

NEITHER FACTION CAN FIGURE A MAJORITY ON THE FIRST BALLOT WITHIN

25 OR 50 CLEAR VOTES. Delay Is the Desire of the Blaine Men, and They Have It.

The Rules Adopted Favor Them—Harrison Managers Irritated but Helpless—All Enthusiasm Cools Down, Now That the Individual Delegate Finds He Counts for Nothing—Planned Knight Champions Threaten to Backlist the Officers in the Convention—The Chances of Alger, McKinley and Bunk as Dark Horses—California Delegates Receive a Blaine Mandate.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 8.—(Of the two distinguished Americans who have been so assiduously urged by their friends during the past week for the Presidential nomination, neither one tonight seems to have assumed sufficient votes to effect a nomination. The seekers after accurate information as to the relative standing of these two candidates is compelled to discard as extravagant and quite misleading the figures issued from the headquarters of each, and a careful analysis of the expressed preference of all the delegations, together with a classification of the uncommitted delegates, shows that the leading candidates are each from 25 to 50 votes short of the nomination.

The balance of power, if a ballot had been taken to-day, would have been found to rest with General Russell A. Alger, of Michigan, who would certainly have received from 19 to 20 votes, and then presented either of the two leading candidates receiving the requisite number for nomination.

All Enthusiasm Has Cooled Down. This is the tenth National Convention in the history of the Republican party, and is the end of the fourth decade of the party which has played such an important part in the history of the American Republic, but it can safely be asserted that the past quarter of a century never witnessed a convention where there was such a rapid subsidence of enthusiasm as is noticeable here on the eve of the critical day which should decide the contest. All the ardor and enthusiasm and irresistible emotion of the past few days have constantly displayed to-day as significantly absent to-night.

In the first place, the average Republican has been deeply disappointed at the very distinctly manner in which leading spirits of the convention have postponed the essential business of the delegates are called to order. The delay in the morning has been constantly displayed to-day as significantly absent to-night.

As they get together to-night and compare notes, each will be generally agreed that they do not know much of the mysterious motives and untouchable purposes of the gentlemen who are the ruling spirits of his party to-day or tomorrow. It is not yet known how the political horizon is soon to burst forth in an effulgent blaze of glory, no one can possibly tell.

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Whitlaw Held as Bunk's Running Mate. Of course, the nomination of Bunk for the first place would turn eyes Eastward for a Vice Presidential candidate, and when the name of the Secretary of Agriculture is mentioned for the first place it is generally in conjunction with that of Hon. Whitlaw.

So far as can be observed, the Wisconsin friends of Mr. Bunk are making no effort whatever in behalf of his candidacy, evidently feeling that the first movement in his favor should come from the outside, when his own State delegation could be counted on to support him for the great farmer candidate.

California, always a strong Blaine State, was sorely disappointing to the friends of the Blaine faction, for the Blaine delegates, after a long and arduous campaign, were unable to secure the first decisive victory. The matter of the convention will be able to control the nomination.

squarely been telegraphed, was spread before the delegation and the matter fully discussed. A vote was finally taken and the California delegation definitely ascertained to stand firm for Harrison. Of course, both factions are to-night claiming these "wavering and uncertain" delegates, but the gentlemen themselves are very non-committal as to their preferences.

READY FOR THE FIGHT. The Organization Demanding the Repeal of the Blue Laws Meets and Perfects Plans of Operation—National Officers and Ministers Applaud the Scheme. The organization recently formed to enforce the Blue Laws of 1794, and in that way make them sufficiently obnoxious to secure their repeal, met on Tuesday at the office of Alderman McNierney. Nearly every member of the organization attended, and the meeting was harmonious and satisfactory.

OFF-HOLDERS ARE TO BE BACKLISTED. They have agents carefully going through all the State delegations and selecting therefrom the names of those who are to be backlisted. The names of those who are to be backlisted are being compiled by the Blaine men, and they are to be backlisted on the ground as helpers in the effort to renominate the President and who are not delegates to the convention. The list will be sent to the Blaine men, and they are to be backlisted on the ground as helpers in the effort to renominate the President and who are not delegates to the convention.

THE LIST OF HARRISON OFFICERS. Harrison will be placed in nomination by the "venerable ex-Secretary of the Navy, Richard W. Thompson, of Indiana, and the distinguished Senator from Ohio, Charles McNair, of Ohio. The other nominating speeches will probably be made by ex-Governor McKim, of Wisconsin; Hon. John V. Massey, of Delaware; Hon. Louis E. McComas, of Maryland, and, possibly, by ex-Senator John J. Cavanaugh, of Michigan.

McKinley's Chances as a Dark Horse. Governor McKinley, of Ohio, still continues to be the favorite among all the conservative delegates of both factions, as well as all the uncommitted delegates, to look kindly toward a compromise candidate; and in the failure of both Blaine and Harrison to receive the nomination, the first ballot is not improbable that the leaders of both factions might be their following swept away by the popular demand for a compromise candidate who has been in the front of the contest since the beginning of the year.

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Morrow and Moreland Enter Action to Get Back Money for the City. A special received from Harrisburg last night states that Controller Moreland and City Attorney Moreland yesterday filed in the Probationary office, of Dauphin county, an appeal from the decision of Auditor General Gregg and State Treasurer Boyer, in reference to the payment by this city of taxes on Pittsburgh's railroad company bonds.

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SILVER MEASURES. Not Quite Strong Enough to Secure a Regular Free Coinage Plank, But THEY GET WHAT THEY ASK.

A Clause in the Tariff Section Gives Them a Partial Victory. THE BIGGEST OBSTACLE IS MET, And the Complete Platform Will Be All Ready to Report To-Day. THE NIAGARA CANAL JOB WINS.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 8.—The chief difficulties confronting the Republican Convention in the matter of platform were solved this afternoon, a lively time preceding the meeting. The platform was upon which the committee nearly split, with the result that the presentation of this old law, which is not only a relic of other ages, but is used more for profit than for any other purpose, is to be dropped.

THE LETTER CONCLUDES WITH HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS to the new association and pledges all the assistance it can give. "We have all the money we need," Squire McNierney said yesterday. "This letter from the railroad official is only one of the 500 letters we have received. I have received since our organization was first formed. Here they are," the Alderman said, placing his hand on a huge pile of letters neatly made up in a box.

Senator Jones, of Nevada, spoke for an hour, and it is said his address was a strong presentation of his side of the question. The Senator never speaks unless he is thoroughly prepared and has carefully considered what he will say. Last night he was full of his subject. Considerable of the argument was devoted to the silver question per se, and on this point it is well nigh impossible that anything could be added to what has been said and written during the past year.

Supplies Arrive in Large Quantities and the Hungry Citizens Are Fed—Restaurants and Eating Places Accommodate Every-where That Applies—Green Grocers Open Up Again. OIL CITY, June 8.—(Special.)—Green grocer stores have been opened up in various parts of the city, and the famine that yesterday blanketed the poorest people in the face has been averted. Every incoming train brought provisions of all kinds from the city, and a rushing business has been done.

THE FIRST MATTER THAT CAME BEFORE THE full committee was the free coinage plank, and right here was where the silver advocates showed shrewd generalship. They doggedly set out to contest every inch of ground and emboldened the other side by their consideration of the platform. These bold tactics proved successful, for at 4:30, when the Platform Committee took a recess, the victory was theirs.

THE NIAGARA CANAL JOB IS ENDORSED. After the second fight on the silver question, the platform as a whole looked pretty well fagged out. It was decided to take a recess at this time, and the subject of the Niagara canal job was postponed until the next morning.

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BLAINE IN BOSTON. After Narrowly Missing a Railroad Wreck He Arrives in the Morning. FEW CALLERS FAVORED. His Desk is Piled All Day With Telegrams From Minneapolis.

A QUIET DAY IS SPENT IN-DOORS. He Evidently Keeps His Finger Well on the Political Pulse. THE EX-PREMIER IN PERFECT HEALTH.

MINNEAPOLIS, June 8.—Mr. Blaine kept his finger on the pulse of the Minneapolis Convention all day to-day, and to-night he knows more of the pluck of the men who are trying to stampede the convention for him than anybody at Minneapolis who is not a member of the inner circle.

HE REACHED BOSTON EARLY THIS MORNING, en route for Bar Harbor. His plan was to continue his journey this afternoon, but something from Minneapolis caused him to make a radical change in his plans. He intends now to remain in Boston until tomorrow night, and possibly until Friday.

ALL DAY HE REMAINED IN HIS ROOMS at the Brunswick—the Presidential suite—and remained in constant communication with the powers that be at Minneapolis. A bushel of telegrams showed that his movements were known in the convention city, and it kept one wire busy discharging its electric freight upon Mr. Blaine's center table.

IF THAT WIRE COULD BE INTERVIEWED, in telling story, Mr. Blaine is as sprightly as ever, and has not indicated, so far as the public could see, the slightest interest in the struggle now going on in the West. He has seen but few callers to-day. Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge had an hour's chat with the ex-Secretary, during which time nobody was admitted.

WHEN QUESTIONED AS TO HIS INTERVIEW with Mr. Blaine, Lodge said it was of no political significance. Mr. Blaine, he said, did not confide in him what his desires or hopes were in respect to the Presidential nomination. Senator John S. Spooner, President of the Republican Club of Massachusetts, was another favored caller, and Senator Simpson was received as a personal friend and not as a political leader.

HE NARROWLY ESCAPES A WRECK. He came to Boston over the New York and New England line, and narrowly escaped being wrecked. His train barely crossed the bridge at the depot at the depot platform when a tugboat, whose machinery had become disabled, banged full into the draw, smashing the piles as if they were but air.

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PAINTING THE TOWN RED. Story of the Origin of This Famous and Festive Phrase. San Francisco Call. Hugh Slicer, of the old banking firm, Greathouse & Slicer, told me that the laconic term, "Painting the town red," grew out of a little argument between Jacky Williams and a miner named Rogers, which took place on a snowbank before the door of the Fashion saloon in the spring of 1885.

MENTAL TELEGRAPHY. The Phenomenal Foretelling of the Arrival of a Person or a Letter. To-day one would better hesitate to call a person "superstitious" simply because he is rather inclined to believe there may be something in thought transference. The fact is that everybody one meets seems to have an experience to relate bearing upon the subject.

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NEURALGIA EPIDEMIC. More Victims of the Painful Ailment Than for Many Years—Diphtheria and Febrile Cases Also Numerous—Damp Weather the Cause. For the past few days there has been an epidemic in this city, particularly in the East Liberty Valley, of neuralgia of the most excruciatingly painful degree.

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