FRIDAY. CANDIDATES AND DELEGATES.

An impression seems to be generally gaining ground that none of the that no one man has a surpassing leading candidates will secure the preference so far, and that the feel-Republican nomination for president. It would be hard to define this feeling, or explain what it is directly based upon; but it prevails, nevertheless, and the shrewd observer does not fail to take account of it. Hence, we encounter of late numerous inquiries like the following, from the New York New "If Arthur cannot be nominated, whom does he favor? If Logan cannot be nominated, who is his Madidates. And if Blaine cannot be nominated, who will have his following? These are three inter-esting questions just now, and it is not probable that as yet more than one man knows the answer to each."

lies, and exemption from wrangling It appears to be assumed by the and mistake, lukewarmness and pos-Sun and there are many persons, sible mutiny; and to be safe in such we dare sny, of such a way of think ing-that the failure of these foremost candidates to secure the nomination will resolve the question into one of personal preference on their part as to whom they will help or perconvention at Portland last Wednesmit to gain the prize. But does that day is commended to the attention of necessarily or properly follow? Is those who wanted "to see what a Resuch a view of the situation either publican had to say about those reasonable or wholesome?

A national convention is a popular assembly, representing the masses of the party, and charged with the duty of making such nominations as will hard to beat geography as geometry be likely to prove most acceptable to the country and thus to best subserve the interests of the party. Because delegates go there pledged to or favoring a certain man for president, whom in the course of things they find it necessary to abandon there is certainly no obligation resting upon them to be guided by that man in the further disposition of tneir votes. To grant such a claim is to endorse the most glaring and pernicious form of bossism, and make
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The most that can fairly be urged us to the force and meaning of instructions is that they require a delegate to support a given man in good faith as long there shall look to be a chance for his success. Beyond that will load at Astoria direct for LONDON that invest no duty and exact no al. and will take salmon in lots to suit shippers. legiance. The candidate of the state or district once out of the race, he has no further legitimate claims upon the delegates who have voted for him. They are in honor and reason free to do as they please and vote for whom they choose, responsible only to their constituents. The fact that men have been commissioned to do all that lies in their power to secure the nomination of Mr. Arthur, or Mr. Blaine, or Mr. Logan, does not signify that finding it out of the question to accomplish such a nomination, they are expected to bunch themselves together like so many sheep for Mr. Arthur, or Mr. Blaine, or Mr. Logan to deliver to somebody else from individual motives of pique or resentment, or in consideration of promises of later advantage or preferment. Under such a condition the delegate would lose his identity, and the convention would forfeit its true character and become only a gathering of subjects and dependents, with the bosses in supreme command.

This applies not to what is due leading candidates alone, but also to what is right and reasonable in the cases of all candidates. The "favorite sons" are on deck this year, as usual-some confidently believing that the lightning is sure to miss the trees and strike the underbrush, but most of them simply expecting to bargain the votes of their supporters for a cabinet portfelio, a foreign mission, or some other rare and soft thing. In not a few instances it is treet what, Astoria, Allen & Lewis, Portland; J. L. STORY Tillamook. openly proclaimed that the "favorite son's" friends have no hope of his For Gray's Harbor nomination, and that he will be presented only as a matter of state pride and to insure a united delegation. Very well; if a state cares to compliment a citizen in that cheap and doubtful way, it is her right to do so. But when the "favorite son" gets his compliment, let him make his obeisauce and step into the background, leaving the delegates free to vote, not as he shall wish or contract to have them, but as they shall deem fittest and best, without any regard se For Freight or Passage apply to J. G. Hustler. to his personal interests. That is the sound theory, and any other is a vio-ROOMS 9. 10. 18. AND 14. IN ODD Fellows Building, for rent. Inquire at Case's Eank, or of A. J. MEGLER, Occident Hotel. lation of the first principles which should govern the actions of a body of men intrusted with a work as important as the selection of a presiden tial candidate for a great and entight-

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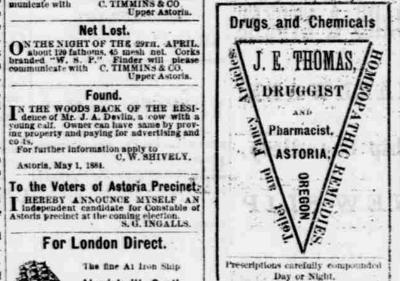
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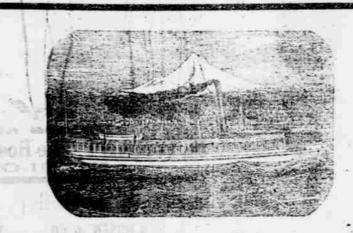
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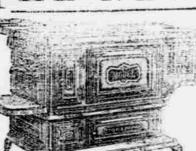
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