

HEADQUARTERS TALK

The Changes in the Delegations Caused by Blaine's Resignation.

A LONG DOUBTFUL LIST.

The Political Chessboard Being Worked With Skill and Vigor.

FIGURES FROM BOTH FACTIONS.

New York and New Jersey Being Pitted in Each Direction.

GOSSIP GLEANED AROUND THE HOTELS.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 5.—A tour of the headquarters of a number of the delegations which have arrived here show that the changes as a result of the resignation of the Cabinet of Mr. Blaine have not been so numerous as many persons had expected.

A great many delegates, however, are to be put in the doubtful list, and nothing can be predicted of these men, as they are awaiting the incoming of other delegates, perhaps the majority of whom are yet to arrive, before announcing themselves definitely.

The political chessboard is being worked with skill and vigor, notwithstanding this is Sunday. One of the reports was to the effect that Hiseock and Dewey had a scheme on foot by which the New York delegation was to be divided and strength taken from Mr. Blaine in the place which he occupies in the most.

The effect of such a lessening of the Blaine strength in one of the pivotal States is obvious, but so far as could be learned there was no truth in it, those alleged to be parties to it denying that it was a fact.

One of the Headquarters Stories.

A number of interviews with members of the New York delegation showed that it will take a poll of the delegation to ascertain just where it stands.

Sheidan Snook was enthusiastically for Blaine, putting his strength at 50 in New York, and declaring that the man from Maine could win the fight in New York if nominated, which he had no doubt.

Representative Quackenbush, of Northern New York, was a strong Harrison man, and according to his figures, the delegation should evenly divide, so that as the two leaders were concerned, each having 32 votes according to Mr. Quackenbush's canvass, with the rest in doubt.

At the Harrison headquarters they figured Harrison's New York votes at 26. Mr. Blaine has 17 votes in New York State.

The New Jersey delegation got in this morning, with General Sewell, their leader, at the head. General Sewell was originally a Blaine man, but as a strong personal friend of the President and will hold the delegation in line solidly for Mr. Harrison, if it be possible.

Representative Buchanan is not a delegate, but he accompanied the delegation here, and it was said that the two leaders were concerned, each having 32 votes according to Mr. Quackenbush's canvass, with the rest in doubt.

At the Harrison headquarters, away up at the top of the West Hotel, men were engaged out to button-hold delegates and others, principally Land Commissioner Carter and Mr. Miesher, on to hand to receive the assurances of those who came in.

Arkansas Still in Line.

Powell Clayton was present and said Arkansas would not change.

A strong effort was made by Mr. E. C. O'Brien, one of the New York delegates, and another administration man, to get Mr. Miller's support, or at any rate, to have him preserve a neutral position in the contest.

Congressman Belden, who has generally been regarded as a Harrison man, was asked before Mr. Miller made his statement how the New York delegation stood.

A dramatic meeting.

Emmons Blaine and Channey Dewey create a dining room sensation—Almost as much excitement as if Blaine had drawn a pistol on Dewey.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 5.—The meeting of Channey M. Dewey and Emmons Blaine to-day on the field of battle was a picturesque sight.

A prominent New York delegate said to-day that the dark horse feeling was growing in the delegation, and that the delegates were debating between Sherman and Allison.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 5.—The tall form of C. W. Fairbank, the distinguished Indian, widely known as a staunch friend of Gresham, was among the interested spectators of a formidable demonstration made by the President's latest recruits.

The Indian for the Nomination.

BLAINE IN A BALLOT.

A Carefully Prepared Table Nominates the Ex-Secretary Easily.

BLAINE 524, HARRISON 376,

The Way Things Appear at Present, Though It Isn't Official.

PLATT CLAIMS IT IS WON BY 500,

While the President's Managers Refuse to Give Out Figures.

SOME SURPRISES SURELY IN STORE

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) MINNEAPOLIS, June 5.—Not more than one-half the delegates are in Minneapolis to-day, and it is therefore impossible to obtain an estimate of their strength that can be accepted as accurate.

Blaine's Votes in Each State.

Table with 2 columns: State, Blaine votes, Harrison votes. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, etc.

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WAVES OF FLAME AND FLOOD.

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DEATH AT THE BRIDGE.

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Those of the people who were not frightened out of their wits were fighting courageously against the water.

That the night was dark and raining.

WOODS' REFINERY AND WAX PLANT DID NOT BURN THIS AFTERNOON AS REPORTED.

It is hard to estimate the loss to the surrounding country, but it is very large.

It is very difficult at this writing to estimate the actual loss and insurance.

It is impossible to give even an estimate as to the number missing.

The missing numbered by hundreds.

The measures taken for relief.

No sooner was the true state of affairs apparent to our citizens than a meeting was at once called.

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