

CRISP NEWS BRIEVITIES.

A Condensed History of the Week's Events.

BULKY DETAILS BOILED DOWN.

Interesting and important news from all parts of the globe—press dispatches shorn of superfluous words for the benefit of the busy public.

In the sixteenth congressional district of Illinois W. H. Hinrichsen was nominated for congress by the Democrats. He is secretary of state at present and is a prominent free silver man.

The pulp sawmill of C. R. Remington & Son, located about two miles from Carthage, N. Y., was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at from \$200,000 to \$100,000.

The C. R. Douglas Crookery company of St. Joseph, Mo., has filed a deed of trust naming George E. McIninch as trustee. The firm was one of the largest dealers in crockery, glassware, etc. in the West. Liabilities, \$100,000; assets not given.

Edwin E. Phillips, surviving partner of the firm of Driggs & Phillips, lumber dealers of Auburn, N. Y., made a general assignment to Burt L. Rich, the preferred creditor, amounting to \$20,000.

Four men who were reported lost by the Gloucester fishing schooner, Edward A. Perkins, a few days ago, have been picked up at sea by the steamer Delmar, and landed at Prepessey, N. F.

Arthur Doyle of Rochester, the 8-year-old son of John P. Doyle, an electrician, was caught in the machinery of a lift bridge on the Erie canal and fatally injured, his neck being broken.

Negotiations are pending between the Atchafalaya and Pacific interests looking to an amicable arrangement.

Patrick Terry and James Clark, who were arrested at Toronto charged with the murder of Joe Martin, the well-known American horseman, at the Woodbine track in April last, were, in police court, sentenced to 12 months in the penitentiary. He will appear for arraignment as a witness against Clark and Terry.

Lord Lansdell will succeed Lord Dufferin as British ambassador at Paris.

Major Burn Murdoch of the Egyptian expedition has captured a large village just opposite Suez and captured large quantities of grain supplies.

On complaint of August Feigel, the German consul, general in New York, Morris Wolf was arraigned before Commissioner Lyman, charged with the commission of forgery whereby he realized 100,000 marks.

Dwight A. Steers, a life prisoner, and George A. Miner, an habitual criminal, who escaped from the Wethersfield, Conn., state prison, have been captured in Essex woods.

Colonel George Hyland has died at Danville, N. Y. He enlisted in 1861 as a private and at the close of the war was a colonel. He had a wife and was estimated to be worth \$3,000,000.

Sir George Webb Dasein is dead.

Secretary of the New York State Board of Regents Dewey has appointed from the civil service eligible list Professor James C. Swaminow, Pa., as literature inspector and Professor Charles Davidson of Cleveland as English inspector of the Regents' university. The salary accompanying these positions is \$3,400 a year.

The reported burning of the banks of Congress lake, near Canton, O., and the destruction of two villages Saturday night, proved on investigation to have been without foundation.

An American charged with sending false news to the New York Herald has been expelled from Cuba.

Senhor Ribiero, Portuguese ex-minister of the colonies, is dead.

H. J. Smith, general superintendent of the Edison electric light plant in New York and president of the recent electrical exhibition, was fatally injured by a fall at Washingtonville, N. J.

Morris E. Lawrence, a native of New York, a gallant ex-Confederate soldier, for 50 years connected with New Orleans newspapers, has died there, aged 65. He will be buried at Terrytown, N. Y.

A dispatch from Moscow confirms the report of the Moscow deal of General Barletti by the court-martial which heard charges against him connected with the defeat of the Italians by the Abyssinians.

Emperor William granted an imposing audience to Li Hung Chang in the Knights' hall of the old castle. Li Hung Chang was conveyed thither in the royal carriage, escorted by Uhlans.

A council of Spanish generals in Cuba have decided to suspend operations against the insurgents, owing to the rains.

Mrs. William Bichter of Camden, N. J., Mrs. Kate McCue and John Brewer of Philadelphia were drowned while crossing the Delaware river from the Pennsylvania shore to Gloucester in a small open boat.

Fire has destroyed a large warehouse of the White-Wells Distilling company, at Louisville, entailing a loss of \$125,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

Dora Doregan and Jennie Monroe, said to be the most expert diamond thieves in the country, were arrested just as they were preparing to enter the Planters hotel at St. Louis by Detectives McCarthy of Chicago and O'Connell of St. Louis.

Houben, the famous Belgian croaker, who defeated Zimmerman when he made his last French trip, has issued a challenge to the world for a match of 3,000 meters (one mile and a quarter) without pacemakers.

A civil service competitive examination will be held in Albany on July 2 for the position of medical attendant in the state hospital.

Emperor William has decorated Li Hung Chang with the Grand Cross of the Red Eagle.

Captain Leon of New York and Johnny Connors of Springfield, Ill., met at Niagara Falls in a 35-round bout for the bantam weight championship of America and a bet of \$7,000. Leon was the victor by a nine round knockout. Connors being too weary to come up in the 10th.

M'KINLEY AND MORTON.

That Will Be the Ticket From Present Indications.

OPENING OF THE CONVENTION.

Bitter Fight Being Made by Warner Miller and Others Against the Nomination of Morton For Vice President—Convention Gossip.

ST. LOUIS, June 17.—At 10 p. m. the gavel fell. The usual bustle and commotion followed as the delegates and audience settled into their seats, and Chairman Thomas H. Carter of the national committee declared the Republican presidential convention of 1896 open for the business before it. He said:

"The convention will be in order. Gentlemen not delegates or alternates will retire from the space in front of the chair. Gentlemen in the aisles will vacate their seats and cease conversation. All persons in the aisles will promptly retire. Such persons are requested promptly to retire. Their presence standing in the aisle will obstruct the proceedings of the convention."

After a pause, a number of delegates still remaining standing, Chairman Carter resumed his duty of calling the body to order.

"Sergeant-at-arms will see that the aisles are promptly cleared."

When all were seated, Mr. Carter made the following explanation:

"Gentlemen of the Convention—Owing to the fact that a concert was held in this auditorium last night, the cards designating the places of the respective states and territories became somewhat disarranged. This defect will be remedied during the recess which is to follow this session of the convention, so that hereafter seats will be provided at properly designated places for each state and territory."

"The convention will be in order and the chaplain will offer prayer."

Rev. Rabbi Sala then came forward upon the platform and amid the hush of the assembled convention delivered an eloquent invocation.

The secretary Joseph H. Manley, of the national committee, read the call for the convention after which Chairman Carter said:

"Gentlemen of the Convention—By direction of the committee, I present, subject to your approval for your temporary chairman, Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana. (Applause.)"

Mr. Fairbanks of New York was recognized and said: "On behalf of the delegation from New York we desire to move that the recommendation of the national committee in selection of the temporary chairman be now approved."

The motion as put by Chairman Carter was carried by unanimous vote and the convention received the result with cheers.

Chairman Carter: "I now have the distinguished honor to present to you, as your temporary presiding officer, Hon. Charles W. Fairbanks of Indiana."

As Mr. Fairbanks came forward the convention heartily applauded him. He delivered his address.

Mr. Fairbanks' address was liberally applauded throughout. Certain parts of it were specially cheered, not only by the convention, but by the immense audience in the galleries. Among the points which elicited special commendation were the following:

"We protest against the policy of lowering our commercial honor. We protest against Democratic attempts to lower the standard of our currency to the low level of Mexico, China and Japan."

"The present standard of our currency, our honor will be safely respected and preserved by the Republican party."

"A commercial pan-American congress was conceived by James G. Blaine."

"During the long applause following the mention of the names of James G. Blaine, Willett J. Hale of Newburyport, Mass., proposed three cheers for James G. Blaine, which was given with a will."

The following expressions in Mr. Fairbanks' speech were loudly applauded:

"The Monroe doctrine must be firmly upheld and the power of the earth made to respect this great and unwritten law."

"There can be no further territorial aggrandizement by foreign governments on the western continent."

"The Republican party believes in the development of our navy and merchant marine until we establish our undisputed supremacy upon the high seas."

"The struggle for human liberty entitles the sympathies of the Republican party, a party that gave to liberty on the western continent its fullest meaning."

"We wish to see a new republic born on the Cuban soil."

"The voice of the Democratic party is for free trade and free silver against honest money and protective tariff. In the words of a distinguished Republican, the desire of the American people is for an honest currency and a chance to earn it by honest toil."

Mr. Carter of Montana, addressing the chair, said:

"By direction of the national committee I recommend to the convention the temporary secretary, stenographer, sergeant-at-arms, reading clerk, as follows:

"For secretary, Charles W. Johnson of Minnesota.

"Assistants secretaries, William E. Riley of Montana, Harry A. Schmidt of Michigan, A. M. Humphreys at large; tally clerk, A. W. Monroe of Maryland.

"Official stenographer, James Monroe Burke of Pennsylvania.

the several committees as follows: Permanent organization, rules and order of business, credentials, resolutions, and that all resolutions in relation to the platform of the Republican party be referred to such committees without debate, and I move its adoption."

The resolution was adopted. The clerk proceeded with the call of the roll. While it was in progress the chair recognized William Warner of Missouri, who addressed the chair, as follows:

"My observation has heretofore been that the committee on permanent organization and order of business is a one-committee. Does the resolution adopted substitute two committees?"

The chairman replied: "They are two committees, they are separate."

When the committees had been announced Mr. Clayton of Arkansas said: "I have a resolution to present to the committee on rules of order of business."

The chairman said: "The resolution cannot be read if there is objection, it can only be read by unanimous consent. Is there objection?"

Cries of "Object!"

General Groves of Ohio moved: "That the convention do now adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning."

Mr. Clayton of Arkansas, addressing the chair, said: "I think that my resolutions referring to the platform is important, and ask that it be read."

The chairman: "Under the rules of the last convention the resolution will be referred, without reading, to the committee on resolutions."

Mr. Groves of Ohio was recognized and said: "Mr. Chairman, the colored people of Illinois have passed resolutions affecting the rights of their race and they have asked me to bring these resolutions to the attention of the convention. I will send them to the chair and ask that they be referred to the committee on resolutions for action."

The chairman: "If there is no objection it will be so ordered."

Mr. Groves: "I now move that the convention adjourn until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock."

The motion was put to a vote and carried, and at 1:55 p. m. the chairman announced the convention adjourned.

OPPOSITION TO MORTON.

Warner Miller Making a Fight Against Him For Second Place.

Despite the general feeling that the ticket will be McKinley and Morton, Governor Morton's name will not go on the ticket without the most vehement protest of the anti-Platt faction in New York state.

Headed by Warner Miller, the leaders of the latter are bending their energies to prevent Morton's nomination for vice president.

The breach in the New York delegation between the Platt and Miller factions was intensified when the telegram from Morton to Platt was received signifying his acceptance of the vice presidential stand and if he failed in the presidential race.

"Levi P. Morton cannot go on the ticket with William McKinley," said Warner Miller, the leader of the anti-Platt faction.

"We will invoke the aid of the McKinley managers to assist us, their friends in New York state, against the injecting of national political influences into our state fight," and his followers added their "yes" to the statement.

It was nearly 4 o'clock in the afternoon when the men in the Miller camp heard from good authority that Mr. Platt had received Mr. Morton's consent to use his name for the second place. At 6 o'clock they had gathered their forces to consult over the matter, and in a short time a bitter warfare was projected. By 7 o'clock a petition was finding its way through the New York delegation readers.

"In the interest of the Republican party, we, delegates from the state of New York to the national Republican convention, protest against dragging the party struggle in our own state into the national canvass, and record ourselves as unalterably opposed to placing any of our fellow citizens upon the ticket as the candidate for vice president."

The McKinley league from the state of New York, through T. C. Campbell of New York, presented the following resolution:

"The McKinley league of the state of New York, the constituent at St. Louis of the signatures of the 137,000 Republicans of the Empire state who desire the nomination of William McKinley for president of the United States, having heard that it is the intention of the bosses' combine, working in connection with certain treacherous friends of McKinley, to force Levi P. Morton on the Republican national ticket as a candidate for vice president, do hereby protest against such conspiracy for those reasons:

"First—That its purpose is to discredit the candidacy of William McKinley and to weaken it before the people."

"Second—That it is an insult to the friends of Major McKinley in New York state, whose indignation at the outrageous attack of Governor Morton's manager on McKinley has compelled them to oppose the presidential ambition of Governor Morton."

"Third—That it institutes a menace to the Republicanism of the nation and drags into presidential politics the party tyranny which has disgraced the people of New York and of outside states."

"We, therefore, ask all true friends of William McKinley in the national convention to join with us, his friends in the Empire state, in opposing the nomination of Levi Parsons Morton for vice president of the United States by the state of New York."

Speaking of the resolutions, John E. Millholland denounced Morton as "the soul of Platt" and Platt as "the one-man power that made New York Republicans the laughing stock of the nation."

T. C. Campbell of New York said it was a sudden combine of a number of the most disreputable bosses in the party to add a fifth boss. "You all remember," he said, "that Tom Platt has sold out the party again and again in New York. By this move he intends to sell out McKinley if possible. The friends of McKinley should beware of him."

When these speeches were finished every man in the delegation was given a copy of the resolutions to distribute among the different state delegations and the work was taken up at once in a lively manner.

Mr. Miller, Cornelius N. Bliss and S. V. R. Cruger went at once to the Ohio headquarters to ask about the rumor that had spread that Ohio was favorable to Morton. Mr. Miller when he returned said:

"Ohio will not support Morton. Mr. Hanna's only promise to New York was that if the delegation could unite on one man for vice president he would throw his influence toward the selection. We are against Morton, and Mr. Hanna will not stand for any promise to Platt."

Ex-Senator Platt declined in the most positive manner to say anything for pub-

lication. "Mr. Morton is a candidate for president" was his terse assertion and no other view would be expressed upon the situation. (Others in the New York delegation were inclined to be more logabulous, as was Mr. Platt.)

"If Mr. Morton is defeated for president in the convention he will be nominated for vice president in the convention despite Mr. Miller or any other power he chooses to invoke."

As the evening wore on the interest gradually drifted out of New York politics to national matters. Leaders of delegations were visited and buttoned and tables of possible votes were made up. Ex-United States Senator Frank Hiseock of New York took a hand, and said:

"In the event of Morton not being nominated for president, the vice presidential sentiment of the convention is for him. I don't think anything could stop him."

Senator Quay and Senator Lodge also were taking a hand in the matter, and Russell A. Alger's aid was procured by the Morton people. Perhaps the most interesting feature of the evening was the announcement by Mr. Hiseock of New York that Foraker of Ohio had told him that if Mr. Hanna's loyalty toward the Warner Miller faction kept him from an expression for Morton and assist Miller, he (Foraker) could deliver 24 of the 40 votes of Ohio for Mr. Morton besides many other McKinley votes.

So disatisfied was Mr. Depew with the situation and so disturbed over the rumors, that he sent this message to Governor Morton:

Hon. Levi P. Morton, Albany, N. Y. Sir: I have decided to accept the vice presidency instead of the presidency. Do I understand that you have resigned your former telegram to me?"

Shortly afterwards this answer came to Mr. Depew:

Chauncey M. Depew, St. Louis. Telegram received. Status circulated are unfounded. I have resound nothing. Levi P. Morton.

Mr. Depew showed this to the correspondent and said:

"I have no alternative but to present Mr. Morton's name to the convention for president."

When these telegrams were shown to Mr. Platt in his room, he said:

"I don't see that the situation is changed. Mr. Morton is our candidate for president. If he is defeated, then we can consider his fitness for the other office. I never expected that Mr. Morton would withdraw from the presidential race."

Financial Plan Arranged.

The following is the financial plan adopted by the subcommittee on resolutions:

"The Republican party is careverred for gold money. It caused the enactment of the law providing for the redemption of specie payments in 1875; since then every dollar has been as good as gold. We are unalterably opposed to every measure calculated to damage the currency or impair the credit of our country."

We are, therefore, opposed to the free coinage of silver except by international action with the leading commercial nations of the world, which we pledge ourselves to promote and until such an agreement can be obtained the existing gold standard must be preserved."

All our silver and paper currency now in circulation must be maintained at parity with gold and every measure designed to maintain it, including the obligation of the United States and all our money, whether coin or paper at the present standard, the standard of the most enlightened nations of the world."

Senator Teller offered a free silver resolution as a substitute, which was voted down.

Views of C. W. Fairbanks.

ST. LOUIS, June 17.—The probabilities now are that it will be a short convention of course. It is a foregone conclusion that Mr. McKinley will be nominated on the first ballot. If not by acclamation, the sentiment is so overwhelmingly strong in favor of him that there is a very general desire to see his nomination made unanimously and enthusiastically. The spirit which pervades the convention is admirable. The platform will be straight out for a protective tariff and sound money. The tariff will be one of the most important issues of the campaign, for it is an absolute necessity that there be some additional legislation to meet the continuing deficit in the treasury. The currency plank will be sound beyond the possibility of quibble or doubt. It cannot be said that sentiment has sufficiently crystallized among the delegates to enable anyone to determine who the nominee for vice president will be.

Senator Hill Declines to Talk.

NEW YORK, June 17.—Senator David B. Hill left the Normandie hotel for Albany. He refused to discuss politics before he left. "I must decline to give any interview," he said.

DEATH OF JUDGE MAYNARD.

Found Dead in His Chair at Albany of Heart Trouble.

ALBANY, June 18.—Ex-Judge Isaac H. Maynard, former judge of the court of appeals and ex-attorney general, died suddenly in his room at the Kenmore from heart trouble. He was alone in his room and was sitting in a chair at the time of his death. He had just finished his luncheon and was apparently in the best of health.

As soon as the ex-judge's death was discovered the coroner was summoned and given charge of the body.

Judge Maynard leaves a wife and daughter who are living at the family home in Stamford.

Notorious Crook Captured.

BUFFALO, June 17.—Detectives Kennedy and O'Laughlin have arrested George Reber after Young Red Leary. He is charged with breaking into the office of the National Express company. When the officers arrested him, Reber drew a revolver and attempted to shoot at them, but quick work on their part foiled his attempt. Reber is 23 years old. He is a desperate and nervous crook himself, and is a son of the notorious crook "Old Red" Leary of Toledo, O. He has done time for various offenses and is, it is said, wanted at present in Toledo for burglary.

Judge Green's Important Decision.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—The treasury department received a telegram announcing that Judge Green of the United States district court of New Jersey has held that the government had no legal right to examine the books of the National Lead company, in order to obtain evidence in behalf of a drawback case now pending against the company. This decision sustains the opinion of the solicitor of the treasury in recommending the acceptance of an offer of \$3,000 in compromise.

Young Woman Commits Suicide.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., June 15.—Mary Harter, 21 years of age, committed suicide at her home in Westfield by swallowing a dose of arsenic.



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