CHASE AFTER CHASE,

The Field Against Indiana's Preacher-Governor in His Contest For

A FULL TERM IN OFFICE.

His Chances Good, Though the Administration Fights Him.

PROHIBITIONISTS TO CONTEST

For the Presidental Nomination, Something Unusual for Them.

THE SILVER MEN AND THEIR CHOICE

Fr. WAYNE, Ind., June 27 .- The Republican State Convention meets here at 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow, and the city is crowded to-night with delegates and visitors. The convention promises to be one of the largest and most exciting in the history of the State. The greatest interest centers in the nomination for Governor.

The present incumbent, Ira J. Chase, who succeeded to the office upon the death of Governor Hovey, is the leading candidate for the nomination, while the only other candidates who have openly announced themselves are State Senator Shockney, S. N. Chambers, United States District At-torney. However, the friends of George W. Steele, late Governor of Oklahoma, are rushing him to the front.

There has been some talk of nominating J. N. Houston, late Treasurer of the United States, but to-day a letter was received from him positively refusing to be a candidate and urging his friends to support Chase. Later an attempt was made to stampede the delegates to Judge Elliott, of the Supreme Court, but he gave the movement no encouragement, insisting that he merely wanted a renomination to his present place on the Supreme Bench. To-night it is Chase against the field,

with the chances strongly favoring Chase. Considerable feeling has been caused by the assertion of the Chase men that the National Administration and the State Committee are fighting the nomination of Chase. Whether this be true or not, it is the fact that all of the President's most intimate political friends are to be found in the ranks of the opposition to the preacher-

The only other fight of any consequence is likely to be over the nomination for Auditor, for which office L N. Walker and John W. Coons, both of Indianapolis, are

candidates.

There has so far been but little talk about the platform, but it will probably contain little of an unusual character beyond a vigorous denunciation of the new tax law.

SMYSER IS TOO BUSY

To Conduct the Coming Gubernatorial Campaign in Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., June 27 .- [Special.]-Ex-Congressman Smyser, who managed Governor McKinley's last campaign for Congress against Warwick, has declined to accept the Chairmanship of the State Ex-ecutive Committee for the management of the coming Gubernatorial campaign. He alleges too much private business. There are a number of candidates, and the Central Committee will settle the matter to-morrow morning. The indications are that C. W. F. Dick, of Akron, will be chosen, as he has the indorsement of the Governor since

John R. Mallov, clerk of the House, is to be Secretary of the Campaign Committee. The Executive Committee will be chosen outside of the Central Committee, and it is thought Cincinnati will be given two members. The factional lines will probably be drawn in this district, and the Sherman forces organize the committee, as they have the greater number of members in the Cen-tral Committee. The colored contingent is conceded one member of the committee, and is making a strong fight, with a string of candidates to select from. W. H. Roney, of Columbus, seems to have the advantage.

HILL'S LOYALTY UNQUESTIONED

By the President of the New York State League of Democratic Clubs.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 27 .- John Boyd Thacher, President of the State League of Democratic Clubs, is busy arranging a plan of campaign for the clubs throughout the State. In talking with a correspondent be paid a high compliment to Senator Hill as an organizer, and said: "It shall be a task of the organization, not only to aid the independent voter in the work of tariff reform, which be has so much at heart, but to convince him that within our party lines exist those principles and those truths which we received from the founders of our which we received from the founders of our Government, and which we have preserved in their rugged simplicity for a guide unto the people and a lamp unto their feet. This is to be another campaign of education."

Concluding, Mr. Thacher said: "There will be no more intrepid leader in this campaign than Senator Hill. He is loyal to the heart's core. He has made this a Democratic State, and he will do his utmost to keep it a Democratic State. I shell call the

cratic State, and he will do his utmost to keep it a Democratic State. I shall call the Executive Committee of our State League together this week for conference, and in due time will hold a convention to informally introduce the campaign work."

DEMOCRATS ORDERED IN LINE.

Secretary Worman Wants Societies Formed in Every Precinct of the State.

HARRISBURG, PA., June 27 .- [Special.]-Major John D. Worman, Secretary of the Democratic Society of Pennsylvania, has issued the following address:

The Democratic party exists to defend Jeffersonian principles, without which free government must utterly perish. The Demo-

government must utterly perish. The Democratic Society of Pennsylvania is expressly founded upon the teachings of Thomas Jefferson, the founder of the party, that had lived to protect the whole people from the chcroachments of centralized power. The signs of the times seem clearly to indicate that Grover Cleveland will be the next President of the Republic. His purpose and aim, when President, was to do the greatest good to the greatest number.

Much depends on our organization in the pending canvass. Organize a Democratic society in each voting precinct or township in the State at once, and after election of officers, forward to Major John D. Worman, Secretary, Harrisburg, the names of officers, with their addresses, and a list of members. Upon receipt, jurther information will be transmitted. The date for the meeting of the General Assembly of the Democratic societies of Pennsylvania, at Scranton, will be fixed and announced by the Executive Committee in a few days. Recruit and organize Democratic societies and clubs.

ments with Mr. Cleveland, and the committee will then perfect its reorganization.
Whether Mr. Whitney is made Chairman or not, he will take an active part in the campaign. He was active in the work of the convention."

"What do you anticipate from the Peo-"Oh, I never knew third parties to amount to anything." Senator Brice left for Lima, and will go from there, in a day or two, to Washington.

JUST LIKE BIG PARTIES.

For the First Time There Will Be a Contes for the Prohibitionist Presidental Nomination-The Silver Question Divides the Cold Water Folk.

CINCINNATI, June 27 .- The nomination of a Presidental candidate of the National Prohibition party will not go by default this year, but, to all appearances, it will be necessary that there shall be a roll call before the nomination is made. This unusual scene in a National Prohibition Convention, of more than one name being earnestly urged, is not due to any feeling that the blight has fallen on both the old parties and rendered possible a Prohibitionist's election, but to the fact that at least one of the persons whose names will go before the convention wants the nomination and has friends earnestly working to have it given

Heretofore it has been hard for the Prohibitionists to induce an acceptance of the nomination. W. J. Demorest, of New York, who, with his wife, is a well-known

York, who, with his wite, is a well-known publisher, wants to be the candidate, and quite a boom has been worked up for him. Mr. Demorest, however, is not the choice of a majority of the delegates, most of whom favor General Bidwell, of California.

General Bidwell is likely to secure the nomination on the first ballot. He has been in Congress, is said to be a man of high character and ability, and able to fulfill the duties of the office of President if by some phenomenon he should chance to get it. His friends say that he does not wish to be the nominee, but he will accept. Gideon T. Stewart, of Ohio, will also be put in nomination.

Uncertainty Arouses Much Interest. The little uncertainty which exists over the nomination is pleasing to the Prohibitionists, and it concentrates interest in the convention, and they wish interest to keep up as a means whereby to advance the prohibition movement. The amalgamation of the Prohibition and People's Party, which has been heralded as likely to be the biggest thing of the convention, is now not at all probable, so far as this campaign is concerned, and can practically be dismissed for the present. Chairman Dickle, of the National Committee, said it might not even be mentioned. If the matter comes up at all, it can hardly be in any other form than as a suggestion for efforts after the coming campaign is over. The little uncertainty which exists over

campaign is over.

Aside from some objections arising out of the difficulty of finding common standing ground when abstract propositions are put in concrete shape, an almost insuperable obstacle has been met in the Australian ballot law. stacle has been met in the Australian ballot law. A new name, it is admitted, must be found for an amalgamated party, and for the present campaign it would be necessary, under the new system, for the combined party to put its nominees up by means of petitions, which frequently would be impracticable. The platform will be much like previous prohibition platforms, with some radical additions dealing with the labor problem, and having for their avowed object more perfect control over corporations.

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The silver plank is troublesome to the Prohibitionists, just as it is to the older parties, and the delegates are divided into free coinage and anti-free coinage men.

The National Committee meets to-morrow morning and will probably select the Temporary Chairman from these three names: Captain Cleghoen, of Wisconsin; A. A. Stevens, of Tyrone, Pa.; Andrew S. Thompson, of Ohio. Mr. Stevens has also been mentioned for Permanent Chairman.

Delegates are beginning to arrive, and by Delegates are beginning to arrive, and by to-morrow evening there will be a good number of them here. Miss Frances E. Willard, Prof. Dickie, of Michigan; Mra. Helen M. Gougar, John Lloyd Thomas, of New York, and other well-known advocates of prohibition are already here; and are making the Grand Hotal thair handware.

making the Grand Hotel their headquar Prof. Dickie, who is Chairman of the National Committee, says it is not, as many people think, a religious, but a political organization. Voting the ticket is the test of party fealty, and though a man swears like a trooper and drinks whisky he can be a Prohibitionist if he votes the ticket, though, dded the professor, he will not be high up

in the party.

The convention will open in Music Hall at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. There are 1,149 delegates and as many alternates. One thousand delegates are expected, the absentees being principally from the South.

A FREE SILVER MAN

Will Probably Be Nominated for President

by the People's Party. OMARA, June 27 .- Chairman Taubeneck of the National Committee of the People's party, and Robert Schilling are expected to arrive Friday morning. They will at once open headquarters at the Millard. The convention will be called to order at the Coliseum at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, when temporary organiza-tion will be affected. While the Credentials Committee is out, brief ad-dresses will be delivered by J. B. Weaver, dresses will be delivered by J. B. Weaver, T. V. Powderly, Ignatius Donnelly and Jerry Simpson. After the report of the Credentials Committee, the Committees on Rules, Permanent Organization and Resolutions will be selected. The convention will then adjourn until Monday morning, July 4, at 10 o'clock, on which day the platform will be adopted and the nominations made. tions made.

The local Independents are much put out by the published announcement that Judge Gresham declines to allow his name to come before the People's Party Convention here for President. Although General J. B. Weaver, of Iowa, seemed to have the support of the local Independent men up to the time of the return of the disgruntled silver men from the Chicago Convention, and the announcement of their decision to come here and seek satisfaction at the hands of the Independents, the sentiment has changed, and it is now openly asserted that Weaver is no longer in it. The talk is in favor of a nomine from a mining State, and Stewart, of Nevada, and Adams, of Colorado, have the call, with Watson, of Georgia, for second place. The local Independents are much put out

THE LESSER OF TWO EVILS

Free Silvermen Have to Choose, and Hope for Nothing from Cleveland.

NEW HAVEN, June 27. — [Special.]— United States Senator Teller, of Colorado is in the city attending the commencement exercises at Yale. He discussed politics this morning with reference to the silver question, and among other things said: society in each voting precinct of township in the State at once, and after election of officers, forward to Major John D. Worman, Secretary, Harrisburg, the names of officers, with their addresses, and a list of members. Upon receipt, further information will be transmitted. The date for the meeting of the General Assembly of the Democratic societies of Pennsylvania, at Scranton, will be fixed and announced by the Executive Committee in a few days. Recruit and organize Democratic societies and clubs.

THIRD PARTIES OF LITTLE WEIGHT,

Says Chairman Brice, Who Thinks Whitney Will Be the Boss.

Indianapolus, June 27.—Senator Brice stopped over here to-day. Asked when the National Democratic, Committee would organize he said: "On or about July 12. The committee on notification has appointed a sub-committee of five to make arrange-Whilelit is true that both parties are nearly

silver legislation for some time to come. Either Harrison or Cleveland will surely be elected, and we have nothing to hope from either of them on the silver question. The Alliance will therefore make an effort to elect as many Congressmen as possible, and I believe it will make itself felt. The silver men ask merely that silver be rehabilitated and restored to the position it cocspied before its demonetization in 1878. The depression of the last 18 years, and the frequent business revuisions are due to the demonetization of silver. The supply of metallic money has lessened, and the anti-silver men all over the world are now striving to complete the ruinons work then begun. If they succeed we shall be overwhelmed with greater financial disasters than we have yet known.

PEOPLE'S PARTY PLAN.

Both Convention Chairmen Picked Out and Gresham for President.

Sr. Louis, June 27.-Hon. H. E. Tau beneck, in conversation with Associated Press representative to-night, gave some in-

Press representative to-night, gave some interesting gossip regarding the National Convention of the People's party to be held in Omaha, July 20-24

"The Temporary and Permanent Chairmen of the convention," said Mr. Taubeneck, "will be selected from the South and the Northwest respectively. I think we will agree on C. H. Ellington, of Georgia, for Temporary Chairman, while the Permanent Chairman will, in all probability, be H. F. Loucks, of South Dakota. For Secretary the General secretary of the Knights of Labor, Mr. Hayes, of Philadelphia, will probably be chosen."

"What is the object of the meeting of the National Committee to be held at Omaha on Friday next?"

"The terms for which the present Execu-

on Friday next?"
"The terms for which the present Executive Committee was chosen will expire on that day, and the object is to select a new Executive Committee. I do not think I will be the Chairman, or even a member of the new committee. I am anxious to get out of politics and will not accept another term. term.
Asked regarding Presidential candidates.

the Executive Committee Chairman said:
"If he will accept it, Judge Walter Q.
Gresham can have the nomination. Should Gresham can have the nomination. Should he decline, Senator Stewart, of Newada, has been mentioned. So have Ignatius Donnelly, of Minnesota; Colonel Norton, of Chicago; Dr. McCune, of Georgia; Grand Master Powderly, of the Knights of Labor; ex-Governor Weaver and some others. Colonel Polk was very strong with the people, and had he lived would undoubtedly have been selected."

BAYARD HIGHLY PLEASED

Secause the Free Silver Men Were Turned

Down at Chicago, WILMINGTON, Del., June 27.-In an in terview this evening ex-Secretary Bayard said, in reference to the work on the platform of the Chicago convention:

form of the Chicago convention:

The most dangerous and adverse force we had to encounter was the strong combination of the silver interests, which had assembled with all their power to force the Democratic party into a declaration favorable to them, or equivalent. After an all-night debate and struggle, the emphatic resolution for a dollar of fuil intrinsic and exchangeable value, with no paper money but such as shall be redeemable in coin dollars of full and intrinsic value, proves a most satisfactory result to the friends of sound money, which must commend itself more and more to the thoughtful minds of the country as the campaign progresses. It has a straightforward and single meaning, which is not contained in the expressions of the Republican party at Minneapolis. It is clear and emphatic where the other is evasive and unsatisfactory. There was no special dissatisfaction on the part of the committee that I am aware of with the ultimate expression of the convention on the tariff subject.

GRESHAM NOT A CANDIDATE

The Indiana Judge Will Not Lead the People's Party to Defeat.

FRESH LICK SPRINGS, IND., June 27 .-Judge Walter Q. Gresham will not be the standard-bearer of the People's party. He onversed freely with a correspondent on the subject of a third party nomination. "I have not permitted, and shall not permit the use of my name at the Omaha Convention," said be. "I have no right to assume that the honor will be tendered me, but I will say my name will not go before the convention with my consent."

"Have you told any of the leaders of the Pacular party that you would accept if

Péople's party that you would accept if nominated?" he was asked.
"I have not." Regarding the People's party platform the Judge said he believed in a large portion of it, but not in the sub-

Kansas Gubernatorial Candidates, TOPEKA, June 27.-The Republican State Convention to nominate a State Ticket meets here Wednesday. There are three prominent candidates for Governor. Mr. Murdock, editor of the Wichita Eagle; ex-Congressman Merrill, and Farmer A. W. Smith.

THE BLUE FOR THE GRAY.

abstantial Aid Offered by Federal Soldiers

to a Confederate Organizati CHARLESTON, S. C., June 27. - [Special.] A convention of the Confederate veterans of the State has been called to meet in Columbis, July 19, for the purpose of effecting an organization similar to that of the Grand Army of the Republic. Ex-Senator Wade Hampton will preside. The plan, which is to be adopted in all Southern States, is one of organization for the purpose of raising a fund and applying it to the interest and the relief of disabled Confeder-ate veterans and widows and orphases of Confederate soldiers and incidentally to pre-serve the history of the Confederacy. The

ate veterans and widows and orphass of Confederate soldiers and incidentally to preserve the history of the Confederacy. The plan has been approved by the ex-Confederate leaders throughout the south, and, it is claimed, had the indorsement of General Lee before his death.

The promoters of the plan say that over a hundred ex-Federal soldiers have promised, without solicitation, to aid the work by assisting in raising the funds. The address concludes in these words: "An ex-Federal General says: I, or any one in whom the people have confidence, can raise a million dollars in Wall street for the purposes set forth in your circular." Equally as encouraging promises were made by many other Federal veterans. As one of them put it: "The Yankee veteran feels a warm sympathy for the rebel cripple—asympathy that will materialize when the call is made."

Appeals From the County Assess Judges Ewing and White yesterday heard appeals from the county assessments made by the Commissioners in the various townships. Attorney W. B. Rodgers represented the appellants, most of whom are farmers, and County Solicitor Geyer represented the Commissioners. The only question is as to the value of the lands in dispute. No decisions were given,

BECAUSE THEY PAY.

Patronage increases faste:

Patronage increases faster than ever as time goes on.
The Adlets for the month ending May 31 gained 4,234 as compared with April, 1891.
For 9 months ending same date the increase was 27,575.
The reason is plain—it pays better to advertise in THE DISPATCH than any other paper. Note the new classifications of Bicycles and Tricycles for Sale. Bargains there. Most advertisements on Sunday, of course.

One of the Oldest Temples of Justice in the Country Made the Stage Of

A TRAGEDY IN LOW LIFE.

Max Clerget Shot by His Brother-in-Law, Edward Divin.

TERRIBLE CAUSE OF THE CRIME.

The Murdered Man Assaulted the Murderer's Little Sister.

GREAT SENSATION IN THE COURTROOM

NEW YORK, June 27 .- The Court of General Sessions is the oldest court of record in the United States. It was founded by Queen Anne, and has dealt with the criminals of New York City ever since. In that court, the staidest of old courts, was enacted to-day a scene such as occasionally, when, reported from the border lands of the wild West or the Tennessee mountains, makes New Yorkers vain of their superior civilization. It was a companion picture of the lynching at Port Jervis.

In the courtroom to-day Edward Divin, a cripple, shot and killed Max Clerget, who had just pleaded guilty of assaulting Divin's 15-year-old sister. The shooting was done in the presence of Judge Martine, many court officers and hundreds of spectators. spectators.

There was no premonition of the tragedy.

For nearly a week Judge Martine has been engaged in the trial of Annie Jones, charged with arson, and the trial was not concluded. The jurors were in the jury box in the morning ready to hear the last of it. A Well-Guarded Court Room,

The pleas of all the prisoners indicted by the grand jury are taken in Part 1, between 11 and 12 each morning. To prevent an escape a double line of court officials ex-tends from the bar to the door of the prisoners' box. As the prisoners' names are called by Clerk Hall, the officer in charge of the door of the box opens it and the prisoner steps out. He finds himself in a

prisoner steps out. He finds himself in a deep gangway, running between two rows of benches for spectators. These benches, six on each side, rise amphitheatrically.

The grand jury was busy on Friday, and found many indictments against minor offenders, so there was a long string of prisoners going to and from the bar for nearly half an hour.

At 11:35 o'clock Clerk Hall called: "Max Clerget to the bar." The bolt of the door of the prisoners box was withdrawn by the officer guarding it, and a slender boy stepped out into the gangway and went briskly up the aisle to the bar. He had a sallow complexion and dark eyes. His upper lip was just shaded by a faint black mustache. He wore a black worsted cutaway coat and trousers and flannel shirt. Around his throat was tied a white pique four-in-hand, with a mock diswhite pique four-in-hand, with a mock dia-mond pin in it. He held a cheap white straw hat in his right hand, and as he stood

at the bar he fanned himself. The Prisoner at First Pleads Guilty. Clerk Hall said: "Max Clerget, you stand indicted by the grand jury of this county for assault. You are charged with assaulting Sarah Divin, aged 15, on the 18th of June, at 543 East Fifteenth street. What say you? Are you guilty or not guilty?" "Guilty," replied Clerget, promptly.

But while Mr. Wall was recording the

plea, Lawyer Cherry, a newcomer in the criminal practice, stepped up close to Clerget and spoke to him in an undertone. Then Clerget faced to the bar again, and

Then Clerget faced to the bar again, and said to Mr. Hall: "I don't plead guilty. I mean that I plead not guilty."

Judge Martine had seen the by-play between Lawyer Cherry and Clerget, and refused to permit the plea to be withdrawn. Court Officer Collyer, who was standing at the bar, touched Clerget upon the arm and waved his hand toward the prisoners' box. Clerget stepped lightly from the bar. As he got within a foot of the entrance of the gangway Divin, who sat in the end seat on gangway Divin, who sat in the end seat on the fourth bench, upon the right of the gangway, stood up. As Clerget got abreast of him he leaned over the highway, and pressing the muzzle of a pistol close against Clerget's left breast, fired.

Murdered in the Prisoners' Box. A cloud of smoke arouse. Clerget pressed his right hand to his breast, crying ont, "Oh, my God!" He took two or three steps; then he staggered, his head falling upon his breast.

steps; then he staggered, his head falling upon his breast.

'Court Officer McLaughlin, who stood at the further end of the gangway, sprang forward and caught him as he was falling. Court Officer Knight stepped to McLaughlin's side, and they carried Clerget to an open window back of the spectotor's bench. Every man in the courtroom was upon his feet in an instant. The enclosure for female witnesses was full of women. They screamed and ran to all parts of the courtroom. The men clambered over the benches and chairs to get out of the room.

Judge Martine rapped upon the bench with his gavel, calling out: "Order in the courtroom! There must be order in the courtroom. Let everyone be seated."

But the spectators did not heed the command, and there were no court officers at liberty to enforce it. The whole force of court officers was engaged in a struggle with Divin for the possession of the pistol. After firing the shot he straightened up for an instant, and then he leaned over the wall of the gangway, evidently meaning to fire another snot at Clerget, but Court Officers Collyer and McLaughlin caught him.

A Struggle With a Madman.

A Struggle With a Madman, McLaughlin grasped his right wrist from behind and threw an arm around his neck, forcing his head upward and backward. Collyer twisted Divin's right hand until the skin of the wrist was broken and blood flowed, but he could not get the pistol from him. The pistol was twirled around in every direction. Everyone near dreaded another shot. Nearly all the other officers in the room ran to the assistance of Collver in the room ran to the assistance of Collyer and McLaughlin. The slender man with-stood the assault with wonderful strength. His eyes blazed, his face was flushed and is teeth were set.

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The struggle lasted nearly two minutes. Then Collyer wrenched the pistol out of Divin's hand, and the other court officers dragged Divin down from the spectators' benches to the end of the prisoners' box, opposite to the end of which Clerget lay dying.

Within ten minutes Clerget was dead. From where he stood, his wrists bound with double handcufts, Divin could see Clerget. His eyes were fixed on Clerget's face. Divin trembled. Officer Knight said to hims "Why did you shoot that man?" Why did you shoot that man?"
Divin turned and faced Knight, and said with bitterness: "He ruined my sister—the only sister that I loved."

The Tragedy One in Low Life. The man who was shot was Max Clerget, 18 years old. The girl he had assaulted was his sister-in-law, Sarah Divin, aged 15. The man who shot him dead was Edward Divin, Sarah's older brother and his own brother-in-law. Edward is a paralytic and not in his right mind.

his right mind.

It was a tragedy of low life. Max Clerget's brother, who is a barkeeper, married Sarah's sister. They were keeping house at 543 East Fifteenth street. The barkeeper was put of work, and his wife went out to work by the day to help support the family. Sarah Divin lived with her and took care of the children when her sister was away. was out of work, and his wife went out to work by the day to help support the family. Sarah Divin lived with her and took care of the children when her sister was away.

On June 18 Sarah was at home with the

children when Max Clerget came in. Sarah was lying on the bed with the children, trying to put them to sleep. Max overcame her, despite her struggles and entreaties, and ran from the house, the assault perpetrated, followed by her cries.

When her sister came home Sarah told her story. Mrs. Clerget went promptly to the police, and that same evening Max was arrested. Sarah being a minor, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children took up her case, and Agent Stocking appeared in the police court as the prosecutor. The prisoner was held and indicted by the grand jury. On June 22 he was brought up to plead, but the case was put over until to-day.

A BOY'S STRANGE STORY.

He Declares He Saw Four Men Cutting the Dike at Chicago's Suburb, Grand Crossing-The Villagers Discredit the Tale-The Flood at a Stand.

CHICAGO, June 27 .- The rumors that the Eighty-seventh street dike, the breaking of which flooded the suburban towns of Grand Crossing and Dauphin Park, had been cut, have been confirmed by one witness and an examination of the side lines of the 50-foot torrent. The son of J. B. Richmond, who lives near the dike, saw four men, late Sat-

torrent. The son of J. R. Richmond, who lives near the dike, saw four men, late Saturday night, cutting the dike with picks and shovels. He asked them what they were doing and for answer received a command to "Get out in a hurry."

The boy, thoroughly frightened, ran home, but he told no one of the occurrence until his father returned from town late at night. He immediately notified Street Commissioner Kenteler, who early yesterday morning, with a force of workmen and a squad of police from Grand Crossing station, started out to repair the dike and arrest the men who were seen cutting it.

The great volume of water which rolled in upon the suburban settlements of Grand Crossing, Fordham, Dauphin Park and Burnside, all on the Illinois Central Railroad and below Seventieth street, was unabated this morning. Its rise has stopped, however, and now, with no more rains, nothing remains to be done by the distressed inhabitants but await its natural recession.

Grand Crossing residents discredit the story that the dike was cut. They say the wind was heavy, and, considering the force of the water, the elements alone would have forced the dike. No arrests have been made.

A CLASS OF BRIGHT TOTS.

Thirty Children 6 Years Old Trained Be-

yond Their Tender Years. The Teachers' Association of Pittsburg will meet in annual session at Beaver Falls on Tuesday of next week. They will remain in session until Thursday. The Wednesday session will be known as Pittsburg day, and on that occasion an extraordinary treat has been arranged for the

dinary treat has been arranged for the convention. A class of 30 or more children from the Osceola school, Liberty district, taught by Miss Funderburg will be taken to the convention.

The members of the class were admitted to the school last December when each of the youngsters was just 6 years old. They will be submitted to the convention for examination, and they will, Prof. Luckey said last night answer any question that may be put to them, provided the question does not go outside of their grade. They will also write in a plain and distinct way a composition on any subject offered them. They will properly capitalize and punctuate their composition, and will submit it in remarkably correct shape.

ably correct shape.
"It is the greatest class in the world,"
Superintendent Luckey said. "The children have been under the same teacher since they entered school, and we have been listing them as an experiment. The little ones are not yet 7 years old, yet they have advanced in training beyond an ordinary class of 12-year-old children. We think our class will surprise the country."

TORN BY A TORNADO.

Many Buildings Wrecked or Scalped by a Williamsport Twister. WILLIAMSPORT, PA., June 27 .- A storm of extraordinary violence passed through this city this evening. The first of it appeared between 3 and 4 o'clock in the atternoon. Three different buildings were fired by lightning, but all the fires were extin guished before they had made much headway. Just before 6 o'clock a regular tornado swept eastward through the territory lying north of the Erie Railroad, carrying lestruction in its track. The Demorest

destruction in its track. The Demorest Machine Works were partly unroofed, and along Park avenue dozens of buildings were badly wrecked. A large number had chimneys blown off and others had roofs carried away and parts of the walls knocked down. The destruction among shade trees was very severe. In some places the streets were totally obstructed, and at one point on the Philadelphia and Erie Railroad, near Franklin street, an engine was used to pull trees from the track. The large Turn Verein hall was totally demolished and scattered in the street. Tin roofs were lifted and carried nearly a square, and in one case the ried nearly a square, and in one case the whole roof of a hotel was carried over 200 feet. A few people were hurt, but none seriously, so far as learned.

A SLAP AT THE PRESIDENT. The Member From Alabama Wants Con-

grees to Prod Him Up.

WASHINGTON, June 27.-Representative

Herbert, of Alabama, in the House to-day. offered for reference a resolution citoffered for reference a resolution citing that a political convention,
claiming to be the regular Republican
Convention of Alabama, adopted
a resolution calling the attention of the
President and the Civil Service Commission
to the flagrant violation of civil service laws
and rules by office holders of that State in
leaving assessments upon levying assessments upon mail clerks, etc., and bribery of electors at primaries and conventions; but no notice has been taken of the charges by the President or the Civil Service Comby the President or the Civil Service Com-mission; that if the charges are true they show that the laws have been outrageously and shamefully violated for political pur-poses, and that the moneys belonging to the Government have been unlawfully used for corrupt purposes, and directing the Com-mittee on Reform in the Civil Service to inquire into the allegations made in the resolution, with the power to send sub-com-mittees to make the needful investigation.

A BAD CREVASSE

Floods Plantations on the High Mississippi Below New Orleans. NEW OBLEANS, June 27 .- [Special.]-A crevasse, or rather a caving in of the A crevasse, or rather a caving in of the Enite levee, took place last night on the Bohemia plantation of Dr. Herbert, in Plaquemine parish, below New Orleans. The crevasse, which is 120 feet wide, is one of the worst that has occurred on the lower coast between New Orleans and the Gulf, and floods several plan-Orleans and the Guir, and noods several plantations, extending as far south as Pointe a la Hache, the parish seat of Putne. It will flood the tracks of the New Orleans and Southern Railroad and stop traffic on it. A large force of men have been sent to the crevasse and determined effort will be made

AN UNSOLVED OCEAN MYSTERY. The Vega Arrives in Port, but Reports No

Collision With Any Vessel. NEW YORK, June 27 .- The steamship Vega, from Lisbon, which was supposed to have been in collision at sea with the sailing vessel Fred B. Taylor,

SIGNS OF WEAKNESS

Option Bill in a Senate Committee-Valuable Time Occupied in Postponements.

commercial exchanges.

The committee is understood to be pledged

CAR STRIKERS STILL FIRM.

They Reject the Company's Offer, and Say Not a Wheel Shall Turn.

CLEVELAND, June 27 .- The street rail-

way strike is still on. A conference of

representatives of the East Cleveland Company and strikers was held at noon to-day. The company offers to pay a graded scale of wages. The men said they were convinced the strikers would not accept it, and promised to return an answer at 3 o'clock.

Said one of strikers, "We will get more than you offer, and not a car will run until we do." Mayor Rose, who was present, said they would be run if it took the combined force of the city, county and State authorities to protect the company.

impaign, only that he won the victory for the Republican party and restored the Government to its hands. WASHINGTON, June 27.—[Special.]—It is the general impression here that the action of the Senate Judiciary Committee to-day criment to its hands.

Complimented by the Common Enemy.

The Democrate saw in Senator Quay a noble Republican, and began their abuse, and a cowardly Republican press soon became their allies. Noman who has the good of the Republican party at heart can do otherwise than to put his honest, strong hand between this accusation of the Democratic party and the gentlemen I have just named. in postponing consideration of the anti-option bill until Thursday indicates weakness on the part of the friends of the bill. ness on the part of the friends of the bill.

Certainly every such delay is dangerous at this late stage of the session.

The postponement this morning goes to confirm the belief that a majority of the Judiciary Committee are opposed to the measure. If it were the other way it is highly probable that there would have been no postponement, as Senator Washburn and the other champions of the anti-option panacea are eager for applying it at once to the boards of trade and commercial exchanges.

W. J. CAMPBELL IS CHAIRMAN.

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cratic party and the gentlemen I have just named.

So far as I am concerned, if I ever have another boy to name I will be glad to confer upon him the name of Senator Quay, or Dudley, and this as an evidence of the affection I have for the men. In conclusion, I want to state that no man on this continent desires to help elect the Republican ticket, or will do more according to his ability than I.

A resolution was then taken up congratu-lating General Sloat Fassett, of New York, for his eminent services to the Republican party and unanimously and enthusiastically adopted. Mr. Fassett replied in a brief and eloquent address, which was heartily ap-plauded.

On motion of Senstor Saunders the com-To motion of sensor saunders the committee resolved to meet at the Arlington at 7 o'clock in the evening and proceed in a body to the White House and pay their respects to the President. At 6:30 the committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman President Burke, of the Republican Col-

The committee is understood to be pledged to report the bill, so there is no prospect of hanging it up. If the majority reports adversely, as anticipated, there will almost certainly be also a minority report, embodying the views of the friends of the bill. Then the Senate can take up the matter whenever it pleases, and, if it should appear in the course of the debate that the bill is likely to pass, the probable course of its opponets would be to attach amendments to it, if possible. If amended, it would have to go back to the House for concurrence in the amendments. All this would take time and very likely would arouse new opposition, and thus it might easily happen that final adjournment might come and find the anticoption bill still uncompleted. This is the main hope of the opposition, as it is generally conceded that if brought at once to a square test vote the bill would prohably pass the Senate.

President Burke, of the Republican College League, to-day appointed as Advisory Board to the league for the coming year: Hon. J. S. Clarkson, General Alger, Hon. Cabot Lodge, Senator Stanford, Governor McKinley, Judge Thurston, George M. Pullman, Hon. John M. Laugston; Hon. B. P. Langdon and Hon. J. Sloat Fassett. The College League will open headquarters in New York City July 1.

At a little after 7 o'clock the Republican National Committee met at the Arlington, and went in a body to the White House to call upon the President. The committee was conducted to the Blue Room, where it was joined by the President. Chairman Campbell introduced each member, and explained that the committee had effected an organization and had called to pay its respects. The President, in a few words, expressed his appreciation of the courtesy, and after shaking hands with all who were present the committee withdrew.

School Picnic at Idlewild,

The students of the Pittsburg High School held their annual picnic at Idlewild yesterday. It required a long train to carry the happy pupils. The Third Presbyterian Sunday School spent the day at Rock Point..

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