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CURRENT COMMENT.

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THE WORLD'S DOINGS.

A Summary of the Daily News.

POLITICAL AND REGIONAL.
The Democrats of the Sixth District of Indiana, nominated Mr. M. N. G. Smith for Congress.
The Republicans of the Third Congressional District of Ohio, nominated H. L. Merritt.
At a meeting of the Democratic National Committee at New York, on the 24th, W. H. Barnum was re-elected Chairman.
The Virginia Court of Appeals has decided that the act passed by the last Legislature prohibiting school superintendents from taking part in politics is unconstitutional.

EX-GOVERNOR ST. JOHN has announced his acceptance of the Prohibition Presidential nomination in a brief letter.
LARRY A. ELLIS, the well-known landscape painter, who painted a studio recently in Kansas City, died at Georgetown, Col., of mountain fever on the 25th. Mr. Ellis was about thirty-eight years of age.

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THE PROHIBITIONISTS.

Meeting of the Prohibition National Convention at Pittsburg, St. John for President, Daniel for Vice-President—The Platform.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 24.—The National Convention of the Prohibition party, met yesterday in Lafayette Hall. The address of welcome was delivered by C. L. Brown, Pittsburg. He described it as a very grand honor and pleasant duty to welcome to Pittsburg the delegates of the National Prohibition convention. Gideon T. Stewart, Chairman of the National Convention, responded in behalf of the convention, and then delivered the opening address. Temporary organization was effected in the choice of William Daniel of Maryland, as Chairman and Mrs. Woodbridge, President of the Ohio Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Charles Carter of Washington, D. C., as Secretaries. The Secretary made a report of the number of delegates from the various States (508 in all) and the Committee on Credentials was appointed. The convention then, at 1:50, took a recess until 5 p. m. The Committee on Credentials met at 5 p. m. and was prepared to report.

AFTERNOON SESSION.
The afternoon session opened with the singing of a campaign song by the six "John Browns." Then, after prayer, the Secretary read the following representation in the convention: Alabama, 2; California, 1; Connecticut, 2; Illinois, 4; Maine, 2; Kansas, 17; Kentucky, 6; Michigan, 26; Nebraska, 3; Dakota, 1; Ohio, 34; New Jersey, 18; Maryland, 16; New York, 12; Missouri, 12; Tennessee, 12; Texas, 1; Pennsylvania, 57; Wisconsin, 1. Total, 449. Work was read from various parts of the country by appeal.

Mr. Willard, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, appealed to the convention to listen at this point to a memorial prepared by the Union and read by the Secretary. The evening session was prefaced by the singing of various hymns and campaign songs. Then, after prayer, the Secretary read a memorial prepared by the Union and read by the Secretary. The evening session was prefaced by the singing of various hymns and campaign songs. Then, after prayer, the Secretary read a memorial prepared by the Union and read by the Secretary.

Permanent organization was then announced by the Secretary, Dickey, of Michigan, as President, a large number of Vice-Presidents, among them several ladies, and General Clinton B. Fiske of New Jersey, and several Secretaries, the first among them being Mrs. Woodbridge of Ohio. The report was adopted and a committee appointed to conduct Mr. Dickey to the city.

The Committee on Rules made a report, which was adopted. Various proposals were submitted and referred to the Committee on Resolutions, among them one to make the basis of representation at the next Prohibition Convention two for each Congressional District and four for each State, and to change the party's name. The convention then adjourned till nine o'clock Thursday morning.

SECOND DAY.
PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 25.—In the Prohibition Convention yesterday, after the nomination of E. H. McDonald by Babcock, of California, George C. Christian, of Illinois, nominated John P. St. John, of Missouri, for President, and Charles F. Willard, a delegate from Kentucky, and one from Maine, second the nomination of McDonald. W. C. T. U. of Missouri. Several other delegates seconded the nomination of St. John.

When the State of Pennsylvania was called Mr. Pierce came to the platform to nominate Hon. James Black, of Pennsylvania, Secretary of the convention of the first Prohibition platform ever issued in this country as the author of the platform for 1884, and as a pledge to the party's name. The convention then adjourned till nine o'clock Thursday morning.

ADDITIONAL DISPATCHES.
P. B. POOR, of Cleveland, O., Superintendent of the American Express Company for the West, recently, at Vinita, Kan., recently, of paralysis of the heart.

SIXTY-SIX members of the Georgia State Editorial Association visited the battle-field of Gettysburg the other day.

The total expense of the Greely relief expedition is estimated by officials of the Navy Department at about \$700,000. The original estimate was \$500,000.

A REDUCTION of twenty per cent in salaries and wages of officers and men of the Bethlehem Iron Company, of Pennsylvania, was announced to take effect August 1, 1884, recently, of paralysis of the heart.

F. J. MOSE, formerly Governor of South Carolina, was arrested in Chicago recently on a requisition from Boston, for embezzlement, and was placed in jail.

HENRY M. STANLEY arrived at Plymouth, England, on the 28th, from the Congo country.

REPORTS of the cholera plague, July 28, showed a considerable decrease of deaths at Toulon and Marseilles. One mild case occurred at Paris.

On the 28th serious outbreaks of Spanish or Texas fever were reported among cattle received at Manhattan, Kas., and Chicago, Ill. The cattle were shipped from Kansas City and came originally from Colorado. Numbers of them were reported dead.

METTER BROS., of New York, made an assignment recently. Preferences \$21,001.

CAPTAIN PAYNE and his followers were warned by an agent of the Interior Department to leave the Indian Territory, but flatly refused. General Hatch will burn all their improvements and will hand the offenders over to a Marshal for trial at Fort Smith.

Mrs. CLARENCE RUGG, wife of Rev. Henry Rugg, of New York, and mother of Charles Rugg, the negro murderer of the Mayhe family, died recently it is said of a broken heart.

The west span of the Narrow Gauge Railway bridge across White River at Worthington, Ohio, gave way recently under a passing train, precipitating the coaches and passengers into the river. William Hibbets, of Swiss City, was instantly killed. Dr. Colsa seriously hurt, a brakeman, a leg and jaw broken, James East was badly hurt, and a number of other passengers received minor injuries.

A LADY attorney of Huron, Dakota, named Captain A. E. Weeks, has been held in \$2,000 to answer the charge of perjury. He was formerly a citizen of Chicago, where he obtained declaratory statements from sixty veteran soldiers.

THREE thousand troops of the Warsaw district were recently claimed along the railway to Warsaw, the route to be taken by the Car.

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