward the President.

The Depew letter was written last night and reached the White House this morning. It contains a direct statement that he is subject of earnest discussion at the White House to the exclusion of nearly every other topic. It was well known that the President's devotion to Mr. Harrison was an uncompromising adhesion of the President, but even his decision had not gone to the extreme of outspoken opposition to Mr. Blaine.

WATERSPOUT'S AWFUL WRECKAGE.

The storm-cloud was accompanied by a waterspout which burst over the stricken town. Water fell in a deluge and seemed to threaten the demolition of the little town which was left standing. Soon after the water ceased falling, fires burst from the wreckage in a half dozen places. The ruins of the Phillips Hotel were soon a mass of smoking ruins, a blaze arose over what had been the Straub Carriage Factory. The fire department was powerless, owing to the inability of the firemen to get through the wreck of the streets, which were piled high with ruins.

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NEW TRADE ERA FOR PITTSBURG.

Men of Brains and Capital at the Chamber of Commerce Banquet.

ALL EAGER FOR A CANAL.

Ideas Advanced to Push the City Into the Front Rank.

Growth of the Various Industries as Portrayed by Speakers—Great Predictions Made for the Future—Need of a Central Trade Organization Pointed Out—Ladies Petition for Compulsory Smoke Consumers—Clearer Skies and Cleaner Homes Demanded—Pittsburghers Too Much Engrossed With Their Own Affairs—Possibilities of Development and How Easily It Can Be Done.

Brilliant Lights, Fragrant Flowers, Rare Music—Treasurer Ricketson's Happy Introductions—Woman's Voice Heard.

IN THE BANQUET HALL.

When the banqueters marched into the brilliantly lighted hall, led by John W. Chalfant and George A. Kelly, the orchestra started up "Marching Through Georgia." The room presented a handsome appearance, and the massive brass chandeliers with its myriad incandescent lights, Captain C. W. Batcher, shone down upon an ideal banqueting table. The tables were arranged in the club ballroom on the third floor, the dining hall being considered too small for the party. The polished floor was covered heavily with protecting layers of crash, but there had been no attempt to add to the beauty of the splendid apartment, and the only decorations were those lavished upon the tables by the florists. The long gallery at the end of the hall, usually occupied by spectators, was filled with the musicians, while the balcony in the middle of the hall was reserved for the club men and press representatives.

The table decorations were simple, but rich and beautiful. Roses, ferns and fragrant sweet pea blossoms were used exclusively, but the floral arrangement was artistic, the conventional flower baskets being discarded for elegant jars and vases of imported wares. On one table stood an exquisite Hungarian vase filled with bright roses, and on another a great Swedish bowl of berries, Congressman Doherty, Treasurer Ricketson, and Saragomine jars of great beauty were distributed here and there filled with sweet pea blossoms. Mounds of rich ferns were judiciously placed here and there, and their dark green color had a pleasing effect.

When all had entered the hall and taken positions behind their chairs, Dr. M. B. Riddle offered a short prayer of grace, and then the feast began. The menu was as follows:

Little Neck Clams, Haute Sauterne, Sweetbread, Tenderloin, Chicken, Sole, Potatoes, Duchesse, Burgandy, Potatoes, Richbourg, Potatoes, Biscuits Gisors, Cafe Noir.

An Illustrated Menu Card. The menu cards were in pamphlet form, with handsome covers, containing a picture of Pittsburgh as she was in 1890.

When the discussion of the menu had progressed to coffee and cigars Captain C. W. Batcher rose and introduced George A. Kelly, President of the Chamber of Commerce. At the conclusion of his speech Mr. Kelly in turn introduced John H. Harrison, the official toastmaster of the evening.

The toastmaster's happy introductions. Mr. Ricketson was happy in his introduction of all the speakers. He spoke of himself as the drum major of the evening, and referred to President Kelly as the bandmaster. This produced a broad smile, and many of the guests took him at his word, and with them it was "Mr. Drum Major."

James B. Scott was slated to speak as "Our Men of Metal." To the last moment he declared he had nothing prepared, and was willing to improvise. He was assigned to him. Mr. Scott is a man of action, not words, and had little to say when called upon last evening.

Charles W. Hobbs responded to the toast of "The Bar." Being one of the oldest lawyers in Pittsburgh, he is interested in the city's growth. He said the legal profession was dependent upon the future development of the town.

The Vote of the Women. Though the women of Pittsburgh were absent, they were represented by petition. Pittsburgh wouldn't be much of a town without the ladies, and when they cooperate with the men the city is bound to improve in every particular.

Colonel T. F. Roberts, Chairman of the General Committee, agreed to read a paper on the "Smoking Problem." It was signed by the women composing the Executive Committee of the Ladies' Health Protective Association. The members are Mesdames William A. Herron, E. F. Nicola, John M. Oakley, Lawrence Dilworth, Herbert D. Fry, H. H. Byram, Charles L. Lyon, C. I. McKee, J. G. Pontiff and Misses Mary Temple, Mary McClelland, Janet A. Ross, M. L. Jackson, Kate McKnight and Anne Phillips, and this is what they had to say to the Chamber of Commerce.

The papers have informed the public that at our meeting this evening you intend to discuss the smoking problem and the improvement of Pittsburgh. The Women's Health Protective Association respectfully suggests that while devising measures for the commercial welfare of this city, you likewise consider the health and promoting the health and comfort of her citizens.

Health Necessary to Prosperity. There can be no permanent prosperity in a city unless it is healthy and happy, and industrial advantages, unless comfortable and healthful homes can be established and maintained. With this end in view, the

NO FIGHT OF THE PENNSY'S.

The Railroad Company and the Drexels Not at Odds—Panhandle Securities Fled With a Firm Who Managed the Business Before—Rumors Denied.

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INSULT TO OUR FLAG.

A Canadian Commander Forced to Apologize to the Consul General.

MONTREAL, QUE., May 27.—[Special.]—The ordering down of the Stars and Stripes on the Queen's Hotel, by a party of Montreal volunteers has provoked a great many strong remonstrances against such an insult to the flag of a kindred nation. United States Consul General Knapp has received an apology from Lieutenant Colonel Cole, commanding the garrison of artillery, and the Consul General has sent a full statement of the case to Washington.

La Patrie, the French Liberal organ, which has been strongly advocating annexation to the States of late, in an article to-day strongly condemns the volunteers. It says:

The stupid aggression of which those thunderbolts of war, stated by the uniform of the army, rendered themselves guilty, is of a nature not only to render us ridiculous in the eyes of other nations, but has also to unfortunately bring on complications which will have to be met. That is not an act of bravery, and it is gained for the corps, whose uniform is decorated with the stars and stripes, a humiliation of which their commander should be proud to be relieved. That is all we have gained by it so far as the flag is concerned, and no more serious consequences will follow.

An Organized Movement to Prevent Its Piping Out of the State.

MUNCIE, Ind., May 27.—There was an important meeting of the parties interested in natural gas in this city to-day. Some 15 different companies were represented. The proceedings were private, but it has been learned that one of the objects was to make a thorough and detailed report on the Chicago Pipe Line Company from taking gas out of the State. Committee members were appointed to take proper steps looking to the prevention of it.

A committee was also appointed to prepare plans and make estimates and drawings for putting a consolidated pipe line through the city, and to see that the gas is sold for the manufacturers who may locate in the belt. Public sentiment is against piping gas out of the State and every legal means is to be employed to prevent it.

CITY OFFICERS ON STRIKE.

The Excise Board of Trenton Standing Out for Higher Salaries.

TRENTON, N. J., May 27.—The Excise Board of this city is on a strike. For three weeks meetings have been called, but no quorum has been present, and each time they have had to adjourn. It is now known they don't intend to hold a meeting until their salary is increased.

Since the Board of Public Works has been established here large salaries have been given to nearly all the boards except the Excise, and they now think they should come in on a par with the others. The city licenses have expired and will be compelled to do so unless a meeting is held very soon.

THE TWELVE DISCHARGED BY THE JUDGE FOR ACCEPTING FAVORS FROM A MAN ON TRIAL.

DRS MOINES, Ia., May 27.—Judge Woolson created a sensation to-day by discharging the 12 jurymen who tried the case of President John C. Newton, of the Des Moines and Kansas City Railroad. The applicant, one gentleman, after looking over the diagram of places remarked: "Well, I declare there is enough money represented at this banquet to build that railroad twice over. I never saw such a pathetic case of financial heavy-lifts in Pittsburgh."

Previous to the feast a short time was spent in sociability in the pretty library of the clubhouse. The guests arrived promptly and Gunther's Orchestra at 8 o'clock played a national air to which the members and their friends were to their places at the table. Dr. Mathew Riddle with his autophone was a central figure. He was greatly admired by the ladies. Dr. Riddle, when he died he left a legacy to this theological professor in the Western city.

Not only were the ladies present, but many of the mercantile men, and some who look after matters of state. Senator Quay's seat was vacant. Matthew Stanley is too busy at this time trying to