

STEWART TALKS ON SILVER

His Remarks to the Senate in Advocacy of His Resolution.

ILLINOIS SENATORS ENGAGE IN A TILT

Morgan's Resolution Calling for Information as to Receipts from Germany and Hayti Agreed To-In the House—Cooper Attempts to Explain.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12.—The resolution offered by Stewart yesterday in relation to the purchase of silver and the coinage of standard silver dollars was taken up.

After an amendment by Sherman, inserting the words, "and a detailed statement of the amount purchased each day," Stewart addressed the senate on the subject.

Previous to this resolution offered by Morgan, calling for information as to receipts from Germany and Hayti, was agreed to.

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ORGANIZING FOR THE STRIKE

Republicans Throughout the Country Preparing for the National Campaign.

POLITICAL NEWS FROM MANY PLACES

Connecticut Democrats Cannot Agree Upon a Presidential Candidate—Cleveland a Favorite in Missouri—Holman Renominated in Indiana.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 12.—J. S. Clark, son of the late Republican National League, said that the league convention would probably be held at Buffalo the last week in June, bringing it in session at the same time as the democratic convention.

He said it would have been in March or April except that the last national convention properly directed it should not be called earlier than two weeks after the republican national convention.

Therefore the league will meet in Buffalo in the Empire state, the battle ground of 1872, the last of June to hold a ratification meeting and to arrange the program for the campaign.

Mr. Clarkson added that the number of league clubs has increased nearly 4,000 in the last year and nearly 40,000 in membership. There are now about 14,000 clubs with a membership of 1,000,000, a compact, organized and active force.

Many marching clubs will attend in uniform, including clubs from colleges and high schools, several hundred of which have been organized in the last six months, embracing among others a club of 1,300 in Harvard college and one of 600 in the University of Michigan.

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IN NEED OF SPEEDY AID.

Terrible Havoc Wrought by High Waters in the South—Many Lives Lost.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., April 12.—The Times-Democrat's Columbus, Miss., special says:

The death and desolation caused by the flood has so demoralized the entire population that the days are as quiet and business as idle as any Sabbath. While business is resumed in the northern part of the country, still the city is waterbound from every other direction.

Later reports rather enlarge than diminish the damage. A belt of country ranging from five to fifteen miles wide, running north and south through the country, is one stretch of debris, made up of ruins of houses, churches, schools, and other public buildings, and it is doubtful whether there is left standing in that belt a dozen houses.

The pitiful scenes of the past few days have been repeated in the case of the public and private charity prevents the suffering of those who were rescued. But the most helpless time will come when the water subsides and the bodies of the dead are found.

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KILLED AND BURNED

Nick Roy Shot and His Body Destroyed by Fire.

DETERMINED FIGHTING IN WYOMING

Nate Champion's Residence Surrounded and Riddled with Bullets.

Invading Army Meeting with a Very Warm Reception.

Fifty Cattlemen Cornered by Rustlers at the T. A. Ranch and Four Shot to Death—Troops Enroute to the Scene.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 12.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The Ben special correspondent has safely reached Buffalo, the county seat of Johnson county, by way of Gillette and the stage line thence to the scene of the war. He telegraphs from that place tonight this interesting story:

Buffalo, Wyo., April 12.—When the men who pulled out of Cheyenne last Tuesday evening on a special train with everything aboard from dynamite to a newspaper reporter and marched forth as though to a grand picnic they evidently did not count the cost now they are in a position where they will have ample time for reflection. The party which left Cheyenne one week ago got to Nate Champion's ranch at 4 o'clock Saturday morning, surrounded the house and an almost continuous fire was kept up until after noon.

Champion, Roy and perhaps another man were in the house. As the fight progressed Champion, from time to time, wrote in his memorandum book an account of it, which, after he was dead, was taken with the regulators and read aloud. Everything else failing the regulators took a load of hay and backed it against the house, thus sheltering the regulators from Champion's bullets and then set fire to the hay, burning the house and Roy, who had been shot.

Champion Shot While Running. Champion had to run, and as he did so he received ten or twelve bullets. About this time Jack Flag and step-son, who had intended spending the night with Champion, ran invitingly into the regulators' arms. He recognized Charles Ford, who shot at him at close quarters. Flag was horseshoe and his son was driving a wagon. Flag's son soon cut a horse from the team and with his father escaped to Buffalo.

Sunday morning the regulators took breakfast at the T. A. ranch, fourteen miles south of Buffalo, and then started for town. They were met by rustlers and citizens and retreated back to the T. A. ranch.

At this time there were not over twenty-five men in the regulators' ranks. By Monday morning the force was much larger and closed in about the ranch. As they did so one of the regulators escaped, they say. The surrounding forces continued to increase and it is still increasing. The first shots exchanged between the two parties were fired Monday morning by the regulators.

I arrived in Buffalo Monday evening by the B. & M. stage. Buffalo was comparatively quiet. I went where I pleased and I saw nothing of the rustlers. Others did the same and I noticed at least one woman on the street alone. Men were coming and going from the scene of action. About 10 o'clock twenty or more rustlers arrived from Rock Creek. At 11, fifteen men, including myself, started for the camp, going all the way through a bad blizzard. I stayed in the camp until 8 this morning. The regulators have a well-nigh impregnable position. They have a log house built of heavy logs 10x12 inches thick. West of that 100 yards is a barn, hay and corn.

They Built a Small Fort. One hundred yards west of the barn, where their horses are, there is a small fort built of hewed logs and earthworks which they have built since they moved here. It is probably to be used as a last resort in case the rustlers succeed in burning their house and stable. They have some rifle pits and probably some underground passages. There are about forty-five of them now. When I left Arapahoe, Brown, who runs a grist mill here and is a leader of the citizens and rustlers, said he had 15 men. We met twenty or twenty-five on the way and he and his men are still coming and include all kinds of men, some boys and gray-haired fighters. Of the 175 men on the ground, I should say, judging from their appearance and what I hear, that 125 were rustlers, twenty-five more mechanics and workmen who own each a piece of property, and the other twenty-five rustlers, gamblers and men from about town.

JEFF OGG SERIOUSLY HURT

Well Known Lincoln Traveling Man Gored by a Mad Bull.

HAY SPRINGS PEOPLE MUCH EXCITED

Fight Between a Saloonkeeper and a Stranger Causes Considerable Trouble—Plattsburgh Burglars Sentenced—Other News from Nebraska Towns.

Plattsburgh, Neb., April 12.—[Special Telegram to The Bee.]—The city council canvassed the vote of the election last night with the following result: Mayor, Butler (dem.), 559; Dwyer (rep.), 490; treasurer, Morgan (dem.), 617; Pollock (rep.), 477; clerk, Fox (dem.), 674; Griffith (rep.), 419; police judge, Archer (dem.), 633; Shurtz (rep.), 421; school board, Adams (dem.), 297; McLaughlin (rep.), 515; Willets (dem.), 419; Enruh (rep.), 600.

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LIKE RATS IN A TRAP.

After Killing Two Men the Cattlemen Are Hemmed in in a Ranch Building.

Captured an Escaped Murderer.

Denver, Colo., April 12.—A Buffalo, Wyo., special to the Times says: The first full particulars of the fight at the T. A. ranch have just been received. The first information in Buffalo of the intended invasion by the cattlemen was a report received yesterday from Douglas to Sheriff Angus of Johnson county saying that a special train of armed and mounted men had passed through Douglas towards Casper.

This information was soon current among the rustlers and small cattlemen, but they had little time to prepare to defend themselves, for the cattlemen arrived soon after the rustlers and commenced operations at once by attacking the rustlers in the morning. The rustlers, in which men suspected of being rustlers were living.

Early on the morning of the 10th a ranchman named Smith living on the north fork of the Powder river heard firing at that ranch. He rode rapidly in that direction and discovered that the cattlemen had the house surrounded and that a desperate fight was going on between them and the inmates.

He at once rode to Crazy Woman and started a half dozen men to the rescue, after which he got a fresh horse and came to Buffalo. Here he informed Sheriff Angus of the fight and the latter immediately gathered a posse and started for the K. C. ranch, where the battle had been fought, arriving there about daylight on the 11th. The cattlemen had, however, done their work and left, for when the rescuing party reached the K. C. ranch they found the house burned and the dead bodies of inmates, who were discovered to be Nate Champion and Dick Roy, half burned in the ruins.

On Sunday eve, while the fight was in progress, Jack Flag, whose name is notorious on account of his being a leading rustler, drove up to the K. C. ranch. He had been elected a delegate to the democratic state convention and was on his way to Cheyenne. He was met by the rustlers and they mounted men about, but supposed they were a friendly cow party, and when they suddenly ordered him to throw up his hands he jokingly replied: "Go to h—l." In reply one of the party leveled a rifle at him and a bullet sped past his head.

Flag had a rifle in his wagon but had no arms on his person. Springing to his wagon he grasped his rifle and leant the barrel at bay, while a boy who accompanied him cut the traces attaching the horses to the wagon. Then the two leaped on the horses and fled safely through the fusillade, being followed a considerable way, until they reached Harris ranch on Crazy Woman and started north, joining the sheriff's posse from Buffalo. None of the attacking party were injured.

Hemmed in by the Rustlers. After Flag escaped the cattlemen fired his wagon, and running it against the house in Indian fashion set fire to the building and burned up the two men, Champion and Roy, who had fought them all day. The cattlemen then went toward Buffalo and the rustlers organized an went forth to meet them. The cattlemen advanced to the rustlers' camp and took shelter at the T. A. ranch, fifteen miles from Buffalo. About 3 o'clock Monday morning the rustlers reached the ranch and surrounded the place and at daylight the latter opened fire upon their besiegers.

Slots were exchanged all day long, but the number of killed and injured cannot at present be learned. The cattlemen with their number of rifles banded inside the ranch building, and this morning one of their number escaped through the circle of the attacking party, presumably on his way for reinforcements. The result of the Tuesday's work at the T. A. ranch is yet unknown.

Yesterday a man giving his name as Gus Green was brought to Buffalo badly wounded, claiming that he had accidentally shot his own self, but he is thought to be one of the cattlemen's party who participated in the K. C. ranch fight.

Couriers are scouring the country for reinforcements for the rustlers and they are rapidly coming in. They claim they will be 300 or 350 stronger tonight and able to handle any force the invaders can muster.

The acting mayor of Buffalo has called on the governor for permission to give the aid of the state militia at Buffalo to the sheriff to help quell the disturbance.