THE HERALD.

HOW WASHINGTON REGARDS THE COMING FIGHT.

The Result of the Struggle on Garfield and Blaine if Conkling Should come Back.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—That there has been consummate masking by the resigning Senators, more especially the senior, there can no longer be any question. It is conceded now by those who first believed the resignation meant a wish to get clear from public life. This as to Conkling especially. It was not so easy to explain as to Platt, whose importance—though a man of sharpness, with positive business capacity—is not considerable. That he resigned through devotion to Conkling does not suffice as an explanation. Conkling needed no such salve, and Platt was capable of no such sentiment. I am sure that the idea of resigning, as a strategic movement came first from Platt. Conkling's friend, who visited him at his house the second hour after the resignation, and who left fully impressed that the resignation was in earnest, now believes that, as perfectly as he supposed he knew Conkling, he was masking then, as he has been in every step.

I have at no time been able to see why, if Conkling neither desired nor expected re-election, Arthur, who knows Conkling as well as he knows himself, did not openly say so, either as his belief or from positive knowledge. No other inference could be drawn from the Vice President's reticence than that there was a mystery to be kept up, and mystery is never necessary to a straightforward course.

Conkling's friends here are acting as though they had some good news. Now that it is openly proclaimed that there is to be a stand-up fight at Albany they feel better, be the result what it may. They cannot help believing that Conkling would not risk the fight if he did not believe he would win. The administration people, on the contrary, profess undiminished confidence that Conkling will go under.

There is something like a rivalry between Garfield and Blaine for the honor of despatching Lord Roscoe. While yet it was a close flight, with the chances favoring Conkling, Garfield was willing to place the responsibility of forcing the fight on Blaine; and Blaine, while not positively shirking it, was not proud of it, though secretly felicitating himself on the insult he had placed on the haughty Senator. Not so, however, now that it is a success—as they think at the White House. They say Garfield now positively struts, so great is his vanity over the victory, which he claims as all his own, when talking aloud, when nobody can hear. Blaine laughs and jeers at this; recounts the fears, the backing and filling and the positive backdown by Garfield when Foster came on to effect a compromise—and did not effect one—but which Blaine smashed the next hour. These things now form the subject of no little talk among those to whom they are known. Blaine knowing that it has been his own work, that it took all he could do to hold Garfield up to it, and that but for his vigilance at all points and at every moment, Conkling would to-day be master of the administration, does not, as may readily be imagined, altogether fancy the airs Garfield takes to himself. Nor does he think it quite prudent to resent them. For it should be known that there is an idea in Garfield's head that Blaine is assuming too much—is not quite the statesman he himself is—that if the troubles of the first sixty days are a sample of Blain's management, good Lord deliver him from the remainder of the four years.

Gov. Foster, who was probably the originator of this idea, told Garfield that he must get rid of Blaine or his administration would go to the dogs and Ohio would go Democratic next fall.

Garfield's intoxication is altogether natural. A new beginner always believes he knows more than he really does after he has got a few leading ideas into his head. As a matter of fact it is this that Blaine makes fun of.

"If Garfield takes the bits," said an Ohio man, staying to see one more appointment, "he will make mischief for himself. While he has got a good deal of talent, he is in no sense a leader nor fitted for original word."

I have already said Garfield snubbed Blaine in more than one instance in the last twenty-four hours of the senate's session. He got impatient of the Secretary's assumptions, and deliberately struck from lists prepared at the State Department names Blaine particularly desired should have Garfield's approval. Not only did they not obtain the approval but they were vetoed with ut a word of explanation. It is to be observed that Garfield's action was in the interest of Ohio men.

"If there's difficulty between Garfield and Blaine", said a New England man lingering here, "it will be all because that confounded Foster, who happens to be Governor of Ohio, has poisoned Garfield against Blaine. I know, now why Garfield sought to have Foster in his cabinet. He and Blaine would have had a quarrel before now. He, anyway, is likely to produce a quarrel between the President and the Secretary, if he has not succeeded already. Blaine, who is the inferior, only in the accident of position, is not likely to stand much snubbing from Garfield."

Should Conkling come back Blaine will go out. Garfield will fight for a time, but surrender. "This" said a Senator, perhaps the only one remaining here, "will be the outcome should Conkling win, "which I pray for." I could not help noting that the same Senator fell into line as soon as Conkling left.

I don't know that Conkling, if he comes back, will care for leadership. If he does, he may be sure of more followers than ever, more than any other man now in public life.

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Maggie Mobley of the Grand Island Independent, and a German faction of that city are having a big fight.

The Blue Sky.

M. Chappuis thinks that the blue of the sky may be due to ozone present in the upper regions of the air. He argues that the electrical discharges constantly taking place will produce ozone; and the researches of himself and M. Hautefeuille have shown that ozone, at any rate when near its condensation point, is of a blue tint. He has examined the absorption spectrum of ozone and finds nine dark bands in it, three at least of which correspond with known bands in the telluric spectrum.

NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. Henry Villard, who is trying to obtain control of the Northern Pacific Railroad, was formerly an army correspondent of the New York *Tribune*. He married a daughter of William Lloyd Garrison, the great anti-slavery leader.

Col. R. G. Ingersöll said in a lecture in New York: "My tears are not shed in St. Petersburg, but in Siberia," from which it may be inferred that the Czar's sudden taking off didn't afflict Robert to any great extent.

Five generations of one family live in Madison, Wis. They are Mrs. Wallace, aged 75; Mrs. Langdon, her daughter, aged 55; Mrs. Lewis, great-grand-daughter, aged 18; and an infant great-great-grand-child.

Few cities in America are more infested with beggars than Washington. The police are making an effort to rid the streets of mendicants, and all vagrants arrested are sent to the Washington Asylum, where they will be put to work.

Thomas Jefferson was the only skeptic in the line of American Presidents; only two of them, Washington and Garfield, have been communicants. Jackson was a Presbyterian, and Harrison, Polk and Grant were all Methodists and the rest belonged to different denominations.

Mr. Henry O. Tift, revenue boatman at Newport, R. I., is probably the oldest man in the revenue service in the country, being 80 years of age. He has been in the service there for more than half a century, and is still an efficient officer.

Hennenway, one of the most stirring Methodist exhorters in Massachusetts, has gone to the Penitentiary for stealing a bag of corn. He conducted his own defence in court, and made a fervid appeal to the jurors, but they did not melt.

A fashionable young woman of Galesburg, Ill., has undertaken alone to reform the men of that town. She enters the saloons, gambling houses, and other low resorts at late hours, often surprising her male acquaintances, with whom she then pleads and prays.

Two Cambridge letter carriers, members of churches and possessing high reputations, have been dismissed from their places and are to be prosecuted for stealing fancy advertising cards from letters. The plunder was of slight value, and was taken to add to children's collections.

Mr. Yoshida, the Japanese Minister, is a devoted art student, and has a forest scene on exhibition at the Academy. He is considered an amateur artist of promise. It is said since the day of Sir John F. Crampton, the English Minister, we have had no diplomat who could use the pencil with equal facility.

A Mississippi planter wanted to turn his land into a stock farm. His neighbors, who stick to cotton, applied to a court for an injunction to restrain him from growing grass-seed, on the ground that the grass would spread over adjoining plantations and unfit the ground for cotton. The injunction was granted.

Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's new operetta mentioned by the London *World* is advancing rapidly. Two poets play the most prominent part; a high-flown poet, and an idyllic one who gives details about sweet Jane and teasing Tom, and makes a rhyme on "totally," worthy of Gilbert.

The Vallejo *Chronicle* publishes a lengthy article on the unfitness of the Mary and Helen for the expedition to go in search of the Jeannette. It reports that an examination of the whale was made by competent men, and that the general verdict was that the government was badly taken in on the purchase. The vessel, as fitted for whaling, was good and sound; for ice business she was of no use.

There is a good deal of literary ability among the Rothschild ladies. Mrs. Flower and Mrs. Eliot, both daughters of Sir Anthony Rothschild, published, when young, a work on the religion and literature of the Israelites. Lady Roseberry (Miss Hannah de Rothschild) wrote in one of the quarterlies an article on Jewish women, and the Baroness Lionel de Rothschild has been much praised for her stories and essays.

Some residents of Union City, Ind., have formed what they call the "National Marriage Dowry Association," the object of which is declared to be to encourage lawful wedlock, to promote economy, to endow homes, and to make married life the end and the aim of the rich and the poor alike. It promises to pay a dowry in three classes, $1,000, $2,000, and $3,000, respectively.

The Cosmopolitan Club, of London, which is frequently mentioned in "Endymion," has been established for many years in what used to be Mr. Watt's studio, a lofty room in Mayfair. The largest picture he ever painted still occupies one wall, and on the opposite wall are some water-color drawings by Severn. Here princes, peers, poets, painters, politicians, and even prelates meet to smoke and gossip on Wednesday nights and Sunday nights.

The wife of the historian Grote must have been an extraordinary woman. She rode without a saddle; she was not afraid to put off in a boat without a man; and she was plucky enough to marry her lover without permission, and return home without saying a word about it. Sydney Smith described this lady and her lord in this happy fashion: "I do like them both so much! for he is ladylike, and she is a perfect gentleman."

A haunted house near Bowling Green, Ky., is attracting considerable attention among the Spiritualists. A suicide was committed in the house twenty years ago, and the rope which did the deed is still hanging to the rafters. The same old loom and spinning-wheel are there also. The rope, loom, etc., jump around and make strange noises, strange objects are seen nightly, and altogether a halo of horror hovers over the place.

A woman residing in Bristol, Vt., inserted this card in the local paper: "Lost, strayed or stolen, from his bereaved household, one red-headed man, five feet and eight inches tall, full set of false teeth on upper jaw, and one real one on lower jaw, yellow snuff on upper jaw. Please cause said man to be arrested and returned to his bereaved wife." The man subsequently returned to the bosom of his family, and without an arrest.

A mechanic, of Rochester, N. Y., has, according to his own statement, just compelled a duplicate of the celebrated astronomical clock of Strasburg, in which city he was born and lived for many years. The only difference between the workings of the two clocks is their size and in the form of the astronomical portions. The case for the main part of the Rochester clock is ten and one-half feet high, while it is in all particulars exactly proportionate to the clock seventy-five feet high which it imitates.

In the deep and almost impenetrable forests of Nubia is found a tree that utters at times the most mournful and plaintive notes Sometimes these sounds are shrill and clear, at others die away to an almost imperceptible whisper, as if some captive spirit were complaining of its lot. The effect is singular, weird, and startling, until the cause is known. The tree is a species of Acacia, and the sound is produced by cup-shaped galls or secretions of some secret. The wind in passing through the tree produces the whistling noise referred to.

Shakspeare Modernized.

Puck.

"Ball this evening dear?" inquired Desdemona of Othello, when she saw him loading up his old navy-revolver. "No, not this evening love,—s'm'other evening," he replied, as he reached for the pillow and wedged it softly down her œsophagus.

An Improved Hellophone.

Jim Tuffboy is a modern sort of a youngster. He has formed a "Hellophone company" in which the boys on his street are taking stock. Shares are booming along at a five pins premium, preferred stock seven pins and one needle with a good eye. After he has "bulled" the stock a while longer he intends instituting a "bear" movement, to scare the boys in "unloading," after which he will consolidate with the "Wake Me Up at Five O'Clock by Pulling My Toe With a String" company, and increase the rates of skates, two "club" and three half "club," and the crossest dog in the neighborhood.

Why the Prairies Are Treeless.

Philadelphia Press.

A curious and interesting explanation of the absence of trees on the great western prairies was given at the meeting of the Academy of Natural Sciences by Mr. Thomas Meeham. Numberless theories have been advanced by students in natural history why the great feeding grounds of the buffalo should be without arborescent vegetation, the principal one which is supported by distinguished authors being that of climate influences. Mr. Meeham's theory is that the absence of trees is due to artificial causes altogether. Taught by their necessities the early Indians made it a practice annually to fire the high grass of the prairies, which had the effect of making the growth more luxuriant and consequently more inviting to the vast herds of buffalo, on which the aborigines depended greatly for sustenance. It has been conclusively settled that no vegetation, save the hardy prairie grass, will appear on ground over which fire has swept until another season, so that the yearly prairie fires extended the area of the plateau until they had become almost measureless. Mr. Meeham cited several instances of where trees had grown when the firing had been discontinued. The hypothesis was both pleasing and plausible, and has excited some discussion among the savants.

Tobitha and Parthenia.

Several years ago, says the Cleveland *Leader*, Tobitah Scroggs and Parthenia Maplewood, two Cleveland girls, worked in a kitchen. Tobitha married a well-to-do mechanic; Parthenia married a millionaire. Several days ago these two women met for the first time since they worked together.

"I am very glad to see you," said Tobitha; "time makes no difference in my friendship."

"I remember how we used to throw pieces of biscuit at each other and giggle," continued Tobitha.

"I thank you very much," said Parthenia.

"And, Parthenia, I want you to come and see me. I don't live in a grand house, with marvelous trees, and enviable walks, but I've got such a pleasant place."

"I thank you very much," said Parthenia, with a thick shadow of dissatisfaction on her face; "I thank you very much ;but think of your apartments!"

"Oh, well," replied Tobitha pretending not to observe the allusion to the difference of situation, "I had not thought of that, but the difficulty shall be obviated. If you feel a delicacy in regard to my parlor, don't let that put you out, for to keep you in your natural element, I'll send the servant girl away and receive you in the kitchen. You need'nt turn up your nose, Parthenia, for you know when we used to slash biling suds, and hack hash."

But Parthenia had fainted. A blue mark around her mouth told of the violent struggle.

Killing a Panther.

Palatka Herald.

At Murphy's place, near the town, two goats were recently killed by a Panther, and a sharp lookout has been kept up ever since for the animal by the people up there until last Sunday night. On the night mentioned Mr. Baker heard his deer hounds under full cry in the distance, and after listening a while attentively, he found that they were running a circle, as their voices would die away in the darkness, and then break out again, clear and full as the dogs rounded up, and every time the round was made the circle narrowed. By the maneuvering on the part of the varmint, Mr. Baker knew it to be a panther. He grasped his gun, and, notwithstanding the darkness and the danger, started for the place where the animal had at last come to a stand and was fighting the dogs. This was an almost interminable jungle of briars, vines and script, and it was only by the breaking of the undergrowth, the yelping of the hounds and the sullen growl of the ferocious beast that the conflict could be located. Baker dropped on his all-fours, and crawling cautiously forward, came to where could be seen the immense form of a panther. Owing to the noise of the fight, Baker was enabled to get quite near without attracting notice, and, lying full length on the ground, he threw his gun to his shoulder and fired just as the panther rose with a mighty spring in the air and shot over him, falling dead on the other side. It was a very daring feat and a dangerous experiment, and Mr. Baker was fortunate in getting only a few briar scratches. The panther measured seven feet from tip to tip.

A Buried Algerian City.

London Times.]

French newspapers report the discovery in Algiers, by the archæologist M. Tarry, of a city which had been entombed in the sand. M. Tarry's attention had been awakened by the mound-like appearance of the sandy soil, and some digging brought to light the minarets and upper portion of a mosque. Further excavation lay bare a terrace, a tower, and about a dozen houses, all in excellent preservation. He reported his discovery to the Government of Algiers, which has undertaken to have the site thoroughly explored. The place is in the southern part of the province, not far from the town of Ouargla, and exposed to the full blast of the sandy winds from the desert. Probably a succession of sirroccos bearing clouds of sand completely filled up the streets and houses, making the town uninhabitable, and so drove out the population. At present there is no ground for conjecture as to the date of the occurrence.

Moral Judgement.

The actual difference of moral judgement in different people is very small. There may be much difference of opinion in other things, much diversity of thought and taste and feeling, much variation of habits and training, much dissimilarity in the views taken of life and its affairs; but when it comes to a plain question of right and wrong nearly all people agree, whatever be their circumstances or however much their lives may diverge from their judgements. Once call the attention of any fair-minded person to the comparison of truth and falsehood, honesty and fraud, justice and injustice, benevolence and selfishness, in any of their phases, and his unhesitating verdict will be in favor of one and against the other.

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