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The Republican convention has been in session all this week and to the hour of our going to press they have made no nomination for President that we have any information of. The situation at this distance looks as follows:

The Depew mine which promised well on the surface, has struck a body of barren rock on the one-hundred-foot level. It is called O'Brien rock, and will not yield a cent to the ton.

The water has partly given out on the Big Blaine hydraulic claim. It is rumored that Judge Thurston has been shutting it off. They are trying now to wash the Blaine gravel with wind, but with poor success. The Blowers were at work all Wednesday night.

A battered Tin helmet, with the remains of three petrified ostrich plumes, was found Wednesday in the lower stratum of this claim. Mr. Depew pronounces it as having belonged to the Post-prandial geological era, and his researches in this particular direction has been vast and systematic.

Alger mine—The rock in this mine taken out Tuesday and supposed to be full of gold turns out to be pyrites of iron, and is almost worthless. The Alger boys have thrown away their picks and are cursing the country for all it is worth. They say they will go back to the timber regions.

Thurston's forty-stamp mill got to work Wednesday and pulverized some Plumed Knight rock so fine that it was crushed into invisibility.

Consolidated Sherman and Harrison,—From the close watch kept at the mouth of their shaft, it is suspected that they have struck a valuable body of ore. The few "trusties" who come to the surface look as if full of a big secret. The Foraker and McKinleg claim is said to be running a tunnel directly into the Sherman and Harrison lead. There is very bad feeling between the two companies.

The John C. Fremount claim is worked down to the bed rock, and worked out.

A cave-in is reported in the Gresham.

The Allison mine needs re-timbering.

There are vague rumors flying about of immense discoveries of rich ore in the Dark Horse country, about 500 miles away from this point. The "old miner" who brought in the specimens is kept carefully out of the way by a secret syndicate of capitalists, who propose to scoop in the entire Dark Horse region which is reported to be about two days travel from Mortonville. Any amount however, of false information is being put out about this matter to throw prospectors off the scent. From the number of mules and donkeys recently driven into camp, and their incessant braying, it is conjectured that preparations are being made for an expedition to that quarter.

A flour "trust" means mischief to the bakers, and, of course, the consumers. The National Millers' Association has appointed a committee to take the preliminary steps toward forming a "trust," and a howl will soon go up against the mill men. It is only natural for the millers to follow prevailing fashions. But when monopoly commences to monkey with a prime necessity of life the people are liable to rise in wrath.

Our Washington Letter.

From our regular correspondent
Washington, June 15 1888

The political world is stirred considerably below its surface over the rumors concerning Secretary Whitney's retirement from the Cabinet next year. While a second term of Cleveland is far enough off to make speculation hazardous, there are well grounded grounds for [illegible] accounts. Before that time each bureau had the power to draw on its own account for stores and other materials needed. Mr Whitney consolidated this system and issued an order directing that all requisitions should be made through the Pay Department.

This course aroused the half hidden antagonism of certain Naval officers, who were obliged to wait occasionally for their money longer than it suited them, and many things occurred which indicated internal friction.

Another cause of annoyance to the Secretary was his trouble with the Ordnance Bureau, occasioned by the slowness with which the armament for the new cruisers is being made. The gun factory at the Washington yard was one of his pet plans, and its only partial success, it is said, has irritated him beyond endurance.

Then there has arisen a renewed strife between the two elements of discord in the Navy, the line and staff, and each side has petitioned the Secretary until he has allowed himself to express openly, at times, sentiments which showed an ill-concealed distaste for this sort of work.

He is also credited with all sort of ambitious plans, one of which is to obtain the Democratic nomination for governor of New York. Another rumor says it is a foreign mission the ideal office in the estimation of his wife and yet another goes higher and says he is thinking about 1892, when the Democratic party will want another middle age man for a Presidential candidate, and a man who has such strong financial backing as Mr. Whitney is said to possess.

Last week quite a number of Democratic Senators and Representatives were absent attending the *St. Louis* Convention. This week the absentees are Republicans, and Chicago is, for the time, the political centre.

Congress, in the meantime, is discussing such questions as the Fisheries Treaty, the tariff, silver, Government bond buying, and a great deal of politics. The latter material finds its way into every debate, no matter how irrelevant to the subject before either House. But this a Presidential campaign session and as much must be expected.

Every body in Washington is talking politics. The placing of the Democratic ticket and platform, and the impending Republican Convention with its uncertainty and doubt, have invested the situation with hot interest. From the Democratic attitude of certainty to the Republican dilemma is like turning from a calm to a storm. Sherman Allison, Gresham, Alger, Depew, Phelps, Morton and a dozen lesser lights are in the arena, thick and getting thicker.

Before you get this letter you will know all about Chairman Jones, third letter from Mr. Blaine asserting that he would not accept the Presidential nomination if it were tendered him unanimously, which, at the present writing is the most interesting rumor, from a Republican source.

The Postmaster-General is busily preparing the Postoffice Department exhibit to be sent to the Cincinnati Exposition, which opens July 4. It will include a regularly equiped postoffice for the transaction of business; specimens of all the equipments used in the transactin of business, and everything that may be necessary to properly illustrate the history, management and progress of the mail service.

Today the friends and attendants around the residence of General Sheridan look more hopeful than for some time past, and the bulletins regarding his condition are rather more favorble. The periodical return of the heart failure has occurred at intervals of three days. This is the fourth day and no trouble as yet.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

The Board of School Commissioners for Queen Anne's county, Md., will meet at the Female School House, in Centreville, on MONDAY, JULY 2d, 1888, at 9 o'clock a. m, where the ANNUAL EXAMINATION OF TEACHERS will be held. The examination will begin punctually at 9.30 o'clock, a. m., and such persons as may be late will have to join the class at the point to which it may have progressed when they arrived. By order,

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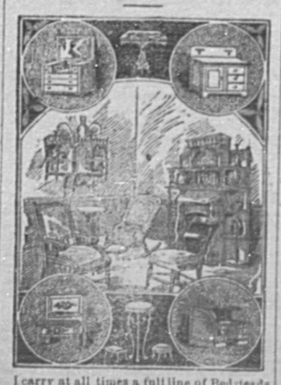

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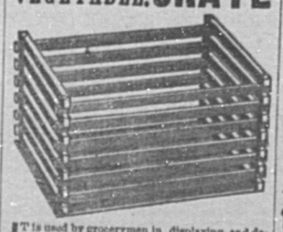

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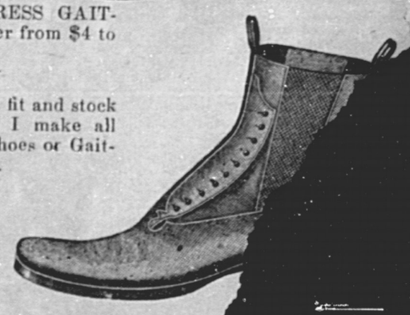

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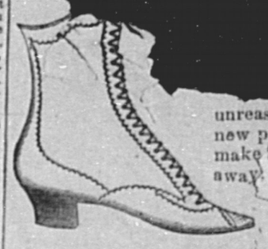

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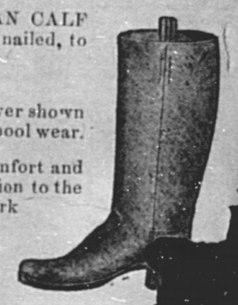

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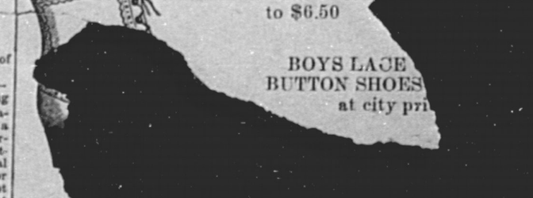

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