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CURRENT TOPICS.

THE village of Hammonton, on the Camden & Atlantic Railway, New Jersey, is greatly excited over the discovery of the bodies of twenty-one children buried in a small plot of ground attached to the Sanitarium, called the Wivison Home, under the supervision of Miss S. S. Wivison, a middle-aged woman. The coroner's jury found that the children died from natural causes, aggravated by neglect by Miss Wivison, of improper sanitary arrangements, and the gross incompetency of nurses.

A SPECIAL from Clarksville, Tenn., reports the discovery of a band of outlaws who have been depredating for fifteen years in Montgomery county. The chief was Ransom Morrow, a prominent farmer, 60 years old, living fifteen miles from town. Two of the gang are under arrest and have made full confession. They give particulars of nearly a dozen horrible murders, while the accounts of robberies, arson and other crimes would fill a book. The gang made its headquarters at a big cave, which, 700 yards from its entrance, ends in a precipice known as "Hell's Hole."

THE Coleman Asbury post, G. A. R., of Ohio has sent to congress a remonstrance against pensioning Gen. Grant. The memorial says that Grant received $300,000 while President and now enjoys an income of $15,000 a year given him by the rich men of the country. To further pension him would be an insult to the widows of broken hearts and half hours. All efforts to resuscitate are unavailing.

The cut-throats are paying have with corn in St. Joseph county.

A miserable brute, driven to beat his only mother, child of a lunatic, Montcalm county, and then to settle his sires almost smothered in a bed of hot ashes, was lynched by the citizens to look him out of the lock up, tarred and feathered and run out of town.

Patrick Fallon, an old and wealthy farmer of Blackman township, Jackson county, was attacked by some of the Kearney Boyle party, Sunday last, and beaten senseless, and left in the road for dead. The object of the attack is unknown.

While in bathing October day near Owosso, Shiawassee county, Mr. Lyons and Miss Grames, and before assistance could reach him he drowned.

While a railroad section meeting was being held in Scurvis the other evening a young man named Wm. Gale was killed by the bursting of an exploding followed. Several persons standing near were badly burned.

Mrs. Wilson, a Delaware woman, sent to the Detroit House of Correction for 18 months, for slowly killing her little adopted child, the third day after her arrival, from the effects of long continued indulgence in the opium habit.

The officers of the Ann Arbor and Toledo Guidebook and liberalists are arranging to hold their sixth annual camp meeting on the Ann Arbor fairgrounds, commencing Friday, July 30 to August 4. This location was purchased by the association for the liberalists with a view of making it a central point of gathering for people of the northern and the northwest who are that way of thinking. It is said to be a very attractive place.

The Jackson county Democratic caucus, in convention assembled, declared for Tilden for president and Bridge for governor.

Fire started in the lumber yard of Fowler Bros. in the township of Marion, Saginaw county early in the morning of July 4, and could be brought under control, lumber to the value of $4,000 was destroyed. The mill was there narrowly escaped. The property was insured for $4,000 in the following companies: Commercial Union, Office of Phoenix, Hartford and Queen, $1,000 each, Hamburg, Bremen, and Germania, $500 each, $2,500, and $1,000 to a company not learned.

The new sawblock of the Potts salt and lumber company at Oscoda, is now in full operation. It will probably be fully completed by the 1st of July. It is 120x37 ft. and will have a capacity of 250 barrels per day.

The Youth's Christian Association in Michigan will hold a camp meeting at Ionia, July 13 and 16. The organizations are much like the Y. M. C. A., except that they embrace both sexes.

Reported in Washington that Michigan Democrats give heavy support to Cleveland and Carlisle.

Snow fell to the depth of one-half inch in Tecumseh and Hillsdale polls in southern Michigan on the 9th inst.

West Bay City will boast itself to the amount of $250,000 for the purpose of public improvements.

The amount of cut disposed of in Michigan for the expired portion of the inspection year of 1884, which begins in December, is 1,019,914 barrels against 916,200 for the same period last year.

James H. Mazie, prominently identified with Michigan politics for many years, died in Grand Rapids on the 9th inst.

Edward Thayer, a prominent attorney of Flint, is dead.

Great excitement prevails at Walled Lake, Oakland county, Michigan, in consequence of the lake of a huge reptile, said to be the largest ever seen in that vicinity. This monster was first seen by Jas. Murphy, who lives near the lake. He says, and his friends entertain no doubt as to the truthfulness of his story, that this snake measured, according to his calculation, no less than 35ft in length, and is seemingly about 10 inches in diameter. Hundreds of curious people are daily seen on the shore searching in lake waters for the frequent appearance of this huge reptile. A correspondent says the quality of the liquor used at Walled Lake are now in order.

STRAY SHAWS.

John C. Enos, the missing New York banker, was arrested the other day on board the steamship Vanderbilt, just as she was leaving Quebec for Liverpool.

Two hundred horses were burned to death in the burning of a tramway company's stables in Glasgow, Scotland.

The recent dynamite explosion in London proves to have been worse than at first reported.

A fishing schooner was wrecked off New foundland a few days ago, and it lives lost.

The Bakers family terrorized that all the dynamite plots are hatched in the United States.

Cleveland and McDonald is the latest combination of the Democrats.

The production of precious metals for 1884 South amounted to $20,000,000. Gold and silver $5,000,000.

Henry O'Connor, the well-known weather prophet, died in Newark, Ohio, recently, aged 48.

President Arthur has 180 pair of pants.

Harper's Weekly tooks the Chicago nomination.

Preparations are in progress for the National Democratic Convention to be held in Chicago.

Gen. Grant's share of the firm of Ward & Co. $20,000 for the rescue of her brother.

Emperor William laid the corner stone of a new state house in Berlin the 9th inst.

The committee of notification will carry the news to Blaine, June 20, thence to Logan.

Great damage to crops, caused by various towns in Vermont has been caused by heavy floods within the past few days.

It is reported that Farmer was captured May 30, that the governor and family remained faithful to the Egyptian cause, and that the garrison and Europeans were massacred by the rebels shortly after the surrender.

Nevada delegates to the Democratic convention are pledged for Tilden and Hendricks.

Eleven persons were drowned in Helena, M. T., the result of the bursting of a ferry boat cable.

The News, a Republican paper of Wilmington, Del., folds the Blaine ticket.

About seven acres of land over a mine near Wheeling, Va., caved in the other day, wrecking houses and seriously injuring many people.

NEWS NOTES

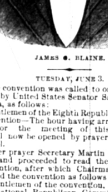
DISTRESS IN LOUISIANA:

Advices from the northwest parishes of this state report a distressing state of affairs caused by the recent floods. Whites and blacks are alike suffering, and many are in place bordering on starvation. Cases are related of ladies subsisting on crawfish and meat. The bill country is overrun with refugees who can not obtain work there. No advances can be made to them, and the cry is that relief would enlarge the prospect of securing what crops may be left.

BLAINE AND LOGAN.

The "Plumed Knight" Nominated on the Fourth Ballot.

Joh A Logan for Vice-President.



JAMES G. BLAINE.

TUESDAY, JUNE 3.

The convention was called to order at 12 p. m. by United States Senator Dorsey of Minnesota, as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE Eighth Republican National Convention—The hour having arrived appointed for the assembling of this convention, it will now be opened by prayer by Rev. Bristol.

After prayer Secretary Martin stepped forward and proceeded to read the call for the convention, after which Chairman Sabin addressed the convention as follows:

GENTLEMEN OF THE convention, on behalf of the National Republican Committee, permit me to welcome you to Chicago. As chairman of that committee it is both my duty and pleasure to call you to order as a National Republican Convention. This city, already known as the city of conventions, is among the most celebrated of all the places of our country sacred to the memories of a Republican. It is the birthplace of Republican victory. On these fields of battle, in the early days, Republican political faith, and planned the great battle for the preservation of the Union. (Applause.) Here they chose that immortal chief that led us to victory—Abraham Lincoln. (Applause.) Here was gathered in council the gifted men who secured the fruits of that victory. Here they met again to renew the first place in the nation the foremost Republican of the nineteenth century, (Grant. [Loud applause.] Here was afterwards assembled the Republican party to anticipate the wish of the nation by nominating as the color bearer of the party that honored statesman, that unsullied and that representative American, James A. Garfield. [Loud applause.]

Every deliberation of the Republican forces on this historic ground has been followed by signal victory for the cause of union, and has carried forward our line of battle, until to-day our forces are in sight of the walls of the enemy. Indeed, so secure now is the liberty of the Union, and so well imbedded in the Constitution and laws of the land, the safeguards of individual liberty, so fairly and fully achieved, that it is generally conceded by our brave foes that for the new disposition of the party forces, conservatism is the line of operation. Having compassed the defeat of our opponents on all former occasions, the party is about to set forth in good order and take counsel as to the direction and management of its future campaigns. The comparative lull of party strife which distinguishes the present condition of Republican politics, there is discernible an increasing disposition to look after the men who are to execute and the methods that are to govern the execution of the powers committed to the hands of the management of the affairs of the republic.

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On this consideration may be grounded a hope that the voice of the people (applause) that has resounded from this hall, felt in making the work you are assembled to perform, so that its results may be such as to win the hesitating and undeviating support of every lover of those principles by which the party has been distinguished in its long and glorious training. (Applause.) When we consider the memories of the past, so intimately connected with this city, and even with this edifice, which the people of Chicago have so generously placed at your disposal, and the perfect joy with which seated concern among all people in the result of your deliberations, and the sincere interests to the abandonment of personal ambitions in the interest of the party, we have not to wonder that the committee and beyond it the great Republican masses extend you a most hearty welcome to this scene of labor, the constant hope that your efforts will result in such a set of principles and such doctrine and disclose such a just appreciation of Republican ness the country will be fully prepared to rejoice the hearts of your constituents, and keep victory on the side of your ever victorious banner.

In conclusion, at the request of the National Republican committee, I have to propose to you as temporary chairman of this convention the Hon. Powell Clayton, of Arkansas. [Loud applause.]

Mr. D. dice of Massachusetts, at once sprang to his feet and said: I rise to second the motion the claims of the Republicans of the South, and, in recognition of their claim moved, that the name of Hon. Lynch of Mississippi be substituted. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Rice of New York. Then followed a long and animated discussion, at the close of which the chairman directed a roll call of the states, which, when it was concluded, Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts said: Mr. Hoar of that state cast the vote of Massachusetts for Gen. Clayton, the other one delegate voting for Lynch.

When the result of the vote was announced it was found that the whole number of votes cast was 818, of which Clayton received 411, Jno. R. Lynch 431. The election of Mr. Lynch was made unanimous, and that gentleman was called to the chair and spoke as follows:

Gentleman of the Convention—I feel that I ought not to say that I thank you for the distinguished honor that you have conferred upon me, for I do not. Nevertheless, from the standpoint that my party should fail to respond to the country's call, and that I be the member of his party should fail to comply with the demand of his party, I feel a reluctance to your decision and assume the duties of the position to which you have assigned me. Every member of this convention who approached me on this subject within the last few hours knows that I have never was neither expected nor desired by me. If, therefore, there is any thing in my bearing to prevent my turning to my home with an unmixed pleasure at the fact that I have been the recipient of this convention's loyal and liberal support, whenever they may be [Cheers.] I am satisfied in my own mind that I can do no less than the people of this country our action will be hailed, because I feel that the people of this country will never consent to have political power gain the ascendency in this government whose tendency is to place in a fraudulent ballot and on violence at the polls. (Applause.) I am satisfied that the people of this country are too loyal to the law a man to be elected President of the United States who, title to the position is brought into dispute. I am satisfied that the American people will ratify our action because they will never consent to have a revenue system like all unrepublican system that will not only raise the necessary revenue for government, but will also be sufficient to protect every American citizen in his business [Cheers.] I thank you for the honor you have conferred me.

The appointing of temporary secretaries and the committee on credentials and rule and order of business followed next in order.

The question of the credentials of Arkansas next brought up in the form of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the subject of the revised apportionment of delegates to future national conventions and of the rules and credentials of members of the National Committee be referred to the Committee on Apportionment of Business with leave to report at any time before the ballot for President.

After a second had been made the resolution was discussed at length, and finally passed.

A memorial by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, asking for a prohibitory amendment to the national constitution was received and referred to the committee on rules.

Colonel W. [Jesse] of New York presented the following which was referred by the committee on resolutions:

Resolved, That the committee on resolutions are hereby directed to give a hearing to a committee appointed by the Irish national league of America to present a memorial to this convention on the subject of the ownership of real estate in the United States by foreigners.

At this point the convention adjourned until Wednesday at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

All was hustle and excitement when Chairman Lynch called the convention to order about 11 o'clock. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Burrows of the First Presbyterian church of Chicago, Mr. McGary of Maryland presented a memorial of the state convention of that state, which was referred to the committee on resolutions. Mr. Massey of Delaware presented a resolution asking for an amendment to the federal constitution enlarging in term of the president and vice-president and rendering the incumbent of that office ineligible to succeed himself, which was referred.

An effort was made to have a resolution adopted that the Chicago Tribune be asked to support the nominee of the convention when he may be. The resolution met with great opposition, and after a long discussion, in which its opponents to make some of the most telling speeches of the entire convention, the chair George William Curtis of New York arose, and the resolution was withdrawn. Mr. Curtis said:

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONVENTION—A Republican and a freeman I came into this convention; a Republican I shall go out a Republican and a freeman I will go out of this convention. [Cheers.] Twenty years ago I was here in Chicago. [Applause.] Two years ago I took part with the men of this country who nominated for the second time the most illustrious name in the Republican party and the brightest name in history. Gentlemen, he was the great emancipator. [Cheers and cries of "Good!"] Now, in that convention, sir, a resolution was offered to the effect of the platform. It introduced into that platform certain words that implied a doubt and dependence. The man was voted down in that convention. I was a delegate from New York from his seat and was passing out of the convention, as he went to pass my chair I reached out my hand and said, "Sir, I am known to him." I said: "Sir, where are you going?" He said to me, "I am going out of the convention, for I find there is no place in the Republican party for men who are slavery man like me." Well gentlemen after that he stopped and again took the seat, and before the convention was dissolved he was carried in triumph to his word, so deed, no, no, should we, no, no, should we, in that convention that in the slightest degree reflected on the honor of the man who for the first time took part in that convention and upon their shoulders he carried him. [Applause.] The gentleman who was last upon the floor I have any one upon this floor to vote against the resolution. I, sir, am a Republican, and the presentation of such a resolution in such a convention is a disgrace to the Republican party man who stands here. This question is not a new question. Precisely the same motion was brought up at the last convention by a man from West Virginia. I honor his name, I honor that man, sir, he was a soldier of the Union and the face of all this concourse, this man from West Virginia, sir, he is a Republican who carries his sovereignty under his own law. [Loud applause. Now, Mr. Chairman, Mr. Caughey, in the last convention, the wise reflection, the advice brought to the Republican party, and, sir, under the lead of that great immortal leader of the Republican party, the great statesman of Ohio [applause], under the lead of Garfield I rushed to the Pacific from California that the convention, taking advice, adopted the resolution who presented the resolution to which I have the honor to address the chair, and, sir, the convention. Now, sir, in the light of the action of the last Republican convention, in the first convention of which I have known in which we were in the midst of the war and leaders, I ask this convention, mindful of all that we have done, mindful of the great work of the Republican party, mindful of our action, I beg you, I beg you, I beg you