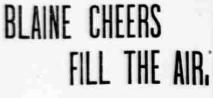
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FORTY SEVENTH YEAR.



The Secretary's Resignation Inspires His Followers at Minneapolis.

JUST WHAT THEY WANTED

A Hard Blow to the Harrisonites, Who, However, Soon Rally And

SHOW A VERY DETERMINED FRONT

Blaine's Lieutenants the Happiest Men in the Convention City.

Wild Scenes of Excitement at the Reception of the News of Blaine's Resignation-The Harrison Forces Badly Rattled for Awhile-Chairman Clarkson Hints That It May Mean a New Quan tity, and Rusk Be Called Upon-A Tip Hadn't Been Forgotten-Satisfaction of the Blaine Boomers-The Hoosiers Pick Up Courage and Say They Are in It to Win-Interviews With Representative Leaders of Both Factions.

TROM & STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]

MINNEAPOLIS, June 4.-At 1:47 o'clock this afternoon a wild, ringing cheer filled the spacious rotunda of the West House, where the political leaders were congregated, and echoed through the corridors and delegation headquarters. It was the first cheer heard since the convention crowds gathered in Minneapolis, and it created a sensation

Every ear was instantly on the alert. The name of that magnetic statesman, so dear to the rank and file of the Republican party, was now mingling with the enthusiastic shouts and whoops which came from every quarter. With almost inconceivable rapidity the tidings passed from lip to lip-"Blaine has resigned."

Then hats were thrown in the air, hands were clasped, and men who met for the first time were almost embracing each other in the exuberance of their joy.

The first announcement was speedily followed by another. And the resignation has been accepted.

No Demand for the Details. Nothing else was needed to intensify the excitement and confusion. No one, not even the most cautious of the leaders, cared for details. All they wanted to know was

IN EIGHTY WORDS THIS MAN RESIGNED, THUS:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, June 4, 1892, 12:45 P. M.

A Tip Had Been Sent Out.

Ex-Senator Platt, the other one of the

three of New York's big four now on the ground, said that he had an intimation of

TO THE PRESIDENT:

I respectfully beg leave to submit my resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States, to which I was appointed by you on the 5th of March, 1889.

The condition of public business in the Department of State justifies me in requesting that my resignation may be accepted immediately.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

room to Senator Hansbrough, of North later in the evening, Mr. Depew said he Dakota, that the Harrison men and those was "thinking."

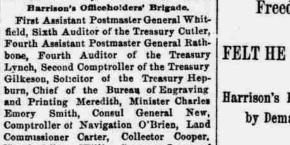
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who had thought all along that Blaine would not be a candidate had been wrong, and that he was now in the field as much as Harrison was, and as Quay has all along predicted his nomination was certain, Senator Hansbrough took the same view of the situation. Ex-Governor Foraker had not heard the

eport until it was taken to him by THE DISPATCH correspondent, and a broad smile illuminated the Ohio statesman's face when the news was made known to him. He could hardly repress a shout, and several Ohio delegates and politicians who were in his room at the time were inclined

to cheer. There was not a man who had any further doubt that the resignation of Blaine would practically settle the Presidental contest

for Harrison. Clarkson Keeping Up the Interest. On the other hand, it is claimed that at Any quantity of more or less extravagant least four of the West Virginia delegates stories followed close upon the heels of the will jump to Blaine at once, with more to confirmation of the resignation. There follow. In fact, the break is spreading all were soon heard whisners of fresh candi through the South. dates about to enter the field, and the possi-Leading Blaine hustlers to-night anbility of combinations. Chairman Clarkson nounced that no less than 30 delegates in is partly responsible for this feeling. When Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Tennessee and asked for his opinion on the latest develop-Mississippi had seen the error of their ways ments he said: and crawled out from under the Harrison "The situation is now an exciting one. tent since morning. But while the rejoicthink the resignation will undoubtedly held ings over the stampede were general none Blaine, but the struggle between his friends were exuberant in their expressions of and those of the President may become very gratification. bitter. I do not think that Harrison's How the Pennsylvanians Feel Now. nomination is now within the probabilities, As to the small group of Pennsylvanians but the contest may assume such a phase that the best interests of the party will be ilready on the scene: Delegate William subserved by a new man." Witherows voice joined in the first cheer that greeted the intelligence from Wash-"And who might that man be?" queried ington, and a little later, he said: "I told THE DISPATCH correspondent. "Keep your eve on Rusk." the Chairman you this morning that I thought Harrison of the National Committee responded, might get five votes from the Keystone delegation. Now I really don't believe he after a moment's hesitation. Another report which obtained considerwill get any. There are a few of ble currency was that Senator Sherman's our colleagues who have announced name would be suggested as a compromise. themselves for the President's nomination, but in their hearts they are now some of Harrison's friends were claimed to e favorable to such a break, and the adfor Blaine and expect them to get hesion of Warner Miller was counted upon. in line now. I want to see Pennsylva-



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ject was not one which excited intense in-

terest, as one enthusiastic delegate said: "We don't care who Harrison appoints as Secretary of State, but we would like to know who Blaine will name next fourth of

To show the mistake made by those who claim that the officerholders are not seek-

ing to influence the convention the following list of those present is appended. It is

not a complete directory, but shows those whom THE DISPATCH correspondent to-

day saw whooping it up for Harrison, to the

best of their ability. Here are the names:

Naval Officer Willis, Surveyor Lyon, of New York; Collector Hendricks, United States sub-Treasurer Walters, Revenue Inspector Ginges, Collector Brady, Register Bruce, Postmaster Johnson, of Baltimore, and United States District Attorney Chambers, of Indiana.

As intimated in last night's telegrams to THE DISPATCH, Senator Quay represented Pennsylvania at the meeting of the National Committee to-day. More than that, he was appointed chairman of the most important sub-committee on contests whose decisions might determine the control of the convention in the event of a close struggle. A majority of this sub-committee are radical Blaine men, so Quay will have substantial backing.

The Chairmanship Not Yet Settled. It had been supposed that the temporary chairman would be named, and also that the secretary would be chosen, but the com-mittee took no action in the matter, and the chairmanship question did not even progress so far as to receive the committee's attention. The important matter which the committee has to consider was that of contested elections. The committee has not final authority in the cases under considera-

tion, but it has recommendatory powers. The procedure will be for the sub-committees to make their report on the delegations under contest to the general committee meeting, which will be held next Monday. The general committee will then take action recommending such and such procedures. This, however, will not in the least prevent any unseated delegation from making its appeal on the convention floor when that body is once in session, and thus endeavor

to bring the machinery of the convention to bear upon the cases. Gossip About the Chairmanship

Blaine's resignation long before its public promulgation. In fact, it is understood that it was practically known at last night's There is plenty of gossip about the conference, and that this was the declaration temporary chairmanship, all more or less which, as announced in last night's teletinged with Blaine and Harrison hues. One gram to THE DISPATCH, was scheduled for of the most prominent personages mentioned in this connection is Hon. John M. Delegate at Large Hart, of West Vir-Langston, of Virginia, the colored orator ginia, said: "I have just been talking with and diplomat. He is a Blaine man, through my colleagues, and I think our lines stand and through. As the precedent of just about as before the resignation. Of a colored chairman was established course we have some Blaine men-we were in 1884, when John D. Lynch was chosen, all Blaine men once-but I think all but one or two of our delegates will still vote the chances are good for the election of Langston. General Horace Porter, of New York, has been in line for the temporary chairmanship as the candidate for the Har-rison crowd. There is talk of Senator Cul-lom for the place, and J. Sloat Fassett, too, but the latter declines to consider the prop-cition.



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SUNDAY, JUNE 5

The Secretary Says His Only **Object Was His Personal** Freedom and Peace.

FELT HE WASN'T TRUSTED.

Harrison's Friends Humiliated Him by Demanding a New Letter.

No Regrets Expressed in His Resignation and the President Answered in an Equally Cool Manner-The Latter Had an Inkling Beforehand-Everybody Else Totally Surprised-Cabinet Officers Indigpant, but They Have Orders to Keep Quiet-Wharton Is Now Acting Secretary of State.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) WASHINGTON, June 4.-In an interview with Secretary Blaine late this atternoon he said that his resignation was not occasioned by the near approach of the Republican

Nominating Convention and would not affect his action to the slightest extent. The question of his candidacy or the acceptance of a proffered nomination did not influence him in deciding to retire from the State Department. His only object was to obtain personal freedom and peace.

> Mr. Blaine then proceeded to indicate the reasons why he had resigned.

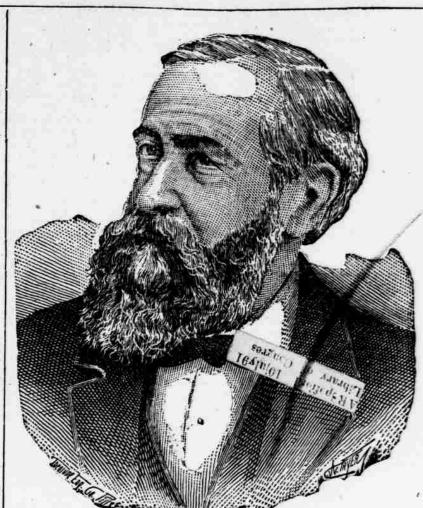
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effect upon the President's personal friends

and most intimate admirers. The feeling daily grew upon Mr. Blaine that he was regarded with suspicion and distrust; that the friends of the administration practically considered him guilty of duplicity, and even his associates in the Cabinet seemed to look upon him with silent reproach. There also seemed to be a constant desire humilitate him by urging the necessity

for further public declaration that he was not a candidate for the Republican nomination These thoughts and suspicions constantly

preyed upon Mr. Blaine's mind until the



IN SIXTY-SEVEN WORDS THIS MAN ACCEPTED, THUS: EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, June 4, 1892.

O THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

Your letter of this date, tendering your resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States, has been received. The terms in which you state your desires are such as to leave me no choice but to accede to your wishes at once. Your resignation is therefore accepted.

Very respectfully, yours, BENJ. HARRISON.

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Dispatch.

All Work in Washington Stopped. It was about 2 o'clock when Mr. Blaine eccived the letter from the President, and oon after that the news flew all over the city, creating the most intense excitement. It naturally reached first the State, War, Navy and Treasury Departments, and in hose buildings work was generally suspended at once and the news was eagerly discussed by groups of subordinates, while in the inner sanctuaries of the chiefs of de-partments there were many hurried and anxious consultations.

compel the withdrawal of both Harrison and Blaine and the final nomination of a third candidate. Some suggest that the President may withdraw from the contest at once, but his retainers generally spurn this idea with contempt, and say that the Harrison people intend to fight to the death and to meet the slogan, "anything to beat Harrisou," with the equally bitter one, "anything to beat Blaine." The scene at the Capitol when the news arrived there was a striking one. The Senate was not in session but the House was wrest-The Cabinet colleagues of Mr. Blaine The Cabinet colleagues of Mr. Blaine were as completely and genuinely sur-prised as anybody else. Secretary Foster irankly confessed that the news staggered him. He was unwilling to discuss it. As-sistant Secretary of the Treasury Crounz, however, subsequently gave out an official expression of the sentiments entertained by the treasary chiefs, from which it was learned that they were shocked by Mr. Blaine's resignation, and that they blamed him severely for the course he had seen fit to pursue, as he had attended the Cabinet meeting the day before, and had by that action implied that he intended to adhere was not in session but the House was wrest-ling with the postoffice appropriation bill. The chamber was like an oven and the members were hot, red-faced and angry. At 2:45 an official messenger entered 'the west cor-ridor of the House, bearing in his hands an open telegram in these words: "Secretary Blaine has resigned." The first persons to see the telegram were Representative Ding-ley and two correspondences mith the bar action implied that he intended to adhere to the administration.

ration To-Morrow FROM THE PLUMED KNIGHT. Sudden Resignation of the Secretary of State Causes GREAT EXCITEMENT IN THE CITY.

FIVE CENTS.

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The Ex-National Chairman

Expects a Definite Decla-

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Chief Justice Fuller Talks From the Shoulder Straight Out.

TALKS WITH LOCAL REPUBLICANS

Blaine has resigned.

When that startling announcement was flashed from Washington to THE DIS-PATCH yesterday atternoon 10,000 people crowded about the newspaper bulletin boards, and then after reading and rereading the statement walked away confused and considerably mixed in their political bearings.

Every politician in Pittsburg was ready with an explanation for Mr. Blaine's course, but each of them had a different reason to give for the great Premier's resignation. In an hour after the news was first received in Pittsburg it was on the lips of everybody, until at first it seemed to sway about like a zephyr. Then it took on a stiffer form that swept like a breeze over the entire city until night fell, when the enthusiasm, which during the day had only smoldered, broke into a hurricase, and with a veritable cyclone of music and cheering rang out through the city like reckless evidences of victory and success. The American Mechanics' parade, intended to attract an audience to the mock convention which was held at Lafavette Hall last night, overtaken by the wild enthusiasm, was without method or premeditation transformed into a Blaine boom.

Blaine Enthusiasm Became Contagious, Blaine badges were liberally worn. Blaine transparencies were carried through the streets, and the brass band, encouraged by the enthusiasm, played music peculiar to the last Blaine campaign, The parade passed through the principal streets and the thousands of people who were out enjoying an evening walk suffered from the contagion and followed the crowd until a great sea of excited people was flowing along shouting, throwing up their hats, waving their handkerchiefs and defying the police in their efforts to tell their admiration and affection for the Plumed Knight, A Blaine parade, had it been arranged and duly announced, could not have attracted nore attention nor could it have created wilder or more widespread enthusiasm. For the time the people seemed to feel that Mr. Blaine had been nominated by the Minneapolis Convention and they were celebrating the event with due eclat.

A Bid for the Nomination,

of President Harrison, was one of the few

who was not carried away by the Blaine en-

not prepared last night to explain Mr.

Blaine's action. He said: I am satisfied to night that President Har-rison will be renominated. I have read Mr.

Blaine's letter to the President resigning from the Cabinet, and I have also read the

Thinks It Unfair to Blaine.

positively

people could be found vesterday wi

He felt super-sensitive because of the constant discussion of his name in connec ion with the Presidental nomination. To this was added the annoyance of sensational umors constantly placed in circulation as

o his being secretly at work to accomplish Mr. Harrison's defeat and at the same time ncouraging his friends to pursue a similar

Without any reference to the truthfulness, plausibility or practicability of these eports, they apparently had a perceptible

hat it was so The fact that the Maine man was out of the Cabinet was all-sufficient. On every hand could be heard expressions like this: "Blaine has settled it." "It is all over now." "Harrison might as well withdraw," "There will be only one ballot."" The change was so sudden as to be almost ludierous. A few minutes before hundreds of handsome Harrison badges had been floating upon as many breasts. The wearers were seen hastily thrusting them in their pockets or anywhere out of sight. Everywhere the red emblem of the Plumed Knight, which 34 hours ago had been so inconspicuous, was being proudly displayed.

The second-term managers were taken entively by surprise, and for the moment their panic was complete. There was a wild rush for cover in the Indiana headquarters, which was soon filled by an agregation of scared-looking workers who were evidently trying hard to persuade themselves that they were still politically witte.

Harrison's Hoosiers a Credit to Him.

But Harrison has reason to be proud of his Indiana friends. The chiefs of the Honsier forces rallied promptly, and rushed into the breach with a combination of Spar tan heroism and modern bluff. They were at once beset by a horde of anxious in quirers. The camp followers of the Harrison campaigners, who came to seek for information, got it, although the men who administered it were pale with excitement and chagrin. General John C. New shouted to his clamorous and discouraged adherents "We don't give a snap what Blaine writes or does. Harrison is going to be the next President. Stand firm."

Perhaps the General used a word a little stronger than "snap" in making this appeal, and he certainly followed it up by some expressions which he did not learn in Sunday school. But this portion of the General's remarks were evidently not intended for nublication.

An Admirable Indiana Bluff.

Taking their cue from New, his chief lightenants at once inaugurated the same defiant tone. Colonel Gowdy, Chairman of the Indiana Republican Committee, said to THE DISPATCH correspondent: "I did think there would be a ballot, but now I believe that Harrison will be nominated by acclamation."

"That's an elegant bluff," remarked an Indiana bystander.

"Well, we have to keep a stiff upper lip, answered Gowdy, as the first suspicion of a smile that had been seen in the Hoosier headquarters for an hour rested for a moment upon his usually genial face, only to be instantly replaced by a gloomy but determined expression.

Delegate at large Shiel, the third of the trio of the President's Indiana managers, professed an indifference to the tidings from Washington which his face did not bear ont. He snid: "We don't know whether Blaine has resigned or not, and we don't care. We came here to renominate Harrinon, and we are going to do it."

But while these chiefs endeavored to revive the drooping spirits of their followers, the general entitiesing steadily increased throughout all the public political resorts. Easy to Fick Out the Factions.

The National Committee was in session when the tidings of the resignation were received, and it would have been casy to pick out the Blaine and Harrison members of that body by the expressions upon their countenances.

Senator Quay stated in the committee | tately to solitude. When called upon again

New York May Be Solid for Blaine.

THE DISPATCH correspondent sought Henry G. Burleigh, the new delegate who s regarded as Warner Miller's spokesman. In response to inquiries he said: "I have heard the report concerning Sherman, but] believe the only foundation is in Mr. Miller's well-known friendship for the Ohio enator. A large majority of the Empire State delegation is unquestionably for Blaine sgainst any and all comers, and today's developments may result in a practically unanimous vote for him." sult of the convention. When the mass of the delegates and work. ers present heard the rumor of a combina-

tion upon a new candidate indignant protests and disclaims were at once heard. The general sentiment was that the political nanagers would not dare to attempt any such proceeding. The uprising of the people had not been so much against Harrison as for Blaine, and the strength could not be transferred.

As the turmoil aroused by the intelligence from the Capitol somewhat subsided nto the general and individual iollificaion THE DISPATCH correspondent endeavored to ascertain the exact effect of the day's sensation upon the delegations which have been considered more or less upon the doubtful list.

"The only question was not as to whether Blaine would accept, but whether he would not refuse. That is a distinction with a difference. His resignation settles that point and clears the atmosphere. I regard his nomination as inevitable. A number of the delegates from Missouri who were in-

> Blaine. As Mr. Filley is himself one of the delesignificant.

No person was more profuse in singing the praises of Harrison than New York's senior Senator, Mr. Hiscock, but he seemed to have been struck dumb by this afternoon's tidings. When approached by THE DISPATCH correspondent he said: "The news was a complete surprise to me. I

tion has a meeting." "It means Blaine is an active candidate

exclaimed Chauncey M. Depew, who, for once, was caught off his guard, and then the orator who was selected to place Harrison's name before the convention fled precipi-

nia's 64 votes cast as a unit for the Plumed . Knight, and I think now they will be, with or without a rule to that effect. This resignation is all that is needed to complete our confidence and happiness," continued Mr. Witherow. "I remember that when that February letter was written I said I had no second choice, but was for Blaine first, last and all the time. But I have been afraid

ever since that the Secretary might be persuaded or bulldozed into writing a letter of absolute declination. To-day's tidings remove the least vestige of doubt as to the re-

Everybody Out for Blaine.

"Why, everybody is for Blaine. On the car in which I came to Minneapolis there were 11 politicians, Including Senator Sharp, of Idaho. Only one of the 11 was for Harrison, and he is the postmaster of Mobile, Ala. Nobody but Blaine is in it." A. Wayne Cook, of Forest county, and

Galusha A. Grow, two other Pennsylvania delegates who arrived to-day, echoed Witherow's sentiments in language but little less enthusiastic. Fox, Storey and Willard joined in the general acclamation, and the delegation is certainly unanimous so far. Galusha A. Grow by the way, is laboring under the delusion that he is a candidate

upon Blaine's successor.

Some of the More Prominent Straws.

Chauncey I. Filley, of St. Louis, said: and has opened headquarters to further his cause. However, it is no violation of confidence to announce that the boom has not made very much progress yet. Immediately following the report that Secretary Blaine had resigned and that his resignation had been accepted by the President, the United States Senators and other statesmen in the corridors of the structed for Harrison will now vote for

gates so instructed, his remark is extremely

the opinion that the Secretaryship will be tendered to Chauncey M. Depew, of New York. It was considered that there would be very little doubt upon this point unless

to offer the appointment to Depew because have nothing to say until after our delegahe is a delegate from New York and an avowed Harrison man.

osition. quarters that McKinley will be made the ermanent Chairman.

The Committee on Contested Election case nas recognized Carson and Gleason, regulars, from the District of Columbia. The Twelfth Indiana (Ft. Wayne District) contest was decided by the sub-committee against Mc Donald, the anti-Harrison contestant, upon the briefs filed and the statement of Mr New to his associates. The Maryland con test was decided in favor of the Gerry dele

gation. Thinking of a Third Man.

At midnight Quay, Clarkson, Fassett and the other anti-Harrison leaders are holding conference. A score of the more prom nent politicians of various section country are present, though none but those whose position is well-known were ad-mitted. It is understood that a third candidate, if neither Blaine nor the Presiden can be named, is one of the subjects formally under discussion. At this time the Harrison men are hold

ing a mass meeting in the Indiana head quarters, and making a game effort to rally their forces. Miller, of South Carolina, telling a crowd of about 500 of the virtues of the present occupants of the White House, and is eliciting some applause Hiscock also made a speech, but in a non-committal vein. But the Blaine badger are numerous, even in their stronghold BANCROFT. he administration.

A BIG FIGHT ON HAND.

Gath's Size-Up of the Latest Political Su prise-He Says the Harrison Organizer Are Yet the Stronger, but Their Rivals

Are Bracing Up. [FROM & STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] MINNEAPOLIS, June 4 .- The news of

Blaine's quitting the Cabinet is no news to ne. His Clarkson letter was the price of his remaining in the Cabinet upon any terms of toleration. Regarded as a danger ous favorite among the people, nearly every step which has been taken in Washington for a long time past has been to tighten his circumstances.

Mr. Foster, of Indiana, has virtually run the State Department and has been the watchful fox over it for months. Mr. Blaine and his family felt that the public employment, his chosen field, ought not to be held except as a free man, and the clearest way he saw toward freedom was to yield to a large public desire that he become President of the United States. There can be no doubt that his resignation is in direct confor permanent Chairman of the Convention, nection with the movement in his favor at Minneapolis.

General Alger is expected in this city to-General Alger is expected in this city to-morrow morning, and as Secretary Rusk is coming out for Harrison, it is probable that Alger will be pressed behind Blaine. He is strong with the soldiers, has means and is liberal, represents a State which has had nobody on the Presidental ticket since Cass, in 1848, and has an interesting family. This approach will discussed the concession will dispose of the straitened situation at Blaine's headquarters in 1888, West Hotel immediately began to speculate for when his associates over running his ticket accepted from him the sacrifice of the money he had turned by writing his book, and then "had not the political finesse to elect him with the Depew May Be Blaine's Successor The majority of those who claimed to have some insight into the situation are of votes in sight, a few hundred dollars on

election morning would have given Blaine New York City. The celebrated dinner at Delmonico's, called by Cyrus Field for the purpose of raising funds for Blaine's campaign, came to naught through Field's stu the President might consider it injudicious pidity in never springing the question of

A big fight is now on hand, and the Southern delegations which have been held in hand by Harrison may find that the anti-There are those who thought the Presilent might find it feasible to trantfer Secre-Harrison combination is too powerful. The situation to-night is: Harrison much the best organized, but the organizers hasttary Tracy from the Navy Department to that of the Department of State. Still ening from all points of the compass to esother such names as McKinley, Sherman tablish a rival camp. GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND. and Allison were mentioned. But the suband as a consequence he determined to resign and having fully decided upon that

course he desired a speedy settlement of the whole matter, in order that he might enjoy the rest of a private citizen, which was denied him as a part and parcel of the administration.

OUT OF IT AND IN IT.

Blaine's Formal Resignation and the Presi dent's Acceptance of It-Two Remarkably Chilly Documents-All Busines Ceased When the News Spread-Conduct of the Rivals.

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH 1 WASHINGTON, June 4. -Secretary Blaine Secretary Blaine no longer. He is a James G. Blaine, an American citizen, in rivate life, and in very active training for the Presidental nomination. Always fond of dramatic effects and bril

liant political strokes, Mr. Blaine surpassed his own record in this line when he at 1 o'clock this afternoon sent to the White House his resignation as Secretary of State. It is said that the President had a slight intimation of what was coming early in the forencon. If so, he was the only man in the United States besides Mr. Blaine who

knew anything about it. To the whole community, Cabinet Ministers, government employes, Congressmen, newspaper correspondents, and all other classes and conlitions of men, the resignation was a complete and stunning surprise. How the President Received It. A few minutes before 1 o'clock Mr. Louis

A. Dent, Mr. Blaine's private secretary, went over from the State Department to the White House and handed the envelope containing the resignation to the President, who was just on the point of going down to the East Room to hold the usual reception there. The President read the document without changing color or moving a muscle and immediately went downstairs and shook hand with the assembled crowd of admiring fellow citizens, as calmly as if nothing unusual had happened. The reception over he returned to his office, wrote his acceptance of the resignation and handed it to Mr. Dent, who took it to his chief at the State Department. Ex-Secretary Blaine glanced over the

document, put on his hat, left the office and. are enemies. went home. The President meanwhile designated Mr. William F. Wharton, the First Assistant Secretary, to act as Secretary of State until a new appointment can be made. Mr. Wharton has been in the department for three years, and has acquired a thorough familiarity with the practical details of the office. The Correspondence That Did It.

The letters which did the business were remarkable for their brevity and the ab sence of the expressions of regret usually expected in such important moves. Following is the complete correspondence:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, June 4, 1892. To the President:

I respectfully beg leave to submit my res gnation of the office of the Secretary of State of the United States to which I was appointed by you on the 5th of March, 1889. The condition of public business in the Department of State justifies me in request ing that my resignation may be accepted immediately. I have the honor to be

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant, JAMES G. BLAINE: EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, June 4, 1892.

To the Secretary of State: Your letter of this date, tendering you

They Recalled the Clarkson Letter. In withdrawing formally from the com-petition for the Presidency the Cabinet officers, one and all, had felt much relieved and had considered that the situation was much improved and that all the rumors of Mr. Blaine's retiring from the Cabinet had thus been set at rest. Secretary Elkins also expressed great surprise and evidently much chagrined at was at this y much chagrined a collapse of all his ng efforts in the sudden colls promising recent mediator between the two grea rivals. He talked freely about the resigna tion, taking the ground that it did not alter the political situation at all, but left Mr. Blaine still morally bound by his February letter of renunciation. Secretary Tracy wa not to be found, as he was still at Annapolis and Attorney General Miller was too much disturbed in mind to give verbal utterance

to his feelings. The President himself, as well as Mr. Blaine, was attacked by a number of inquir-ing friends, but neither of them wished to nlarge upon the subject, both remarking that the letters spoke for themselves and covered all that they had to say. Both the genglemen stood the ordeal of inquisition pitally, and appeared perfectly calm and affable.

Nothing About More Letter-Writing. The ex-Secretary refrained from repeat-ing his customary phrase "I will write no more letters," for had he not just written a letter and one which had shaken the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific? Bu this was certainly not the kind of letter which was meant in his disclaimer and his decision to write no lefters concerning his candidacy it is understood still remains un changed.

However this may be, there is but one opinion here concerning the meaning of the resignation, and that is that by withdrawing from the Cabinet Mr. Blaine proclaims at last that he is a candidate and that he neans to fight to the finish. Thus the events bear out the predictions persistently aade by THE DISPATCH in regard to the relations of Mr. Blaine President and to the question of the Presidental succession. THE DIS-PATCH correspondent has insisted from the first that Blaine was in the race in dead earnest, and now at last everybody sees and scknowledges that this was and is the truth. The letters exchanged to-day between the President and Mr. Blame show plainly the real state of their feelings toward each other as indicated previously in THE DIS-PATCH telegraphic news. The two men

Remarkable Character of the Letters. Their letters are not at all like the usual run of such documents. On the part of Mr. Blaine there is no expression of regret at resigning his post, no allusion to the bond binding together the President and his first lieutenant and no wish for the President's future happiness and success. The President's reply is equally cool. There are no thanks, no praise, no regret and no hope for Mr. Blaine's welfare. The statement of Mr. Blaine that "the ondition of public business in the Department of State justifies me in requesting that my resignation may be accepted im-mediately" is an amicable euphemism to over the abruptness of his leave taking. Business in the Department of State is in its usual condition of incompleteness and a delegation from the Canadian Government is at this moment waiting in Washington to confer with the Secretary of State. The negotiations for the interna ional monetary conference are still in prog ress, the Bering Sea arbitration is yet to be attended to, and the question of indemnity by Chile for the Valparaiso murders is still

and the ox-Secretary having given every-body to understand that he has entered the lists at Minneapolis, the most interesting question remaining is as to what effect the event of to-day will have upon the political

ley and two correspondents, with whom he were not disposed to interpret Mr. Blaffie' was conversing. Mr. Dingley read the dis-patch and remarked: "Well, I guess that resignation from the President's Cabinet as a deliberate bid for the Presidental nominasettles the matter. Blaine is evidently a tion. With but few exceptions all candidate and will probably get the nominathe same mind on the question. Most of tion." He then vanished into the House the conspicuous party leaders, however, were absent from the street. They had gone carrying the news with him.

Everything Forgotten in the House to the convention where the next Republi-can candidate will be named.

In half a minute thereafter the House B. F. Jones, ex-Chairman of the Repub-lican National Committee, an earnest adwas in an uproar. The eloquence of the debaters were unheeded, the raps of the mirer and a personal friend of Secretary Blaine and an intimate friend and adviser gavel made no further impression, and a hundred men at once gathered in an excited group in front of the Speaker's desk, peering over one another's shoulders at the tale thusiasm. Mr. Jones is usually accepted as authority in political matters. He talked rram held aloft in the center of the throng. It was many minutes before order was even partly restored, and during the rest of the with both Blaine and Harrison since the ession the hum of political gossip con-Secretary wrote his letter to Chairman tinued without cessation. Soon the doors Clarkson declaring he would not accept a

were besieged by the correspondents, and nomination if tendered to him, and he nearly every member of the House was called out and made to give his views. The question as to the successor of Mr. Blaine in State Department has hardly been canvassed at all yet. As Mr. Blaine' esignation was unanticipated, the President has probably not given much attention

President's letter accepting that resigna-tion. Those letters do not change my impression the least to such a contingency hitherto. It is generally believed here that he will not make any appointment until after the con-vention. If he should be renominated he I think it unfair to Mr. Blaine to consider him a candidate now just as I considered it rould doubtless select the new Secretary unfair to consider him a candidate with much more care than if he should be

retary would have only nine months erve. If an ad-interim Secretary should be appointed, many think that Mr. John W. Foster would be the man. CONTENTS OF SECOND PART.

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in 1888 after he had beaten, for, in the latter case, the new Secdeclined to accept the nomination. I was Chairman of the National Republican Com-mittee then and it was with difficulty that we prevented Mr. Biaine's nomination even in the face of his letters declaring he would not accept the place. Mr. Blaine's recent letter to Chairman Clarkson is strikingly like his letter to me, which was promptly followed by another letter from Paris to Whitelaw Reid. Mr. Blane would not then accept a nomination from his friends and he knows as well as anybody that the people who are endeavoring to force a nomination on him now were not his friends then and never have been his friends. declined to accept the nomination. I was THE TEMPLE ON TROY HILL. on him now were not his friends then and never have been his friends. Mr. Blaine's resignation brings up a new and a peculiar condition in our politics, but his remaining in the Cabinet until to-day and then accepting the Presidental nomina-tion to defeat his chief within three or four days after would give to his candidacy an uniortunate surrounding that I am satisfied he would not care to assume. Will Mr. Blaine write another letter? He has alrendy said he would not, but my judgment is his resignation was not the work of premeditation, and the logical view of the situation is that another declaration is now necessary. If Mr. Blaine is not going to accept the nomination in the face of his withdrawal from the Cabinet he must say 50 o accept the nomination in the face of his vithdrawal from the Cabinet he must say 20 to the convention. Biaine Tell the Country. If he is a candidate for the nomination he must also say so. He must give to the world ome substantial reason for the position he has assumed, whether he intends being a candidate or not.

That is the way I view Mr. Blaine's case at present, and I will be greatly surprised if the Secretary does not on Monday at the latest, write another letter, explaining his withdrawal from the Cabinet and at the same time reiterate his determination not to accept the Presidental nomination if ten-dered him. Monday is always a great day with Mr. Blaine and I think we can look for omething from him on this subject on that

day. If Mr. Blaine is not a candidate for the nomination how do you account for his resignation from the Cabinet? The politicians who have been industrious

n their efforts to defeat the President have in their efforts to defeat the President have, I have no doubt, created some unfriendly feeling between the two great men. The wedge of dissention was no doubt started at some tender point between the two and the enemies of the administration have been hammering away until they have finally forced the resignation. I do not look upon the enemies of the administration as being friendly to Biaine. Their efforts have been only to defeat Harrison, and they have taken advantage of Mr. Blaine's unbounded popu-larity to secure that end.

The break between Harrison and Blaine is of recent date, if such a break has really occurred. Since Mr. Blaine wrote his letter to Chairman Clarkson I met him, and the President in the same room. They were on the friendliest kind of terms then. We talked of the nomination, and I congra-lated Mr. Blaine on his determination keep out of the fight

A Subject for Congratulation

He laughed about the matter and said ;

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War having thus been formally declared