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SWEPT BY STORMS.

A Hurricane Devastates a Wide Tract in Minnesota.

LIGHTNING HITS GRANT'S STATUE.

Three Persons Instantly Killed and Others Severely Injured—The Monument Unharmed.

MANKATO, Minn., June 16.—One of the worst disasters that ever visited southern Minnesota occurred late yesterday afternoon. A funnel-shaped tornado swept over the land, laid waste scores of happy homes and sent forty or fifty souls into eternity. The extent of country devastated is greater than ever before known in the history of the state. Starting near Jackson on the Southern Minnesota road, the cyclone swept eastward four miles south of Minnesota lake, then took a broad circle to the south, and passed south of Wells. Two miles north of Sherburne it struck the district school house, in which was a teacher and eighteen scholars. The building was demolished. The teacher and fifteen scholars were killed. At Easton three buildings were destroyed. Several people were injured. At Linden many houses were torn from their foundations. A family consisting of a man, wife and child were killed, and others injured. The storm passed on eastward, destroying farmhouses, barns and everything in its path. Four miles south of Minnesota lake, five farmhouses were utterly destroyed, and four people were killed. The body of one John Brown was taken from Minnesota lake this morning. His wife, a hired hand and a school teacher were injured. Much damage was done south of Wells.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Three persons were killed, two seriously injured, and some forty were stunned by a flash of lightning which struck the Grant monument in Lincoln park tonight. The catastrophe was the result of a severe electrical storm, during which people who were congregated in the park took refuge in the vaults under the monument. When the storm was at its height a blinding flash struck the statue taking a course directly to the little crowd underneath. Everybody with the exception of three men was thrown from his feet, but none suffered further injury than stunning, except those that were killed. The damage to the monument will be covered by a few dollars.

DEATH OF EMMONS BLAINE.

He Dies Suddenly at the Home of His Father-in-Law in Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 18.—Emmons Blaine, son of ex-Secretary Blaine, died shortly before noon of blood poisoning, the result of inflammation of the bowels. The fact of his death was concealed for some time in order that the family might be reached with the news in a less shocking manner than the public announcement. All efforts to get telegraphic communication with him failed, however, and at 12:35 the news became public. It was only a quarter of an hour before the fatal end came that an intimation that young Blaine was in a dangerous condition became known, and then only to a few of his most intimate friends. Young Blaine was a notable figure in the exciting scenes in connection with his father's presidential candidacy at Minneapolis, and took his father's defeat greatly to heart. He was confined to his bed shortly after his return from the north. It is thought possible the strain and excitement at Minneapolis, followed by the keen disappointment of the outcome, had not a little to do with the prostration ensuing. The death occurred in the home of Blaine's father-in-law, Cyrus H. McCormick. Only his wife, son and Mrs. McCormick were present. Death came so suddenly that there was not time to summon other members of the family.

BAR HARBOR, June 18.—Ex-Secretary and Mrs. Blaine left for Chicago this afternoon, on receipt of the news of the death of Emmons Blaine.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Soon after hearing of the death of Emmons Blaine, President Harrison sent a telegram to Mr. and Mrs. Blaine, expressing his deep sense of sympathy for them in their affliction. Members of the cabinet also sent a dispatch of condolence.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—From now to the end of the session the efforts of both branches of congress will be confined principally to the settlement of disputed points in the appropriation bills. By an extraordinary display of energy the house has succeeded in passing every one of these bills, except the general deficiency, and in transferring them to the senate with such rapidity as to tax severely the working capacity of that body. It appears that not one of the regular annual appropriation bills has become a law, that only one bill re-

maine to be acted upon originally by the house, and that five bills are either in the senate committee on appropriations or before the senate for action. Because of the large number of absentees, the proceedings of the senate during the week will probably be confined to the delivery of a few speeches. Call leading off tomorrow with one upon the subject of railroad interference with senatorial elections. The week in the house will be one of waiting for news from Chicago. There will be no meeting until Wednesday, and it is possible that Wednesday a further recess will be taken until Saturday.

WELCH FACTORIES COMING.

One is Located at Norristown, Pa., and another at Elizabethport, N. J.

NORRISTOWN, Pa., June 17.—A large force of men has begun work within a mile of Norristown preparing a plant for the first foreign tin-plate manufactory to cross the ocean and locate here. There was no flourish of trumpets to announce their coming. Richard Lewis, manager for W. H. Edwards, the owner of a number of tin mills at Swansea, Wales, says it is an experiment that must effect hundreds of mills now stretched along the Swansea valley, in which the tin plate of the world has been manufactured for years. Mrs. Lewis arrived in America on May 18th, and immediately set out to select a site for his plant. He picked out an abandoned manufactory at Earnest station on the Pennsylvania railroad. The site is selected with the ultimate purpose of moving the entire plant from Wales. The factory will begin operation with a capacity of 140 tons of tin per week. Nine workmen from Swansea are putting the machinery in place, and in six week's time it is expected that its product will be put out. E. W. Moore & Co., another large tin firm, has sent a representative to this country, and he has decided to locate at Elizabethport, N. J.

They Are Notified.

WASHINGTON, June 20.—Governor McKinley, of Ohio, chairman of the committee to notify President Harrison of his nomination, arrived here this morning. The committee assembled in the parlor of the Ebbitt House, where the governor read the address which he proposed to deliver to the president. The address was brief and was received with enthusiasm. The committee accepted an invitation from Colonel Elliott P. Sheppard to a dinner tomorrow evening at the Manhattan Athletic club, of New York. The republican clubs of the city of New York also invited the committee to be present at a mass meeting tomorrow evening. Both invitations were accepted. The committee proceeded to the executive mansion about 1 o'clock. Some 200 guests had assembled in the East room when the committee entered. A few minutes later the president, accompanied by Secretary Foster and the other members of the cabinet, entered. Without any preliminaries Governor McKinley made his speech notifying the president of his nomination.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 21.—The committee of the national republican convention to give Whitelaw Reid official notification of his nomination as vice-president arrived today. The formal ceremonies were short, and the committee returned to New York in time for the ratification meeting in Music hall.

Five Were Republicans.

CHICAGO, June 21.—There is one very strange matter in connection with the democratic national convention which has not been commented on very extensively as yet, and that is the fact that five of the chief aspirants for the nomination have been republicans at some time during their life. They are Boies, Gray, Gorman, Palmer and Campbell. Every one of them for years followed the banner of the g. o. p., and shouted themselves hoarse in their efforts to down the democracy. One at a time they fell away from their old love, and went over to the enemy. Different reasons actuated them in doing as they did, but disappointed ambitions, as a rule, were the chief cause.

The Law Constitutional.

LANSING, Mich., June 17.—The supreme court has rendered a decision sustaining the constitutionality of the Miner election law. The decision was unanimous. All the points raised were fully discussed and decided in favor of the constitutionality of the law. This law was passed by the last democratic legislature and provides for the choice of presidential electors by congressional districts, instead of by the state at large, as usual. The decision will give democrats ten presidential electors in Michigan. The court is made up of three republicans and two democrats.

The fine weather during the past week or two has allowed the graders on the Portland & Astoria railroad to get on well with their work.

TWO LIFE STORIES.

Biographies of the Republican National Nominees.

BEN. HARRISON & WHITELAW REID

Both Were Born in Ohio and Graduated from the Same University Four Years Apart.

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

The man nominated on Friday for a second term in the White House had been known only as a lawyer of exceptional ability prior to his election to the presidency four years ago, but since his elevation to the highest office of the nation, he has proved himself a statesman and a diplomat worthy of the name. Although one of the foremost and most familiar figures before the people today, it may be appropriate here to briefly review his antecedents and give a short sketch of his career. Benjamin Harrison is a descendant of Benjamin Harrison, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who was born in Berkley, Charles county, Va., in 1740. His son, Benjamin, was born in North Bend, O., August 20, 1833. He graduated from Miami university, Oxford, O., in 1852, studied law in Cincinnati and in 1854 removed to Indianapolis, Ind., where he took up the practice of law and resided, except during temporary absence in the army, till he was elected president in 1888. He was elected reporter of the state supreme court in 1860, and in 1862 entered the army as second lieutenant of Indiana volunteers. After a short service he organized a company of Seventieth Indiana regiment, was commissioned colonel on the completion of the regiment and served during the war, receiving the brevet of brigadier-general of volunteers January 23, 1865. He then returned to Indianapolis and resumed his office of supreme court reporter, to which he had been re-elected during his absence in 1864. In 1876 he was the republican candidate for governor, but was defeated by a small plurality. President Hayes appointed him on the Mississippi river commission in 1878, and in 1880 he was elected to the United States senate to succeed Joseph E. McDonald, taking his seat March 4, 1881. He served until 1887, and resumed the practice of law in Indianapolis, when elected to the presidency in the following year. President Harrison is cool calm, calculating and a careful student of persons and events. He possesses quick intelligence and great strength in debate and has to a remarkable degree the rare ability to gauge accurately popular sentiment.

WHITELAW REID.

The gentleman chosen by the convention for second place on the national ticket is one of the country's leading journalists and has always been regarded as a man of ability and integrity. Whitelaw Reid was born near Xenia, Ohio, October 27, 1837. He was graduated at Miami University, Oxford, O., in 1856. It is a coincident worthy of note that Mr. Harrison was also born in Ohio and graduated from the same university four years before. Mr. Reid took an active interest in journalism and politics before attaining his majority, made speeches in the Fremont campaign on the republican side, and soon became editor of the Xenia News. At the opening of the civil war he was in the field as correspondent of the Cincinnati Gazette, making his headquarters at Washington, whence his letters on current politics attracted much attention by their thorough information and pungent style. He served as aide-de-camp to General William S. Rosecrans in the western Virginia campaign of 1861, and was present at the battles of Shiloh and Gettysburg. He was elected librarian of the house of representatives in 1863, serving in that capacity three years. In 1865 he went to New York at the invitation of Horace Greeley and became an editorial writer on the Tribune. On the death of Mr. Greeley in 1872 Mr. Reid succeeded him as editor and principal owner of the paper. In 1878 he was chosen by the legislature of New York to be regent for life of the university. He was offered by President Hayes the post of minister to Germany, and a similar appointment by President Garfield, but declined all public employment until prevailed upon by President Harrison to accept the post of minister to France soon after the latter's inauguration. This position he resigned in April last. Mr. Reid is a director of numerous financial and charitable institutions, and has traveled extensively in this country and Europe. He has written a number of meritorious works, besides his contributions to periodical literature, and has borne an enviable reputation throughout the land.