

COMING TO THE TEST

Pearson-Crawford Contest to Come Up Wednesday

THE RESULT IN DOUBT

Senator Pritchard and Colonel Andrews Urge the President to Visit Charlotte-Colored Republicans Feared Slighted-Colonel Dick and the Middle-of-the-Roaders - Senator Butler Offer for Sioux Falls

By JOHN BOYLE

Washington, May 5.—Special.—The Pearson-Crawford contested election case will be called up in the House next Wednesday by Chairman Messick of Election Committee No. 3. This decision was reached this morning after Mr. Pearson had consulted with the Republican members of the committee and several leading Republicans on the floor. Mr. Messick then consulted with the Speaker, who said he would recognize him Wednesday for that purpose.

Immediately that decision was reached telegrams were sent to absent Republican members urging them to return at once or be paired on the case. Every effort was made to keep the fact of the case going to be called up from Mr. Crawford and his friends, but they soon found out what was going on and they also sent for absent Democrats to return at once.

Mr. Pearson used as a lever to have his case called up at this time the resolution adopted by the Republican State Convention which has just adjourned. He had copies of it and circulated them about the floor, showing first one of the resolutions and then another. He succeeded in working up some sentiment on this score. He did not succeed, it is said, in convincing Mr. Driscoll of New York that he (Pearson) should be seated. Mr. Driscoll, it will be recalled, declined to sign the majority report in favor of Pearson. Neither has he signed the minority report in favor of Crawford.

Mr. Crawford is in a better position now than he would have been in a few weeks ago. Within a week or so the Democratic strength has been increased two votes—Mr. Lassiter of Virginia succeeding Mr. Epps, dead; and Mr. King of Utah, Mr. Roberts, who was expelled. In a close contest as this case promises to be, two votes count. No prediction can be positively made as to the outcome. If the Republican strength is present Mr. Crawford will probably lose; if not he will certainly win. Both sides are putting forth their best efforts to have full party representation.

Senator Pritchard and Colonel Andrews, Vice-President of the Southern Railway, saw the President to press him for an acceptance of the invitation recently extended to visit Charlotte, N. C., May 22, to attend the exercises in celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The President said that he would give a definite answer in a few days. Owing to having accepted invitations to go to Frederickburg May 25 and to Antietam May 30, the President may find it impossible to do so.

Senator Pritchard spoke to the President of the North Carolina Republican State Convention of a few days ago. It is said that the colored Republicans feel offended because some representative of their race was not elected a delegate-at-large to the National Convention. The understanding was that H. P. Cheatnam, Recorder of Deeds of the District, should be the colored representative in the "Big Four."

Representative Charles E. W. Dick, chairman of the Ohio State Republican Committee and secretary of the Republican National Committee, left Washington last night for Cincinnati on a political mission of far-reaching importance. Ostensibly the object of his trip is to induce George B. Cox, the Republican boss of Hamilton county (Cincinnati) to withdraw from the contest for member of the National Committee for Ohio to succeed Charles L. Kurtz. Colonel Dick is slated by Mr. Hanna and the administration for the place now held by Kurtz.

It is known, however, that the chief object of Colonel Dick's journey to Cincinnati at this time is to confer with the advance guard of the middle-of-the-road Populists, who will hold their national convention in that city next Wednesday. It is an open secret that for a month or more agents of the middle-of-the-roaders have been scouring the country drumming up a big attendance for their convention next week and that these agents have been offering free transportation and all expenses at Cincinnati to those who will go to the convention as delegates. That the money for this purpose is being provided by Mr. Hanna is asserted with positiveness by Senators Pettigrew, Allen and Butler. Colonel Dick, it is alleged, has been sent to Cincinnati to see to it that the middle-of-the-road convention does what is expected of it by the Republican machine managers. He has already earned a reputation as a manipulator of Populist conventions.

Tacoma, Wash., May 5.—After robbing five passengers on a Northern Pacific local freight train near North Yakama last night, six highwaymen compelled their victims to jump off a swiftly moving train. The robbers secured watches, rings and nearly \$300. Fred Booker and John Sherman were shot, but will recover. The passengers walked to Ross station and wired Sheriff Tucker at Yakama, who organized a posse and started in pursuit. The robbers left the train at Untan.

THE CHURCH MILITANT

Plan to Save Souls and Raise Money

BISHOP THORBURN'S IDEA

General Conference of the Northern Methodist Church to Consider a Proposition to Adapt Military Methods to a Great Church Enterprise - The Bishop Outlines His Plan in a General Way

Chicago, May 5.—Bishop James M. Thoburn discussed today his plan for raising an army of 100,000 workers to fulfill the bishop's call. Bishop Thoburn's plan has been freely debated by members of the general conference and probably will come before that body early this month in the form of a memorial presented by some delegate.

Bishop Thoburn's plan contemplates briefly an organization of church members to become evangelists and by systematized efforts to gather in 2,000,000 souls and \$20,000,000 before the close of the century.

"I cannot give my plans in detail at this time," said Bishop Thoburn, "for when I came to the conference I had them only in outline. Since coming here and finding the interest that is manifested, I can say in a general way that I will be before the conference soon.

"In a way my plan may be compared to the military policy of the United States. There is a large volunteer army scattered throughout the country. Say that a war is about to begin, what has the government that it can lay its hands upon? The recruiting sergeants. Surely in a large number of cases the recruiting sergeants to be found in every congregation, every district and every annual conference throughout the country.

"Could the members of the church be induced to rally in support of such a movement? That depends on how it is managed. It can not be done unless the right kind of men and women are put in charge of it and the right plans adopted for carrying it forward. It can be stifled at the outset by a perfunctory and heartless policy, or it may be organized and prosecuted so as to make itself felt far into the next century.

"The first step in such a movement will be to select five or six men who have had experience in Christian work and let them decide on the best plans for putting the idea into effect. The great point to be settled first is that an effort of this kind shall have the approval of the conference, not alone in a general way, but that it has its solemn sanction and authority.

Delegates to the conference were more prompt than usual in taking their seats in the auditorium theatre at the opening session today. This was due to the unusual visit of Bishop Warren that hereafter the delegates would be expected to be in their seats at 8:30. The devotional service today were conducted by Fayette L. Thompson, of Michigan, while Bishop Walden presided over the business session.

WAGON BURNED OUT

A Mining Town Destroyed and Hundreds of People Homeless

Kaslo, B. C., May 5.—Sandon, the second mining town of importance in the Slokan district, has been destroyed by fire, with the exception of six houses, and nearly all its people are homeless and ruined.

SOLONS CHEW THE RAG

A Long Winded Debate in the House.

INSANE NEED MORE ROOM

Proposition to Buy a Large Tract of High Priced Land for New Buildings Voted Down - Amendment Adopted Permitting the Acceptance of a Site if Anybody Wishes to Give One - The Sundry Civil Bill Passed

Washington, May 5.—The Senate amendments to the Army appropriation bill were disagreed to by the House today and the bill was sent to conference. Messrs. Hull of Iowa, Marsh of Illinois, and Jett of Illinois, were appointed conferees.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Sundry Civil appropriation bill. The pending question was Mr. Mundt's amendment striking out the appropriation of \$210,000 for the purchase of 140 acres of land for the proposed extension of the government insane asylum.

By a vote of 40 to 37 the proposition was stricken from the bill. Thereupon Mr. Cannon offered an amendment authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to acquire, by condemning proceedings, this land at a cost not to exceed \$210,000.

Mr. Cannon's amendment was as follows: "To enable the Secretary of Interior to acquire by condemnation, at a total cost not exceeding \$210,000, which sum is hereby appropriated, not less than 140 acres of land adjoining the present building site of the government hospital for the insane; provided, that if said amount of land cannot be acquired by condemnation as herein provided, the amount herein appropriated shall be applied to the construction of buildings for special classes of patients on the present grounds of the hospital, suitable for the extension as herein proposed."

Mr. Payne suggested that this in effect accomplished just what the first item proposed. Mr. Cannon said it was not the same, in his judgment.

Mr. DeArmond offered a substitute authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to accept a donation of 500 acres of land at some other point, if it is offered, and if no donation were offered to buy 500 acres somewhere at a cost not to exceed \$100 an acre upon which an insane asylum shall be built.

Mr. Cannon raised a point of order against this substitute, and some time was spent in the arguing. Mr. D. D. Dalzell, in the chair, ruled that Mr. DeArmond's substitute was subject to the point of order.

Mr. DeArmond then addressed himself to the amendment and argued in favor of constructing another asylum at some point in the United States other than in Washington.

Mr. Cannon said the House was confronted with a situation. The present patients at St. Elizabeth's and more on the way. Every inch of space is taken and no place to put them. Even the halls and corridors are used. It might possibly be saved to build, after a term of years, another asylum, but this is an immediate emergency.

CHAMPIONS GO DOWN

New York Wins From Brooklyn in an Exciting Game - Boston Turns the Tables on the Quakers.

Brooklyn, May 5.—The New Yorks won an exciting game from the Brooklyn at Washington Park last afternoon. Smith was largely responsible for the defeat of the dodgers. He went to sleep on the base and made two costly errors. With the score a tie in the eighth the New Yorks got the bases full. Two of the runners were caught at the plate and then Selbach sent two men home with a two-bagger to left, which Sheekard barely got his hands on. There was a lot of kicking and McGinnity was fined \$5.

The Score: R. H. E. New York ... 10 000 2 0 2 - 5 8 2 Brooklyn ... 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 0 - 3 8 3 Batteries—Doehny and Warner; McGinnity and McGuire. Umpire—Connelly.

Chicago 4; Cincinnati 3. Chicago, May 5.—Chicago played good ball today and wound up the series with Cincinnati by defeating the visitors by a score of 4 to 3. Menefee pitched a good game for the local men, keeping Cincinnati's hits scattered, except in the fifth, when three hits gave the visitors two of their tallies. Ryan, the Chicago captain, opened the game with a home run.

The Score: R. H. E. Chicago ... 2 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 - 4 10 1 Cincinnati ... 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 - 3 9 0 Batteries—Menefee and Chance; Hahn and Peltz. Umpire—Swartwood.

Boston 13; Philadelphia 10. Boston, May 5.—Boston won today from the Phillies by a splendid batting rally in the last three innings. It was an uphill fight, the visitors getting a big lead in the second and having seven runs to the good when the Boston came to bat in the seventh.

The Score: R. H. E. Boston ... 0 1 0 0 1 0 3 5 - 13 20 3 Philadelphia ... 0 5 1 0 2 1 0 1 0 - 12 7 Batteries—Willis, Lewis and Clark; Donohue and McFarland. Umpire—Linslie.

Pittsburg 5; St. Louis 1. Pittsburg, May 5.—Sudhoff and Chesbro pitched steadily today, but the victory was Pittsburg's with runs to spare, because of brilliant fielding and Clarke and Wagner's batting and base running. Williams played his first game at home and equalled his 1899 form in all departments.

The Score: R. H. E. Pittsburg ... 1 0 3 0 0 0 1 0 - 5 7 3 St. Louis ... 0 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 - 1 7 2 Batteries—Chesbro and Shraver; Sudhoff and O'Conner. Umpire—Hurst.

Virginia League Games At Portsmouth: Portsmouth 0; Norfolk 22. At Newport News: Newport News 8; Hampton 18. At Richmond: Richmond 14; Petersburg 1.

Standing of the Clubs. Philadelphia ... 9 4 68 Cincinnati ... 8 5 415 Brooklyn ... 8 6 571 St. Louis ... 7 7 500 Chicago ... 7 7 500 Pittsburg ... 6 7 461 New York ... 5 7 416 Boston ... 4 9 307

THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE Now Regarded as a Safeguard to the Peace of the World. Berlin, May 5.—The Emperor William in proposing the health of Emperor Francis Joseph at a court dinner last night, said the visit of the Austrian ruler manifested the firmness and surety of the triple alliance. Though often misunderstood and deluged with criticism and derision, he said the three powers have hitherto succeeded in maintaining peace. He added that the triple alliance was now regarded as a safeguard to the peace of the whole world.

London, May 5.—Despite the reiteration of official gazettes in Berlin, Vienna and Rome as to the solidarity of the triple alliance, there is a growing feeling in Italy that it is not altogether a good thing for Italy. It is charged that the Austrian ruler manifested the firmness and surety of the triple alliance. Though often misunderstood and deluged with criticism and derision, he said the three powers have hitherto succeeded in maintaining peace. He added that the triple alliance was now regarded as a safeguard to the peace of the whole world.

MAJOR PITCHER A GAY JUDGE

He Ruins a Bull Fighter's Business by Cutting Off His Queue

Havana, May 5.—The recent decision of Major Pitcher, sitting as a judge in a police court, in sentencing Jose Macalvo, a Spanish bull-fighter, to pay a fine of \$10 and to have his hair cut, has kicked up a fine row in all the Havana papers. Macalvo wore a coleta, which is queue worn by all bull-fighters, without which they cannot go into the ring.

Macalvo stopped off at Havana on his way to Mexico, where he had a contract as a bull-fighter. He got drunk and was hauled before Major Pitcher, who fined him \$10. As Macalvo was leaving the court Major Pitcher noticed the coleta and ordered it cut off, which was done, despite Macalvo's protests. The bull-fighter declares that he cannot follow his vocation now until the coleta grows again, and he has consulted a lawyer about suing the government for the amount of damages he has sustained. The newspapers, which are unfriendly anyway to Major Pitcher, cite this act as an unwarrantable infringement of personal liberty and unbecoming use of military power. La Lucha sagaciously remarks that the "Pitcher has gone too often to the well."

REGISTRATION INCUBA Opportunities for Chicanery in Coming Election Are Immense. Havana, May 5.—Registration for the coming election will begin tomorrow and the boards will sit for ten days. In twenty-seven wards the registration boards of registration are composed of members of the National party. In nine other wards the members of the National party have representatives on the boards. The Union Democrats carried the entire boards in two districts, while the Republicans elected only one member in the entire city. In the country districts, however, the Republicans had some better luck, and in Matanzas they swept the whole city.

The reports from other provinces have not made the Nationalists very jubilant, but still they say they are sure to win every city office, as the registration boards, which are sworn to perform their duties honestly, will act also as election boards.

The opportunity for chicanery is immense with a population that is unfamiliar with its right to register and vote.

Executive Committee Elected. St. Louis, Mo., May 5.—At a meeting of the directors of the Kansas City Southern, formerly the Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf, held in this city, the board elected an executive committee composed of E. H. Harriman, Otto H. Hahn, John W. Gates, John Lambert and William Edenburn.

Electric Fans in a Church. Cincinnati, May 5.—Lincoln Park Institutional Baptist church this week made an innovation in contracting for ceiling electric fans for the summer. Pastor R. B. Johnson said: "It is decidedly sinful and damaging to the cause of Christ for the church not to keep abreast of the times."

Ice in Northern Ohio. Cleveland, May 5.—Ice formed at many points in Northern Ohio last night, according to reports received at the local weather bureau. The cold wave was accompanied by a very heavy and destructive frost which was almost general throughout the State.

The Japs Coming in Drones. Tacoma, Wash., May 5.—It is current talk in Yokohama that thirty thousand Japanese will leave their native country this summer for British Columbia, and it is believed that the number coming to the United States will be enormous.

Robbers Took Everything in Sight. Pittsburg, May 5.—Burglars entered the First National Bank of East Brady, Pa., last night and dynamited the safe, taking everything in sight, including the bank's cash. The bank officials refused to make a statement today of the amount taken, but say the vault contained more silver than two men could carry away. Well-informed residents of East Brady estimate the loss all the way from \$6,000 to \$10,000. There is no clue to the robbers.

Otis Sails for Home. Manila, May 5.—The United States Transport Meade sailed for the United States at 5 o'clock this afternoon with Major-General Otis and his two aides-de-camp on board. The warships in port fired a major-general's salute as the steamer raised her anchor.

Hawkins Dies of His Wound. Charlotte, N. C., May 5.—Special.—Samuel H. Hawkins, the young man who shot himself in the brain yesterday morning in the attempt to end his life, died this afternoon at 2 o'clock. He refused to the end to disclose the reason for his rash deed. All the family were present when death came. The remains will be taken to Americus, Ga., to-