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ON TO THE POLITICAL MECCA.

Delegates Departing from Washington for Chicago.

IOWA'S CONTINGENT THE FIRST.

Gossip About the Candidates—The Congressional Outlook During the Gathering — Secretary Whitney to Resign.

Allison's Men are Confident.

WASHINGTON BUREAU THE OMAHA BEE, 513 FOURTEENTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C., June 12.

There was great activity in political circles here to-day. The railroad ticket office near the main entrance to the house of representatives was thronged during the entire afternoon by members and politicians generally who were making preparations for their departure for Chicago. The first contingent to leave for the convention were the Iowans, headed by General Henderson for Senator Allison. Major Conger of the Des Moines district will head the second installment of Iowans, and they will leave on Saturday. The major said this afternoon that they would have one of the largest delegations of workers, and one of the most enthusiastic bodies of men that will be located in Chicago. The fact is, the Iowans have received so much encouragement during the past three or four days that they believe they have very good show of success. Senator Allison said to me this morning that he felt sure that his neighbors of Nebraska looked with friendly feeling upon his candidacy. "Our states adjoin," said the senator, "and the interests of the people of Nebraska has always been very close to me and mine."

THE SHERMAN WORKERS DEPARTING.

The first installment of Senator Sherman's workers will probably reach Chicago on Thursday. Some of the Ohio members have already left for the battlefield, but they will linger a day or two at their homes en route. Major Butterworth was rushing around on the streets this evening with satchels in hand getting ready for departure. Ex-Senator Mahone, who arrived in Washington a few days ago from Virginia, expects to leave day after to-morrow on a special car containing some of the Virginia delegates and some delegates from the Carolinas, all for Sherman. The John S. Wise contingent of delegates and workers from Virginia will pass through Washington for Chicago Saturday. It is understood they are for Harrison. Senator Sherman's friends maintain a confident front. They assert that the senator will not display his full strength on the opening ballots as asserted, and insist that he has a good reserve in the back ground. Senator Sherman has been working indefatigably in his committee room for the past three days and the door has opened and shut on visitors many scores of times daily. A large portion of the senate employes will be first at the Chicago convention working for Sherman. Sergeant-at-arms Canady and assistant superintendent of the document room Brownlow are already on the grounds, and they marshal a good force of men recruited from other employes in the north end of the capitol. Senator Sherman said to-day to a caller that he would like, all things being equal, to be an attendant at the convention; that it would be a most interesting spectacle; but that he had not been present as a spectator or delegate since 1866.

Senators Sherman and Allison were not in their seats in the senate much of the time to-day. They were attending to callers at their committee rooms. Both of them intend to remain until after the convention. Their committees will not hold sessions until after the convention, the two chairmen having so much to attend to in connection with their campaigns and the absence of various republican members who will attend the convention.

HAWLEY'S LIGHTNING ROD.

Senator Hawley has his lightning rod erected full length in the hopes that the political electric fluid will strike him for second place on the ticket. An intimate friend of the senator said to-day that if the general was selected as the vice presidential standard bearer he would not feel at liberty to decline, though he was in no sense seeking the place. The Pacific coast people, however, will do their best to see that Senator Hawley gives way to a man with a less objectionable record on the Chinese question.

NEW JERSEY FOR PHELPS.

All of the New Jersey men are mildly enthusiastic for the candidacy of William Walter Phelps. They claim that a ticket of Sherman and Phelps, Harrison and Phelps, or Allison and Phelps would be impregnable in their state. Mr. Phelps knows every ward and precinct in the state of New Jersey, and is one of the shrewdest political workers in that state of short-haired wire pullers. In addition, he is a man of very large means, of culture and refinement. His selection would do much to remove complications now existing in New Jersey and pave the way for ex-Senator Sewell's return to the United States senate. The other presumably doubtful state—New York—still insists that if a New York man be not chosen for the first place, the state must be represented by the candidate for the vice presidency. Levi P. Morton's name will be presented, and will receive, it is said, the united support of the New York delegation. His recommendations are a slight experience in congress and a large bank account, with Tom Platt's backing among the political workers.

THE CONGRESSIONAL OUTLOOK.

There will not be many senators at the convention and not as many members of the house as have attended conventions in the past. There will probably be a dozen senators or sixty or seventy representatives. The chairman of the house committees have announced that there will be no meetings until week after next, and several of them have gone to their homes to look after private business or take a rest. The prospects are that proceedings in the house will be extremely dull until the week following the convention. There was a good deal of talk to-day about an agreement being entered into by which the tariff would be set aside at the end of this week and appropriations taken up for a few days. The Mills men, however, are generally opposed to this. They insist that the bill shall remain under constant consideration until it is completed. I asked Mr. Mills this afternoon what he thought would be done in the line of work on the tariff bill during the convention week, and he replied that he did not know but that was something for the caucus committee to determine. He thought, however, that the bill should stand aside until some appropriation bills were completed, inasmuch as the present fiscal year would end with this month, and not half of the appropriation bills have yet been acted upon by the two houses. It is not improbable, therefore, that the tariff bill will stand aside next week. If this is not done it will be necessary at the end of the month to pass joint resolutions extending the present appropriations until such a time as will admit of the new appropriations receiving final action.

SECRETARY WHITNEY WILL RETIRE.

Secretary Whitney acknowledges that he intends to retire from the cabinet on March 4, next, if not sooner, but says it is not owing to ill health. It is whispered that Mrs. Whitney wants her husband to go to London, Paris or Berlin, as minister, and that George H. Pendleton, of Chicago, minister to Berlin, may exchange places with Mr. Whitney. If not Pendleton, Mr. McLaine, of Maryland, who is now here and who is minister to Paris. No change will be made before the election in November.

NEBRASKA AND IOWA BANKING.

The comptroller of the currency to-day authorized the First National bank, of Spencer, Ia., to begin business, capital $50,000; A. W. Miller is president. The comptroller approved the First National, of Omaha, as a reserve agent for the Citizens National bank at St. Paul, Neb. PERRY S. HEATH.

Nebraska and Iowa Patents.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following patents were granted Nebraska and Iowa inventors to-day: James W. Ballard and H. L. Fisher, Toledo, Ia., scales for weighing railway cars; Samuel Disbrow, Lewis, Ia., potato plow; Everard Ekker, Knoxville, Ia., device for suspending and spreading slaughtered animals; Frederick Fischer, Des Moines, Ia., steam engine; William H. Garrett, Geneva, Neb., feed trough; Paul Ramser, Dubuque, Ia., ruby pin setter; Zouave A. Randleman and C. M. Randleman, Carlisle, Ia., hay and fodder fork; George D. and C. Rathman, Blair, Neb., railway crossing alarm signal; Isaac Thompson, Andrew, Ia., sled brake.

Army Orders.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—First Lieutenant Edward E. Hardin, Seventh infantry, is a member of the general court-martial which will meet at West Point on the 14th inst., for the trial of Private Edward Patison, United States military academy detachment of cavalry, and such other prisoners as may be brought before it.

Section 4, paragraph 1707, of the regulations, is amended as follows: Estimates of funds by chief paymasters to be forwarded monthly, direct to paymaster of the army.

Pensions for Iowans.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The following pensions were granted Iowans to-day: Original invalid—Jacob Binkerd, Colfax; Manso H. Sutton, Sioux City; John W. Sylvester, Campetine; James H. Allen (deceased), Leon; Layton H. North, Kingsley; Cornelius Welsh, Dubuque; Augustus D. Arthur, Adair; Robert A. Wills, Emerson. Increase—French L. Nelson, Allerton; William H. Jobs, Casey; Michael Clarahan, Harper; Tyler Huffman, Merrimac. Mexican survivors—James M. Childers, Bloomfield.

Washington Briefs.

The secretary of the treasury this afternoon accepted bonds amounting to over $2,000,000.

Secretary Bayard presented Count Arco Valley, the new German minister, to the president to-day.

THE KNIGHTS' CONCLAVE.

The Session Opens—The Pennsylnania Expulsion—Nebraska's Contingent.

CINCINNATI, O., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Every fifteen minutes brings new arrivals of knights and persons taking advantage of the low railroad rates. The Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, began its session to-day. The mayor delivered an address of welcome, after which Chancellor Douglass called the assembly to order. The supreme chancellor's report explains the cause of the suspension of the Pennsylvania lodges. The report concludes with the following words: "In this connection I believe it your duty to take prompt steps whereby the doors of the supreme lodge and of the others shall be forever closed against the leaders, who have insultingly defied your authority and attempted to belittle your dignity and villify the acts of your executive officers. These men have been breeders of sedition for many years, and it is high time that a quietus be placed upon them by a positive and complete exemplification of the supremacy of this lodge everywhere within the order." A resolution was adopted by the lodge to appoint a committee of seven, into whose keeping the above matter was placed.

The second regiment of the Ohio brigade arrived this morning from Cleveland and immediately went into camp at Burnet Woods park. The regiment is about eight hundred strong. Accompanying the regiment is the Pythian cadets, the first uniform company of the sons of Knights of Pythias. Chancellor Douglass was presented with a handsome gavel made out of sweet orange wood. Engraved on a silver plate was the following: "To Howard Douglass, supreme chancellor of K. of P., June 12, 1888, from L. I. Watkins, L. R., Orlando, Florida." The Nebraska knights and the Second regiment of Omaha are quartered at the Sherwood house, corner of Sixth and Race streets. They are fifty-five strong and many have brought their wives. The Omaha division has formed a new side degree which was presented to the supreme chancellor for approval and was received with enthusiasm. It is termed "The Corn Cob Degree of the Wild and Wooly West."

The Produce Exchange Excited.

NEW YORK, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Had a thunderbolt fallen through the roof of the produce exchange at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon it would hardly have created more excitement than the receipt of the news at that time that Governor Hill had signed the McEvoy elevator bill making it law. It is an important measure which seriously effects the grain trade in every city of over 13,000 population, particularly the cities of New York, Brooklyn and Buffalo. Its provisions limit the charge for elevating, receiving, weighing and discharging grain by means of floating elevators and warehouses to five-eights of a cent per bushel steamship and canal boats only being required to pay the actual cost of shoveling the grain into the elevator when unloading and trimming the cargo when loading. A fine of $250 or more and costs is imposed for violating the act. The bill was introduced and its passage urged by Erie canal and boat owners, it is said, but members of the produce exchange denounced the measure. They declare it will practically stop the export grain trade for the time being, and the general feeling on the floor of the exchange seemed to be that the grain trade of this port will be paralyzed, the canal trade seriously injured and as a result grain will be taken to other ports by rail for shipment.

Garrett's Body Found.

BALTIMORE, June 12.—The body of Harrison Garrett, who was drowned Thursday night last by the sinking of his yacht, has been recovered. It was found several miles distant from where the accident occurred and was brought to this city. The Nanticoke was on her way up the river to this city when the body was discovered. The body was in good condition. On the left temple there was a red mark and one of his hands was somewhat bitten, probably by crabs or eels. The face was black and blood oozed from the nose. The body was completely dressed in a yachting suit, and the watch, chain and other jewelry worn by the unfortunate man were in their places. The remains on reaching this city were taken to the undertaker's, from where they will be transferred to Garrett's residence. Mrs. Garratt was immediately notified.

The Madame in a Rage.

NEW YORK, June 12.—In the Diss DeBar case to-day both the general and madame were on the stand. The general denied that he had assisted in any way in changing the canvasses in the madame's spook pictures. The madame in her testimony admitted that Solomons brought her up, and that she ran away. She then gave a rambling account of her life, and went into paroxysms of rage over the testimony of the Solomons.

Colored Y. M. C. A.

LOUISVILLE, June 12.—The national organization of the colored Y. M. C. A. was completed last night by the election of Charles S. Morris of Louisville, president.

For Receiver.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—The president has sent to the senate to-day the nomination of Barnum M. Babcock of Wisconsin, to be receiver of public moneys at St. Croix Falls, Wis.

A ROW AMONG THE REGENTS.

Indications That a General Reorganization Will Take Place.

THE CHANCELLOR MAY GO.

Charges Likely to be Preferred Against Him—Billings in Great Danger—The Hog Thieves Break Jail Once More.

Trouble at the 'Varsity.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Four regents met in almost secret conclave to-night—Mallalieu, Hull, Roberts and Gere. There was merry music promised, but it will not take place until to-morrow. In the reading of the minutes a discussion arose on a motion made by Roberts to have the matter of Mrs Lloyd's appointment as chemist referred back to the faculty on account of being irregular, as charged by the chancellor. Mrs. Lloyd, according to the chancellor, is an infidel. The chancellor claimed that the chairman failed to put the question. Mr. Roberts claimed he did. A lively time is expected to-morrow, Gere, the chairman, believing that he put the question.

Charles E. Chowins, the superintendent of construction of the industrial hall on the university grounds, claimed that the architects had failed to furnish any plans and that the work on the building so far was wretched; that nothing had been done in a businesslike manner; the walls were already cracking, and as the architect had already received $1,000, he should be made to furnish other plans. The idea of going ahead with a large building, with continual disputes concerning the plans and no specifications, shows the haphazard and general style of doing business by the university committee.

It is expected to-morrow a great fight will take place on the matter of retaining Billings, a scientist, experimenting in hog cholera and other diseases of domestic animals. Half of the board will also attempt to dismiss the chancellor. Charges are to be preferred against him unless matters are settled. Prof. Wing, who has made a farce of the college farm, resigned to-night.

From Dark to Daylight.

HASTINGS, Neb., June 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—In a street political combat that took place in the city of Hastings a few days ago, a local democratic politician of some note and influence in his party, and a faithful follower of J. Sterling Morton, unwillingly, perhaps, dropped a remark that let in a flood of light on the mysterious operations of the past in the First congressional district of Nebraska, and caused Church Howe, who was present, to prick up his ears and seek eagerly for further enlightment on the same subject. Said the democratic politician: "I know whereof I speak when I say that one of the secret influences that secured the defeat of Mr. Howe for congress was due to an understanding and agreement entered into by J. Sterling Morton, Congressman McShane and the double-dealing republican, Tom Majors, of Nemaha county, by which the latter should be suitably rewarded for his treacherous services in that memorable contest. Let's see if he has not been. Hart, the receiver of the McCook land office, appointed on McShane's recommendation, is Tom Majors' cousin, and holding a good clerkship in the same office is comfortably situated a brother of Tom Majors." This was all that was said, but the well-known facts as stated seem to confirm the theory of a bargain and sale that resulted well for the relatives of Majors and the sad discomfiture of Mr. Howe.

Wrote His Own Pass.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Saturday last a portly and dignified gentleman registered at the Midway as R. Nugent, New York. He was six feet tall, neatly dressed, bronzed complexion, gray hair, mustache and imperial, and about fifty-five years of age. Shortly after registering he inquired for a man who could run a typewriter, and found him. He dictated a letter, which was printed upon an Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad letter head, stating that the bearer, A. L. Williams, was a conductor on that road, and requesting conductors on other roads to pass him and the Atchison & Topeka system would reciprocate. The type writer asked him who would sign the letter, and he replied he would as he was President Strong's private secretary. Sunday night Mr. Nugent, alias Williams, jumped the town, going east on the Union Pacific. He forgot to pay for his accommodations at the Midway.

The Hog Thieves Escape.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Budd and Sommers, the hog thieves sentenced several days ago to the penitentiary for two and four years, made another and successful break for liberty this evening by digging from their cells into the corridor, and then from the jail. Their escape, however, was soon discovered, and the fire alarm put hundreds in pursuit as well as bringing out the entire fire department. Budd was recaptured after an exciting chase, but Sommers is still at large. Half a dozen previous attempts to break and burn the jail were frustrated, but the thieves had frequently boasted that they would escape. They were to have been taken to the penitentiary to-morrow.

A Hotel Opening.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., June 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Our people are considerably elated over the opening of the new and magnificent Hotel Palmer on next Tuesday, the 19th inst. The proprietors, Messrs. Eno & Moulton, are now arranging for one of the grandest banquets that Grand Island ever had. They will probably set between five hundred and one thousand plates. They extend a general invitation to all traveling men, and hope the boys will come and accept of their hospitality on that occasion.

Musicians Shocked by Lightning.

SCHUYLER, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last night a severe rain and thunder storm passed over this place. Three-quarters of an inch of water fell by actual measurement. Lightning struck the Bohemian hall, slightly damaging it. Five musicians were in it at the time practicing their music, three of whom were stunned. James Swoboda is seriously injured. The other two, Frank Bastunik and Charles Dobesl, soon recovered.

A Dead Body Found.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Sheriff Sharp, in the absence of the coroner, was called to Wisner by telegraph to hold an inquest over a dead body found in the Elkhorn river about three miles below the town. The body proved to be that of one of the four persons recently drowned while trying to cross the river at Wisner on their return from a wedding. No blame rested upon anyone and the verdict was accidental drowning.

West Point Republicans.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 12.—[Special to THE BEE.]—Pursuant to a call the young men of West Point met for the puspose of organizing a republican club. About one hundred were enrolled as members, over two-thirds of whom have never voted for president. Much enthusiasm prevailed and a decided determination was manifest to carry Cuming county for the republicans.

Last Night's Storm.

COLUMBUS, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The heaviest hail, rain and wind storm of the season visited this section about midnight last evening. The ice house belonging to Charlie Miller was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. Loss $1,500, insured in the German Insurance company, Freeport, Ill., $150. The house of L. W. Weaver was partially destroyed by lightning, the family narrowly escaping instant death. Loss covered by insurance.

Barglars at Friend.

FRIEND, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Last night some thieves broke into T. H. Kelley's house and carried off two suits of clothes, a gold watch and chain belonging to Mrs. Kelley, and three silver watches, a lot of valuable jewelry, several notes and other valuable papers and about $25 in money, amounting in all to about $450. They also entered Miller & Son's store and lifted cigars, candy, etc. There is no clue as to who the thieves are. A slick young stranger was noticed on the streets Monday who claimed to be deaf and dumb. He is not to be found to-day.

Their Poor Sidewalks.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The jury in the Keyser suit against the city for damages for a broken limb sustained on the miserable sidewalks, rendered a verdict this morning of $515 for the plaintiff. Several other similar suits are still pending, and poor sidewalks and dangerous streets continue to be the principal advertising card for Nebraska City.

A New Bridge Needed.

COLUMBUS, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—An important bridge meeting was held this evening by the citizens and a committee appointed to wait upon the county board and have them locate the new bridge across the Loup about to be built west of the present site. About three hundred feet of the river bank having been washed away makes a change necessary.

Valentine Democrats Rtaify.

VALENTINE, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Valentine democratic club held a ratification meeting to-night, with speeches, bonfires and music by the Eighth infantry band. An immense crowd was in attendance and much enthusiasm prevailed. W. H. Westover, of Rushville, was the principal speaker.

Bishop Bonacum at Palmyra.

PALMYRA, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Bishop Bonacum came and confirmed fifty-seven children in the Catholic church to-day. Parties from as far away as Weeping Water and Louisville brought their children here for confirmation.

THE TELEPHONE FIGHT.

The Bell Company Taking Out Instruments at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, June 12.—The Bell telephone company have taken out 151 telephones since the recent ordinance was passed to reduce the rental from $100 to $50. Mayor Francis' order to take down the wires and poles brought the proposition yesterday from the Bell company that the city of St. Louis make immediate application to the supreme court of Missouri for an alternate writ of mandamus directed to the Bell company, such writ to require the company to show cause why a preemptory writ should not issue commanding them to furnish to St. Louis one or more telephones at an annual charge not exceeding $50. To this Mayor Francis this morning replied, refusing to make such application, with the following caustic conclusion: "The ordinance you refer to does not compel you to maintain telephone services. It establishes the rate at which business may be carried on. Instead of obeying the ordinance you have seen fit to relinquish the business. You are no longer a telephone company. I shall not undertake the idle task of applying to the court to compel you to be a telephone company. The order heretofore issued by me for the removal of your poles and wires from the public highways will be executed."

The Northwestern Deluge.

DULUTH, Minn., June 12.—The recent severe rains have caused the greatest flood ever known in northern Minnesota. Along the banks of logging streams tributary to the St. Louis river millions of acres of land are overflowed and loss of life is feared. At the village of Cloquet, thirty miles from here, that portion of the town which is situated on the island is engulfed by a raging torrent. Several dwellings have been carried away, but no loss of life has occurred. Immense saw mills are flooded and abandoned. All the country bridges are carried away, and if the logs break the booms and dams the railroad bridge at Thompson will probably go. At Fond du Lac, sixteen miles from here, the village is under water and some buildings have been carried down the stream. From Fond du Lac to beyond Spirit Lake the tracks of the St. Paul & Duluth railway are under water from two to three feet deep.

The Cattlemen Must Pay.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., June 12.—Some time ago the cattlemen of the Chickasaw nation, Indian Territory, resisted the collection of the cattle tax and drove the collectors away with violence. A peaceable settlement was attempted, but without result. About 500 cowboys are now rendezvoused in the southern part of the nation. Governor Guy has ordered out the national militia and about 100 Indians, and they are assembled at Ordmore, preparatory to moving upon the cowboys. It is feared they are not strong enough to combat the cattlemen, who are armed with Winchesters. The government troops at Fort Reno are preparing to take the field in case the Chickasaws cannot quell the disturbance.

The Cash Boy Did It.

BUFFALO, June 15.—The origin of the great million dollar fire in this city February last, which destroyed the dry goods house of Baines, Hengerer & Co., and seriously damaged other property, was not definitely ascertained at the time. One of the cash boys named Howard, aged fourteen years, was recently arrested for stealing a watch from the store. He made a full confession that he started the fire himself. The reason for it was that he was mad at one of the floor walkers for not allowing him to leave work to attend a funeral.

They Want the Railway.

KEARNEY, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—At a meeting of the citizens of this city last night to consider the proposition of the Nebraska Central railway to build to Kearney, the sentiment indicated that the people were ready to give the $50,000 in bonds asked and guarantee a right of way into the city from the Platte river. It is on the understanding that this company is the construction part of the Santa Fe system. This move insures another trunk line for Kearney. The proposition of the company was read and the company asked that bonds be voted as early as July 1. The board of supervisors are in session now and there is no doubt but that the proposition to vote bonds will be submitted at once.

Heavy Damages.

NEW YORK, June 12.—In the suit of Miss Minnie Terry against the wife of Dr. Perine for $10,000 damages for libel the jury this morning brought in a sealed verdict awarding the plaintiff 12 cents damages.

Western Union Dividend.

NEW YORK, June 12.—The executive committee of the Western Union telegraph company decided to-day to recommend a dividend of 1¼ per cent of the earnings for the current quarter.

The Fire Record.

MILWAUKEE, June 12.—A special from Eau Claire, Wis., says: The Mississippi Logging campany's shingle mill and boarding house burned to-day. Loss $65,000; insurance not known.

THEY ASSEMBLE TO PROTEST.

A Vigorous Kick Before the Iowa Railroad Commission.

THE RATES WOULD BE RUINOUS.

The Locusts in the State a Harmless Species—Two Sudden Deaths—Irish Benevolents Meet — General Iowa News.

Protest from the Railroads.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Representatives of all the leading railroads doing business in Iowa were here to-day to appear before the railroad commissioners and protest against the proposed schedule of rates. Without exception they declared that they would be compelled to do business at an actual loss if they adopted the rates proposed. President Stickney of the Chicago, St, Paul & Kansas City made an extended speech this morning, urging the commissioners to go a little slow and not try to make all the reforms possible the first year. He said that so far as his road was concerned the new schedule would be on an average a cut of 25 per cent. He thought the commissioners ought to be satisfied to continue the present rates, correcting inequalities and see how that would work. Mr. Bird, of the Milwaukee road, said that the reduction would amount to 50 per cent of the rates on his road and that under the proposed schedule the road would be forced into bankruptcy. Mr. Wickof, traffic manager for the Northwestern, showed what the actual reduction for each trunk line was. Starting on west from Davenport it averaged from 25 to 40 per cent, according to different classes. Mr. Paul Morton, general freight agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, said that the proposed schedule was absolutely lower for a haul of a hundred miles in Iowa than the rates on the Pennsylvania road through the populous territory of that state.

The different speakers showed how it would be impossible to expect that the Iowa roads, doing a business of 15,000,000 tonnage a year, should make as low rates as Illinois with its traffic of 47,000,000 tonnage. They said that the roads had reduced rates on cattle from $65 per car to $25 and $30, through the interstate commerce law, and that the farmers were benefitted by the new law, but the jobbers and manufacturers had to give up the discriminating rates which they had enjoyed, hence this vigorous kick. They made a respectful protest, leaving the matter with the commissioners, but if the latter refuse to change the rates the roads will refuse to recognize them and argue the matter in the courts.

The Locusts a Harmless Species.

DES MOINES, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—This state has no official entomologist so that there is no one here authorized to give an official opinion on the visitations of locusts, but great interest in the matter is taken by the secretary of the state agricultural society. He said this morning that he has received in his crop reports information from Muscatine that there were millions of locusts in that county, but no especial damage had yet been reported. It seems to be the general opinion here that the locusts in eastern Iowa are not of the seventeen-year variety but of a harmless class that come around frequently, seven years ago being the time of the last visitation.

The Attorney General's Time Decision.

Des Moines, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—The executive council has reconsidered its action and awarded the contract for publishing the supreme court reports to the Stevens publishing house, of Columbia, Mo. The council had advertised that bids would close on a certain day at 12 noon. At that time Stevens' bid was the lowest. Sixty-five minutes later a local firm put in a bid 2 cents lower. The attorney general made the astonishing decision thereupon that it was 12 noon until it was 1 o'clock, but the attorney for the Missouri house argued the case and he reversed his decision, holding that the intention of the council must govern, so the council changed their contract and took the Missouri figures.

The Firemen's Tournament.

CLINTON, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The city is rapidly filling up with firemen for the annual tournament. Every train swells the number. Our military company acts as escort and reception committee. The city is beautifully decorated with flags and bunting and the streets are vocal with marching bands. The tournament proper opens to-morrow.

Dropped Dead in His Barn.

BOONE, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Hon. John A. Hull went to his farm a few miles out of town last evening, and while talking with his men this morning dropped dead. He was the senior member of the Boone county bar and a lawyer of state reputation and acquaintance

Iowa's Irishmen Meet.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Ia., June 12.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians met in session here today. Business of interest to the order was transacted. The following officers were elected: State delegate, D. P. Wolf, DeWitt; state secretary, J. B. Howard, Des Moines; state treasurer, D. M. Reynolds, Atlantic.

Died Very Suddenly.

WATERLOO, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE]—David Border, a man aged sixty-five years, a member of the G. A. R. post at Union, dropped down in his tracks while at work near Gifford yesterday afternoon, and shortly after expired. The nature of the attack is as yet unknown.

Insane With Lots of Money.

WATERLOO, Ia., June 12—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—William P. Perry, a young man hailing from Osage, claiming to be a school teacher, was taken into custody to-day by officers. The fellow is insane and has a large amount of money on his person.

Reward for the Murderess.

ANAMOSA, Ia., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A reward is offered by the warden of the Anamosa penitentiary for the capture of Anna L. Hower, sentenced in 1882 for murder in the second degree.

Trusting to Luck For Pay.

IOWA CITY, Ia., June 12.—The university investigating committee to-day decided to go on with their work and depend upon the next legislature paying their bills. They will hold private sessions until after the universite commencement.

Royal Arch Masons.

DEADWOOD, Dak., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—A meeting of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held at 3 o'clock yesterday for the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the transaction of such other business as ordinarly comes up. At the beginning of its session the election resulted as follows: John F. Schroder, of Rapid City, grand high priest; Jonn Davidson, Bismarck, deputy grand high priest; H. S. Williams, Aberdeen, excellent king; L. A. Rose, Fargo, excellent scribe; T. J. Dox, Brookings, grand treasurer; T. G. Wilder, Casselton, grand secretary. There were 250 Masons belonging to the Dakota lodges here. There will be a banquet and ball on Wednesday evening when 300 will sit down to supper.

POLITICAL NEWS.

Depew Says He Will Take It—"Who Wouldn't?"

Depew Willing to Sacraflce.

NEW YORK, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The Times publishes the following interview with Depew:

"Major Bundy, of the Mail and Express, is reported as saying in reply to a question whether or not you would accept the nomination, you said: 'I would. Who would not?'"

"That is exactly what I said in Major Bundy's presence," replied Mr. Depew, "and that explains my position exactly. If the nomination should be tendered me I would accept. Who would not? I do not desire the nomination; I do not want it; but there is something more than one's personal wishes to be considered. If the leaders of the party decide that I should be the man to head the ticket, I think it would be my duty to waive personal matters, and for the good of the party—for the country, perhaps—accept the nomination. Who would not do so? Who could refuse?"

"Can you suggest any possible cause for the authorship of the letter referred to yesterday in St. Louis?"

"Well, I think the statement I have just made to you might possibly have caused some one to write it, though, of course, I have no idea as to who either the sender or recipient was. The statement on my part that I would be in no position to say whether or not the convention would act wisely in selecting me for their candidate, coupled with the declaration that I am not a candidate for, and do not desire the nomination might very easily be construed into meaning that I would not allow my name to be used in the convention. The convention would be wrong, however, for that is not what I mean, and I have made no positive statement to any person at any time to the effect that I would not accept the nomination in case it was tendered me. My position in this matter does not rest with me, but with my friends and with the republican party."

WASHINGTON, June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The wires have been kept busy to-day between here and New York. The managers of the campaigns of the various aspirants are all fishing for the New York delegation, and the belief is general that it will be pretty well divided unless Mr. Depew's managers bring the screws down very firmly. Until to-day it was not believed that Mr. Depew would be a candidate. It was announced yesterday upon good authority that he had withdrawn and that he would card the public to that effect. A telegram was received this afternoon, however, stating that Mr. Depew declined to withdraw and would stand subject to the action of his friends. This puts the people all at sea who were figuring on votes from New York, and as to the effects Mr. Depew's withdrawal would have, there are many able republicans who now believe that the name of Mr. Depew is being used in the interest of Mr. Blaine; that Depew would have withdrawn had it not been that he or his friends believe that to keep his name in the field will go far to complicate matters and bring about a deadlock which will create a necessity for calling for the Plumed Knight.

How It Looks at Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 12.—To-night the 3,000 electric lights were turned on in the great hall where the republican national convention is to be held. The lighting of the auditorium afforded a magnificent spectacle. Long streamers of red, white and blue bunting not fully in place gave a picture of silver aspect to the scene. The turning on of the lights was an experiment by the architects for determining the arrangement of the decorations.

Quite a number of the leading members of the republican national committee are in the city to-[illegible] Chayse of Arkansas, J. C. New of Indiana and Cyrus Leland of Kansas are the latest arrivals. The others present are Clarkson of Iowa and Conger of Ohio. The question of temporary and permanent chairman of the convention is being freely discussed. It is now generally believed one of the officers will be Senator Warner Miller of New York and the other John M. Thurston of Nebraska. Should Miller be chosen temporary chairman Thurston will be permanent chairmain, and vice versa. Both gentlemen are described as able parliamentarians. Cyrus Leland says Kansas will give Senator Ingalls a complimentary vote and then be disposed to let the doubtful states of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Indiana name the winning man. Powell Clayton says the Arkansas delegates were unanimous for Blaine but now they are in doubt and look for light from New York. Conger says on the first ballot Sherman will poll over three hundred votes—a number far in advance of the aggregate of any other candidate, and we hope to settle the matter on the second or third ballot.

The Alger men are making preparations for the arrival of his soldier friends that are to be here.

Allison's friends were re-enforced by Congressmen Hepburn and Henderson.

W. F. Fairbanks, of Indianapolis, was among the many who put in an appearance for Gresham.

John C. New brings a large following, all solid supporters of Harrison. He says every county in his state has pronounced for Senator Harrison and that there is no sentiment in the state for Gresham.

The Men of Maine.

PORTLAND, June 12.—The republican state convention was called to order at 11 o'clock by Chairman Manley, and after prayer Hon. Andrew P. Wiswell, temporary chairman, delivered an address. A large portion of his speech was devoted to criticizing the action of the president in not sustaining his civil service reform theory and in his failure to meet the fishery question. The president's free trade message was adversely commented on and compared with the action of Blaine, whose outspoken utterances were commended by the speaker. He said Maine was largely interested in the tariff bill, which would disastrously affect the lumber interest of the state. People have had enough of three years of democratic administration with its blunders and they now want a president who will protect American citizens on land and sea. That man was James G. Blaine, but if they could not have him the republicans of Maine would follow with unbroken ranks the leadership of the Chicago nominee. Allusions in his speech to Blaine were received with repeated applause.

The temporary organization was made permanent and Hon. J. W. Symonds, in an eloquent speech, presented the name of Henry B. Cleaves. R. D. Powers presented the name of Burleigh. The convention then proceeded to ballot and Burleigh was nominated on the first ballot.

The Bee's Position Supported.

NORTH BEND, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—Your editorial in THE BEE of the 11th inst., on the nomination of Chauncey M. Depew, has excited considerable comment here and it is almost the unanimous opinion that you express the sentiment of the republican party as to what the result would be if he should be nominated for the presidency. This county can be carried by the republicans if it should be one of such men as Gresham, Sherman, Allison, Harrison or Alger, with a clean county ticket nominated. THE BEE is to be congratulated on its worthy efforts to purify the republican party from the contamination of corporations.

Beatrice Ready to Ratify.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 12.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.] — The republican club held an enthusiastic meeting to-night and decided to hold a grand ratification meeting on receipt of Chicago nominations. The clubs and residents of Gage county towns are invited, and the demonstration is to be the greatest ever held in the county. Torchlights, flambeau clubs, drum corps, and brass bands and illuminations will be prominent features. Eminent speakers have been engaged, and one thousand men will be in line.

Senator Chace Re-elected.

NEWPORT, R. I., June 12.—In the general assembly to-day Jonathan A. Chace, republican, was re-elected United States senator by a majority in both houses.

THE GERMAN KAISER WORSE.

Disquieting Reports of the Sick Monarch's Condition.

THE SORROWFUL EVENT IS NEAR.

Although Newspaper Reports are Grossly Exaggerated an Alarming Change for the Worse Has Taken Place To-day.

Great Anxiety in Berlin.

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BERLIN, June 12.—[New York Herald Cable—Special to THE BEE.]—Berlin has been in agitation all day owing to the disquieting reports since early morning with regard to the condition of the emperor. Extra editions of the newspapers have been sold in the streets, some of them containing reports of a most alarming character. Much is exaggeration, although it is certain that great anxiety prevails in all the royal circles. There is little or no appetite for food, which is being artificially administered. Nevertheless, the emperor spent a portion of the afternoon on the terrace, looking emaciated and wan. It seems that the local disease has reached the mouth of the gullet and that the wall and cartilages between the latter and the windpipe are partly destroyed, or at least affected.

The worst symptoms now are his dislike to take food and his disposition to nausea, but the emperor's patience is admirable. Happily he does not know his danger, and feels no pain. The latest extra, rather exaggerated, says: "The doctors have now given up all hope and the long feared sorrowful event is nearer indeed than was expected some days ago."

All last night the empress sat up by her husband's bedside. She will do the same again to-night. The latest edition of the official papers refrain from general comment, but it is accepted, in well-informed circles, that the worst apprehended has taken place since came the fistulatic communication between the gullet and windpipe. All that human science and personal devotion can affect is being done to relieve the suffering monarch and prolong his life, but the disease has almost reached that point where science can only alleviate.

I hear Sir Morrell Mackenzie succeeded to-day in passing a new tube below the fistula, and afterward a large quantity of nutriment was introduced into the stomach. In consequence the kaiser felt much stronger evening and wished to go out for a drive. Indeed the carriage came round to the door, but at the last moment Sir Morrell Mackenzie thought it better for the emperor to remain on the terrace.

Unfortunately towards twilight the breathing became affected. Prof. von Baerdeleben, at Sir Mor