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Becher—Butler—Blaine—Cleveland—Schurz—Et Al.

What Our Eastern Friends are Saying and Doing.

PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 6.—The reception to Blaine by business men of this city at City hall to-night was a brilliant one. The hall was packed, the seats being removed and the audience standing, while the galleries were filled with ladies. Blaine held a reception in the mayor's office. At eight o'clock he was conducted to the platform, leaning on the arm of the Congressman Reid, and being received with great cheering. Reid, in a happy speech, presented the business men of Portland to Blaine, saying, jocularly, if he attempted to present them individually it would soon be apparent that Blaine was better acquainted with them than he. George Wood, as spokesman of the merchants, read an address to Blaine, signed by over 300 business men and firms of this city. The address, after expressing gratification that the citizens of Maine had been made the recipient of the presidential nomination, says: "Although we may not all be able to agree with you upon political questions, we have all had confidence in your integrity as a man, and your purity and ability as a statesman, and we are united in the conviction that should the people of the United States ratify the choice of your political associates, you will give the country an administration unrivaled in its wise solicitude and practical means for the promotion of all our material interests, for its pains-taking care, and for purification of all the public service."

BLAINE'S RESPONSE.—"Fellow citizens: I do not know how to express my sense of the great honor you pay me in this most cordial reception, all the more grateful because not tendered in a partisan spirit or for partisan advantages. For the business men of Portland I have, from personal knowledge, always entertained a profound respect. In our community has a higher standard of mercantile honor been maintained or more faultless commercial credit prevailed, than in your beautiful city, and the prosperity you enjoy is the legitimate fruit of comprehensive intelligence, industry and courageous enterprise. Though never a citizen of Portland, I was a resident among you for nearly three years, beginning in 1857 and ending in 1859. During that time I was editor of the Daily Advertiser, and was in constant intercourse with the business and professional men of the city. I recall no more pleasant period in my life. A quarter of a century has since elapsed, marked with events of world-wide importance, but the flight of years has not dimmed my appreciation of the friendships I then formed, nor of the great kindness I received in Portland. Were I to recall the long list of eminent men of both parties, now no more, whom I was then permitted to number among my friends, time would fail me. Introductions to Blaine followed, many gentlemen being presented. BECHER ON THE CHARGES AGAINST CLEVELAND. NEW YORK, August 6.—Becher here interviewed said: "A few days since I wrote a hurried and private letter to an old friend, in which I said, substantially, that if the charges against Cleveland were proved I should not support him. If he is such a man as this I am done. This letter was entirely private, and I am glad to find that it has been found their way into print, and have now suspended judgment, and am awaiting more light. You know that sometimes one gropes in darkness for a time, but the exercise of a little patience will generally show the way clearly. My astonishment at these charges made me determine to ascertain the exact truth. I had never heard a breath against Cleveland's moral character during the years he was mayor of Buffalo and during his gubernatorial canvass, and till a few weeks ago not a breath of scandal had reached me. As I have said, I am now simply waiting, and when I put down my foot it will not be to take it up again. I am no politician, but I am entitled to cast my vote according to the dictates of my best judgment. Cleveland seemed to be, in every way, worthy. When I have made up my mind as to the truth of these charges against him I will make my decision public, and not till then. I do not wish to give publicity to my process of mind, and when I speak it will be to some purpose. Relative to Becher's late serious illness, his wife said yesterday: "The truth of the matter is that worry and anxiety about this Cleveland scandal have been the main difficulty with Mr. Becher. It came upon him like a flash of lightning. He had always regarded Cleveland as a clean man, both politically and morally, and he was completely prostrated when he heard reports to the contrary. At first we would none of us listen to them, but soon such pressure was brought to bear upon Mr. Becher that the matter must be investigated."

CARL SCHURZ'S SPEECH. NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Carl Schurz's speech last night fills seven columns of the Times, he confirming his discussion, says that paper, to one salient point in a single phrase of Blaine's career, namely, his connection with the Little Rock railroad. After a two and a half hour's speech in this one effort to blacken Blaine's character, Schurz illustrated the fairness and value of his analysis by the following whitewash: "The scandalous stories recently circulated about Cleveland's private character have, to my knowledge, been inquired into by several parties, separately, by men of high standing in Buffalo, by a clerical gentleman on the editorial staff of the Independent, and by others, and the reports of all of them, as

they have come to me, based upon a conscientious study of the facts in the case, agree in pronouncing these stories monstrous calumnies on the man, which all recoil upon the inventors. The public will undoubtedly hear more from the investigators through the press. With this conviction I stand here speaking of Governor Cleveland." Nevertheless the Herald this morning follows in the wake of the Post last evening in admitting the truth of the Cleveland scandal. It says: "The story as told by the Post is true, and we print it for that reason. At the time Cleveland was candidate for governor this scandal made its appearance. We then investigated it and discovered the facts to be as the Post now reiterates. It will be well for Blaine, when his story comes out, it shall contain nothing worse."

SENATOR MILLER INTERVIEWED. NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—Senator Miller was seen this morning by a reporter, to whom he said: "The political outlook improves daily, not only in California but throughout the Union. Cleveland's public life does not tend to popularize him. He appears to be the friend of corporate power. Blaine's record undoubtedly shows him to be the friend of the laboring classes. I believe that under the responsibility of the presidential office Blaine would be conservative, yet have the courage to protect the rights of the people. As the Democrats fought against any increase for rebuilding our navy, I do not think we are in a position to make any very extravagant demand on any foreign power, and no one appreciates that fact more than Blaine. California Republicans are perfectly united, and were never more enthusiastic. California Democrats are not pleased with the selection of Cleveland and Hendricks. Logan is also very popular. The soldier element in California is much stronger than is generally supposed. A great many soldiers have settled there since the war. California wants protection, and many old-time Democrats are in favor of it. They will support our nominees. The action of the two Democratic congressmen from our state who did not vote against the Morrison bill will result in the election of Republican successors to Democratic representatives in at least three districts."

SPECIALS TO THE "PRESS." PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—The Press' Saratoga special says: "I had a two hours' interview with John Kelly this afternoon, and know that I state his position correctly when I say he has positively decided not to support Cleveland, but to turn his forces to Butler. A warm friend of Hendricks says that gentleman has become disgusted, speaking of the campaign, and he has gone so far as to express his regret that his name should have been coupled with that of the New York governor. I met the United States District Attorney McAllister of California yesterday. He assures me that Blaine will certainly carry California, Oregon and Nevada." "The Press' New York special says: "Senator Miller of California, who is here in conference with the national Republican committee, to-day expressed to me the utmost confidence in the result of the campaign in California, Oregon and Nevada. Two more acceptable candidates than Blaine and Logan could not have been named, so far as the Pacific slope is concerned. They will poll a surprisingly heavy vote there. Secretary Fessenden of the committee said this evening that the Republican national committee had decided not to touch the Cleveland scandal at all, but leave it to the Democratic newspapers and the clergy."

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 6.—The Express says: "The Independent procession has come to a halt. Some extracts which we print this morning give the reason for the unexpected change in the programme. Rev. Dr. Strong, president of the Rochester theological seminary, whose accession to the ranks of the bolters was heralded in every Democratic and Independent paper in the country, before proceeding further in advocacy of Cleveland's elevation to the presidency, and Col. Codman of Boston, whose zeal in behalf of a campaign run on moral issues was recently of such a roscate hue, think there is nothing for the Independents to do but to wait and find out where they stand. George Cook, a well known dry goods merchant of New York, addressed a letter to the chief of the Buffalo detective bureau, who formerly served with him in the army, inclosing the scandal about Cleveland. In reply he received a letter, stating: "In regard to the slip you enclosed me it has not nor cannot be contradicted. As to its truth you can rely on every word, and not half has been told that might have been."

THE SITUATION IN MINNESOTA. WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—W. R. Blakeley, a prominent Republican politician of Minnesota who is at present in this city, said to-day that he did not think the Republicans would suffer any loss in the west. There is some discontent, he says, among the German liquor element, but it does not amount to anything. It is too small to be felt in the congressional contest. He thinks the Republicans will make

great gains. The fourth district in the state, he says, is the only one in which things are in any way mixed. The free trade element in the state, he says, is exaggerated. The majority of the people are opposed to free trade. Those in favor of it are only the traders and millers, who want to bring in Canadian wheat free of duty and have a Canadian market for their wares. These, he said, are necessarily very few, and are violently opposed by the farmers. He says Blaine's nomination was received with favor, all the opposition to him of four years ago having died out.

CAN'T STAND CLEVELAND'S RECORD. BOSTON, Aug. 6.—The Journal this morning prints a note from President Secley of Amherst college, one of the most prominent and influential men in the independent movement, which says: "I have advocated laying down certain principles on which it has seemed to me important to take our stand. I have thus far neither advocated nor opposed any particular candidate, but if the charges concerning Cleveland are true I do not see how the man, or how a party with any pretensions of decency can keep such a man in nomination. To affirm that the offenses are not venial, because they have not been haunted in the face of the public, or to argue that since they affect only the candidate's private life they are no bar to his election to high public office, indicates to me, in my opinion, a shocking debauchery of moral sentiment."

BUTLER ANNOUNCES THAT HE WILL RUN. BOSTON, Aug. 6.—The following letter is self-explanatory: Hon. Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun.—DEAR SIR: As a means of reaching more quarters than I can do in any other way, I write you this note for such use as you choose to make of it. Answer: I do intend to stand by my nominations for the grocer and laboring men and anti-monopolists, and I hope everybody will vote for me who thinks that it is the best thing to do. I will give reasons to the public as soon as I can have the benefit of Mr. Cleveland's letter of acceptance, that where I disagree with him I may do him no injustice.

Very truly, your friend and servant, BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT. CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—The following will be sent on to-morrow to each member of the national anti-monopoly committee: HEADS: NAT'L ANTI-MONOPOLY COM. CHICAGO, Aug. 7.

DEAR SIR:—Under instructions from the convention of May 14th, it becomes the duty of the national committee to select a candidate for vice president of the United States. For this purpose, and for the transaction of other important business, the members of our committee are hereby notified to meet at the headquarters in the Briggs house, Chicago, at 11 A. M., Saturday, August 16, 1884. You are earnestly urged to be present. B. F. SHIPLEY, Sec. JOHN F. HENRY, Chairman.

EX-REPRESENTATIVE PAGE. WASHINGTON, Aug. 6.—Ex-Representative Page, of California, will leave here about the 29th inst. for his state, to take an active part in the campaign for Blaine and Logan. He said to-day, "I am from New York. I cannot tell how that state is going. The independent element in that state, both Democratic and Republican, is a matter that must be considered somewhat important." "How is the Pacific coast?" "Oh, the coast is all right. It will be for Blaine and Logan, beyond a doubt. The true Americans intend, anyway, to take charge of this country."

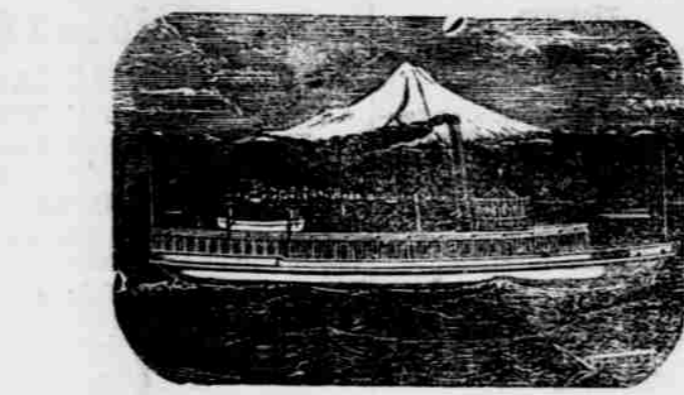
THE FARMERS FOR PROTECTION. NEW YORK, Aug. 6.—News comes from Kansas and other states where the wheat industry has been almost destroyed by the low tariff, that farmers are up in arms and will immediately work against the Democratic party, being deeply affronted by insults offered their representatives by the platform of the Democratic national committee, Morrison, spokesman of the coalition, not even being willing to accord them a respectable hearing.

THE AMERICAN POLITICAL ALLIANCE. BOSTON, Aug. 6.—The national executive committee of the American political alliance, in secret session yesterday, ordered all councils in the United States to make nominations for president and vice president of the United States. These nominations will be forwarded to state councils, which they will be audited and submitted to the national council, which will hold a convention with open doors September 5th, and announce their candidates.

CLEVELAND'S MOVEMENTS. ALBANY, Aug. 6.—Gov. Cleveland leaves Albany to-morrow afternoon for Upper Saranac lake, in the Adirondacks, where he will probably pass a two weeks' vacation. The governor states that all rumors concerning his letter of acceptance are without foundation. The governor received a deputation of French-Canadians, residents of the United States, who are holding a convention.

LOGAN MAY VISIT THE COAST. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 6.—It is stated that Gen. Logan will be invited to make a campaign speech in this city. The time will probably be arranged so as to have him speak on the evening of the opening of the Republican wigwag, now in course of construction.

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