

REPUBLICANS MEET

TO NOMINATE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES.

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Before the Convention assembled, immense crowds visited the grand hall in which the National Republican Convention were to meet to choose a presidential candidate. At the apex in front of the chairman's desk was a gilded American eagle, and beneath it a portrait of Washington. On the right of the chairman's desk was a plaster bust of Gen. John A. Logan, in heroic size, draped with an American flag. Hanging from one of the boxes at the right was a large painting of Logan's charge at the battle of Atlanta. On the face of the north and south walls of the auditorium, framed in festoons of large American flags and surrounded by a circle of electric stars, were portraits of Lincoln and Grant, the designs being mammoth in proportion, and form two of the most striking details of the decorations. Flashing its parti-colored brilliancy full into the face of the audience and delegates, was a pendulum American shield, formed of different colored electric lamps. This shield, its horizon of stars, its stripes of the Union, are all pictured out and put in a basso relief of light by flashing jets through red, white and blue globes. At points of exit and entrance to the hall, which dip like great wells into the auditorium, are the nation's standards, planted at either side and draped so as to hide the rough boards which form the staircases of these avenues to the convention, of which there are sufficient to empty the place in case of accident, in three minutes.

The Boston club planted its magnificent banner, five feet long, just behind the stage and it proudly floated, bearing in letters of gold upon a field of blue, the sentiments which appear to be uppermost in the minds of the delegates. The banner is inscribed: "Home Market Club of Boston. American ways for American workmen. American markets for the American people. Protection for American homes." This banner is marked by the delegates as they come into the hall, and by spectators as they gather in the galleries and balconies. It was cheered time after time.

The arrangement of delegates' seats was made in alphabetical order, beginning with Alabama, on the extreme right aisle, through the two big states of New York and Pennsylvania together on the front, facing Washington's portrait on a panel of the chairman's platform. The Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Alabama, Arizona and Dakota delegations had front seats. The Ohio delegation was directly back of the New York seats, while Missouri, Iowa and Illinois are on the main aisle near the center of the space reserved for the delegates. The space reserved for the District Columbia delegation, was designated by a white banner, marked in black letters. This is a conspicuous departure from the general plan of voting delegations, the situation of all others being designated by a blue silk banner, lettered in gold. A significant view was the open space of empty seats in the Virginia delegation.

The doors were not opened until all of the interior arrangements were completed and the crowd was kept waiting until two large bouquets of cut flowers and a floral shield were being nailed upon the chairman's desk, which bears in Greek letters this inscription: "James A. Garfield was nominated from this desk in 1880 and James G. Blaine was nominated from this desk in 1884."

Chairman Jones, of the national committee, came upon the platform just before the convention was called to order and brought with him two handsome oak gavels, one merely polished and intended for hard pounding. The other is a more pretentious affair, intended as a gift to the temporary chairman, is richly chased in gold, and has engraved upon its several gold bands the names of Washington, Lafayette, Grant, Lincoln, Garfield and Logan. Precisely at 12:30, on Tuesday, the gavel of Chairman Jones, of the National Republican Committee, sounded sharply upon the mahogany desk, and the Republican Convention of 1888 was formally opened. The hum of conversation ceased throughout the vast auditorium, and the buzz of expectation gave place to the impressive silence as the chairman introduced Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus, of Plymouth Congregational Church of Chicago, who opened the proceedings with prayer. At the conclusion of the prayer, Chairman Jones announced that the secretary, Mr. Fessenden, of the national committee, would read the call for the convention issued by the national committee.

Mr. Jones made an address, and Mr. Thurston, the temporary chairman, then announced a long list of secretaries, assistants secretaries, sergeants-at-arms, etc., for temporary organization. After the reading of the list of officers was completed, the bands struck up a medley of national air, which was warmly received by the audience, and as the air turned into "Marching Through Georgia," the assemblage caught up the refrain and the chorus of many voices resounding throughout the hall. Gen. Fremont was presented to the convention, Fred Douglass made a speech, bouquets were presented to Miss Rachel Sherman, daughter of the Gen. Sherman, and Mr. Thurston, the wife of the temporary chairman of the Convention.

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Precisely at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning, the pupils in all the male public schools in the city raised their eyes in pleased astonishment as a blue-coated and brass-buttoned policeman entered the school. The entrance of an officer in a school-room always causes a ripple of excitement. The astonishment would have been far greater had it been known in each school that at the same moment an officer of the law was just opening the door of every other public school. Of course, each boy was wondering what other boy was the special object of the officer's coming, and there was a general surprise when it was eventually discovered that every boy in the school was to be subjected—as to his pockets and desk—to official inspection. By a preconcerted arrangement between the school authorities and the Police Department an officer was detailed to visit every public school at the same hour. The object of the move was to make a search for pistols, slings, missiles, and such other weapons as are forbidden in the schools. There have been quite a number of cases in which trouble has been caused by such weapons in possession of school boys, and the authorities have been fully impressed with the constant danger in which large numbers of scholars are daily placed by the practice. Teachers have been very watchful in the matter, and boys carrying pistols have been severely punished when discovered. There was some uncertainty as to the extent to which the practice prevailed among the schools. Some were under the impression that the practice of carrying pistols and slings prevailed very largely, especially in the southwestern part of the city. The investigation, however, did not pan out very much. Very few pistols were found, though the search was thoroughly made. Only two or three pistols, so far as known, were confiscated. One of the colored schools contributed a razor blade, a sling, and a slingshot.—Baltimore American.

FLORIDA.
California vineyardists anticipate much trouble from vine disease. Phylloxera is gaining ground, and another disease, root rot, has appeared to assist in the work of destruction. This new rot is well known in Southern France and also on the Mediterranean. It exists only on low lands and in fields whose cultivation has been neglected.

STANLEY IS DEAD.
Advices from Zanzibar to the Paris Journal Dobets says: "There is little doubt but that Stanley is dead. The families of persons who accompanied the expedition have worn mourning for several weeks. It is believed that Tippu Tib has taken revenge for Stanley's having thwarted him in his efforts to continue the slave traffic."

WHO WON THE PRIZES.
General Carnahan received the report of the awards of prizes to the Knights of Pythias in Cincinnati, Ohio, on Monday as follows: Hastings, Mich., first; Kokomo, Ind., second; Terre Haute, Ind., third; Fort Dearborn, Chicago, fourth; Lochiel, Elgin, Ill., fifth; Miami, of Toledo, Ohio, sixth.

SOUTHERN SPRAYS.

INTERESTING FACTS BRIEFED FOR BUSY HUMANITY.

MOVEMENTS IN RELIGIOUS, TEMPERANCE, MASONIC AND SOCIAL CIRCLES—FIRES, ACCIDENTS—INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

Alabama.
John Allen, a miner, at Henry Ellen Mines, fifteen miles from Birmingham, suicided on Monday by taking six ounces of laudanum. Allen's suicide was an account of his mother-in-law. One furnace at the new town of Sheffield, at the foot of Mussel shoals, in the northern edge of Alabama, is in blast and doing well; another is to be started July 4th, and three more by the first or middle of September, provided raw materials for them can be procured.

Georgia.
Stone Mountain and the country round about is suffering from the deprivations of a gang of burglars. Half a dozen houses were entered in one night. J. H. Eddins, of Cleveland, S. C., formerly a policeman in Atlanta, went to Atlanta to be treated for a throat trouble, and dropped dead in a drug store. Citizens of Marietta are rejoicing over the success of Mr. Clements in securing an appropriation from Congress of \$5,000 for the street running from the public square to the National cemetery. Ten thousand persons from four counties, assembled at Palmyra, Lee county, Sunday, to witness the baptism of converts in Fowlton creek, by the noted colored preacher, Wallis Warren, who numbers his followers by thousands, and his baptisms by hundreds. Rev. William Coolson, a prominent Baptist preacher, of Paulding county, was found dead in the woods near his residence, at Villa Rica, on Tuesday. He walked over to the postoffice after his mail, and took his gun. He was found on his face dead, the gun beside him. The jury of inquest held an investigation, and after examination, decided that the cause was heart disease. An accident occurred on the Macon & Covington Railroad. Five negroes, belonging to Powell & Davenport camp, were excavating a cut, when the whole embankment suddenly, and without warning fell upon the laborers, burying them beneath the enormous weight. A squad of workmen in the neighborhood rushed to the rescue, and succeeded in digging the unfortunate men from their perilous position before any of them were dead.

Kentucky.
A freight train on the Newport News & Mississippi valley Railroad went through the bridge over Green River, at Rockport, on Sunday. Lum Coleman, a brakeman, was killed, Engineer P. Carroll, Conductor J. C. Compton, and J. G. Love, yardmaster at Central City, were seriously hurt, but may recover. At a meeting of the executive committee of the State Horticultural Society held at Raleigh, it was decided to hold the next state fruit fair in that city on the 8th and 9th of August next. The formal opening of the Sea Coast Railroad, connecting Wilmington with the Ocean Beach at Wrightville, took place in the presence of over 1,000 persons. The silver spike was driven by President Latimer. The road is of great importance to Wilmington. The crop report for June, as made up from the reports of a thousand correspondents in every county in the state, is as follows, one hundred being taken as the estimate of a full crop: Wheat, 83; oats, 91 1-7; corn 87; cotton, 78 3-4; tobacco, 82 5-6; rice, 93 1-7; sorghum, 80 1-8; apples, 66 1-4; peaches 66; hay, 95; clover, 90; peanuts, 86.

South Carolina.
The King's Daughters, of Charleston, are doing a great deal of effective work among the deserving poor. Fire at Yorkville, on Sunday morning destroyed the dry goods store of T. M. Dobson & Son, and gutted two brick buildings used as stores. The total loss is about \$30,000. W. E. Sawyer, a prominent citizen of Aiken county, committed suicide on Wednesday night. His dead body was found hanging by a rope from a joist in an outbuilding on his own premises. He had been in very bad health for some time. Much excitement exists at Union in consequence of the discovery of an attempt to fire a portion of the town. Coming immediately upon the recent destructive conflagration there, it excites the belief that a systematic purpose exists to destroy the village.

Virginia.
The bodies of Charles Mayo, a telegraph operator, and Lee Makely, fireman on a train which was wrecked near Pope's Head Run, were found buried beneath the engine. The list of dead so far as ascertained at this time, is as follows: Dead—Edward Hantzman, engineer; Lee Makely, fireman; Charles Mayo, telegraph operator, and H. T. Post, baggage-master. A passenger train ran into a freight train on the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac Railroad, near Hungary Station, on Saturday, resulting in wrecking a number of freight cars. Engineer Bowen, A. G. Berkeimer, mail agent from Wilmington, N. C., and Charles Tinsley, colored fireman, jumped from the passenger train. Bowen was slightly scratched, Berkeimer's thigh was broken and Tinsley was injured internally, probably seriously.

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TERRIBLE AFFAIR.
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