

A HOPELESS CAUSE.

And One That will not Enthusiasm "The Boys" to Any Alarm- ing Extent.

Hilarity Water in all its Forms to be Swept from the Earth,

Together with Monopolies of all Kinds, Including Polyg- amy in Utah.

Too Many Reforms Proposed for Immediate or Remote Suc- cess

Political Notes from Other Points.

The Prohibition Party.

Special Dispatch to This Box. CHICAGO, August 24.—The prohibi- tion convention reconvened this morn- ing. Additional states were repre- sented and added to the roll. The plat- form was then read, which, with amendments adopted subsequently, is as follows.

"All questions not of a national character belong to the party within the several states and territories. To define its views, and policy, and action respecting them, is not inconsistent with this national platform. We de- clare in favor of the following national principles and measures to be incor- porated in the national constitution, and enforced by congress and the gov- ernment.

1. Prohibition as public crimes of the importation, exportation, man- ufacture, sale and supply, and taxation of all alcoholic beverages.

2. Prohibition of all tax license, regulation or legal sanction in any form of them or any other public crimes.

3. Civil and political equality and enfranchisement of women. This so far as it concerns the states severally, is remitted to the party in those states.

4. Abolition of polygamy.

5. Abolition of executive, judicial and legislative patronage, and selection of all officers by the people so far as practicable, and civil service reform in other appointments.

6. Abolition of sinecures and un- necessary offices.

7. Universal and enforced educa- tion of the youth of the nation, in- cluding instruction in regard to the effect of alcohol on the human system, with ample provision for the support of an adequate and efficient system of free public schools in all the states and territories.

8. Preservation of public lands for homes for the people, and their di- vision in limited portions to actual settlers only.

9. Abolition of all monopolies, class legislation, and special privileges in the government injurious to the equal rights of citizens.

10. Control of railroads and other corporations to prevent abuses of power and protect the interests of labor and commerce.

Adjourned till 2 p. m.

The convention reassembled at 2 o'clock. A number of resolutions were referred to the committee on resolutions. A colored delegate offered a resolution declaring against prescrip- tion on account of color and demand- ing "full and exact civil and political equality for all conditions of men."

The committee on temperance work in the south reported that success depended largely on the colored vote; that to secure this vote the election of mem- bers of the race should be encouraged, that temperance literature should be distributed and speakers sent among them; that a call be made on their representatives in congress to appropriate money to educate freedmen; that in the schools already established the effects of al- cohol on the human system should be taught. Report adopted.

The following national committee was appointed: Kansas, Lorenzo Westover, Mrs. Kate Whiting; Ken- tucky, J. R. Atkins, Capt. Chevesaf; Maine, N. F. Woodbury, W. T. Cur- tis; Maryland, William Gilbert, Mr. Dunn; Massachusetts, Dr. A. A. May, Charles A. Hovey; Michigan, Rev. John Russell, Prof. J. K. McKeever; Minnesota, W. W. Satterlee; Missis- sippi, Judge Watson, Rev. P. A. Wil- liams; Missouri, M. W. Watson, Rev. J. C. Plumb; New Hampshire, Rev. C. N. Jasper, Hon. A. S. Kimball; New Jersey, Edgar Hunt, W. H. H. Barbrai; New York, J. O. Hazleton, P. J. Brasol; North Carolina, Rev. G. T. Stewart, Mrs. Mary Wood- bridge; Pennsylvania, Dr. A. C. Pettit, J. K. Pierce; Tennessee, Em- erison Esheridge, W. A. St. Clair; Wisconsin, S. T. Hastings, J. A. Sut- ton.

On motion, Miss Frances E. Willard and Miss Sally Chapin were made members of the committee at large. When Iowa was called the delega- tion withdrew from the convention, stating under its instructions it could not sanction the formation of a third party. Its work was within present party lines.

The plan of work was referred to the national committee with instruc- tions to formulate it as soon as pos- sible. After some further talk and the passage of a resolution of thanks to the presiding officers and others, the convention adjourned sine die.

In the evening a talking meeting was held, at which Mrs. Martha La- throp, of Michigan, Mrs. J. Ella Phoster, of Iowa, Mother Thompson, of Ohio, and Geo. Bain, of Kentucky, were among the speakers.

The Maine Campaign

Special Dispatch to This Box. TIPPON, O., August 24.—Gen. Wm. H. Gibson, the orator, leaves to-night for Maine. He will meet ex-Secre- tary Blaine at Portland, and on Mon- day next, at Biddeford, they together formally open the campaign. Gen.

Gibson and Mr. Blaine are each to deliver twelve speeches at as many important points throughout the state, after which the former, and perhaps Mr. Blaine, return and enter the Ohio campaign. Governor Foster will speak at Portland and other cities in Maine during the last week of the campaign.

The Tenth Texas.

Special Dispatch to This Box. AUSTIN, Tex., August 23.—The democratic convention for the Tenth Congressional district was thrown into confusion by the refusal of the dele- gates pledged to the support of Hon. Columbus Upson to enter the conven- tion on the ground that Hon. John Hancock, the opposing candi- date, had not acted in good faith. Hancock's following will probably nominate him by acclamation.

Stage Robbers Lynched.

Special Dispatch to This Box. GLOBE, ARIZ., August 24.—Hawley and Grimes, stage robbers, were hanged last night by the citizens.

Missouri Republicans.

Special Dispatch to This Box. ST. LOUIS, August 24.—The repub- lican central committee to-day de- cided, by a vote of 28 to 8, not to call a state convention. Individual mem- bers of the minority say the voters in their districts are decidedly in favor of a convention.

The President's Movements.

Special Dispatch to This Box. NEWPORT, August 24.—The presi- dent and members of the cabinet vis- ited the torpedo station this morning, and also visited the Casino and at- tended the reception given by Mr. Gardner Brewer, of Boston, and Mrs. J. H. Dickey, of New York. He de- clines a visit to West Island, but will go to Squantum and partake of a clam- bake, on invitation of Senators An- thony and Aldrich and other members of the Squantum club. This evening he dined with the Vanderbilts.

NEWPORT, R. I., August 24.—The United States steamer Talapoosa, with Secretary Chandler, left this afternoon for London and will return before Saturday, when he will take possession of Coasters' Harbor island. Arrangements are being perfected to have Arthur visit Coasters' Harbor island Saturday and partake of the hospitality of the citizens. Egerton L. Winthrop, of Boston, has invited the president to dinner and a german at Casino to-morrow night.

Explosion and Fire.

Special Dispatch to This Box. BUFFALO, August 24.—The roof of the Erie railway elevator was blown off by explosion, the cause of which is unknown, at 11 o'clock to-night. The building was at once fired and burned to the ground. The fire was the hottest ever seen in Buffalo, and was a magnificent spectacle, thousands being attracted to it.

The John Brown Celebration.

Special Dispatch to This Box. CHICAGO, August 24.—The John Brown celebration yesterday was uni- versally denounced as a disgraceful failure. None of the advertised speakers appeared. No one had any confidence in Dr. Washington, the col- ored man who organized the affair. Substantial citizens now propose to give a formal reception to Mrs. Brown at Farwell hall, and to raise \$1,500 to purchase for her a homestead in California.

ILLINOIS CORN.

From numerous points in Illinois reports are coming decidedly favor- able. Instead of a total failure or half a crop, the prognostications of a month ago, the prospect now is that from fifty to seventy bushels per acre will be realized. Favorable weather and the absence of frost for the next three or four weeks will won- derfully alter the dismal outlook of the 1st of July, and secure for Illi- nois but little less than an average corn crop.

The Iowa Pool.

Special Dispatch to This Box. CHICAGO, August 24.—The distur- bance in the Chicago and Omaha pool caused by the increased shipments of live stock from Omaha by the Mil- waukee and St. Paul road will be made the subject of discussion and action at to-morrow's meeting of the four pool lines and the St. Paul road. The rumor that the St. Paul had an ar- rangement with the Union Pacific for all its stock is denied. It is believed an amicable arrangement will be ef- fected at to-morrow's meeting.

A Duelist Acquitted.

Special Dispatch to This Box. LUNEBURG, Va., August 24.—About 5 o'clock the case of Garland, the duelist, was given to the jury. After an absence of fifteen minutes it came into court with a verdict of not guilty. As soon as the verdict was an- nounced, the crowd left the court room, cheering, while the prisoner was warmly congratulated by friends.

Sexton's Suit.

Special Dispatch to This Box. NEW YORK, August 24.—Sexton, the billiardist, sues the Blecker street railroad company for \$5,000 for in- juries sustained when ejected from a car for refusing to pay fare a second time.

Colonel Taylor's Case.

Special Dispatch to This Box. WASHINGTON, August 23.—General interest is felt here in the dispatch from Newport barracks announcing that Col. Taylor has pleaded guilty to the charge on which he was arraigned, namely: to having written to three members of congress asking them to put and have an order made in his case modified. Unless there has been

some military impropriety in the case on Col. Taylor's part other than has yet been made public, his offense has been trivial compared with what has been said and is constantly going on among officers in Washington. To pass all this by in silence, especially at the close of a long session of congress which has been noted for bristling lobby- ing on the part of a number of officers of very high rank, and to pounce upon a quiet officer in as quiet a military center as Newport barracks is gener- ally looked upon as a farce.

SPORTING.

Special Dispatches to This Box. POUCHKEEPSIE RACES. POUCHKEEPSIE, August 24.—Three thousand people present. Unfinished race, 2:21 class, J. P. Morris, 1, Cle- ment, 2; time, 2:20 1/2, 2:20 1/2, 2:24 1/2, 2:21 1/2. 2:33 class—May Thorn, 1, Man- hattan, 2, Wild Jim, 3, Bertha Clay, 4; time, 2:25, 2:26 1/2, 2:29. Brown Jug raced four times against time to beat 2:11; best time, 2:18. 2:26 class—Owen 1, Cornelia 2, Phyllis, 3, Amber, 4; time, 2:21, 2:23, 2:25, 2:23, 2:24. BRIGHTON BEACH RACES. NEW YORK, August 24.—First race, one mile, Adalgisa won; time, 1:49. Second race, one mile, Wakefield won; time, 1:48 1/2. Third race, mile and one-eighth, Pope won; time, 2:01. Fourth race, seven furlongs, Bouncer won; time, 1:34 1/2. Fifth race, five-eighths of a mile, Rob Roy won; time, 1:04 1/2. BASE BALL. CHICAGO, August 24.—Chicago 5, Worcester 3. Boston, August 24.—Boston 4, Detroit 0. THE YORKSHIRE STAKES. LONDON, August 24.—The great York shire stakes was won by Peppermint, Nellie 2, Dutch Oven 3.

Yellow Fever.

Special Dispatch to This Box. BROWNSVILLE, Tex., August 24.—The yellow fever is rapidly spreading. Judge Harris and his wife, and two custom house officers were attacked this morning.

THE NEXT MOVE.

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A NATIVE TRAITOR.

ALEXANDRIA, August 24.—It is stated at Cairo, is willing to hand over the citadel to the English in the name of the khedive.

NOT CONFIRMED.

LONDON, August 24.—The war office does not confirm the report of the capture of Tel El Kebir.

THE ENEMY.

ISMAILIA, August 24.—The enemy is reported in force ten miles off. Oc- casionally they attack our pickets, but retire directly as we advance. Our line extends over a mile and a half beyond Ismailia.

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PLUNDERING RAMPAGE.

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SHOT BY SENTRIES.

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GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

HUSBAND POISONERS. VIENNA, Aug. 24. Over 100 wo- men are on trial at Gress Beckerk, Hungary, charged with poisoning their husbands. The guilt of thirty-five women has been proven.

U. S. TRAINING SHIPS.

GENERAL, August 24.—The United States training ships Portsmouth and Saratoga, Commodore Luce command- ing, leave here to-night for Tangier and Madeira. After visiting these places the vessels will proceed homeward.

Hannibal Hamlin is here and will visit Tangier.

CUBAN CRUMBS.

HAVANA, August 24.—The authori- ties have confiscated the supplement- ary edition of El Triunfo, contain- ing reports of speeches delivered by the autonomists at the celebration of the anniversary of the formation of the party, because of the alleged re- bellious tenor of the speeches.

Advices from San Domingo state that General Lupen has been appointed minister plenipotentiary to the European continent, with residence in Paris.

BUSINESS FAILURE.

LONDON, August 24.—B. Wright & Son, worsted spinners, of Bradford, failed; liabilities, £170,000.

WOOL SALES.

At the wool sales to-day 8,300 bales were disposed of, chiefly New Zealand, Adelaide and Cape. Demand fully sustained and prices firm.

Equalizing Freight Rates.

Special Dispatch to This Box. SAN FRANCISCO, August 24.—A rail- road conference, relative to the repre- sentatives of the Central and Union Pa- cific railroads, relative to the proposed reduction of freight tariff between points in this state and Utah, Montana and Idaho, is almost concluded. De- tails of business done will be ready for publication in a few days. The only matter of public interest is that Cali- fornia shippers are hereafter to be guaranteed the same rates to Idaho,

ALL QUIET ON THE CANAL.

Both Armies Apparently Brac- ing up for a Bloody Struggle.

The British Billed to Advance on the Enemy Next Sunday.

While Arabi Threatens to Move on Ramleh in Full Force.

The Cuban Authorities Sit Down on Rebellious Political Speeches.

General Foreign News.

Special Dispatches to This Box.

PORT SAID.

PORT SAID, August 24.—Several more of Arabi Pasha's officers arrived at Kantara from the Egyptian camp at Salahieh to make submission to the British. A letter from the com- mandant for Ghemeleh, was received by Sheikhs in the Arab quarter of Port Said, charging them to warn the inhabitants to flee in consequence of the rumor that the Black regiment was advancing on Port Said from Damietta. A British force with some artillery has been sent beyond the native quarter.

A PALACE YARN.

ALEXANDRIA, August 24.—Intelli- gence received at the palace states that the Bouiak El Dakrar railway has been cut a short distance south of Elkhith, it is supposed by Bedouins, with the object of cutting off Arabi Pasha's retreat to upper Egypt.

Some ladies in England propose starting for Egypt to relieve the na- tive poor here and also here.

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Utah and Montana, points reached by roads controlled by the Union Pacific, are made from Omaha. The confer- ence also agreed that Colorado freight may go via the northern line at the same rate as on the southern route.

Texas Cattle Fever.

AUBURN, N. Y., August 24.—The cattle fever has made its appearance in this vicinity, twenty-five domestic cattle have died and a large number are sick.

AUBURN, N. Y., August 24.—Texas fever attacked cattle at several slaugh- ter houses on the outskirts of the city. All beef is now under strict surveil- lance of the board of health. Probably all infected fields will be quarantined till cold weather.

THE MENDELSSOHN.

A Charming Concert at Boyd's Last Night.

A Vacation after Three Suc- cessive Summers in Eigh- teen Months.

A Private Reception After the En- tertainment.

The second appearance of the Men- delsohn Quintette club of Boston, in this city, was made last evening at the opera house. The attendance was small, though perhaps as large as could have been expected, considering the untoward time of the year and the social attractions in a distant part of the city, to which, it was known, a large number of lovers of music had responded. Despite these facts, the truth is still evident the audi- ence was not in any de- gree sufficient to encourage the artists. One year ago last spring the club appeared before an audience scarcely half the size of that one last evening on a dreary night in the Academy of Music. The streets ran with mud, and the number of people who hesitated braving the dangers of thoroughfare navigation did not hesitate in extension of their absence to frequently make reference to that fact. Those who did attend the concert, or at least many of them subscribed very liberally to something the writer printed on the morning after the performance, concerning the state of the city. This concert, it may be remarked, was taken that, as the visits of organizations such as the Mendel- sohns must of necessity be at long in- tervals, our people were doing but little to make them sufficiently en- couraging to warrant a continuance. It may here be remarked that the visit of the club on this occasion was due to the accidental suggestion of one of its members. Just when it will again favor us, even as the result of a state, it is not now possible to ascertain. When it does, let it be hoped neither wind nor weather may be in antagonism to them.

The company is now returning to Boston after a trip to Australia. Its composition is the same as when it last played here, with the exception of the vocalist, Miss Gora Miller being substituted for Miss Niccolini. This substitution, it may be remarked, was three summers, without experi- encing the pleasure of a single winter. It left this country to strike summer in some other land; and in turn, left that at the commencement of winter to meet with summer in still another.

The programme opened last night with the overture to "Raymond," by Thomas, introducing the instrumental sets of the club. The piece was played with that delightful finish, that studious attention to the nice and minute features of the several parts, so characteristic of the club, and conduc- ing to a complete and most satisfac- tory performance.

The "Quintette in B flat," Op. 87, adapted by Mendelssohn, a passionate piece most exquisitely rendered, was characterized by several features of appealing interest. The fading of the tones of the cello into those of the violin, the life and feeling that were imparted them, and the general excellence of the number produced a most happy effect. The same may be said, perhaps in a lesser degree, of the best number of the programme, in which all the instrumentalists of the club took part. On the programme the piece was entitled a "Kaleidoscope" of favorite melodies; the piece, how- ever, was the "Drinking Chorus," ballad, and "La Siciliana," from "Robert Le Diable," by Meyerbeer.

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