

or. Senator Cullom had been chosen in the republican caucus by acclamation, although the assembling of the caucus was preceded by a factional fight so bitter that one of his competitors, ex-Gov. Tanner, refused to call upon him after his nomination. On the same day Senator W. J. Sewell, republican, was reelected from New Jersey; Senator Stephen J. Elkins, republican, was reelected from West Virginia; Senator Knute Nelson, republican, was reelected from Minnesota, and with him Moses E. Clapp, republican, was elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Cushman K. Davis, which has been temporarily filled under gubernatorial appointment by Charles A. Towne, democrat; Senator Barry, democrat, was reelected from Arkansas; Congressman J. W. Bailey, democrat, was elected from Texas to succeed Senator Horace Chilton, democrat; Robert J. Gamble, republican, was elected from South Dakota to succeed Senator R. F. Pettigrew, populist; J. R. Burton, republican, was elected from Kansas to succeed Lucien Baker, republican; T. M. Simmons, democrat, was elected from North Carolina to succeed Senator Marion Butler, populist. Senator Francis E. Warren, republican, was reelected from Wyoming; and Thomas Kearns, republican, was elected from Utah. It is charged by the Salt Lake Tribune, republican, that Kearns's election was purchased directly by the head of the Mormon church. The deadlocks in Delaware and Nebraska have not yet been broken.

The social democratic convention, which assembled in Chicago last week (page 648) and over which Seymour Stedman presided, closed its deliberations on the 18th by adopting resolutions intended to harmonize all the political organizations of socialists. There are now three such organizations. One of them is the original social democratic party, under whose call the above named convention met, and to which Eugene V. Debs, the candidate of the party for president of the United States in the late election, belongs. Another is the socialist-labor party, the oldest political organization of socialists in the country. Its candidate for president of the United States, Joseph F. Mallony, polled 39,699 votes, which, with Mr. Debs's vote of 96,918, brings the socialist voting strength up to 136,617. The third organization is called the

"Springfield" social democratic (its headquarters being at Springfield, Mass.), to distinguish it from the "original," or Debs, party of the same name. Of the Springfield organization Job Harriman, the candidate for vice president with Debs, is regarded as the leader. It consists more especially of the socialist-labor party socialists that fused last year with the original social democratic party for the presidential campaign (see The Public No. 101, page 10, and No. 102, page 10, of last year; and pages 121, 136, 282 of the current year), thereby abandoning the old socialist labor party, or being abandoned by it, according to the point of view. The harmony resolutions adopted at Chicago on the 18th by the original body of social democrats, call for a national convention, to be held at Indianapolis on the second Tuesday in September next, in which the socialist labor party and the "Springfield" social democratic party, as well as all unattached state and territorial socialist organizations are invited to participate. These resolutions were opposed in the convention, and their adoption is regarded as a triumph for Mr. Debs, who favored amalgamation if possible, and federation if amalgamation cannot be secured.

NEWS NOTES.

—The United Mine Workers of America met at Indianapolis on the 21st.

—Celebrations of the 200th anniversary of the kingdom of Prussia began on the 17th.

—On the 18th the national live stock convention closed a four days' session at Salt Lake City.

—Gen. Plazoas has been elected president of Ecuador by a majority over Gen. Garcia of 40,000.

—The 26th annual convention of the National Association of Marine Engineers was held on the 21st at Cleveland.

—Warren Leland, Jr., of the third generation of the famous hotelkeeping Lelands, died at New York on the 21st, aged 46.

—The French ministry was sustained on the 21st by a vote of 298 to 226 upon a bill in restraint of the religious orders.

—Prof. Elisha Gray, inventor of the telephone, died at Newtonville, Mass., on the 21st, of neuralgia of the heart, at the age of 65.

—Father Huntington is to address the students and friends of the University of Chicago on the 5th at Kent hall, his subject being "Social Purity."

—A Missouri court at Kansas City decides that the state board of equalization cannot tax the franchise of the Western Union Telegraph company.

—The reapportionment bill was signed by the president on the 17th, and is now a law. It fixes the number of representatives in congress, after March 3, 1903, at 386.

—William J. Bryan's dollar weekly, The Commoner, appeared with its initial number on the 23d. The first 21 copies were printed by Mr. Bryan himself for complimentary distribution to intimate friends.

—Following the example of the Missouri legislature, the legislature of Arkansas passed a resolution on the 21st extending sympathy to the people of the Philippine islands in "their heroic struggle for freedom."

—The lower house of congress on the 23d passed a remarkable bill, peremptorily instructing the court of claims to give judgment against the United States and in favor of the Cramp Shipbuilding company for \$1,300,000.

—The People (socialist), of New York, reports that Vermont cast 371 votes for Debs and Harriman, that Alabama cast 928 and that Arkansas cast 27, thus raising the official vote to 96,918, none of the three returns noted above having heretofore been counted in the general result.

—On the 21st, by a vote of 43 to 21, only two democrats—McLaurin and McEney—voting in the affirmative, the senate confirmed the president's nomination of James S. Harlan, of Chicago, son of Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court, to be attorney general of Puerto Rico.

—The Federal Steel company, the steel trust that J. Pierpont Morgan manages, has acquired control of the American Steel and Wire company, the competing trust, of which John W. Gates is president. The purchase of its stock was manipulated by the Morgan syndicate under cover of a disturbance in the stock market produced for the purpose.

—Murray H. Hall, the keeper of a domestic service intelligence bureau at 145 Sixth avenue, New York, and for 30 years a well-known ward politician connected with Tammany Hall, who had been twice married and survived both wives, and whose sex had never been questioned, died of cancer of the breast on the 16th and was discovered only after death to be a woman.

—During the performance of "Hamlet" on the 22d by Mr. Sothern to a packed audience in the Grand opera house, Cincinnati, the theater caught fire, but, though the building and its contents were quickly and completely destroyed, no lives were lost and no