

WHERE MCKINLEY IS WEAK

Forces Not Organized to Stand a Prolonged Struggle.

MUST WIN ON FIRST BALLOT OR NOT AT ALL

Channey M. Depew Looks Over the Political Situation and Argues That Governor Morton is the Coming Man.

LOS ANGELES, March 26.—A special train arrived in this city last evening bearing Cornelius Vanderbilt, Channey M. Depew, John H. Jones, and George R. Fearing, all intimately related to the Vanderbilt railway interests.

When asked for his views on the political situation, Mr. Depew said: "It is generally conceded that on the first ballot at the republican national convention McKinley will receive more votes than any other candidate. This, however, singles him out as the one man dangerous to all others, and an often happens in national conventions, numerous combinations will doubtless be made in order to counteract the influence of his candidacy upon wavering delegations. This is where the real work comes in, to divert attention from one who is ahead to others whose chances are far secondary."

"If Mr. McKinley could secure the nomination on the first ballot that would settle the whole trouble. But I am confident he will not have the nomination. He will win at that stage and that will be forced in the end to abandon the field. Every indication favors the presumption that Mr. Morton will profit from this failure on the first ballot of Mr. McKinley and that the presidential candidate will come from New York."

At these critical points in conventions it is also to be expected that a number of delegations from doubtful states are given special consideration. New York gave Cleveland a plurality of 180,000 and Morton a plurality of 185,000. This shows the considerable nature of the vote in the Empire state. It will be considered at St. Louis and the republicans of New York have no fears regarding the result."

FIRST GUN OF THE REID CAMPAIGN

Massachusetts Republicans Will Start the March Campaign

BOSTON, March 26.—What is expected to be the first official big gun for Hon. Thomas B. Reed as a candidate for president will be fired with great enthusiasm at the republican state convention here tomorrow. Preparations for the affair have been practically completed. The delegates to the convention are beginning to arrive and the big hotels are filled with prominent politicians. The utmost enthusiasm prevails and the principal topic of conversation is Reed and his chances.

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge is expected to be chairman of the committee on resolutions, and Congressman McCull, who is to preside, have arrived, and during the day were in consultation with the speakers and other members of the committee on resolutions. The chief interest felt among the politicians is in what the platform will say of the financial situation and the stock market. It will declare unequivocally against any change in the currency.

The convention will be called to order at 10 o'clock by Charles H. Mendenhall, the state committee. Senator Lodge's name will be presented to the convention as a candidate for delegate-at-large by Attorney General Francis B. Sargent and by the state committee. Senator Lodge's name will be presented to the convention as a candidate for delegate-at-large by Attorney General Francis B. Sargent and by the state committee.

FIVE CONTESTS TO THE DAVIS WILL

Allegations of Fraud and Forgery Set Up

BUTTE, Mont., March 26.—Five contests of the alleged will of Andrew J. Davis are now on. Tomorrow is the last day for filing contests. The contestants so far on record are Eliza Bowdoin of Springfield, Mass.; Diana Davis of Somerset, Conn.; Calvin P. Davis of Sebastopol, Cal.; Eliza Davis of Berkeley, Cal.; and the heirs of Kern county, California, the latter claiming to be the widow of the dead millionaire. The most formidable contest is that of Eliza Davis of Berkeley, California. She alleges that the will of 1866 was a forgery and that it was contested by Henry A. Root, Harriet Sheffield of Massachusetts, and David J. Davis of New York. She also alleges that the testator, Andrew J. Davis, was insane at the time he executed the will.

TRYING TO BREAK ANOTHER TRUST

American Tobacco Company the Latest

NEWARK, N. J., March 26.—The suit brought by the state of New Jersey through Attorney General Stockton to annul the charter of the American Tobacco company, which is known as the Tobacco trust, began today in the state supreme court. The case was argued before Chancellor Reed. The suit is brought on behalf of John Miller & Sons, retail dealers of tobacco in this city, who complain that the trust is an illegal combination for handling, producing and selling tobacco. No witnesses were put on the stand today, but the reading of testimony in the case is expected to continue for several days.

Not Opposed to Governor Morton

ALBANY, March 26.—Senator Brush of Kings county called on Governor Morton today and said: "I call to say that the vote of the Kings county delegation in the republican state convention in the Fletcher resolution, fifty-six in number, were cast as a protest against the selection of Governor Morton as president, and that they are not in favor of Morton as president."

Divorced from a Bicycle Rider

PERRY, Okl., March 26.—Mrs. Howard M. White, wife of a well known bicycle rider of Trenton, N. J., has been granted a divorce from her husband and had filed her suit for separation and had lived here for six months to obtain it. Mrs. White is the daughter of C. B. Stahl of New Jersey, one of the largest bicycle manufacturers in the country. When she was in Trenton, she alleged extreme cruelty. His wife filed a cross bill denying the charge and alleging abandonment, on which charge the decree was granted.

Did Not Use Crookes Tubes

LOUISVILLE, March 26.—A special from Harrodsburg, Ky., says: Prof. H. S. Greene of Harrodsburg academy and B. F. Spillman, photographer, have produced X rays from a Crookes tube. They have succeeded in producing some excellent skiagraphs of various objects. The mysterious rays are said to emanate from an ordinary heat radiator and have been made to penetrate several thicknesses of opaque substances.

Destroyed a New Business Block

MACHIAS, Me., March 26.—The new Vose block, one of the finest in the city, was destroyed by fire early today and several business firms and persons sustaining offices in the building, as well as lodge rooms, lost all their effects. The total damage is estimated at \$125,000. Insurance, \$100,000. The fire started in one of the rear rooms. The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Vose building is \$99,900. Insurance, \$75,000.

Convention of Reformers Called

SYRACUSE, N. Y., March 26.—A state convention of reformers of the State of New York, irrespective of party affiliations, has been called for this city tomorrow morning. The convention is being called by the National Association of the Opponents of the National Prohibition Convention at Pittsburg on May 26.

THURSTON COUNTY POLITICAL ROW

Convention Today Likely to Be a Fender

PENDER, Neb., March 26.—(Special Telegram.)—The bitter political fight in the history of Thurston county was had at the republican primaries of this place today. The opponents of W. E. Peebles organized a caucus under the leadership of Judge Curry and County Superintendent Race in the same room as the regular caucus, which was called to order by the republican precinct committee man, McIlhenny. The Peebles delegates received 120 votes and the opposition polled 83 votes. The county convention tomorrow will be exciting, as Peebles' opponents are active, and although defeat is all probable, send a contesting delegation to the convention, hoping to receive enough assistance from other precincts to down him. Peebles' friends base their hopes on a very large majority in tomorrow's convention.

FRONTON, March 26.—(Special.)—The democrats of the First ward have nominated Charles H. Conant for superintendent of place of J. C. Lee, who declined because he is intended to vote for McKinley. But his interest is being taken in the coming city election and a small vote will be cast.

STOCKVILLE, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—The Frontier county republican convention will be held at this place in the public hall central committee met here yesterday.

GRAND ISLAND, March 26.—(Special.)—The democrats of this place are holding a caucus for the race for delegate to the national convention and Hall county republicans will be united in an effort to send Hon. George H. Thurston.

ELM CREEK, Neb., March 26.—At the republican caucus held last night eight delegates were chosen to the county convention at Pender, Neb., this morning.

YORK, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Hon N. V. Harlan's candidacy for the nomination of congressman from the Fourth district is still being discussed in the city of York. It is shown that every township in the county is in his support. At home, York, it is said that his nomination is a certainty.

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WORK OF IMPRISONED WOMEN

Publicly Whipped H. H. Willey at Berland, Neb.

TAKEN FROM THE OFFICER BY FORCE

With a Rope Around His Neck and a Revolver at His Head No Opportunity Was Offered to Resist.

BERLAND, Neb., March 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Yesterday H. H. Willey, an old resident of this place, was warned to leave town on account of having made indecent proposals to the 7-year-old daughter of A. M. Hill. While preparing to leave today Willey was arrested, and while in charge of Constable Clayton a band of women led by the girl's mother ordered the officer at the point of a revolver to give up the prisoner with threats to blow his head off if resistance was made. A rope was placed around the prisoner's neck, his hands were tied and covered by a revolver he was marched out on the main street, and in full view of his wife, who is an invalid, and his children, he was thrashed until blood streamed from his hands and face. At this juncture Constable Sandstrom, acting under advice of citizens, ordered the women to desist. Willey was given two hours to leave town, which he did, starting in a wagon for Iowa, taking his family, except his wife, who is being cared for by neighbors. Willey was at one time a member of the peace here and has some city property.

WOMAN INSTANTLY KILLED

Farmer's Wife Thrown from a Wagon While Starting a Fire

BROKEN BOW, Neb., March 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. D. S. Kopp, who resided ten miles northeast of the city, was thrown from a wagon last Sunday morning as she was starting a fire in her barn. She was sitting in the driver's seat and was given a sudden start of the team she was thrown out and the wagon passed over her head.

Elwood Thomas, a farmer near this city, was seriously cut yesterday in several places by a bear belonging to Mrs. Vance. He reported two bear attacks, one involving a pig, one involving a cow, and another involving a dog. The bear was shot and the pig and cow were killed. The dog was also killed. The bear was shot and the pig and cow were killed. The dog was also killed.

HEAVENLY BROTHERS

Wife of a Minister Killed by Lightning

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