

BEFORE THE BATTLE.

Chicago Swarming With the Representative Republicans of the Nation.

The Canvass for the Presidential Candidacy Proceeds with Vigor.

"Little System but Great Enthusiasm" Among the Blaine Men.

"While Arthur's Followers are Like a Well-Drilled Army."

The Pyrotechnic California Delegation Surprised at the Situation.

As "The Bee" Has All Along Consistently Claimed,

Blaine's Strength was Overestimated in Nebraska and Kansas.

Blaine Men Bringing up the Question of Arthur's Birth.

And Revamp the State Democratic Lie of 1880.

Alex. Sullivan Interviewed as to the Irish and Blaine.

He Says Phil Sheridan's Nomination Would Catch the Irish Vote.

SATURDAY'S OUTLOOK.

CHICAGO, May 31.—The heat of the presidential canvass was very considerably intensified to-day, owing to the large influx of delegates and the presence of the outside force, which is expected to play a prominent part in shaping the outcome of events. About 400 delegates arrived on the ground, and have been supplemented by an innumerable host of flunkers, who are at present the most attractive factors in the preliminary battling. It is conceded that no convention in the history of the party ever was composed of delegations more thoroughly unhampered in the way of pledge as the present one, all of which lead sharp excitement to early movements in the fight.

THE SENSATIONAL FEATURE.

of the day was the arrival of the California and Nevada delegations, which made their way from the depot to the hotel to the accompaniment of martial music, to be greeted by a large waiting crowd upon their arrival in the Palmer house. The party of New York independent delegates, composed of George Wm. Curtis, General Francis C. Barlow, Frederick C. Halls, David Alleton, John A. Kirg, Carl Schurz, Theo. Roosevelt, J. W. Wadsworth, and Wharton Barker, arrived by the Pennsylvania limited at 10:30. Only a portion of their number are delegates. They represent more properly the republican conference committee. Attached to the same train was a coach containing a number of senators and representatives from the national capital, whose car was attached at Harrisburg. Among their number were Senators Harriett Platt, Sawyer, Barr, Jones, Conger, Congressman Horr, and General Anson D. Mendenhall. Indiana's advance guard consisted of SENATOR HARRISON,

Morris McDougal and John H. Bates, delegates-at-large, who arrived early in the day. It had been said that Senator Harrison would not attend the convention, but would send an alternate. His presence was of itself a sufficient detail. He said: "I am here, you see, and I shall vote with the other Indiana men."

SENATOR HARRISON.

Regarding the matter of his name in connection with the presidency, the senator said: "I am not a candidate and have never been. If I were I should certainly not be here." He would not state his preference. Morris McDougal said if an opportunity offered, the Indiana delegation would present the name of Harrison or Gresham. Ex-Governor John D. Long, of Massachusetts, arrived ahead of his delegation, which is due to-morrow. He declared that

MASSACHUSETTS.

would undoubtedly give her solid vote for Edmunds. The delegation of New York business men who came in furtherance of the candidacy of Arthur, arrived in a satisfactory condition, headed by David Dow. They numbered about 100. Taking up their quarters at the Grand Pacific, they were entertained during the afternoon by a large delegation of local business men, who are organizing in the Arthur interest. The greater number of the Texas delegation also arrived about noon, having been delayed enroute by a big flood near Tarrant, resulting from recent rain storms. Delegates say that Texas is divided between Arthur

and Blaine. Nearly all the Alabama delegates arrived during the forenoon and also a portion of the Tennessee, Georgia and Mississippi delegations. The Nebraska delegation came in a body late in the afternoon.

BLAINE AND LOGAN.

Ernest but good natured work was done during the day for the different candidates, but only in the way of throwing out skirmishes and preparing the line of attack and defense. One hears very little except for Arthur or Blaine. Occasionally something is said and done for Logan, the third conspicuous candidate, but the delegates do not seem to attach much importance to his candidacy. In this respect they may be mistaken. There seems to be no doubt of a friendly alliance between Blaine and General Logan. The headquarters of their supporters are located in the same hall, and a friendly intercourse is kept up.

THE DARK HORSE MEN.

The policy of those who do not wish to see either Blaine or Arthur nominated is to divide the vote and independent candidates to their choice through successive ballots. They even desire to keep Illinois voting for Logan. It is expected that this course will compel a break in the ranks of Blaine and Arthur and make it possible to nominate either Gresham, Logan, Sherman or Hawley. As between Blaine and Arthur this class of delegates usually express a preference for the latter. This fact leads Arthur's friends to hope that the independents may be induced to finally come to his support. Intercourse to-day with Kansas and Nebraska people developed the fact that Blaine's friends have greatly overestimated his strength in those two states, and when ballots are had there will be a pronounced division. This miscalculation is due to basing their probable action this year on the feeling in 1880, but then it was not Blaine as much as it is now. It was in 1880 that Blaine was chosen to a third term for Grant. While Blaine's popularity is conceded, other influences have entered in to divide his support. No one can fail to discover the difference between the management of the two conspicuous candidates.

THE NOMINATORS.

Meetings of the adherents of the various candidates were held this afternoon at the different headquarters and it was pretty definitely decided who will be chosen to make the nominating speeches. They are: For Arthur, Martin Townsend, of New York, seconded by ex-Senator Henderson, of Missouri; for Blaine, John Stewart, of Pennsylvania, seconded by Judge William West, of Ohio; for Logan, Senator Cullom, of Illinois; for Sherman, Judge Foraker, of Ohio.

MAHONE'S FIRST VICTORY.

The national sub-committee resumed its session at 7:30 p. m. Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, moved that the delegates be chosen by a ballot. Mr. Mahone of Pennsylvania moved that the committee refer the matter to the national convention without action. The amendment was lost on a vote by a call of states 16 to 31.

SUNDAY'S THANKSGIVINGS.

CHICAGO, June 1.—To-day was not prolific of results in the preliminary work for the coming national republican convention. Those gathered here, delegates and onlookers, seemed divided between a desire to talk politics and give due observance to Sunday. While the light of the sun shone brightly on the hotel corridors, there was no open canvassing of delegates, though individual missionary work was not wanting. Groups and single individuals were constantly coming and going at the various headquarters. A quietness was reigned and a friendly atmosphere prevailed. While the main corridors of the leading hotels were constantly filled with

CHANGING, CHATTING THROUGHS.

whose color, ranging from pronounced blue to coal black, and whose variety of dress and manner of speech testified to the broadly national character—the results were of a very mixed and un-peaceful character. The friends of all candidates claiming increased strength and the discovery of weak spots in their opponents. The Blaine men made every demonstration that the others, paying visits in entire delegations, and moving

their headquarters from two small rooms, heretofore occupied, to the large ladies' ornatory at the Grand Pacific hotel.

BLAINE FIREWORKS.

Colorado's delegation arrived in a body this forenoon openly declaring for Blaine. They bore at their head as they moved from the depot a live eagle, which was conveyed and put in the Blaine headquarters at the Grand Pacific hotel. Blaine's quota came during the early hours, and were met at the depot by the Californians and escorted to their quarters. The Pacific coast people, by their making a band of music, with them owing to the character of the day but they carried with them on their march a banner presented them by the people of Marshalltown, Iowa, bearing the motto: "From California to Maine through Iowa for Blaine."

KANSAS AND MINNESOTA.

The remaining noteworthy contingent interest to the Maine statement to arrive during the day was that of Kansas. The entire delegation from that state came in during the afternoon; they were permitted to arrive without any unusual demonstration in their behalf. The delegates declare their state will vote as a unit for Blaine. All but two of the Minnesota people reported at their headquarters, which are decorated with pictures of Blaine, Arthur and Edmunds, accompanied by the sentiment, "Minnesota Solid for the Nominee, but Divided in Her Affections." The statement was made that the Edmunds men in her ranks had been won to the side of one of the other candidates but they stated their policy by visiting the Vermont headquarters and openly declaring their intention to vote for the Vermont senator.

TRIFLES.

The large headquarters thrown open by the Blaine men are handsomely decorated. The side-walls are studded with pictures of the "Plumed Knight." Stephen Elkins acted as master of ceremonies during the day to the great credit of his office. The Blaine men and a number of the Ohio delegates are now here, and an organization will be perfected to-morrow.

THE ILLINOISANS.

They were quiescent to-day, with the exception of the early morning visit of a portion of them to the California headquarters. Col. Clark Carr headed the Illinoisans, and after presenting them to the Blaine men made a brief address, in which he stated that while Illinois sympathized with California in her local (Chinese) issue she was following the fortunes of another leader than those of the man the Californians had espoused in the present contest. He closed by expressing the belief that California would win by her interest in the present fight is ended. Col. Morrow replied on behalf of his state. He said the slope people had come with their wives and children, and were provisioned for a siege; they proposed to remain on the ground and fight it out to a finish under the banner under which they had entered, whether their leader be conquered or fell.

EDMUNDS HOPE.

Senator Plumb and half of the Missouri delegation arrived at the Palmer house to-day. The delegates from Nebraska, New York, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island are also here. No one of them, however, have been here long enough to be able to give any new opinion as to the situation. A prominent member of the Vermont delegation, however, who has been here two days, assured an Associated Press correspondent that Edmunds was fast gaining ground and would have at least 100 votes on the first ballot. Intercourse among the Massachusetts delegates showed a strong interest in the name of Ben Harrison, although the delegation will be solid for Edmunds as long as he has a chance, although

ARTHUR WILL GET.

some of their votes if they break. None of the delegations that arrived to-day have yet elected their organization, but it is expected that one of them will to-morrow.

OHIO.

Special Dispatch to The Bee. CHICAGO, June 1.—The Ohio delegates are all here except ten or twelve, and will have a meeting to-morrow afternoon. These men occupy an important position and they know it. Great pressure has been brought to bear on the Sherman men of Ohio by the Blaine men. The latter have talked as if they thought it a piece of great impudence in the Sherman men to come up here at all to enter the contest. They think Ohio would be for Blaine if Sherman were out of the way, or had not come into the way. They say Sherman's entrance as a candidate has been a loss for Blaine and therefore an aid to Arthur.

THE SCHEME OF HIS FOLLOWERS.

CHICAGO, June 1.—The Edmunds men did most of their missionary work to-day among the delegates from Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota, their idea being, if possible, to secure enough votes to prevent the nomination of either Arthur or Blaine in the early stages of the canvass. They claim to have secured eight votes from Wisconsin, six

from Michigan, and six from Minnesota, or a total of twenty. An informal vote of a portion of the Minnesota delegation, taken this evening, resulted: Blaine 9, Edmunds 3, Arthur 2. It is claimed that on the first ballot Minnesota will stand: Blaine 16, Edmunds 6, Arthur 4. One of the delegates from Wisconsin says: Arthur 11, Blaine 8, General Sherman 2.

ROBERTSON.

Special Dispatch to The Bee. CHICAGO, June 1.—Collector Wm. H. Robertson, of New York, reached the Leland at a late hour Friday night, and bright and early yesterday morning he put in an appearance at the Palmer house, in company with Steve Elkins, the Blaine "bomber," who lives in Pennsylvania, does business in New York, and tries to run the politics of New Mexico. Together the twin visited the headquarters of various delegates, and made a little attempt to find Blaine supporters among the Edmunds men in the hotel, or walking among Arthur's friends. After the arrival of the Californians they transferred their attentions to this more congenial field, and soon deserted the Palmer for the Grand Pacific.

INFORMAL TALK.

Among the Ohio delegates, their room at the Grand Pacific has been crowded all day and there were many little conversations in the side rooms. One of the delegates at large, all of whom are here, said there was a strong movement to divide the 46 votes of the state evenly between Blaine and Arthur. In that case no individual votes would be cast, but the delegates as a body would cast 23 votes for Blaine. The Blaine men and a number of the strong conservative members of the delegation have proposed this division. It is as yet objected to by some.

CONKLING.

Special Dispatch to The Bee. CHICAGO, June 1.—There is a great deal of talk about the position of Roscoe Conkling in the present fight for the throne. He is not in the contest actively himself, that is known, and those who stand nearest to him say he is doing nothing whatever even in an indirect way. It is said by the Blaine men that Conkling's friends, however, are here working against Arthur's friends. Nothing is further from the truth. All of Conkling's friends, except Tom Platt, are doing their hardest work for the president. A reporter met

TWO OF THEM.

Postmaster Judson T. Stevens, and Revenue Collector Armstrong, both of Utica, Conkling's home. These men had been appointed by Arthur, on the recommendation of Conkling. No one knows Conkling's innermost thoughts, but these men are his nearest friends, and they know how his Ouedia communit y friends stand in this contest. They are hearty for Arthur. A reporter asked Mr. Armstrong how the people of Conkling's home stand. He said, "We are solidly for Arthur, and Ohio delegates county elected forty-three Arthur delegates out of fifty-six. In the district convention we were beaten by half broad delegates selected from Lewis county, which is a strong democratic county, and only two delegates are therefore for Blaine. One of these is Conkling's dear friend, Ex-assemblyman N. A. White, who has been claimed for Blaine, but I know he is heart and soul for Arthur, and all other strong republicans from Lewis county who will be here to-morrow evening."

THE MATTER WITH ELATT.

"He is sore because he thinks Arthur has not treated him and his friends right. It is a personal matter with him. I do not believe he will be with Blaine. I cannot believe it, and his friends cannot. He does not think so. He hopes to get Arthur in the convention, and beat Blaine at the polls. He wants to kill two birds with one stone."

HE IS A GOOD POLITICAL WORKER.

"What sort of political organizer is Platt?" He is a good political worker in his own district at home, but is not the grasping for the work of a national convention. "A Blaine man says Platt was the leader of the Grant organization four years ago, and that Conkling and Cameron were simply figure heads; that Platt is the best organizer in the country."

CALIFORNIA AND ILLINOIS.

SOME SIGNIFICANT NOTES. CHICAGO, June 1.—To-day the Illinois delegation, headed by Clark E. Carr, called on the Pacific coast delegation at their headquarters. Mr. Carr, on behalf of the Illinois delegation, welcomed the Pacific coast delegation to Chicago. He stated the Illinois delegation was composed of men who were staunch and enthusiastic supporters of the Blaine cause, and that California's population was composed largely of men who had in former years been citizens of Illinois. The Illinois delegates were stalwart, and he trusted that when the decisive moment came, and it was found that Blaine was an impossibility, the Pacific coast delegates would recognize their savior in Logan and fly to his standard.

ACTION RATHER THAN OF WORDS.

and both were alike popular in the south, and it was Mr. Carr's opinion that Logan would not be a very unpalatable dose for the Pacific coast to swallow. Mr. Carr stated that California's population was composed largely of men who had in former years been citizens of Illinois. The Illinois delegates were stalwart, and he trusted that when the decisive moment came, and it was found that Blaine was an impossibility, the Pacific coast delegates would recognize their savior in Logan and fly to his standard.

MR. MORROW THEN SAID:

"California is also democratic. The Pacific coast has some grievances which its inhabitants want abated, and the delegation from the countries west of the Rockies have come to Chicago with one

particular object in view, and that is the nomination of James G. Blaine. The Pacific coast delegates extend their sympathy to their Illinois brethren, who are to follow.

A POLKISH HOPE.

The want of people of Pacific slope and of Illinois are not dissimilar. It is true that a large portion of the California population is of Illinois origin, but the western delegates are sanguine enough to hope that common interests will impel the Illinois delegates to unite with the Pacific coast delegates to second the nomination of Blaine.

ARKANSAS.

Special Dispatch to The Bee. CHICAGO, June 1.—There has been considerable speculation to-day concerning the attitude of the Arkansas delegation. Last night the Blaine men claimed that it had been secured for Blaine, but the true state of the case is the entire delegation had not arrived yet, and no formal meeting had been held, and that whatever Clayton's personal wishes may be he can't control his associates.

NOT CAPTURED BY BLAINE.

CHICAGO, June 1.—The rumor that Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, had declared in favor of Blaine, was talked of quite freely to-day and to-night, and many prevailed to believe it true, while others denied it. Col. W. S. Oliver, of Little Rock, who, though not a delegate, is supposed to be in a position to know, says the vote of Arkansas will stand: Arthur 10, Blaine 4.

MAHONE AND HIS MEN.

THEY WILL GET THEIR SEATS. CHICAGO, June 1.—The Virginia delegates, headed by Senator Mahone, arrived to-day. The other delegation with the exception of Mr. Dezenoff, arrived this evening. General W. C. Wickham was the leader of the latter party. When asked what he thought of the action of national committee in giving the Mahone delegates seats in the convention, he said he was not surprised. The real contest would be made in the convention. The expression here, however, is very general, both in the Blaine and the Arthur camps, that Mahone and his followers will be seated by the convention.

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA.

BOTH DOUBTFUL. CHICAGO, June 1.—Col. Anthony, of Kansas, says the vote of that state will stand 10 or 12 for Blaine to 6 or 8 for Arthur.

ARTHUR'S BIRTH.

Two or three opinions were obtainable at the Nebraska headquarters: one was that the state would vote solidly for Blaine; another that Blaine would have seven, Arthur two and Edmunds one. Senator Plumb, of Kansas, who was reported as having declared for Blaine, declined to say whether the rumor was true or false. He said that he would leave that matter to be settled by his action in the convention.

THE CHAIRMANSHIP.

McKENLEY, OF OHIO, AS A COMPROMISE. CHICAGO, June 1.—The chairmanship of the convention still continues to provoke a large share of attention. The western Blaine men have favored Crow, of Pennsylvania, but do not care to press him owing to the fear that the vote may be made a test case as showing the Blaine strength. As the matter now stands it appears that the chairmanship will go to McKinley, of Ohio, as a person who would not antagonize either the Arthur or the Blaine people.

BLAINE AND THE IRISH.

WHAT LAND LEAGUER SULLIVAN SAYS. CHICAGO, June 1.—Alexander Sullivan, president of the Irish National League of America, was present this evening for his opinion on the question whether the nomination of Blaine would cause any considerable quantity of Irish votes to be transferred from the democratic to the republican side. Mr. Sullivan explained that his position at the head of such an organization forbade expression on this subject, but laughingly remarked: "I'll say this: Nominate Phil Sheridan and you have the Irish vote."

TEXAS.

DIVIDED. CHICAGO, June 1.—Various rumors have been about in regard to the standing of the Texas delegates, the last of whom arrived to-day. A representative of the Associated Press talked with several members on the subject. The Blaine men claimed 11 or 12 votes, and concede Arthur 6 or 7, while the Arthur men say Blaine will each have about 7 certain, the remaining appearing or uncertain. The delegation will organize to-morrow.

SANGUINE SUPPORTERS.

BLAINE ON THE FIRST INFORMAL BALLOT. Chicago News. To a reporter of the Daily News the Hon. Jeremiah W. Hooper, of Hoperville, Hoop county, Nev., remarked last evening that J. G. Blaine would be unanimously nominated by acclamation on the first informal ballot. "You are positive of this?" inquired our reporter. "There can be no doubt of it," replied Col. Hooper, "I have just received a

telegram from the Hon. Jesse H. Limber, chairman of the Arizona delegation, saying that Arizona is solid for Blaine, and this, I take it, settles the question."

ARTHUR ON THE FIRST BALLOT.

At the Palmer house Judge Jabez Q. Dillworth was interviewed. "We will nominate Arthur on the first ballot," said the judge. "I have seen a man from Iowa, who talks for Frank Hatton, and he says so." "I have scrutinized the matter pretty closely," said Deacon Mr. L. Perkins, of Derrick Corners, Va. "I am free to confess I see no objection to Brother Edmunds will be nominated by acclamation. I saw, I hope, as I wouldn't tap a barrel of corn, the boys!"

EDMUNDS FOR SURE.

Prof. G. William Pillsbury, of New York, endorsed the opinion of Deacon Perkins; he came to Chicago, not as a delegate, but as a representative of the Universal Benevolent and Protective Order for the dissemination of civil service reform, and he was glad to feel that Edmunds's nomination was assured.

LOGAN ON THE 28TH.

At the Tremont house the Hon. Israel P. Leland, of Butte Center, Ill., was found with a plug of tobacco in one hand and a colored photograph of John A. Logan in the other.

HAWLEY AND SHERMAN CERTAIN, TOO.

Mr. George Washington Hawley, editor of the Buzzardsville Blister, expressed confidence in the nomination of Joseph Hawley, and Col. Woodruff P. Whiting, president of the First national bank of Lickskillet Corners, Ohio, was equally confident of the nomination of John Sherman.

SUNDAY NIGHT'S SUMMARY.

ARTHUR GAINED ON THE DAY. Special Dispatch to The Bee. CHICAGO, June 1.—While Arthur has undoubtedly lost some strength with the southern delegates, he has gained more than he has lost from accessions from Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Kansas. This, of course, detracts from Blaine's strength.

AS THE INDIAN DELEGATION POSTPONED.

A strong pressure is being brought to bear on the Edmunds men to vote for Arthur on the first ballot. Some of the leading supporters of Edmunds in Massachusetts and other states, are advising this course.

THE BLAINE ROOM.

As the Indiana delegation postponed its conference till to-morrow, it is not certain what course will be pursued in regard to the Harrison candidacy, but it is understood that while his name will be formally presented to the convention he will receive something over half the vote of the delegation on the first ballot. This is certain.

HURLED AT FRENCH-BENEDICT THROUGH ENGLISH CATHOLIC PALPATE.

LONDON, June 1.—A palud eyecial was read to-day in the churches warning people against joining secret societies under pain of excommunication. The letter says: "Free Masonry at its inception was probably merely a friendly society; if so," the eyecial asks, "where was the necessity for a blind obedience demanded of its votaries?"

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Advertisement for Andrew's Pearl Baking Powder. Features a woman holding a child, a large illustration of the product box, and text describing its benefits for baking. The text includes 'Seen Everywhere, because everywhere recognized as indispensable to Dealer and Consumer.' and 'Because we select the best leaf from the best Tobacco regions of North Carolina, and store it secure.' The signature 'Marked' is at the bottom right.