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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

REPUBLICAN CONVENTIONS.

State Conventions in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania-Blain Cheered-Cleveland

NEW YORK, April 25.—The Republi-cans of both Massachusetts and Pennsylvania held State conventions and elected delegates to the National convention to-In the former State the mention of day. In the former State the mention of the name of Blaine elicited wild enthusiasm, and a call for three cheers for Blaine was heartily responded to with an enthusiastic "tiger." In both conventions the President's message, and the whole course of the Pemocratic party upon the tariff was denounced. General Coggswell, in Massachusetts, declared that Cleveland's administration had been characterized by ignorance, and incapaccharacterized by jgnorance and incapac-ity, and its distinguished feature a total lack of Americanism.

A BIG PROJECT.

Extensive Steel and Iron Works in Wash ington Territory Talked of.

ELLENSBURG, W. T., April 25,-It is reported here to-day that final arrangements have been made between the Northern Pacific railroad company and mines of the upper Cle-el-um river. It will take a year to construct the works, which will give employment to several thousand men. The work of developing the mines has been carried on all winter.

Bynum on the Lumber Trusts.

Washington, April 25.—Bynum of Indiana spoke to-day in favor of the Mills bill, and in his remarks assailed the motives of the lumbermen of the Pacific Coast and shipowners for petitioning Congress to put lumber on the free list. He said: "Among the number that come urgently knocking at the doors of Con-gress, demanding to be heard in behalf of trusts which have plundered the peo-ple of millions of dollars, and who were anxious to retain their grasp, were the pine and lumber dealers of the Pacific Slope."

The Portland Hotel Scheme. PORTLAND, OR., April 25.—A "First-Class Hotel Company" was incorporated here yesterday. The plan is to purchase the "Villard ruins" for \$125,000, and put \$400,000 more to it to make a fine hotel. The Oregonian has the usual double-leaded editorial headed "The Hotel Scheme."

FALL RIVER, MASS., April 25.—Fire destroyed the station of the Edison Electric Illuminating Company here to-day. Loss,

NEW YORK, April 25.—Fire destroyed a portion of the Delaware Iron Works this afternoon. Loss, \$100,000.

Six Men Buried Alive-

a sewer trench sixteen feet deep, the water pipes burst, causing the sides of the ditch to cave in, quickly filling trench with earth and water, and six of the laborers were buried alive.

The Lynch-Vandever Case.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The report of the House Committee on Elections in the Lynch-Vandever contested election case the Sixth California District-will substance declare that not enough ballots actually cast were thrown out to have changed the result in Lynch's favor.

Murder and Suicide. ROCHESTER, N. Y., April 25,-William Bullock, an employe of the West Shore railroad, shot his wife four times, killing her instantly, and then shot himself fa-

The Dalles Park Grounds

Washington, April 25.—Dolph's bill giving The Dalles a portion of the military reservation adjacent to that town for a park passed the Senate to-day.

Voorhees Speaks. Washington, April 26.-Voorhees today in a long speech made an eloquent defense of McClellan and Hancock, and highly complimented them.

A Good Game. Washington, April 25.—Washington and Boston nines played a great game here this afternoon. The score was: Boston, 1; Washington, 0.

Simon, News, Oregonian.

From the Portland Sunday Welcome. While assuming to point out the reason of the opposition to Joseph Simon's re-election by the News, the Oregonian omitted to tell the people why at this exciting time its own guns are spiked. To an "hombre" in the topmost branches of a political tree it looks as if the Oregonian had made some little pledge to keep silent regarding the State Senate nomi-nees if the lower house candidates were of its choosing, in Dolph's interest. Dolph is to succeed himself as United States Senator, if the next Legislature is Repub-THE TRAVELERS' resources are sufficient to pay at once the most enormous mass of claims that even great railroad and steamboat accidents can bring upon it. Pay all claims, without discount, immediately upon receipt of s disfactory proofs. Non Forfeiture provisions in all its policies. lican, and the hold-over Senators are to reward Hirsch (or possibly Mitchell) in a similar way, two years hence, if strong enough. That's the deal 'twixt the factions, depend upon it.

In the city of the United States against J. W. Humphreys and Moses Mock, to recover \$90,000 the value of lumber man-Ten Millions of Assets. Two Millions ufactured from pine trees cut on government land in Fresno county twenty years ago, the jury returned a verdict in favor of defendants.

Stanford says he is not a candidate.

ROSCOE CONKLING.

From the New York Herald. The death of Roscoe Conkling is not an incident but an event. Truly the Fates are stern, and grudge the Republic her noblest sons. Grant, Garfield, Tilden, O'Connor, Logan, Manning, Washburne, Phillips, Emerson, Beecher, Waite—so many we foundly grieve to spare—and how many more, dear to us for their wisdom and valor, their piety, wit and learningmen with so much to do, as it seemed to our mere human eyes. But their work was done. For them no more was ap-pointed. We turn from their new made graves to mourn another in Mr. Conkling, to be remembered with the most eminent of them all.

of them all.

As a political influence rather than as a political leader, Mr. Conkling will be honored. He was not born to lead a modern democracy. He was Coriolauns rather than Rienzi—a master, not a tribune. The arts of modern leadership—tact, compromise, recognition of the limitations and weakness of deviced friend. itations and weakness of devoted friend-ship—were unknown to his haughty spirit. He rather led the leaders of men -the centurions, the captains of the fif-ties-who were attracted by the force of his character and followed him through admiration of his picturesque and splendid genius.

The intense honesty of Mr. Conking became often intolerance. There was no bending that intrepid will. His devotion to a principle or a friendship was that of Lovola and not of Talleyrand. His controversies made history. His quarrel with Washburne kept that gendenan out of the presidency. His feud with Blaine prevented his own nomina tion in 1876 and defeated Blaine in 1884. His difference with Hayes was uncom-promising. His separation from Garfield was cyclonic in its fierceness and its conwas cyclonic in its fierceness and its con-sequences, and be parted from Arthur at the cost of valued and precious friend-ships. Nor will history say that in these controversies Mr. Conkling was right and his opponents wrong. They were em-inent, patriotic men; pure in motive and quite as apt to be sincere as himself. But there was no compromise in the nature of Roscoe Conkling. His friends were his friends, his enemies were his enemies. Aiming ever at the highest ideal of chivalry, whatever failed to reach that ideal was unworthy of his esteem.

Mr. Conkling did not die too soon for Mr. Conkling did not die too soon for his fame, but too soon for his recognition. Americans had grown to be intensely proud of this superb, high principled, supremely gifted statesman; to look upon him as a model leader, eminent in experience, probity, eloquence. His very faults were looked at as an extreme expression of virtues so little seen among public men. In a time of surrender, incapacity, mendacity, mud. compromise capacity, mendacity, mud, compromise and shame, the Republican party was turning toward the one man who was too proud to bend to an ignoble suggestion. Republicans, recalling the best days of their ascendancy, weary of government by mobs of drunken adventurers, who called themselves conventions and bought YONKERS, N. Y., April 25.—While a and sold nominations, were thinking of gang of men were working here to-day in a sewer trench sixteen feet deep, the power. Mr. Conkling, when he died, was becoming to his party what Mr. Cleveland is to the Democracy. Greater than his party, above it in inspirations and in moral tone; cast down from his old leadership in some mood of momentary baseness, time was swiftly bringing recognition and vindication. He had only to wait until the party returned to him—returned, bearing honors which he had won by his genius and lost by his in-

tegrity.
This was not to be. He was to die—it This was not to be. He was to die—if true leaders of public opinion like Conk-ling ever die. The palpable man whom we saw but yesterday, with commanding micn—stern, deep-set eyes, the brows Olympian, the over whitened hair, the ruddy face, eternal in youth and expressions of the control of riddy face, eternal in youth and expression, vigor, genius, grace; personal beauty personified, the orator, scholar, the implacable opponent and tunultuous man of affairs, has gone, but the impalpable spirit remains. We have lost the most aggressive leader in American politics since Clay and Webster died, thirty-six years ago. But he is not dead. His life remains an incentive, an example—let us say an admonition. For it may be well to remember as an admonition that in any public career pride, intolerance and the Swift-like gift of withering invective may retard or prevent opportunities of lustrous service to the Commonwealth. But even so, generations will come and go before the examples of this extraordinary man, his eloquence and learning, his undaunted devotion to truth, his purity and courage, his uncompromising patriotism, his scorn of cant and decep-tion, will be forgotten. A masterful, imperial soul has passed away, leaving a name which Americans will not soon let

Sandstone Quarry.

Hon. Geo. Waggoner, railroad commissioner, has recently discovered a quarry of superior sandstone on his land a short distance South of Corvallis, which promises to prove one of the most profitable stone quarries in the State. For building purposes it is unequaled, as it possesses great strength, is of the linest texture and is absolutely fire proof, the severest tests making it harder without a particle of shrinkage. As it can be cut in the finest slabs and polished equal to marble, it can be worked into all kinds of ornaments, newel posts, etc., and for small grindstones and whetstones it is pronounced equal to the very best. A company has been formed to vork the quarry, and already several large orders have been received from Portland and elsewhere for the stone.

PORTLAND LETTER.

An Estimate of the Character of the Great An Indianian's Inquiries—Improvement A Glance at the Care-r of the Democracy's Political Leader.

Young Candidate. of the Pavilton-Gearin's Chances-The Coming "Boom."

From our Occasional Correspondent.

PORTLAND April 22, 1888. A friend writes me from the good old State of Indiana, and wishes information about Oregon. He says nearly all the knowledge they get from the Pacific coast comes from California and Washington Territory. He wants to know which is the largest city, Portland or Ta-coma. He said one of the boys was in town the other day, and brought home a Tacoma paper, and from reading it you would come to the conclusion that Tacoma was a place where fortunes were easily made. The following is an extract from this letter:

"You will no doubt be surprised to get a letter from me, and to hear that I wish to ell out and go to the Pacific coast, but such is the case. My children all want to go. We are tired of cyclones and blizzards, and I can sell my property here for enough to buy us a nice home where the climate is not so cold. There are hundreds who want to go to the Pacific Coast besides." In his letter he asked me many questions, which denote great ignorance in regard to Oregon and its advantages. Among the questions asked are some quite laughable. He wanted to know what kind of people are those they call Mossbacks. I wrote him that Mossbacks were generally nice old gentlemen, who came to Oregon 25 or 30 years ago, who have plenty of money, and know precisely how to keep it. They came into possession of property when it was very cheap, and having the sagacity to hold on to it, which by the increase in value had made them rich, and still they hold it and do not care to improve it or sell it

at a reasonable rate. They are putting another story on the north wing of the mechanics' pavilion and making many changes on the inside; when completed it will be one of the most commodious buildings on the coast for the exhibition of the industries of the for the exhibition of the industries of the country. They are going to make the coming fair excel all previous ones in display and interest. They have given up building a new pavilion out in the suburbs of the city, having come to the conclusion that the present building being more central, will be better patronized, which I think is a sensible conclusion.

The more I see and the more I hear, the more I think Jno. M. Gearin is going to be our next congressman. The best

to be our next congressman. The best thing the Republican papers can do is to let Gearin's religion alone. I see some of them have been attacking him on that question. It only goes to show that they think their chances are desperate for the election of Hermann. Gearin's private character being unimpeachable, the pacharacter being unimpeachable, the papers think they must have something to say, so they are trying to get up a preju-dice against his religion. Let them keep it up; it will make votes for him.

The people of Portland are getting

waked up on the advertisement question, after so long a time. Nearly every paper in this city and correspondents to interior papers have been urging them to show to the world our advantages and resources, until all hopes of getting them to do any-thing have been despaired of; but at last they are going at it in earnest. Better ate than never.

My prediction that the street railway across the bridge to East Portland would be a paying investment has been verified. I understand the receipts have been as high as a hundred dollars a day. The company is going to try and get permission to run steam dummies on their road.

There is not the least doubt that we are on the eve of a great boom, which will eclipse the one in '83. A gentleman who resides in this city told me the other day he got a letter from his brother in San Diego, who writes him that the boom there had completely collapsed, and that hundreds were leaving, many of them pawning what little they had to get away The present outlook now is we will have a large immigration from California this summer.

Through the excitement of the advertisement question, the hotel enterprise seems to be lost sight of, but in its stead a new theater is the general topic of conversation, which we need about as bad as

We are having splendid weather; fruit trees are all out in bloom, and the air is full of fragrance from flowers, which are to be seen in every direction. Everything goes to show that Spring has come. The little swallows which have been gone to a more genial clime during the winter, have returned. The boy is at his usual corner of the street as the shades of evening draw near, playing on his French harp; the ladies have got their new spring hats, and are happy. The dude has cast off his winter suit and now promenades the streets in the latest Spring styles, and now everything is se-rene in the metropolis of the Northwest. W. B. S.

Good Sized Bustles.

It is said that a fashionable lady Canyon City, who, after making her toilet, left home for the purpose of mak-ing calls, had proceeded but a short distance when she discovered great merriment among the loungers upon the sidewalk. Not dreaming, however, that the fun was at her expense, she proceeded until she met a friend, who discov-ered that the lady's pet cat was perched upon her bustle. The cat is dead now, and the bustle has been reduced in size.

Indian Commissioner Atkins will soon retire to contest for the United States senatorship in Tennessee, against Senator Harris, who is also a candidate for reGEARIN FOR CONGRESS.

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Young Candidate. From the Portland Mercury (Rep.)

The Democratic party promised, before leaving here for Pendleton, to give us "the best in the shop," and it is quite evident they have done so in their selection of Hon. John M. Gearin, their can-didate for Congress. He is one of the "Native Sons of Oregon," born on the desert out of which have arisen such fair and beautiful young cities as l'endleton, Weston, Walla Walla and Arlington. He grew up in this city and read law with Mitchell & Dolph, then the leading law firm of the State. He has since been one of the hard-working lawyers in this city, and is professionally the peer of any man in this State, of his own age.

What he wants of this nomination for What he wants of this homenaces Congress, unless he thinks his chances for election better than those of his pre-decessors, we cannot imagine. Cur idea decessors, we cannot imagine. Cur idea is that Mr. Gearin will either be elected, or else that he will be defeated by a majority so small that Mr. Hermann will have nothing over which to exult. Myers took the nomination in 1882, looking to a federal appointment in the event of a Democratic President two years later, while Fenton and Butler belong to a certain class of politicians who regard a nomination for Congress as a compliment, even with the certainty of defeat staring

them in the face. Gearin is a man of different material. He is not looking for any federal appoint-ment, nor does he ask the nomination as an advertisement, to let the people of Oregon know there is such a lawyer in Portland as John M. Gearin. He would not risk the expense of a canvass of the State if he did not foresee a very fair chance for an election; and as he belongs to the tribe of Eli, it would not surprise us if he got there with both feet. Mr. Hermann has had the advantage of the vote of a majority party, hitherto, coupled with the fact that neither of his opponents were men capable of making an aggressive fight. This time he has struck a very different kind of an antagonist, and it would not astonish us if he were com-pelled, however reluctantly, to lower his flag.

How Does It Come?

From the Baker City Democrat,

The last issue of the Blade contains a labored article, evidently not written by the editor, Mr. Hursh, but a would-be statesman, in which the writer endeavors to convince the people that Judge Ramsey is not fit for circuit index. is not fit for circuit judge. We will con-cede that Judge Ramsey is not a reporter,

but we wish to say this:

If Judge Ramsey is not recognized by the members of the bar as one of the leading lawyers, why is it that such lawyers as Shelton, Baker, Eakin, Tustin, Balleray, Bailey, Hyde, Lawrence, and Holmes have always sent their briefs to Ramsey to argue in the Supreme Court whenever they were unable to attend in person?

Why was it that Ramsey was indorsed by almost all the attorneys for the ap-pointment of Judge when Walker was

appointed? Why did Balleray, Tustin, Bean, Ba-ker, Fakin, Holman and Parrish say they would favor the endorsement of Ramsey if the delegates would drop Clifford, Williams and Walker and take up Ramsey?

It is true that a few young practitioners do not regard Ramsey, or any one else, except themselves, as leading lawyers, but our attorneys of recognized ability say Ramsey is thoroughly qualified and is one of the best attorneys in Oregon.

Democrat can object to Ramsey, No Republican can say aught against him, and the leading members of the bar speak well of him.

A Deluded Bondeman

From the Dallas Itemizer. R. Kidder, a man 60 years old, living two miles south of Forest Cirove, went to Hillsboro last week and gave himself up to the sheriff to answer to a charge of criminally assaulting a girl of some 12 years of age, named Nissen. He was put under \$500 bonds for his appearance last Monday, County Clerk Morgan becoming surety on condition that Kidder deed to him a certain piece of property until the case should be disposed of. This Kidder promised to do, and the bonds were made

It now turns out that this same Kidder went home, and after deeding the pro-perty to his wife, skipped the country and is now nowhere to be found. When the deed was presented for record, Wednesday of this week, Morgan, after reading i of the room for the purpose of perusing the document a second time. This done he ordered his deputy, in a plaintif voice, to take the instrument and see that it was properly filed for record. The clerk then put on his hat and leisurely walked out of the office, remarking tha he would "get his money out of that pro-perty or bust trying." He had to punglover the \$500 all the same.

A Warning.

From the Portland Sunday Welcome. Rumors have reached this office of surreptitious attempt made by certain parties insidiously circulated on the "Rounds," throughout the State to injur the Democratic nominee for Congress We serve notice now on the parties er gaged in this trouble will come if it is no stopped. Those to whom this reference is directed will understand it. The poir is in the application.

The United States Senate was opene by prayer Tuesday by a Jewish Rably This is the second instance of the kind is is the second instance of the kind is the history of the country.