

KING DAVID MOUNTED.

Protesters Protest in Vain Against an Early Convention.

TAMMANY CONTROLS THE BALL. Disaster, Dishonor or Defeat Impossible, With David.

HOW SENATOR DOLPH WORKED IT.

The Substance of Legislation a Political Pretext to Keep Politicians in Place.

The combat deepens. Oh, ye brave, who rush to Cleveland or to Dave! Wave Tammany, all thy banners fly, and charge with all thy devilry.

ALBANY, Feb. 22.—The N. Y. State democratic convention was called to order by Chairman Edward Murphy, of the state committee, at noon today. The crush was tremendous, many delegates being shut out through the anxiety of Albany people to get in. Without formality the chairman introduced the temporary chairman, Judge George M. Beebe. Judge Beebe's reference to David B. Hill as "a leader under whom the democracy never had known disaster, dishonor or defeat," evoked great applause. Following the speech of Beebe, the clerk called the roll of delegates. When the name of Lieut. Gov. Sheehan was called, there was a surprising demonstration of applause, almost equalling that accorded the mention of Hill's name. Committees were appointed, and rules fixed to govern the selection of delegates to the National convention in Chicago, June 21st. A recess was taken until 3:30 p. m. Previous to the assembling of the state convention the state committee met for the purpose of settling several contests. The protest of the Cooper union meeting, with a resolution asking for a dissolution of today's convention, by a unanimous vote was tabled. Immediately after tabling the Cooper union protest the committee decided the contest in the second Chautauqua, first Oswego and fourth Albany districts. In each case Hill delegates were selected. Thus contests were shut out from the notice of the convention. The committee of the anti-Hill movement met in private quarters, where the situation was canvassed for a definite hearing and definite action. The members of the committee are Elroy Anderson, W. R. Grace, Colonel Robert M. Monroe, Edward B. Whitney, and Wallace McFarland.

Senator Dolph Stole a March.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Mr. Stump, of Maryland, and Mr. Geary, of California, are involved in an amusing, but none the less bitter, personal controversy over the authorship of a Chinese bill in the house. While they are disputing as to who would receive the credit for the bill introduced, Senator Dolph, of Oregon, introduced and passed a Chinese exclusion bill in the senate, thus stealing the thunder of both of them. Representative Robert Hitt, of Illinois, who is an authority on diplomatic service in the house by reason of his connection with the diplomatic service at home and abroad, and also his long service in the committee on foreign affairs, in connection with the controversy now going on between members as to who shall have the credit of forcing the passage of the Chinese exclusion act, says the various acts proposed are in direct violation of the treaty with the Chinese government. He is not posing as the Chinaman's friend, but he is disposed to believe that there is more political sentiment than anything else mixed up in the Chinese question. There are men in congress today, from the Pacific coast, who have small armies of Chinese servants at home, and in private conversation they declare that they could not get along without Chinese domestics. "If the Chinese finally concluded to go," continued Hitt, "and there was no further pretext to agitate the question, some of our political friends would be out of a job." The same condition of affairs would result, he said, if the tariff and the silver questions were finally disposed of just now.

The Metal of the Future.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Aluminum is the metal of the future is much nearer than many are aware. There are now six establishments producing pure aluminum, of which two are in this country. Recent improvements in electricity have so reduced the cost of producing it, that its price has been reduced from five and six dollars to fifty cents a pound. Wherever lightness and resistance to corrosion are desirable this metal is greatly superior to anything now known, and while it will probably never be the universal metal that iron is, it will largely supplant copper, tin, zinc, pewter, britania, metal, brass, German silver and even silver. When pure, it is not much stronger than steel in proportion to its weight, but in alloys it may supplant steel for many engineering purposes.

Aluminum is only two and a half times as heavy as water, while iron is seven and a half times as heavy, brass eight times, copper nine times, silver ten and a half times, lead eleven times and gold nineteen times. This fact, together with its non-corrosiveness, gives aluminum a decided advantage over silver for table ware and for ornamental work, for cooking utensils, and for use in surgical instruments. The German government is substituting aluminum for copper in its cartridge shells, as copper is rapidly corroded by the new smokeless powder. In fact, almost every day new uses for which aluminum is peculiarly suited are being discovered. Next to oxygen and silicon, aluminum is the most abundant element on the earth's surface, and the only limit to the rapid extension of its use is the cost of manufacture.

"Help! Cash-us; Ere We Sink."

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 22.—It was a conglomerate gathering that met in convention here this afternoon to consider upon the desirability of a third party. A delegate from Oregon had the floor for a time, declaring that the opening gun of the national campaign would be fired by his state and calling for help! to carry Oregon for the people's party. The report of Schilling showed that less than \$50 remained in the party exchequer, and that of \$1200 subscribed at the Cincinnati convention only one subscriber had turned in a cent. Chairman Taubeneck authorized the appointment of a committee of ten to canvass for funds. The committee was having a hot wrangle as to whether it should record itself as ordering arrangements made for the national convention, when a halt was demanded by Marion Cannon, state president of the California farmers' alliance. It was decided before doing anything further to await the action of the convention. If that body decided to take action looking to the nomination of a presidential candidate, the people's party will go ahead upon its own hook immediately.

Scandal Monger Punished.

HASTINGS, Neb., Feb. 22.—A. Yocum, ex-mayor of Hastings, and at present special collector of customs, with headquarters in Idaho, who is home on a visit, this evening met Myron von Fleet in front of the Hotel Bostrick, on one of the busiest thoroughfares in the city. Without a word he pulled a revolver and fatally shot Von Fleet. The affair is the outgrowth of a scandalous article published in a sensational sheet in Lincoln in December, alleging that Captain Yocum's daughter had eloped to Denver, with a colored coachman. The story spread until it reached the ears of the family, when the fact was made public that Miss Yocum had not been away from the city at all. It is asserted she had been hounded by Von Fleet, who had repeatedly thrust his attentions upon her. When Cap. Yocum returned he investigated the matter, and satisfied himself Von Fleet was the author of the scandal, and tonight shot him. Yocum is in custody.

Sailed on a Mission of Mercy.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—The steamship India left here this afternoon loaded with flour and provisions for the famine stricken provinces in Russia. The cargo, which was donated entirely by Philadelphians, consisted of 29,000 sacks of flour, besides twenty-nine carloads of flour in barrels, and a great assortment of provisions. A great crowd assembled at the wharf to see the vessel off. Before leaving, exercises were held on board of her. The vessel, it is hoped, will reach Laboon, its destination, March 9.

Weather Moderating.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The weather today throughout the United Kingdom has moderated. Telegraphic communication, which has been more or less interrupted since the storm began over a week ago, is now being restored. During the storm a large number of vessels of all descriptions were wrecked and stranded, but their crews in almost every instance were rescued.

Options Class Legislation.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The subcommittee on the senate judiciary committee continued its hearing this morning on the subject of options. Raymond, of the Detroit board of trade, opposed the pending bills on the general ground that such legislation against one class of business is entirely beyond the jurisdiction of congress.

Will Give all a Rest.

DEADWOOD, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Blaine has left for Hot Springs on her way to Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After a few days' rest there she will leave for the South, where she will rest for a couple of months. She denies the report of her intended marriage to Dr. Bull, of New York, also her advent upon the stage.

Traffic is Still Suspended.

CONSTANTINOPLE Feb. 22.—Railway communication with Western Europe is still suspended, owing to inundations. No through trains have arrived or departed since Thursday.

The Robber Identified.

ROCHESTER, Feb. 23.—The American express-car robber has been fully identified as Oliver Curtis Perry, of Syracuse, suspected of the Utica train robbery last October, and has confessed he was the man wanted for that attempt.

THE DETROIT BANQUET.

Senator Dolph Among the Speakers at the Meeting.

NOT A BOOM FOR GEN. ALGERS.

But to Kindle the Enthusiasm of Republicans Everywhere.

WHY BLAIR CAME TO THE FRONT.

When an Honest Belief is Expressed Candidates are Made by the People.

DETROIT, Feb. 22.—The annual banquet of the Michigan Club, celebrating Washington's birthday, brought together the leading republican politicians from all parts of this state, and from many other states. It was stated the banquet was not given for the purpose of forwarding the interests of any presidential candidate particularly. It was denied that there was any intention to boom Gen. Alger, and it was asserted its sole object was to kindle the enthusiasm of the republicans of the state for the party nominee, whoever he may be. The banquet was held in the rink, a great, barn-like structure, whose inherent ugliness was hidden away under the folds of artistically draped bunting and portraits of Washington, Lincoln, Grant and others. Covers were laid for 1200 persons at the tables upon the main floor, while upon the platform at one side, under a brilliant canopy, sat the speakers and the guests of honor. Gen. Alger introduced Congressman Burrows to deliver the address of welcome, and, in doing so, referred to the "Michiganizing" by the democrats, and declared that in November Michigan would elect a legislature that would restore the legislative districts to their proper shape and elect a republican successor to Senator Stockbridge. Burrows said the task of welcoming the guests of the club annually devolved upon the governor, but owing to a slight mistake this time that gentleman happened to be a democrat. He assured his hearers, however, the mistake should not happen again in the next twenty-five years. Michigan, he said, had always the least electoral vote for a republican presidential candidate, and proceeded to give the list from 1856 down. When Blaine's name was reached, the assembly broke into a round of enthusiastic applause. His endorsement of the McKinley law and reciprocity was also warmly greeted. Senator Dolph, of Oregon, spoke on "Washington, the Protectionist." After making a fitting allusion to the memory of Washington, Senator Dolph proceeded to discuss the tariff question, the all-absorbing question which divides the two great political parties today, and upon which it becomes more and more evident the next presidential contest will be fought. He paid his tributes to the success of the McKinley law, and said the reciprocity provision of the law proved of great value. In conclusion the senator warmly eulogized President Harrison's administration, and expressed the opinion that the people will again, as in 1888, lay aside all difference of opinion upon minor matters, and by their verdict in November again declare that American industry and American labor shall be protected against cheap labor and cheap labor products of foreign countries.

Why He Declined Himself.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Ex-Senator Henry W. Blair has little to say concerning his declared candidacy for the presidential nomination. He told a reporter he had been impudently courted by political friends to become a candidate for the honor, and he believed their confidence in him demanded an honest statement on his part. He added: "I think a man should not conceal his real position when he is asked to declare his real position on public questions or in regard to his candidacy for a public office. I was asked if I would become a candidate for the republican nomination, and I felt I should make an answer. My public letter explains my position." He said he did not care to say anything at present concerning the assurances of support he had received or by whom they had been offered.

An "Unknown Correspondent" Wedded.

CADIZ, O., Feb. 23.—George E. Wright, of Pine Valley, Oregon, arrived in town yesterday morning to call on an "unknown correspondent," who proved to be prepossessing and romantic girl named Ida Green. His most sanguine expectations were realized. As he was passing fair and had brought with him satisfactory proofs that he was the flourishing owner of a 1000-acre stock farm, the young lady accepted his proposals. Last night Mr. and Mrs. Wright departed for their Western home.

A Canadian Bishop Dead.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Bishop Oxenden, late primate of the Anglican church in Canada, died yesterday morning.

The Vanderbilts Intention.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Rumor has it that Commodore Vanderbilt's dream has been realized. The Vanderbilt system secured control of the St. Paul system, and that the grand alliance now includes the St. Paul, the Northwestern and Union Pacific. That is, a thorough line from New York to the Pacific at Portland and San Francisco. If true, it is the most important railroad deal in many years. The story is denied by Depew, who says the Commodore never had such a dream.

Third Party Movement.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23.—The convention was called to order at 10:15. Colonel L. L. Polk was elected permanent chairman. On taking the chair he was greeted with cheers and a few cries of "our candidate for president." Francis Willard and Ben Terrell, of Texas, were chosen vice-presidents; J. W. Hayes, permanent secretary; Warwick, of Virginia, a colored delegate, was elected as secretary, although the Georgia and Alabama delegates strenuously opposed it.

Least of the Unfortunates.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Edward M. Field, of Field, Weichers, Lindley & Co., was brought before the court of oyer and terminer today for trial on one of his indictments charging him with grand larceny. Council for Field objected to his being put on trial, stating that he was insane and mentally incapable of pleading to the indictment. The district attorney suggested that a jury be selected to decide Field's sanity; and the work of selecting one was at once begun.

Will Dissolve the Chambers.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—No solution is yet in sight of the French ministerial situation. President Carnot, who is greatly perplexed, has consulted M. Mareta, the well-known radical, and M. Magnier, of the Evénement, and other journalists as to the course to be pursued. It is believed that the president will dissolve the chambers on the ground that they have ceased to represent the actual sentiment of the nation, and thus refer the decision to the people.

B. J. Pengra Sues for Rights.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 23.—A case of considerable importance was entered on the docket of the circuit this morning, in which B. J. Pengra, of Springfield, sues Mr. A. Wheeler, of the same place, for the sum of \$8000. The suit grows out of the use by the defendant of the water-power owned by the plaintiff, and the amount attempted to be recovered is for the rent of the land and water-power, together with damages of various kinds.

Will Land in the Penitentiary.

TACOMA, Feb. 23.—Charles Hill, convicted of the seduction of Mary Asuga, was brought from the county jail today and married to his victim in open court. He had refused to marry her before. Hill had tried to clear himself by inducing seven of his friends to swear criminal intimacy with her, though the girl's reputation generally was good. Sentence was suspended during good behavior. Judge Allyn, in tying the knot that gave her child a name, was scathing in his language toward Hill, and said that, should he treat his wife badly, he would land him in the penitentiary. Their home is at Burnett. Hill is a miner. Both are fins.

The Count's Good Work Stopped.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—A dispatch to the Standard from Moscow says Count Tolstoi, who has been engaged in relieving distress in the mine districts, has been ordered by the government to return to his estate, in consequence of a letter concerning the famine, recently published in London, as written by him. Countess Tolstoi denies her husband is the author of the letter.

CORVALLIS, Feb. 23.—In the matter of the confirmation of the sale of the Oregon Pacific railroad, Judge Flinn appeared in court and filed a petition before Judge Pipes in behalf of Zeph Q. Job, the purchaser, asking for a continuance of sixty days to raise the balance of the money and alleging that he had made arrangements to have the money here at the time specified, but that a suit begun in the United States court interfered and upset his plans. It was further alleged that the money was to be procured from parties in New York and London, who are still ready and willing to furnish the cash, as soon as the case now pending in the United States court is settled satisfactorily to them. J. R. Bryson appeared in behalf of the Farmers' Loan & Trust company and filed a motion that the \$25,000 paid in be forfeited and another sale be ordered. The motion was denied and the petition of Job granted.

For Educational Purposes.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Lady Blandford, the divorced wife of the Duke of Marlborough, applied today for an order compelling the duke to increase her alimony, in order that she may suitably maintain and educate her son, the Marquis of Blandford. She now receives \$14,000 a year.

Cleveland at Detroit.

DETROIT, Feb. 23.—Ex-president Cleveland left for Toledo this morning to visit his sister, Mrs. Bacon, and will return this afternoon. This evening he will hold a public reception at Hotel Cadillac.

NINTH CIRCUIT FILLED

Attorney Wm. B. Gilbert, of Portland, Secures the Plum.

THE APPOINTMENT IS A GOOD ONE.

Edward M. Field considered Insane and Incapable of Pleading.

WRIGHT'S ROMANTIC MARRIAGE.

St. Louis Convention Officers.—Cleveland in Detroit.—Death of Bishop Oxenden.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The president today sent the name of William B. Gilbert of Portland, Oregon, to the senate for confirmation as United States circuit judge for the ninth judicial circuit. Mr. Gilbert has been in Portland since 1872, and has practiced law during the time. He came here from Michigan, where he had graduated from the Ann Arbor law school, and through that became a member of the state supreme court bar. He was born in Fairfax county, Virginia, forty-four years ago. The family removed to Ohio later, and afterward to Massachusetts. Mr. Gilbert then entered Williams college, in the western part of the state. He took the regular four years' course there, and left the state soon afterward to accept a position on the geographical survey in Ohio. Three years were spent in this work, so that he became very well acquainted with the resources of Ohio. When about 23, left this work and entered the law school at the University of Michigan. He completed the course there, and graduated in 1872. He came immediately to Oregon, where he soon entered upon the practice of the law, which he has since followed, with honor and profit to himself. He has been concerned in many of the large suits that have come up in Northwestern courts. Probably the most important was that of the foreclosure of the Farmers' Loan and Trust company's mortgage on the Oregon and California. This case involved \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000, and lasted two or three years, when it was finally won, and Richard Kohler was appointed receiver. He has done a great deal of legal business for the Scotch mortgage and loan firms which have branches in Portland. Mr. Gilbert has not been a Union Pacific attorney, as has been alleged and used as an argument against his nomination. He has at times given that company advice when their assistant counsel, Mr. Snow, was out of the city. But he has never carried on a case for them in the courts. Mr. Gilbert is a married man and has five children, one boy and four girls. His wife is a daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Lindsay, who was for many years the leading Presbyterian divine of the northwest.

Third Party Indictment.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 24.—The third party platform places the country on the verge of moral, political and material ruin; that corruptions dominate the ballot-box, the legislatures, congress, and touches even the ermine on the bench; newspapers are subsidized or muzzled, public opinion is silenced, business prostrated, homes covered with mortgages, labor impoverished, and land and money concentrating in the hands of capitalists, etc. Without taking a vote on the adoption of the platform, a recess of two hours was taken.

the building." Mrs. Deacon says that she intends to begin an action for divorce from her husband.

Money Talk in Gould's House.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Jay Gould and his daughter, Miss Helen Gould, were host and hostess last evening at a reception given at their residence, No. 579 Fifth avenue, to the committee of the presbytery of New York on church extension and sustentation. The purpose of the reception, was to raise money to aid the work of the church extension. When the guests had all arrived, Rev. Dr. Paxton, whose church Mr. Gould attends, took the floor and made a short speech in Mr. Gould's name. Mr. Gould's modesty, he said, prevented him from speaking for himself, so, as his minister, Mr. Paxton welcomed them. Rev. Dr. Alexander then spoke, and among other things said: "I have been strictly enjoined to speak of nothing else but money. You are all rich men here, and we want money from you, but we don't assume a suppliant attitude. We need money, but not half so much as you need to give it." Dr. Alexander went on to talk of the great power of money as energy stored up for ready use. Many men, however, he said, get so carried away by the pursuit of wealth and get the habit so fastened on them as to lose sight of the higher duty of dispensing the money they acquire. After speaking for some minutes in that strain, he turned to Mr. Gould and the other guests and said: "I hope I have not spoken in such a way as to give offense to any of the guests or to our host, Mr. Gould." At the close of Dr. Alexander's speech Dr. Van Orden announced that subscription cards would be distributed, and he hoped they would be filled out liberally. As an incentive, he said, he would announce that he had already received four subscriptions of \$500, \$100, \$1000 and \$2500, one of which, he said, was opposite the name of Miss Gould. A few minutes after the subscription cards had been passed around Dr. Van Orden took the floor again to announce that a number of \$1000 subscriptions had been handed in to him and that the host, Mr. Gould, had subscribed \$10,000. This announcement was greeted with prolonged applause. Supper was served after the meeting. Many of those present took the subscription cards home with them.

Not from the East.

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—The Herald's Washington correspondent telegraphs: "The boiled-down, doubled-distilled and clarified sentiment at the capital concerning the democratic presidential outlook is that neither Hill nor Cleveland can win the fight for the nomination, and that the nominee must come from the West."

Earthquake in California.

SAN DIEGO, Feb. 23.—At 11:17 this evening there was a severe shock of earthquake with vibrations from east to west. Buildings rocked in a terrific manner bringing thousands of people on the streets. The damage, if any, is not known as yet. A second shock, which was very light, was felt at 11:40.

FELT AT LOS ANGELES.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—Two heavy shocks of earthquake, vibration west to east, were felt here at 11:17 tonight. The streets down town were soon full of people in all sorts of costumes, who came from tall buildings which swayed considerably, but no damage is reported.

STOPPED THE TOWN CLOCK.

SAN BERNARDINO, Feb. 23.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt at this place about 11:20 this evening. No damage was done so far as known but guests at the hotels hastened into the streets in night attire. It stopped the town clock at 11:18.

Shot at the Congressmen.

SALEM, O., Feb. 24.—As one train on the Pennsylvania railroad, bearing the congressmen from Chicago to Washington, was passing through here last night, some one fired a bullet through a car window. No one was injured.

Statehood or Nothing.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Judge Bennett, chairman of the Utah territorial republican convention, today proposed to the senate committee on territories a bill for local government in Utah and favored the admission of the territory as a state, on the ground the people wanted statehood or nothing. John Henry Smith, of Salt Lake, also favored the statehood measure. This closes the hearing.

A Despondent Woman's Deed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 24.—Mrs. E. Sylvester attempted suicide this morning by shooting herself in the body at a restaurant on Market street. Despondency due to a separation from her husband was the cause of the act.