# CHINESE WERE COWARDS \$58,000,000 would not have much effect on

Deserted Their Foreign Officers, Who Fxhorted Them to Hally and Fight.

THE BLOODY BATTLE OF SONGHWAN

Thousands of the Celestial Soldiers Slain-Some of Them Killed Themselves Rather than Fight-Peculiar Methods of Warfare,

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20,-The Exam-

iner prints the following special: SHICI-GEN, Corna, Aug. 3 .- A bloody bat tle has just been fought at Songhwan. This place is the headquarters of the Japanese general, Oshima, and is one of the most important villages of the kingdom. The Chinese have very strong fortifications at Songhwan, and 15,000 troops are said to be stationed there. The Japanese are determined to capture the arms and provisions, and bait the army by a clever bit of intrigue. They gave out that they wer going to march back to Yashan, and in fact they did parade for a considerable distance in that direction, but no sooner were they convinced of the success of their scheme in making the Chinese believe they had left the settlement, than they marched with a rush straight up to the fortifications, attacking them in a body. They made a clean sweep of everything, and in the

course of five hours fighting.

The Chinese were unprepared, and for the sake of truth be it known, they were "Chinchinning" the war joss—that is bowing, kowtowing and firing crackers off to a big wooden Delty set up on a cannon ball. About 1,000 Chinese were killed in the engagement

and seventy Japanese.

The Chinese, with their usual cowardice, deserted many of the fan kwai (foreign devil officers), and when given orders to resist the advance of the enemy, turned and fell upon their swords, preferring to commit suicide rather than be murdered by the Japanese. The Japanese officers and men fought like

Some of the methods of warfare used were ridiculously gruesome and harrowing. For instance, the Chinese, it is told, used old fashioned stink pots, bowls slung on poles, and filled with sulphuric and other bad amelling, deadly acids, which kill, perhaps, more quickly than a rifle shot. One stink pot cast in among a dozen soldiers kills every man inside of a few seconds. The Mongols also resorted to wooden axes and to long bamboo poles. Many of them threw their guns away deliberately when they caught glimpse of the enemy surrounding them a demon-cloud.

It is impossible to accurately describe the barbarities which these prople practice in their methods of war, and also in their penal punishment in times of peace.

## MINISTER KURINO TALKS.

He Says the Japs Have by Far the Best

Trained Soldiers. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20 .- S. Kurino, the Japanese diplomat who was recently appointed minister plenipoten lary to the United States, is here on his way to Washington. He arrived on the China and told the story of the far east up to the time of his departure. He is not one of those who consider the quarrel between the nations as a matter of days and weeks, and from his position in the Japanese government-ne was director of political affairs in the foreign office before he took his present position-his opinion has

Regarding the Chinese forces he says: The northern fleet is good and probably a fight, but so far as training is concerned I consider the Japanese far at perior. Our general facilities for fighting are

'The Chinese government has no direct control over its navy. It is scattered and the naval control is nil. There is no disci-pline. The north squadron has some little training and discipline, but the whole navy is

The minister's attention was called to a re cent cablegram in which it was stated that the Chinese were offering large special prizes for the destruction of the Japanese naval ves-zels, for the heads of prominent officers and were even offering bounties for the heads of

Japanese soldiers. 'I have not seen this cablegram," said Minister Kurino, 'but it would be just like the Chinese. I am informed they placed restrictions on the movements of our am-bassadors in China. In Japan imperial de-

crees have been issued for the protection of 'The intention of the Japanese governmen is the peace of the east. Japan is fighting to preserve the peace of the east. The balance of power is as much a factor in oriental poli-tics as it is in European affairs and the autonomy of Corea is insisted upon by Japan

to preserve that balance of power.
"In regard to the need of Japan for supplies of different kinds from America, it is hard at present to tell just what it will take. At present Japar, has an abundance of muni-tions and supplies, but if the war were to last a long time undoubtedly we must draw

'We are not giving any advantage to Rus sia and that is why England is now neutral. Had Japan and Russia acted together this would not be the case. I do not think that France, England or Russia will be brought in o this controversy, but that it will be by

# AFRAID OF ANOTHER ALABAMA.

British Government Orders a Torpedo Catcher for China Detained.

LONDON, Aug. 20.-The Globe this afternoon applauds the government for acting with vigor in preventing a violation of the enlistment act, saying: "It is plain that It does not intend to allow another Alabaman to be fitted out. We are very sore about the Alabama decision, yet there is no doubt that it was, in principle, perfectly right."

The Globe's commendation of the government was caused by the fact that it ordered customs officers at Newcastle to seize, under the foreign enlistment act, a torpedo estcher built at the Elswick works for China, and to detain her until she is condemned or released by process of law.

The foreign enlistment act makes it a misdemeanor to assist a foreign state at war with a friendly state by enlisting in service or by supplying it with war ves-

The secretary of state for foreign affairs has ordered the customs authorities at Glasgow to seize the warship Islam, which is point fitted out there for either China or

Japan. This order was issued under the foreign enlistment, as was the order to size the Elswick works' torpedo catcher at New-

# FINANCIAL PANIE IN JAPAN.

Banks Suspending Loans, Deposits Withdrawn and Capitalists Holding Their Cash. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.-A panic is feared in Japanese finance circles on account of the Corean imbroglio, say the Japanese papers. The banks have suspended their loans, while deposits are being fast withdrawn. Capitalis's are unwilling to invest, as they expect to have an opportunity of money market is now very stiff. This condi-

tion is due to the belief that the present war o far greater and more expensive than the Satsuma rebellion.
One paper says the finances were then quite disorganized. But now they have been organized to such an extent that there is a surplus in the treasury. The surplus alone amounts to about \$34,000,000. It will not be difficult next year to issue \$25,000,000 of convertible notes. Thus the expenditure of in the woods by a tree falling on him.

Already popular subscriptions have been opened in Japan to raise money for the support of troops in Corea and also to provide for the families of reserve soldiers who have been called into service. In many cases these families are left destitute, as the money sup-ply has stopped. About \$50,000 had been donated for the purpose prior to August and money was coming in quite rapidly,

### CRITICIZED THE GOVERNMENT.

Irish Members Want to Know What the Liberals Propose to Do. LONDON, Aug. 20.-Replying to a ques-

tion in the House of Commons today as to what action the government would take in view of the House of Lords veto of the evicted tenants bill, Sir William Verson Harcourt said that while this was the greatest question that can occupy the government's attention, it was unadvisable to make a statement on the subject at present. Thomas Sexon, anti-Parnellite, asked if, in view of the veto on the evicted tenants bill and the home rule bill by the House of Lords, the government would define its policy in the next queen's speech.
Sir William replied that the veto of these

measures constituted the gravity of the situ-ation. The government was fully impressed with the necessity of dealing with it, but the government was not prepared to make any statement in regard to its policy.

### Riviera Town Burning.

NICE, Aug. 20.-The town of Cagnes, ten miles west of this city, is reported in danger of destruction by fire. The fire department of Nice has sent a detachment to the en-dangered place. It is reported that several lives have been lost. Cagnes has a popula-Aid was sent and the fire was checked be-

fore any great loss had been suffered. No lives w ro lost. Chinese Looking for the Japs.

LONDON, Aug. 20 .- A dispatch from Shanghal says that Admiral Ting, acting under imperative orders, has so disposed the smaller vessels of the Chinese fleet as to prevent the Japanese from landing troops in Chinese territory. The strongest vessels are openly cruising in the gulf of Pe-chi-li, ready to fight the Japanese, but up to this time they have not had the good fortune to meet them. Collision Off Dungeness.

LONDON, Aug. 20 .- The steamer Zamwe, ender for the coast guard service, and the British bark Annie Stafford, Captain Robinson of St. John, N. B., bound from Dunkirk for Philadelphia, were in collision yesterday off Dungeness. The Zamwe's mizzenmast was carried away and a portion of her bulwarks smashed. The bark sustained no serious damage, and proceeded on her voyage.

Japanese Buying Arms. NEW YORK, Aug. 20.-The Japanese government has ordered, it is said, 100,000 stands of guns and ammunition from a firm in this city. When questioned as to the re-port, the manager of the firm said: "The fact is I am not at liberty to talk concerning the matter, as the two countries are at war and a staement may do considerable harm.

European War Ships Going to Vorocco LONDON, Aug. 20.-Spain, Great Britain and Italy are sending war ships to Masagan, to which place the sultan of Morocco's troops retreated after having been defeated by the Kabyle rebels. As already cabled, Masagan is now besieged by the Kabyles.

## Norwegian Political Situation.

LONDON, Aug. 20 .- The Times' Berlin correspondent says advices have reached Berlin from Christiana, Norway, showing the elec-tion of delegates in the district of Tromsoe and Finmark indicate no change in the Nor-wegian political situation.

# Cholera at Marsellles.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.-A cablegram from Consul Thomas at Marseilles, dated August 17, says there have been twenty-one deaths from cholera there since the 4th.

Japs Supplying Their Own Cash. TOKIO, Aug. 20 .- The internal war lean is seing subscribed to with great enthusiasm.

BOUND OVER THE PRISONERS.

### Judge Archer Fixes the Bail for Griswold and Lindsey.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., Aug. 20 .- (Special relegram to The Bee.)-The hearing in the Fletcher Robbins murder case was concluded this afternoon, Judge Archer binding Griswold and Lindsey over to the district court on the charge of manslaugh er and admitting them to bail. Griswold's bail was fixed at \$7,500 and Lindsey's \$2,500. The judge, in fixing the bail, took into consideration the respective ability of the men to furnish same. Griswold's ball will be arranged tonight, and he will probably leave for be arranged Omaha in the morning. As to Lindsey, it does not seem to be known whether he will

be able to furnish bail or not. The only interesting testimony adduced this afternoon was from O'Neil, one of Lindsey's seconds in the fight, who testified that Lindsey's scheme to do up Robbins was conceived the day of the contest while the men were resting on the river bank.

The state rested its case about 3:30 p. and the defense then waived the right of estimony and proceeded to the arguments Judge Sullivan opened for the state, followed by Mathew Gering for Griswold, and Will Gurley for both Griswold and Lindsey. Both gentlemen made eloquent, able pleas, and naterially strengthened their case. County Attorney Travis closed for the state in one

ecision, saying in effect that it had not been shown, in his opinion, that Lindsey had struck the fatal blows with premeditated malice, and that he could not therefore hold the men for murder in the second degree, as the county attorney had asked, but that he deemed the evidence warranted him in binding them over on the charge of manslaughters The general opinion here seems to be that udge Archer's decision was given in ac-

of his strongest arguments.

### cordance with the testimony. FREIGHT TRAIN DITCHED.

Many Tramps Injured.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20 .- At midnight last night freight train No. 94 on the Wabash struck a horse a mile west of Jonesburg which resulted in the ditching of the locomotive and nineteen cars and the killing of the engineer and three tramps. The names of

ENGINEER C. FELTON of Moberly, Mo. BIRCH MILLER. WILLIAM ADLER.

E. THOMPSON. The following persons were also injured: Fireman Tilton, seriously. Brakeman Charles Fairbanks, left arm

H. Humphreys, tramp, head cut. Peter Deering, tramp, back injured. Henry Risch, tramp, leg broken, back in-

George Williams, tramp, head cut W. M. Meyers, tramp, bruised and head cut William Smith, seriously bruised. The wounded and the remains of the killed

ere taken to Jonesburg. William Fidler of St. Joseph later from internal injuries. He was under the debris about eight hours and died about fif-teen minutes after being taken out. His brother was by his side when the crash oc-curred, but escaped uninjured. A man who was cut in the bowels, probably fatally, refused to give his name or residence. The wreck will cost the railway thousands of

dollars. A Brace of Fatal Accidents. HUNTINGDON, W. Va., Aug. 29.-Yester day Henry Harman was exhibiting a Win-chester rifle to some friends, a f-w miles from this city, when the weapon was discharged, causing Harman's instant death.

A workman named Davidson was killed

## THURSTON COUNTY FOR M'COLL

State Delegation Instructed to Cast a Full Vote for the Lexington Man.

CUMING DELEGATES MUCH DIVIDED

MacColl, Crounse and Majors Will Receive a Share of Their Votes in the State Convention-Other Political Pointers.

PENDER, Neb., Aug. 20 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The republican convention, which convened here today, was decidedly enthusiastic. As delegates to the state convention W. E. Peebles, J. F. Myers, M. Emington, Ed Rose, G. C. Maryott and D. N. Wheeler were elected. Congressional-A. W. Turner, A. C. Abbott, T. E. Leeper, Robert Racely, H. S. Swenson and W. S. Garrett. Waldo Whitcomb was nominated for county attorney, Robert Racely for county commissioner and A. C. Abbott for coroner, The state delegation is solidly for MacColl.

## COMING COUNTY REPUBLICANS.

State Delegates Are Divided Between Mac-Coll, Crounse and Majors.

WISNER, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special Telegram to The Bee.)-The Cuming county republican convention met at this place this afternoon to select delegates to the state. congressional, senatorial and float representative convention. G. H. Ransom of Bancroft was selected chairman, and A. L. Krause of West Point and W. D. Gibbon of Beemer

The following are the delegates to the several conventions: State—J. E. Blenkiron, G. H. Ransom, W. D. Gibbon, W. Farley, E. K. Valentine, R. F. Kloke, W. S. Tuefer, C. C. McNish and J. L. Rewey; congressional—H. Luhens, W. L. Dutcher, A. M. Daniels, C. Rupp, A. R. Olson, O. R. Thompson, E. Briggs, H. Kirk and A. L. Krause; senatorial—Alex. Robertson, F. C. Evans, D. C. Giffert, U. Bruner, D. W. Burke, W. H. Fleming, W. E. Krause, A. Parody and H. D. Readinger; float—J. M. Johnson, W. A. Gannon, John Gannon, George Nellor, R. S. Farley, W. A. Black and

L. S. Strain. Occupying seats in the convention as delegates were the following old-time democrats who have recently renounced their fealty to that party: Dr. H. S. Summers, late superintendent of the Norfolk insane asylum under Governor Boyd; H. D. Readinger, formerly county judge and county superin en-dent of this county; F. A. Mewis, also county judge in bygone years, all of West Point, and John Fennema and G. R. Tucker, farmers near this place. These accessions and the assurance of many others, fully as prominent and influential as these, are very en-

couraging to republicans.

The state delegation selected today is uninstructed. Majors is the first choice of two, MacColl is a favorite of others, while Crounse is the first choice of the majority and the second choice of the balance. C. S. Coney of Stanton, candidate for the nomination for state superintendent of public in-struction, was present and addressed the

## CEDAR DEMOCRATS FOR BRYAN.

Instructed Their State Delegates to Work

for His Success. HARTINGTON, Neb., Aug. 20 .- (Special Telegram to The Bee.)-Democratic county convention was held here this afternoon with a full delegation present. The resolution offered recognized in President Cleveland an honest, brave and able staesman. cepting those issues on which he disagrees with a majority of the democratic members of congress. In these matters the conven-Cieveland radically wrong. Hon. W. J. Bryan's course in congress

was endersed and the delegates to the state convention were instructed to use all honor able means to secure his nomination for United States senator to succeed Manderson T. T. Linkhart, W. T. Ogara, J. C. Zeigler, A. M. Gooding, J. M. Lorang, S. Lynde, George Saunders and T. P. Cole were chosen as delegates to the state conventin. Eight delegates each were chosen for the representative, congressional and senatorial con-

Favored Free Silver. SCHUYLER, Neb., Aug. 20 .- (Special Tele gram to The Bee.)-The democratic county convention today was fully as turbulent as many preceding incidents had indicated it would be. The silver men came off victorious head work of the opposition. The north county precincts attempted to run in representation by use of proxies. A m was made that the gold and sliver men convene separately and each nominate the requisite number of delegates. One arose to ask what would become of those who cared not for silver or gold, but were democrats only, whereupon C. J. Phelps begged to be heard and somewhat pacified passions by reciting that those in the back seats and mourners in the corner (republicans and populists) would "laugh at us if we split in this convention." Work was re-sumed, but the feelings would not down Delegates to state convention are: C. H. Chase, James Hughes, E. J. Rogers, G. H. Thomas, M. T. Grassman, John Vanhouser in favor of silver. Eight congressional dele gates are solid for Robertson. The sen delegates are for Platte and Colfax. are: F. J. Dobey, M. Zentmeyer, John Knuhl, F. Barnholdt, J. L. Birchenough, H

### G. Braucht, F. W. Shenka and S. F. Felda Cuming Democrats Divided.

WEST POINT, Neb., Aug. 20 .- (Special to The Bee.)-The democratic county convention is called to me t Saturday at West Point. A very warm time is expected, as the party in Cuming county is badly denoralized, being divided into several fac-

The democratic central committee met Widnesday and appointed the following delegates to attend the congressional convention at Norfolk August 23; R. P. Mc-Guire, T. O. Kane, J. J. Barge, Carl Meyer, Gus Wessel, D. W. Albers, P. F. O'Sullivan, William Emley, I. A. Johnson, C. H. Acker-man, Mac LaPorte, Julius Thiele and Herman Koch.

# Akers for Senator

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special Telegram to The Bec.)-The Thirtieth district republican senatorial convention con vened in North Platte today. The session was harmonious, and Captain Akers of Scotts Bluff county was nominated for senator. Cap-tain Akers is well known in the district as an able speaker, and his republicanism dates from the 60's. He will make a lively cam-The republicans of the Fifty-fourth

sentative district nominated Dr. R. D. Har-ris of Ogalalia for representative. Dr. Har-ris was formerly a resident of this city, removing to Keith county a few years ago. Frank W. Mills Nom nated.

BEATRICE, Aug. 20 .- (Special Telegram The Bee.)-The Thirty-third representative district convention met in this city today and nominated Frank W. Mills of Dewitt by

acclamation for float representative. T. H. Fulton and F. N. Prout of this city and J. W. Shabata of Saline county were named as

the district central committee. Platte County Falis to Instruct. COLUMBUS, Neb., Aug. 20.—(Special Telegram to The Beal-The republican county convention met here this afternoon. After electing delegates to the state sena torial and congressional conventions the con

convention the following are the delegates, being named by G. G. Becher: J. N. Heater, I. V. Sibbernson, C. Kramer, E. A. Stockslager, W. E. Kent, John Pollock, J. N. Killian, Ed Heare, F. H. McLean and J. S. Sharon; senatorial, J. N. Henter, W. R. Notestein, J. G. Morris, Ed Justus, August Wiesenhauf, F. M. Coulenbard, Ed Justus, August Micselin, J. G. Morris, Ed Josepham, August Wiesshand, F. M. Cookingham, Ed Hoare, Martin Coatello, R. E. Jenes, H. T. Spoery; congressional, J. S. Hatfield, R. P. Drake, J. G. Reeder, W. O. Pugsley; John Tanna-hill, Frank Kenyon, W. A. McAllister, J. G. Policek, E. A. Stockslager, D. Thomas; convention, H. T. Spoery, W. Irwin, R. S. Strother, H. G. Cross, E. Dussell, Dr. Geer, John Moffet, M. Whitmoyer, G. W. Clark

and Herman Luschen. All the d.legations go uninstructed, but the state delegation is supposed to be for MacColl.

CALIFORNIA DEMOCRATA DISTURBED.

Politicians All at Sea as to Who Will Be

Nominated.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.-The city to night is swarming with politicians here to attend the democratic state convention, which convenes in the Baldwin theater at noon tomorrow. It is generally predicted that the convention will be sensational. The politicians are at sea and not even the knowing ones are predicting results with any de-gree of certainty. For the gubernatorial nomination there are many candidates. James Budd of Stockton is an avowed aspirant. Barney Murphy of San Jose is also being in-dustriously boomed. Jackson Temple, exjustice of the state supreme court, has also been urged and could undoubtedly have had the nomination, but today he publicly announced that he was not a candidate and would not accept the nomination under any circumstances. It is said too that Con gressman Maguire might have the nomina tion if he desired it, but tonight it seems to be agreed that he will be re-nominated for congress. The "rail-road fight" is already on and threat-ens to seriously disturb the convention. It is alleged that the "railroad" men are mak ing their fight to control the nominations for railroad commissioners and members of the state board of equalization. This fight is sure to be precipitated at the opening of the convention. Two contesting delegations have appeared from Sacramento. One of these delegations is admitted to be friendly to the Southern Pacific's interests, while the others, who are known as reorganizers, are openly hostile to the 'railroad' influence. The question of re-funding the Pacific road's indebtedness is also a vital issue in California and is certain to disturb the convention.

## AFTER THE RAILROADS.

South Dakota Republicans Will Meet in

State Convention Today. SIOUX FALLS, Aug. 20- (Special to The Bee.)-The state republican convention, which meets in Yankton on Wednesday, is likely to make a radical departure in its platform. It is now practically certain that the platform will call for the enactment of stringent railroad laws the coming winter. For a number of years there has been a growing sentiment that the railroads were carrying on things with a high hand in South Dakota, and there has been a constant

agitation, especially in the farmers alliance, for some sharp measure of regulation. This year the crop failure and the resulting hard times have drawn the attention of the people to freight and passenger rates, and many great discriminations have been found which work to the injury of the state. The populists are thoroughly committed to adopting the lowa or more extreme laws, and it is well known that the democrats will adopt a similar plank. Hitherto the republicans have fought shy of reilroad legislation, and the fact that Senator Pettigrew and other leading men in the party are railroad builders and heavily interested in promoting railroad enterprises has restrained the party from taking any active steps. But lately the ranks of the agitators have been augmented by some very formidable influ-ences. The jobbers of Sloux Falls, Aberdeen, Yankton, Watertown and Pierre have taken hold of the subject and have made up their minds to secure from the candidates of all parties pledges to pass such laws as will em discriminations and regulate fares.

# NO MORE BUSINESS.

Tariff Legislation and Speeches WASHINGTON, Aug. 20 .- The republicans say there will be no more business of importance transacted in the senate this session. except, perhaps, the passing of the bills correcting the alcohol schedule. Today Senator Lindsay of Kentucky was ready to make a speech. The Kentucky senator desires to defend the action of the senate finance com-mittee and the democratic senators who supported them. It is also understood Senator Allison of Iowa was ready to make a speech of some length on the present status of the tariff legislation. It is possible both of these speches will be made by the courtesy of the senate, although the republicans said today that no speeches would be made and that the interdict on any more business included also speeches. Some of the democrats assert, speeches. Some of the democrats assert, however, that if any attempt is made to prevent the speeches on the democratic side a quorum of the senate will be recalled under duress by the sergeant-at-arms. On the re-publican side it is claimed the tariff de-bate, as well as the tariff legislation, is This may lead to some ugly feeling

if insisted upon.

Reduction in Appropriations All Comes Out of the Veteran's Pocket.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.-Representative Henderson of Iowa, highest ranking republican member of the house appropriations committee, has prepared a statement as to the view of the minority of the committee on appropriations of the present congress. The statement says: "The appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 29, 1895, just made by the Fifty-third congress, amounts to \$490.-668,869. They include the permanent annual appropriations, as well 4s those for the postal service. It includes all appropriations. The total amount appropriated for the last fiscal year, ending June 30, 1894, made by the second session of the Flfty-second congress, amounted to \$519.504.554. During the last session of the last congress there was appropriated for pensions, including a deappropriated for p. assens, including a deficiency of \$14,149,724, the total sum of \$180,-681,074.85. At this session there is appropriated for pensions \$151,581,570, or \$29,-099,504 less, which reduction in pensions exceeds the whole apparent reduction in all session of the last congress by \$256,916."

Favored the City. DES MOINES, Aug. 20. (Special Telegram o The Rec.)-Judge Baltier this morning announced his decision in the action brought by John V. Farwell of Chicago to enjoin the city from collecting \$16,000 special taxes as-sessed against the land owned by Farwell for the paying of the thoroughter upon which the land abuts. Farwell attempted to re-strain the city from collecting the certificates by applying for an injunction, denying authority of the city to assess or collect the special assessment, upon the ground that the land affected was located outside the old city limits and that the annexation law was invalid for certain technical reasons. It is probable the case will be appealed. The judge decided that, as Farwell did not appear at the proper time and enter protest against the letting of the contract for paving

he could not come in on the ground claimed and evade payment. On the final decision rests the validity of a large number of paving Fatal Explosion of Ammonia

and assessment of costs against the property

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 20,-The ammonia tank in the Reidrigerio company's plant exploded at noon today, blowing William Sanders, an employe, through the roof and killing him. vention adjourned to meet in Humphrey at employe, through the roof and killing the call of the chairman. For the state Several others were more or less injured.

Advance Guard of the State Convention Freparing for Tomorrow's Work.

Uninstructed Delegations Swinging Around

M'COLL GAINING GROUND EVERY MI'UTE

to the Man from Dawson - Majors' Claims Disproven by the Developments of the Day.

A consensus of opinion gathered from the delegates already in Omaha and from reliable reports received from del gations which are to arrive today points to the nomination of J. H. MacColl of Lexington as the republican candidate for governor of Nebraska. The more sanguine claim that he will be nominated on the first ballot, but, whether he receives the nomination on the first or on some subsequent ballot, it is generally conceded by those whose acquaintance with the situation gives opinion weight that he will be the winner in the race;

The frantic efforts of the Majors contingent to claim every delegate not absolutely instructed for MacColl have received a severe chick by the action of Douglas county. The uninstructed delegates now realize that every consideration of party policy suggests the wisdom of the Douglas county republicans. One-eighth of the republican vote of the state is polled in Doug-las county, and the nomination of a candi-date not acceptable to a majority of the republicans of the strongest county in the state might endang r the success of the entire ticket. Again, Douglas county will send twelve members to the next legislature, and it is being argued with tilling force that any move calculated to endanger the success of the state ticket would also endanger the success of the legislative ticket These facts are now engaging the serious consideration of the large body of uninstructed delegats to the convention, and that they are making a deep impression is patent to all.

All of the leaders of the contest are now on the ground and the real work of making up a ticket has commenced in earnest. The Majors forces have lost their cool air of assurance, while the MacColl delegations are gaining in confid nce every hour. From claiming success on the first ballot Majors is now claiming the advantage in a close contest. While the Majors contingent is still making a vigorous fight it is still a fight that lacks the stimulus of confidence

TRYING TO BREAK ITS FORCE. As a counter movement to the MacColl boom in Douglas county the followers of Majors and a few disgrantled delegates in this city, who were elected at the primaries by masquerading as MacColl men, are circulating around in the hotel corridors with reports of internal dissension in the Douglas delegation. They are trying to make outside delegates believe that there was only a very small majority of MacColl delegates in the Douglas county convention, in face of the notorious fact that out of the 160 delegates in that convention all but fifteen were elected on pledges for MacColl, and in all of the contested wards in this city on both of the contested wards in this city on both sides the tickets were headed with Mac-Coll's name. Another fact that stares these fakirs in the face is that every delegate in the Douglas county convention, who had anything to say, publicly proclaimed himself in favor of MacColl, and not a solitary delegate dured avow himself to be for Majors. The men who opposed instructions all claimed to be for MacColl, but simply did not like the idea of what they called a gag rule. The yote on the chairmanship

gag rule. The vote on the chairmanship contest showed beyond a doubt what the sentiment of the convention was as regards MacC:II. The vote stood 98 to 62, and of the 62 there were at least ten votes given to Chaffee, who had been foisted by into the chair, as a personal compli ment on account of personal dislike for his elegate, who had any self-respect or pulit ical hopes, would under these circumstances do violence to the expressed will of Douglas

county republicans. It is now conceded by the best informed politicians that there will be no dark horse feature in the pending centest for go unless Majors abandons the field Wednesday and all his strength is centered on a new man who could cut into the Mac-Coll forces. That is scarcely among the possibilities of the situation.

AROUND HEADQUARTERS.

The republican state convention which is to assemble in this city tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock will be the largest ever held in the state. No Nebraska state convention ever summoned 962 delegates before.

The advance guards began to arrive yes terday morning. Indeed, some of the early birds wer, on the ground over Sunday. Most of the score or more of candidates are already here, having arrived as early as Mon-day forenoon. With but few exceptions all of the candidates have taken rooms and op ned headquarters at the Millard, and the parlor floor is already completely given up to the men who want to be governor or some-thing else. The demand for headquarters has been so great that it has be n nece sary to extend the political preserves to the second floor. By this evening these two floors will be the gravitating point for hun-dreds of cager, anxious, pushing wire pull-ing and log rolling men, all of them bent upon gaining votes for their respective friends. Already the rooms are redolent with the smoke from fr.e cigars, furnished in unlimited quantities, but in somewhat limited quality by the candidates, and by

10 o'clock tonight men will grope their through rooms and corridors with the aid of a guide. The headquarters of the two leading can didates for governor are cheek by jowl on the parlor floor, Tom Majors occuping rooms 116 and 118, while Jack MacColl is receiving his friends in the adjoining suite, numbers 120 and 122. The close proximity of the headquarters of these two men suggests the carrow distance that seems to separate their forces among the delegates. Both are claiming the nomination on the first ballot.

R. E. Moore of Lincoln, one of the candi-dates for lieutenant governor, visited Omaha for a few hours Sunday and engaged quarters for the entire Lancaster county dele-gation, sixty in all, at the Murray hotel. The Moore headquarters, however, will be at the Millard.

Mr. Moore is watching the situation with

a great deal of care. At a caucus of the Lancaster county d legation a resolution was adopted pledging the delegates to stand by Mr. Moore as long as he was in the race for Heutenant governor. It is claimed for Moore that he will thus be able to place the Lancaster county vote to the credit of either candidate for gov.rnor.

The position of the Gage county del gation on the state ticket is being watched

with a great deal of interest. The Majors men claim that Gage county has two candi-dates for places on the state ticket, one being W. S. Summers for attorney and the other C. G. Pearse for superinten dent of public instruction.

When the Gage county convention met the delegation to the state convention was uninstructed. An effort was made to secure instructions for Majors, but it was smothered. Just before the convention adjourned. however, and in the confusion incident to the windup, a resolution was introduced in-atructing the delegation to work for the nomination of C. G. Pearse for superinten-dent of public instruction. This resolution was laid on the table by a vote of 2 to 1. It is asserted by those who claim to be well informed that the delegation will vote solidly for Summers and be divided upon the

SOME OF THE MAJORS' MOVES A general caucus of the 160 delegates from the Fifth congressional district has been called to meet this evening. Ostensibly this caucus is walled for the purpose of uniting upon some one or two of the numerous candidates from that district. In the Fifth there are but five candidates for

BUSY FORMING THE LINES state offices, J. A. Piper of Alma, A. R. Cruzen of Curtis, C. D. Fuller of Imperial, M. J. Abbott of Hayes Center and C. W. Shurtleff of Hitcheeck. The attempt will be made to unite the 160 delegates from this district to the support of one of these candidates. The caucus may be held, but it is already predicted that it will either break up in a row or else simply wither away. In the first place, it is at once conceded that Hall county, which does not really belong in the district by reason of its geographical location north of the Platte, will hardly go into the caucus, because it has a candidate of its own in the person of F. W. Harber, All of the other candidates promise to go into the caucus. It is suspected, however, that the caucus is really a shrewd move upon the part of the Majors contingent to solidify the wavering support of his column in this district. Of the 160 delegates in that district it is conceded now that MacColl has a fair percentage, more than the Majors men are willing to admit in public. If, by any ruse, the entire delegation can be induced to act as a unit, Majors' chances will be greatly improved. That the Fifth district will not act as a unit is already practically assured. One of the significant features in the gubernatorial contest is the open and above board methods of the impeached state officials and their immediate ecteric of friends in their support of Tom Majors. From the very first Majors was the warm sympathizer and personal defender of the impeached of-ficials. When the articles of impeachment were under consideration by the joint ses-sion of the two houses of the legislature, Majors, as presiding officer, showed his sympathy for the accused officials in every ruling from the chair. After the articles of appeachment had been adopted and the money for the expenses of the trial appropriated Majora exerted a personal pressure Auditor Moore to prevent him from drawing the warrants for the expenditure of the fands,

> house of the ringsters who had been systematically looting the state treasury for As a matter of course the impeached officials are returning the favor by now en-deayoring to secure the nomination of their champion. In Red Willow county Secretary of State Allen, assisted by B. & M. railroad officials, used their combined influence to secure a Majors delegation to the state convention. In Saline county Attorney General Hastings worked for a solid delegation for Majors, and he was ably assisted by H. M. Wells, state bank examiner. In Custer county A. R. Humphrey, commissioner of public lands and buildings, assisted by a number of B. & M. strikers, endeavored to capture a solid delegation for Majors, and did succeed in getting a part of the delegation by a liberal dispensation of annual passes.

> even threatening him with impeachment. During the progress of the trial Majors made no effort to conceal the fact that he

opposed the whole idea of purging the state

Seen With a Field Glass. Miles J. Abbott, editor of the Haves County Republican, and one of the candidates for commissioner of public lands and buildings, arrived late last evening. He discussed his candidacy with the cheerful serenity of a man who will not be disappointed if the convention fails to select him for a place on the ticket. He states that he is for harmony in his own district first and that he is willing to withdraw from any race if by so doing he

can secure a place on the ticket for the Fifth Will M. Maupin, editor of the North Bend Republican, is another newspaper candidate who arrived last evening. He is making his canvass for secretary of state in a some-what unusual manner. He first announced himself as a candidate in his own paper and asked the cheerful assistance of his fellow newspaper men over the state. He has many friends, but declined to be interviewed as to

ils chances of success.

Messrs. Haskell and Voegel of Stromsburg arrived yesterday as the advance agents of the Polk county delegation. J. W. Johnson, secretary of the State Board of Transportation, was among the first to arrive yesterday. D. G. Courtney and J.

aldwell of the L. also came up yesterday. The entire ter county delegation will arrive today and will take quarters at the Murray. They will go into caucus at 2 o'clock and then w'll definitely determine upon the program to be pur-sued in the convention tomorrow. There are sixty delegates in the Lancaster crowd, and

the convention. The Box Butte county delegation was the first to arrive in the city, coming in on an early train yesterday morning. The delega-tion is headed by Smith Tuttle and J. R. Van Boskirk, and they all claim to be for Majors but one. He has insisted that he will vote for MacColl on the first ballet. Tom Majors arrived at the Millard last vening and immediately went to his rooms, where he remained closeted with personal

friends during the greater part of the even-ing. Church Howe has not yet arrived, but is expected to look in on the delegates today. H. Deitrich of Hastings was one yesterday afternoon's arrivals. He is one of the Adams county delegation and expects the other sixteen tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Baldwin and Miss MacColl of Lexingon, sister and daughter of the leader in the

gubernatorial race, arrived at the Millard ast evening, and will be interested onlookers at the convention tomorrow. Dr. C. D. Evans, Dr. D. L. Martyn and E. Pollack of Columbus, delegates to the republican state convention, are at the Mercer. lelegation, with A. P. Davidson as chairman,

### came in last evening. Republican Clubs, Attention.

All republican clubs of Douglas county are requested to turn out enmasse, the presidents neeting on Tuesday evening, August 21. Form on Farnam at Seventeenth, Eigh-einth and Nineteenth streets in order of arival at 8 o'c ock sharp. All delegates epublicans of the state are requested to fall n as the procession passes. Five minute speech's by preminent republi-

f the parade at Jefferson square.
The order of march will be as follows: East on Farnam to Fourteenth; south on Howard to Eleventh; north on Eleventh to Douglas; west on Douglas to Fourteenth; north on Fourteenth to Davenport; west on Davenport to Fifteenth; north on Fifteenth

ans of the state will take place at the close

## President Union League Cabs.

Established Headquarters. Matt Daugherty, republican nomines for congress in the Sixth district, arrived in the city last night and opened headquarters for a few days, until the state convention is over, in room 27 at the Millard. Head-quarters will be in charge of Henry Cutting of Kearney. Mr. Daugherty regards his prospects of election as bright. He says anticipates no fusion by democrats and opulists and thinks it probable that the opulists will renominate Kem. A. M. Robbins of Ord, candidate for at-

J. S. Dew. candidate for commissioner of ds and buildings, has headquart rs at the Millard. Distributing Committee Meeting The distributing committee of the recep

ion committee on state convention are re

quested to meet promptly at 9 o'clock this morning at the Hamilton club rooms. The members of the committee are: C. A. Jacob-sen, J. B. Denny, Carl Bjorkman, P. E. Win-ters, John Merberg, A. H. Burnette, A. John-non, J. W. Batten, Ed Peterson, Frank L. Crawford, F. C. Fisher and C. E. Winters. To All Hamilton ans. All members of the Hamilton club are re-

### nam streets Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp, with club badges, for the purpose of

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Young Men's Republican Club All members of the Young Men's Republi can club are requested to assemble at Seven eenth and Farnam streets this (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'cleck sharp to participate

# MERCER BY ACCLAMATION

No Trouble to Get Dave Well ftarted for a Second Term.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION YESTERDAY

Enters the Race on the Record of What He Has Done for the Interests of the Second District - The New Central Committee.

It was a few minutes after 2 o'clock when the congressional convention of this, the Second congressional district, comprising the counties of Douglas, Sarpy and Washington, convened in Patterson hall yesterday afternoon. The principal object of the gathering was to nominate a republican candidate for congress, and from start to finish everything went in favor of Hon. D. H. Mercer for a second term. As soon as the delegates were seated Hen. B. H. Robison, chairman of the republican congressional central committee, rapped for order and addressed the convention, saying:

"A generation ago the peerless statesman and sainted patriot, Abraham Lincoln, exclaimed, 'Give the boys a chance.' The young republicans of this section, adopting Lincoln's advice for their motto, nominated Hon. David H. Mercer, the blacksmith's son, for congress, a young man born and reared on Nebraska soil, educated in her schools and university, and triumphan ly elected him when pitted against one of the best known and most esteemed citizens of our state.

"The young man has bad a chance and returns to us today bearing the good will and esteem of every voter of his dis rict, and of every member of congress, regardless of of party. He brings with him a record of having accomplished more for his district in the way of appropriations and other advantages than any other man who has ever represented this district. No man has ever appealed to him in vain, whether white or appealed to him in vain, whether while or black, rich or poor, democrat, populist or republican. He is known in Washington as a typical Nebraskan with hustle stamped all over him. The young men of this district, proud of his record, in recognition of his services, and with full confidence in his future, present him with the magnificent trophy of a renomination by acclamation, thereby voicing the sentiment of the voters as expressed at the late primaries, and the voters of this district will re-elect him to congress by at least 3,000 plurality over any candidates who may be pitted against him.

"With honest, fearless Dave Mercer at the head of our local ticket, the republicans enter the campaign with already assured viceory for the entire ticket. the campaign with already assured vic ory, for the entire ticket. Place only clean, active, honest republicans on your tickets. Give the boys a chance and nothing can stem the republican tide, that is already rapidly coming our way. The laboring men, the coming our way. The laboring men, the business men and the masses are with us for a return of old-time prosperity that can only come through republican success." His speech was greeted with a round of ap-

His speech was greeted with a round of applause, af er which Judge Hassett of Sarpy county was nominated for temporary chairman and D. S. Lowrie of the Sixth ward of Omaha temporary secretary. Mr. Hassett assured the convention that republican su was assured and that Sarpy county would do its share.
WHAT DAVE HAS DONE.

There being no contes's, the credentials of the delegates from Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties we'e accepted. The tem-porary organization was made permanent, Robison was adopted by a unanimous vote amid the wildest enthusiasm. The resolu-

tion was as follows: Whereas, Hon. D. H. Mercer, our member of congress, in his first term has made more friends among his congressional associates and accomplished better results than any other congressman who has represented this district in the same period of service and

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Whereas, By his consistent, active, industrious and aggressive efforts to serve his district and state, he has been able to attain exceptional results for his own people; therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the course of Hon, David H. Mercer upon all national issues in that he has been steadfast to time honored republican principles, having made no mistakes in his public record, and we especially commend him to the voters of the Second congressional district for the following reasons:

1. Having secured a place on the committee on public buildings and grounds, he has been enabled to obtain favorable reports in the house to increase the limit of cost of the Omaha postoffice building from \$1,200,000 to \$2,000,000; to appropriate \$200,000 for a public building at South Omaha, being twice the amount appropriated for any other city of the same population; to appropriate \$55,000 for a public building at Norfolk; to appropriate \$55,000 for improvement of the river front (this in conjunction with Senator Manderson), also to increase the appropriation for Fort Crock from \$500,000 to \$700,00, net to mention some minor matters of appropriations.

2. By his activity and acquaintance at the Postoffice department he was enabled to obtain two pranch postoffices in the city of Omaha, and he house to add four other stations before his term of office expires.

3. In the Interest of Omaha workingmen our congressman devated weeks of time and all his energy toward securing the contract of the iron work on the Omaha postoffice building for an Omaha firm against a Milwaukee contractor and succeeded in his effort.

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5. He has secured a favorable report upon his bill to dispense with the needless expense of schaling electoral messengers to Washintson, which would save thousands of deliars to the people of the country at large. large.

6. He made a gallant fight for the establishment of a soldlers' home at Blair, Neb., and has been the consistent and efficient friend of every old soldler who had a pension delayed or needed help to secure one. on delayed or needed help to secure one, r an increase from an unfriendly admin-

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7. Largely through his efforts Omaha was enabled to receive recognition in the Indian supply department, and Omaha jubbers and manufacturers were given an opportunity to compete on equal terms for supplying this arm of the civil service. Had the administration been favorable he would probably have secured a branch Indian supply depat for this city.

8. Finally every citizen of the Second congressional district, white or black, rich or poor, democrat, populist, prohibitionist or republican, has known and felt that ever since David H. Mcrest took the oath of office as congressman for this district, he had a warm personal friend in Washington and a capable personal representative at the national capital ready, anxious and willing to serve him personally or officially day or night.

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The resolution adopted at the county convention last Saturday recommending the renomination of Hon. D. H. Mercer was read, after which B. H. Rob son moved his renomination by accismation. In an instant 100 men seconded the motion, which was put and carried, while hats and coats were fleeing toward the ceiling, their owners testing the full capacity of their lung power. Herb J. Leavitt, J. W. Carr and B. H. Robison were appointed as a committee to produce the body of Dave Mercer.

A few moments later the committee and Mr. Mercer entered the ball. Again the convention went wild, while have spoke at length, reviewing the past campaign and the BY INTENSIFIED ACCLAMATION.

Mr. Morcor enter d the hall. Again the con-vention went wild, while have spoke at length, reviewing the past campaign and the work which he had accomplished during the past two years. He said the government at Washington still lived, but it had the worst ase of dyspepsia that had ever been liagnosed by any expert.

Other spreches were made and then the following central committee was elected:
Chairman, B. H. Robison of Omaha.
Douglas County—George W. Sabine, A. W.,
Jeffries and P. E. Wilcox.
Sarpy County—W. S. Rickord and George

Washington County-John H. Cameron and