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IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT,I MINNEAPOLIS. June 5 .- It there is a solitary Harrison Republican now at his home in the State of Indiana he should be able to command a good figure as a museum

The scared managers on the ground telegraphed to their Hoosier friends for help, and since early morning special trains are coming close together and have been dumping the reinforcements upon the scene of the contest.

There are uniformed clubs, clubs in white bats and linen dusters, schoolboy military companies in zouave uniforms, and clubs without any uniforms at all. The State of Indiana must be practically depopulatedon one side of the party tence, at leastthough there is an unkind intimation current that many of the visiting statesmen are of the Democratic persuasion.

These hordes of Harrison howlers are making themselves seen and heard in the most vociferous manner, and are acting under the orders of the administration leaders in a desperate effort to break the fire of the Blaine uprising which shook the convention city vesterday.

A Scheme to Stiffen Up Backbones.

"They are bringing these fellows here to stiffen the backbone of us delegates who are instructed for Harrison," said Chauncey I. Filley, of Missouri, to THE DISPATCH correspondent, as one uniformed Hoosier club, 300 strong, marched by with exuberant yells. Then Mr. Filley significantly added: "We will need it."

But the President's friends in charge of his canvass have really rallied in a style worthy of a more hopeful cause, and are doing much more than merely crowding the town with clubs of boomers. They are proceeding on the assumption that a majority of the delegates were for Harrison two days ago, and that they must be held in line. To this end all who, for some reason, are suspected of wavering are surrounded by an eloquent group, or earnestly talked to by a persuasive individual.

The quarters where a break is feared by the Harrison leaders are among the colored delegates, and an effort is made to keep these uncertain quantities continually in sight.

Colored Delegates Being Braced Up. Delegate at Large Shiel, of Indiana, and s conferee were to-night calling each dusky delegate off to one corner, and conversation like this was wafted to the ears of THE DISPATCH correspondent: "Stand firm as a rock," says Shiel. "We are bound to win, and will remember our friends." And "Go and see Colonel John C. New." edded the other Harrison hustler, "He has been inquiring very particularly for you. Anything he says you can depend on as carrying out."

The colored brother is by no means being neglected by the other side, though the propaganda is not being conducted in the organized manner carried on by the trained Harrison forces. In fact, the Blame people are actually depending largely upon the popular feeling for the success of their favorite. By to-morrow, morning, though, they expect to be at work in a more systematic manner, merely, as they say, to make

assurance double sure. Throughout the day there has been renewed talk of an outside candidate. It comes mainly from the administration side of the house, where there is a disposition to carry Blaine down with Harrison when it is seen that defeat is inevitable.

Small Chances for a Third Man. There is a small section of those who have not been very vigorous partisans of either the President or the man who is now for the second time ex-Secretary of State. This element possesses the belief that the party interests require a compromise, and the names of Sherman, Rusk, Alger, McKinley, Allison and Gresham are suggested by admiring individuals, but

and is not developing any great indications of growth. Nine-tenths of the politicians here, delegates and boomers alike, accept it as a fact that the man will be either Blaine or Harrison, and that it will all be settled on one ballot. But here the unanimity ends. THE DISPATCH correspondent to-night secured from the acknowledged leaders of the opposing forces their latest revised figures, and oh! what a difference! Chairman Clarkson was found as he emerged from a lengthy conference with a score of the recognized

this class is comparatively few in number,

leaders of the anti-Harrison sentiment. He "We have just been carefully figuring on Blaine's strength in convention, and after a careful survey of each delegation, have come to the conclusion that the Maine man now has 569 votes, leaving just 329 for Har- trous wars by the good sense of the rulers

At Work for Blaine With a Will. "Now that Mr. Blaine is an actual candidate for the nomination, we will all go to work with a will. It has been about decided, after some deliberation, to request ex-Governor Foraker to present the name of the Plumed Knight to the convention, and I am sure that he will cheerfully accept the

Congressman Boutelle, who arrived this morning in company with Emmons Blaine, is regarded as the personal representative of the ex-Secretary of State, and was at once surrounded by a horde of anxious inquirers.

"Mr. Blaine's resignation was tendered, I believe, to take him out of a false position. His name will now be presented to the National Convention as a private citizen instead of a member of the Cabinet. I have seen Mr. Blaine every day for some time before leaving Washington, and I bave not the slightest doubt as to his acceptance of the nomination which is now certain to be tendered to him "

"Did Mr. Blaine tell you before leaving Washington that he would accept the nomination if tendered him?"

Certain the Ex-Secretary Will Accept. is my opinion, after talking with Mr. Blaine, that he will accept the nomination. There can be no doubt about the action of the convention; Blaine is already as good as nominated. The delegates from New England will be practically unanimous for Blaine. New York favors his nomination. The West is filled with Blaine followers, and in other parts of the nation they are in a majority. Consequently, his nomination is assured. I could not tell whether or not Mr. Blaine had been contemplating resigning. It is not necessary for him to consider such matters at length. His great mind grasps a situation readily, and his capability of quickly and correctly deciding questions of small or great magnitude. I have not been here long enough to get any figures, but as an off-hand estimate, would say that Blaine will get two-thirds of the votes in the convention."

Manager Shiel, the spokesman of the Harrison campaign, tore himset away from the doubtful delegates long enough to tell THE DISPATCH that there was practically no fight at all against his chief.

Harrison's Managers Very Hopeful. "I have just been verifying figures," said Mr. Shiel, "as to the different State delega tions arrived, and I find that in almost every instance we have underestimated our strength. We have from 520 to 550 persons who will vote for Harrison in the convention, just as certainly as I will, and I believe the number will run over 600. Candidly and honestly, now, I don't think Blaine's name will be presented to the convention. It makes no difference, as the re-

Senator Hiscock, of New York, was no quite so exuberant, though he spoke as follows: "Harrison has gained strength since yesterday. I believe he will get at least half of our 72 votes, and that he will be nominated."

Delegate at Large Hart, of West Virginia, said: "I have carefully gone over a list of 500 delegates who seem to be reasonably certain for the President, but at cor ventions I always discount even the certainties. I would say now that I am confident that Blaine can't be nominated, and honeful that Mr Harrison will be

The figures given at the respective head quarters from the different States are almost as far apart as those in the entire conven-

Instructed Delegates Breaking Away. The Harrison people are depending on the instructed delegates, but several of these have already informed THE DISPATCH correspondent that they will pay no attention to orders given under a misapprehension. For the present the tables given out are mainly valuable as proof of the falsity of the old adage that "figures can't lie," and meanwhile the continuous chant from street and corridor is "Blaine, Blaine, James G. Blaine."

Senator Pettigrew is one of the original anti-Harrison men, and is consequently much pleased with the present outlook. To-night he gave out the following inter view: "I am not at all surprised at the resignation of Mr. Blaine from President Harrison's Cabinet. The only thing that seems at all singular to me is that a gentleman of Mr. Blaine's disposition should have so long remained in close and intimate associ ation with such men as Miller and Tracy and Wanamaker. Mr. Blaine constantly bore the insults and slanders of his associates and their tools because he resolutely de clined to lend himself to their jingo efforts

for the renomination of their chief. Bering Sea Thunder Appropriated. "You remember that Mr. Blaine was re ported sick during the pendency of the Bering Sea negotiations. I happen to be advised that Mr. Blaine was never better in health in his life than during that incident But the President, with a small envy of the tame of his great Secretary, took the negotintions out of Mr. Blaine's hands, where it legitimately belonged. The Secretary o State turned the matter over to His Excellency of this excellent administration and the report was given out that the Se retary of State was sick. Well, he was sick -sick of his company, sick of being insulted by his chief and the kitchen Cabinet "Whatever excellence there has been in Mr. Harrison's administration is traceable to Mr. Blaine and Mr. Rusk. The mis takes and weaknesses that occasioned the political earthquake of 1890 belong by right to Mr. Harrison and his errand boys. I have no personal feeling toward the President. I have asked no favor of importance of this administration that has not been granted. But I have been in Washington, and know whereof I speak when I assert that all the great demoralization which has overtaken the Republican party finds its cause at the White House.

Anxious for Party Success

"I want the Republican party to succeed in 1892, but have a strong presentiment that it can't succeed with Mr. Harrison renominated. In what the President ha done and what he has failed to do, we find equally elements of weakness. A chief executive is simply admirable who stands firmly and uncompromisingly for the right. against friend and foe alike; a President who is simply stupidly stubborn is the opposite of admirable.

"I disagree," continued Senator Petti grew, "with a great many of my esteeme triends who are advocating Mr. Harrison for the nomination. Some of these are read to concede that this has been an excellent administration. I am not. In my view it has been a most unfortunate and distressing failure. This administration gave half baked diplomats to some of our most important foreign missions, and twice during the past year we have only avoided disas-

rison and the field. I regard this as a con- of the people whom Mr. Harrison desired

to fight. "Finally, I am glad Mr. Blaine has resigned. He is out of reach of further contumely and insult from this excellen administration. Mr. Harrison, for the brief period between now and the 4th of March next, may find some little fellow to fit into his Cabinet-some parasite like the gentlemen he will meet there, who can act as his in the foreign office.

PITTSBURG.

Blaine Too Big for His Company. Blaine was always too large and commanding for the place he held under this excellent administration. He should be the commander of the ship of state, not an errand boy of smaller men. The convention to meet next Tuesday represent the people of this great nation. The delegates know both Mr. Blaine and Mr. Harrison. I have no doubt as to result. The Minneapolis convention of 1892 will honor itself by calling James G. Blaine to lead the Republican hosts in a campaign of victory."

"I think Mr. Blaine's resignation wil have the effect of ringing in a dark horse." The speaker was Mr. J. T. McCasland, delegate from the Eighteenth Illinois district, and he was quite emphatic in expressing his views. Mr. McCasland is stopping at "I did not say that, but I will say that it my opinion, after talking with Mr. on the political situation. "Myself and colleagues are instructed to vote for Harrison on the first ballot," continued Mr. Mc-Casland, "but after that we are at liberty to vote for whoever we please. I understand that most of the delegation from our State are in the same position. Whether the last development at Washington would cause a bolt among our delegates I can't say, although I gathered in Chicago yesterday that some of the delegates were so strongly predisposed in favor of Blaine that they would run for him on the first opportunity.

Just How Far Instructions Bind. "Personally, I shall adhere strictly to the nstructions which I received from our district convention. But at the same time I bave no hesitation in saying that our convention would not have instructed us had they been able to see events as they have transpired. Just before we received our instructions a resolution was adopted with enthusiasm expressing appreciation of the eminent services Mr. Blaine has rendered to the country and the party."

"Whom do you prefer, personally?" "Chauncey M. Depew, without a doubt. But I am afraid there is no possibility of his receiving the nomination, owing to the depressing effect his railroad connections would have upon his candidacy. But I think him one of the smartest men in the United States to-day.'

"Do you think the various elements in he convention will readily combine?" "No. So far as I have been able to gather, nearly every State has some special interest which it wishes to advocate. Take the Colorado men, for instance. They have only one ides, and that is free silver. Of ourse they have some difficulty in reconciting their demands with the Republican policy, and have hunted long and late for a man whom they thought would adequately represent their interests. They have finally selected one named Hawley, of Connecticut, and they may, if they get a chance, bring in

"Do you prefer Harrison or Blaine?" "As between these two men I have no choice. Harrison has been tried and has been found to be a good man. Blaine also would undoubtedly make a good President."

his name before the convention."

A. Roebling represents the Second New Jersey district. "We are instructed for Harrison," said Mr. Roebling, "and I believe all the delegates from our State were also. What effect Mr. Blaine's resignation would have upon the convention I don't know, but in my opinion the matter will be settled in a couple of ballots. The candidates, I think, will be strictly Harrison and Blaine. In my State the sentiment is strongly in favor of Harrison, and there will be very little disposition among our delegates to bolt for Blaine, unless I am very much mistaken. Harrison is a very good man. He has made an exceptionally good President. Perhaps it's his misfortune that Mr. Blaine wants to run against him.

#### QUAY IS CONFIDENT.

BANCROFT.

He Says the Ex-Secretary's Nomination Is as Certain as Anything Political Can Be -General Alger's Name May Not Be Presented at All.

(FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.) MINNEAPOLIS, June 5 .- "Tell my

friends in Pennsylvania," said Senator Quay to THE DISPATCH, "that I regard the nomination of Blaine as certain as anything political can be."

At the Senator's headquarters to-night it was announced that Alger's name would not be presented to the convention, and that the bulk of the Michigan vote would go to the Maine man on the first ballot. It was also intimated that the Harrison strength in Pennsylvania was an uncertai quantity. Quay has some friends in the delegation who would like to vote for Harrison, and if their ballots are not needed elsewhere they may be allowed to do so.

The principal event of the evening on the

Blaine side of the fence was the arrival of the California delegation. They came in with plumes in the air, and apparently a large majority of them shouting for the Maine man. Nevertheless, the second-term managers proceeded to give it out that they had made a poll of the delegation, and that it stood 9 to 9, with Senator Felton at the

head of the Harrison forces. THE DISPATCH correspondent went to M. H. DeYoung for definite information. He said: "We had agreed to give out no figures until to-morrow, but I can't permit ngures until to-morrow, but I can't permit any such misleading statement as this to go out. It is a lie, pure and simple. It is true that when we left California a number of our people declared for the President, having no idea that matters would the present turn. Now at least 12 of our delegates are sworn Blaine men. and by the time we consult together to-morrow I think we can do even better for the Plumed Knight."

The picture side of the canvass is coming

out in force, and full-length portraits of Blame are covering every inch of available space not previously occupied by the head and bust of Harrison.

#### PASSETT AND M'KINLEY

Are Now the Slated Candidates for the Two Chairmanships.

FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. MINNEAPOLIS, June 5. - Fassett for Tem porary Chairman and McKinley for Permagent Chairman is the latest slate to-night Langston injured his chances for the former honor by talking too freely, and General Horace Porter, the candidate of the Harri-

son people, is not considered to be in it in the contest before the committee. The Blaine men are announcing them selves as favorable to McKinley for Perma nent Chairman, both because they want to ing Harrison's nomination, and because they look for McKinley's unanimous choice to have a good effect on the Ohio delega-tion.

# BLAINE'S GAINS IN TWO STATES,

elerk and call-boy in settling little disputes | Pennsylvania and Illinois **Delegates Breaking Away** From Benjamin.

JOE CANNON LOSES FIVE,

But He Thinks That Isn't Doing Nearly So Bad as He Might.

Keystone Delegation Polled-Galusha A. Grow Still Nursing His Chairmanship Hopes-Blaine and Alger in the Very Atmosphere of Minneapolis-How the Keystone Delegation Will Vote-Many Eyes on Pennsylvania-'Squire Lindsay's Proud Position-Blaine's Picture to Be Seen Everywhere.

FROM A ASTFF CORRESPONDENT.]

MINNEAPOLIS, June 5 .- Pennsylvania's headquarters were opened in the Nicolet House this morning. For some reason great States like the Keystone and Illinois have been located at minor hotels, but that does not dampen the enthusiasm for Blaine. Illinois people occupy an adja room to Pennsylvania, on the second floor, where old Joe Cannon and Senator Cullom dance a hornpipe and hold high revel trying to keep the retractory delegates in line for the President. The Illinois men were instructed for Harrison, but this evening Cannon said five had broken away, and would vote for Blaine. He thought that was showing a pretty stiff backbone under the pressure of the Blaine enthusiasm, but he forgets that it is that much of a gain for the ex-Secretary.

Of the 64 delegates from Pennsylvania 50 are now in Minneapolis. The headquarters are plastered over with full-length lithographs of Blaine. Not a picture of the President is in sight, and one Blaine enthusiast remarked that it was strange that the Harrison fellows were so neglectful of their candidate.

Squire Lindsay's Proud Position. 'Squire Bob Lindsay received his credentials this morning, making him an assistant sergeant at arms. He will have charge of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio delegates, the largest and most important in the country. The 'Squire is happy, and is doing his best to take care of the boys who want to get into the convention. The applicants for tickets are numerous, and

many are afraid they will be shut it. C. F. Espenschade, a young Blaine delegate from Mifflintown, is acting secretary for the Pennsylvania delegation. A caucus will be held in the West House to-morrow evening, when an organization will be formed. Espenschade is liable to be made permanent secretary. Congressman George W. Shouk, of Wilkesbarre, whose seat is contested by Reynolds, can't come, and his alternate is not here. Shouk is a Blaine delegate, and a man favorable to the ex-Secretary will be appointed to-day to fill

Galusha Grow's Little Boomlet, G. A. Grow, the hero of many political battles, arrived with a number country delegates. His colleague is Fred I. Wheelock, a bright young chap, not more than 24 years old. He is wise for his age, and has the Blaine fever very badly. Mr. Grow is still in the field for Permanent Chairman of the convention. The old man was not feeling well this evening and re-tired early. He declined to talk politics for fear it would hurt his slim chances of success. Mr. Grow thinks he can gain more in his fight by sticking to Harrison. This is his only reason for voting against Blaine. The man in the delegation with the great-

est nerve, for which he is loudly applauded, is W. C. McConnell, of Shamokin. He was instructed for Harrison, but he caught the Maine contagion early after his arrival, and he is now out on all-fours for the ex-Secre-

J. C. Lower, of Gettysburg, is one of the leading admirers of Blaine from the in-terior of the State. He thinks the Pine Tree State man will be nominated on the Some of Those for Blaine.

W. L. Elkins, one of the heavy stock-holders in the Fifth avenue cable line, is a delegate at large from Philadelphia. He is enthusiastic for Blaine, and has faith in his mination and election General Frank Reeder was at the headquarters for a moment this evening. Of course the new State Chairman, being a

Quay man, is for Blaine.

The Harrison men from the interior of the State are Bennett, of Tioga; E. Wesley Keeler, of Doylestown; E. W. Willard, of Scranton, and Galusha A. Grow. Hamilton Disston, of Philadelphia, and C. L. Magee are two more votes that the President will receive. George Von Bonnhorst is doubt-'ul, one minute thinking he will vote for

Alger, and in the next moment he will hange his mind. W. S. Cappellar, the Mansfield editor and close friend of Foraker, got in from Cali-fornia to-day. He had a slight chat with the ex-Governor, and he thinks it definitely cominate Blaine. He hadn't heard how the Buckeye delegation stands, but he feels sure a majority will support the ex-Secre-tary of State. This morning there was considerable talk of Sherman as a compromise ment to-night. Sherman is not popular with

Harrison Men Feeling Bitter.

The Harrison men are feeling very bitter, and, realizing that the President i and, realizing that the President is beaten, they are trying to work the field against Blaine. It is anything to knock out the Maine man. The air is full of Blaine yells, and the poor Hoosier shouters are drowned in the great ocean swell of enthusiasm for Blaine. The Indiana men are distinguished by their old-fashioned white hats and short transact that hereby reach to the arella. trousers that barely reach to the ankles.
On the outside the feeling is growing that
the ticket will be Blaine and Alger. When the Wisconsin delegates saw how things were drifting they rushed into the lobby of the West House and commenced to shout for Rusk. Old Jerry is not only popular with the grangers of the country, but every man who knows anything about his demo-cratic ways likes him. The response was generous, and the Wisconsin fellows believe their man stands a good shore. delegates from Georgia were for Cleveland. eir man stands a good show for second

Alger Working on Southerners It is claimed that Alger is using his influence with the Southern delegates, particularly the colored ones, in favor of Blaine. His barrel is full, as Sherman discovered four years ago, when Michigan gold relieved him of his Southern forces. For the time being the scramble seems to be more for the Vice Presidency than over first place.

Judge S. W. Holmes, of Syracuse, who STH AND STH PAGES.

wrote so many of the songs used in the Harrison campaign, is here. He has a number of new ones in which reciprocity figures extensively. He thinks one term is enough for any one in times of peace.

Chief Brown says he was delighted with the resignation of Blaine. He expected it and he takes it as a confirmation of his claim that the ex-Secretary would be nominated. Harry Oliver is in a funny mood, but he will undoubtedly vote for Blaine.

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#### MAGEE DOESN'T BUDGE.

He Still Thinks the President Will Be Renominated-Many of the Keystone Delegates Come Out Shouting for Blaine-Many Eyes on Pennsylvania.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.]
MINNEAPOLIS, June 5.—There was at least one Keystone delegate who neither least one Keystone delegate who neither joined in the Ta-ra-ra' procession nor the singing to This was C. L. Magee, who arrived before the majority of his colleand looking over the situation, republication of the Harrison land a conference with down of Indiana.

At the conclusion of this to Ar. Magee said: "I am for the President and I baliave

said: "I am for the President, and I believe he will get the most votes in the convention and the most votes in November. Why, there are figures to show that Harrison ran away ahead of the Republican majorities of 1884 in nearly all of the so-called Blaine States, and just look at the difference in the doubtful States. I do not think the resignation of the Secretary will affect the level-headed delegates to any appreciable extent. A few thousand boomers, more or less, who may be crowded in here, don't necessarily represent the sentiments of the 5,000,000 or more Republi-

can voters of the country. I hardly regard Blaine's nomination as a possibility."
"How many votes will Harrison get out of the Pennsylvania delegation?"
"Twelve or 14," Mr. Magee replied, "according to my information at the present time. Michener told me he was very much pleased with the situation throughout the country and had no doubt of success."

What a Poll of the State Shows. No Blaine man thinks that Harrison will get even eight votes out of the Keystone delegation, and some of them place it at half that number. THE DISPATCH correspondent interviewed, as to their position many of the State representatives to-night.

Delegate Strong, whom the Harrison people claimed as under instructions for them, said: "Put me down for Blaine on the first ballot, and every other one, if there are any

Samuel A. Davenport, delegate at large, said: "There is my candidate," pointing to a picture of the Plumed Knight which dec-orated the Pennsylvania headquarters. "I am sure he will be nominated and elected."

Alexander Scott, of Wachville, said: "I wouldn't dare look my constituents in the face if I did not vote for Blaine as long as his name is before the convention."
"Blaine and either Rusk or Alger for second place," said Charles M. Reed, of

John J. Carter, Titusville, replied to the hurrah thus: "I am not only in favor of Blaine, but I would like to see the delega-Blaine, but I would like to see the delega-tion vote as a unit for him. Of course, though, we don't want to force anybody." William Matthews' position is too well known to comment on. He volunteered the information that his colleague, Mr. David-son, will also be in line for the man from Maine.

The Strongest Man in Demand. A. Mayne Cody, of Tionesta, said: "I want to vote for the man who is strongest at the polls, and I believe James G. Blaine is the one."

J. Owen Edellette, of Brookville, talks in this strain: "Blaine will be nominated and carry New York, and will sweep Pennsylvania by not less than 100,000 majority. Jerry J. Cromer, of Fort Littleton, said: "I shall vote for Blaine on the first ballot, and I do not believe there will be more than one." Thomas S. Butler, of West-chester, shouted: "Nobody but Blaine is in it at all. The masses of the party demand his nomination, and I shall certainly vote by Butler's colleague from the Sixth dis-trict, Enos Verlender, Jr., of Derby.

The above are fair samples of the expre dicate that the talk of securing many votes for the second term out of the Keystone State will be a herculean one, and the good deal of attention at Minneapolis

## A GOOD, STRONG SECOND

Is Governor McKinley, Head of the Dark Horse Contingent-Harrison Wouldn't Mind It So Very Much If the Governor Were His Successor.

[FROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.] MINNEAPOLIS, June 5.-Governor Mc-Kinley, with the delegates from Central Ohio, was scheduled to arrive at 10 o'clock to-night, but his train was delayed, and he got in about 1 o'clock this morning. The Governor remained on the train all night. The Major missed it by not arriving on time, for great preparations had been made by Buckeye people to give him a rousing reception. The Ohio Minnesota Association numbers 300, and its members were all ready in line to march to the depot when

word was received that the express was late. A number of the delegates are here, and they are very proud of their Governor Some of the Ohio people think there will be a deadlook, and then McKinley will be a strong second. An Indiana delegate saw an Ohio man wearing a tin badge on which was the Major's picture. He winked his off eye, and sald, pointing to his miniature photograph: "Next to Harrison, we are for McKinley."

Of all the prominent men in the country the Governor is one of the few who has re mained by the President. When Harrison finds he can't be nominated there is no other man he would rather throw his influ ence to than McKinley. The Ohio people know this, and they are very much encouraged and hopeful under cover. They also claim that West Virginia is ex-ceedingly doubtful, and if a deadlock should occur the McKinley men are confident that the Foraker people would vote for the Governor. Altogether, McKinley is popular, and his friends will make the most of his

Georgia Sticks to Harrison. NASHVILLE, June 5 .- The Georgia delegation to Minneapolis passed through this city in the night. Colonel A. E. Buck, United States Marshal at Atlanta, head of the delegation, said to a reporter that the delegation was instructed for Harrison and would stick to him. He said Mr. Blaine had resigned too late, and that Blaine would not be as strong a candidate as Harrison. Colonel Buck said 17 of the 24 Democratic

WASHINGTON, June 5 .- Senator Sher-

man to-night, in expressin himself torg publication, said with emphasis that he did not know the situation at Minneapolis, but he assumed that the President would be renominated, notwithstanding the resignation of Mr. Blaine, and hoped that that would be the decision of the convention.

FOR GATH'S GOSSIPY LETTER AND OTHER CONVENTION NEWS SEE TIH,

# WAVES OF FLAME AND FLOOD

# Sweep Through Titusville and Oil City and Drown and Burn Hundreds of People.

## JOHNSTOWN'S HORROR ALMOST EQUALED.

A River of Blazing Oil Links the Two Cities by a Pillar of Fire and

#### BURNS BIG HOLES IN THEIR CROWDED CENTERS.

Oil Creek Valley a Reservoir of Gas Just Before the Conflagration-Titusville Refineries Explode and Scatter Blazing Fluid Over Panic-Stricken Homes-A Cloudburst Swells the Stream and Washes at Least 35. Souls Into Eternity-A Crowd Witnessing the Grand Spectacle at Oil City Caught in the Pillar of Flame-In the Panic About 100 Lives Were Sacrificed-Many More Missing-The Property Loss in Both Places Estimated at \$3,000,000-The Wild Ride of the Conemaugh Messenger Repeated-Terrible Scenes Graphically Described-Relief Prompt, but More Needed.

ISPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.

OIL CITY, June 5.-The most appalling disaster in the history of this unfortunate city fell upon it to-day like a thunderboit, esulting in the destruction of life and property, which, as yet, can only be approximated, so great and widespread has

Thus far 40 lives are known to have been ost, though it is feared this is but the beginning. The confusion from flood and fire is so great that hundreds are reported missing, and only daylight to-morrow can show the true extent of the disaster.

At 11:30 o'clock this morning a large proportion of the population was enjoying the beautiful Sunday morning along the banks and bridges of the Allegheny river and Oil creek, which empties into that stream. The cause of this unusual outpouring of the population was a curiosity to see the rapid rise in both the creek and the river.

#### First News of the Coming Disuster.

Word had reached here early this mornng that a heavy cloud-burst had occurred t Spartansburg, above Titusville, and that great flood, sweeping down upon that city, had drowned many. But few details had been heard here at the time mentioned -11:30-yet hundreds lined the banks of the two streams, just where the two streams

Suddenly the older heads in the crowds noticed a thin covering of oil floating on the surface of the water, while at the same time an ominous wave of gas, arising from the crude, refined and distilled benzine floating down, swept up from the flood, and began o permeate the whole valley.

"Stand back, stand back!" shouted a commanding voice, and the people slowly and unwillingly began to retreat from bridge and bank. They were very slow-too slow -for the volume of oil began swelling and rolling, while waves of the subtle gas began coming, almost strangling those near by.

A Memorable Johnstown Act Repeated, Just then a man on horseback pushed his way through the crowds, waving his hands nd repeating in a voice of thunder, "Stand back." It was known that the refineries lining the banks for miles had been wrecked, and with a presentiment of evil, with one accord there was a dash for safety.

Presently, far up the stream came one dull, sullen report, and immediately after two more. Instantly the great crowds realized that the oil had taken fire, but they were an eternity in gaining this knowledge, as compared to the lightning speed of fire. What followed is indelibly imprinted upon the minds of every panic-stricken spectator, but no human tongue can picture the transcending horror of the scene.

At the upper end of the city, a tiny tongue of flame rushed from a hovel fire on the banks and shot across the creek like a streak of lightning. A dull, booming explosion followed, and immediately the flame flew up and down the creek. The surcharged air was cleared of gas in an instant, only to be filled with an element far more fatal and horryfying.

A Vast Reservoir of Gas and Flams, It seemed as if the very heavens had ourst into flame after the first explosion, which then became a solid mass of fire along creek and river for two miles up and down-a fire that rolled and beat against bank and buildings and towered high up until the very hills were lost to sight in the hell of flame.

Oil City is hemmed in on all sides by steep hills, and it seemed as if none could escape the furious element, which began catching up buildings along the creek like so many wisps of straw. Thousands poured out of their houses at the sound of the first explosion, and had hardly gained the street when the second and third reports were heard.

The entire valley was like one vast gas reservoir. People were hurled about and thrown down or tossed from side to side by the force of the explosions. Windows crashed and buildings swayed as if upheaved by an earthquake, while more terrifying than all was the midnight darkness that covered the city like a funeral pall.

Alternate Waves of Smoke and Flame, This intense blackness lasted but a few econds, when it was replaced by a glaring light and the heat of the burning gas and oil, when again a lowering cloud settled over the valley from the black waves of smoke. These terrifying transitions from light to darkness and intense heat occurred in scarcely a moment of time, but it seemed an eternity to the people, who believed that their last day had come. Thousands prostrated themselves or were hurled to the ground, while thousands more struggled bravely against the elements toward home and kindred, that they might die together.

When the people in parts of the city distant from the scene of explosion and fire realized that not they but their friends along the banks were in danger, a rush was made for that part of Oil creek that enters this valley from the north. Just before it meets the Allegheny river it is crossed by a heavy bridge, upon which many were stand-ing at the time. This bridge crosses to the Third ward, lying along the west bank of the creek and the north bank of the river. It was this portion of the city that seemed doomed from the very moment the fire broke out. At the first sound of danger the streets swarmed with people. Houses Licked Up by Waves of Flame.

The next instant they were prostrated by a second explosion, only to rise to their feet again and face what all considered their doom. Huge waves of flames rolled up the river banks and began licking up one house after another. Then the flames began lap-ping from one roof to another, then from scores to hundreds, until within three minutes almost the entire portion of the Third

Fully 3,000 people lived in that ward, or were lining the banks of the river and creek at the time, and after the first dull stupor, a scene of madness followed. Men forgot who and what they were and fought down the weaker like demons in their mad rush for safety. Women and children were swept to the ground and trampled under foot by horses and men.
"To the hills, to the hills!" was the cry.

The insane wave of shricking humanity started up Center street, leaving the moaning, mangled forms of many of the weaker where they had been trampled in the dirt. Behind them came the flames in great waves that overtook many faltering feotsteps, while the blistering heat grew flercer every moment with the added fuel of hundreds of

Then behind this maddened crowd came a few brave men, who tenderly picked up those trampled under foot, or assisted the sick and helpless to higher ground. Once that was reached in safety, came anxiety for friends and relatives who had been alon the river banks watching the flood when the mass of fire and smoke fell upon the city. Nothing was known or ever guessed of h

many dead lay along river banks, or lined

the creek, or whose ashes smoldered among the burning buildings of the fire-swept district. Searchers started out and

been busy in the ruins ever since. Body after body was found, and not until to-morrow can any approximtae figures even be given. The flood in Oil creek had inundated the upper part of the town flooding many houses along North Seneca street. Many of the residents in fully 100 houses had reached places of safety, the weaker being taken away in boats, while the men were obliged to swim toward the higher ground in order to give places in the few hoats to women and children. Many were saved from these

houses, but many remained within when the

fire came. There was no escape then. A Choice Between Two Horrible Deaths. Within sight of hundreds the distracted inmates could be seen clambering up to the second and third stories to escape the flood, or mounting the roof, only to meet death in a more terrible form when the flames swept across the swollen creek and licked up the houses beneath them. Frenzied men and women jumped into the flood, preferring an per portion of the town, bordering on Seneca street, but one building remain untouched by fire. Three members of the Turner family were removed from this building. They were blistered by the in-

tense heat and all are unconscious, but will likely live.

In the northern part of the city the fire shot up the creek as well as down, and very scon reports spread through town the many of the great tanks were on fire, and that the danger was not yet over for the

living.
The Bellevne Hotel, the Petroleum House, the Oil City Barrel Factory, the Oil City Tube Works, George Paul & Sons' furniture factory, many business houses and over 150 dwelling houses have been destroyed totally, while hundreds of other houses are badly damaged.

A Huge Task for the Department

In the first panie no thought was given for else but personal safety, except in the upper portions of the town, where an intantaneous and united effort was made to save property and life. The fire company turned out and fought long and stubbornly, not to save the doomed district, for nothi short of a miracle could do that-but to keep the flames from the central portion of

Trinity Church caught fire on this side of the creek, but the flames were fought down both on that building and others that caught. Mayor W. G. Hunt swore in all members of Company D, N. G. P., as spe-cial police, and to-night they are patroling the darkened streets. They are armed and have orders to arrest any and all who can give no good account of themselves. The list of the dead in this city, so far as is known at 10 o'clock, is as follows:

SELECT COUNCILMAN J. B. REINBOLD, WILLIS STEWART. E. V. B. PLANK. M. LYONS and wife. SHERIDAN WICK. SHERIDAN WICK.
JAMES BAKER, a peddier.
JAMES RODGERS, wife and child,
FRANK GOODRICH.
WILLIAM EAKIN.
FRANK EAKIN.
EDWARD EAKIN.
CHARLES MILLER.
EDWARD MILLS and four children. CHARLES MILLER.
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MRS. JOHN ROACH and child,
CHARLES FISHER,
MRS. COPPLAND and baby.
MRS. LEVI FETTERS,
DANIEL SULLIVAN.
EUGENE FRITZ.
WILLIAM MORGAN and brother, all of

Off City. H. W. SHAFER, Franklin, HARRY HOLMES, Jamestown, N. Y. WILL HASSEN FRITZ.