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NO. 52.

Genoa, Illinois. CORRECTED TO MAY 1, 1901. C. M. & ST. P. R. R. TRAINS GOING EAST.

No.	Time	Time	Time
No. 8	6:07 a.m.	7:45 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
No. 20	7:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	10:25 a.m.
No. 22	8:58 a.m.	10:45 a.m.	11:45 a.m.
No. 5	11:58 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
No. 24	3:54 p.m.	5:55 p.m.	

TRAINS GOING WEST.

No.	Time	Time	Time
No. 31	8:20 a.m.	10:28 a.m.	10:28 a.m.
No. 5	9:00 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.
No. 35	9:05 p.m.	9:15 p.m.	9:15 p.m.
No. 23	4:00 p.m.	5:28 p.m.	5:28 p.m.
No. 7	5:15 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	6:50 p.m.
No. 3	10:25 p.m.	11:55 p.m.	11:55 p.m.

J. M. HARVEY, Agent.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL. TRAINS GOING EAST.

No.	Time	Time	Time
No. 4	7:50 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.
No. 36	7:17 a.m.	10:05 a.m.	10:05 a.m.
No. 32	11:10 a.m.	12:55 p.m.	12:55 p.m.
No. 6	4:40 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.

TRAINS GOING WEST.

No.	Time	Time	Time
No. 35	2:30 p.m.	4:53 p.m.	4:53 p.m.
No. 31	3:45 p.m.	5:17 p.m.	5:17 p.m.
No. 3	8:30 a.m.	10:12 a.m.	10:12 a.m.

S. R. CRAWFORD, Agent.

C. Gt-W. R. R.

March 3, 1901.

Trains Leave SYCAMORE as follows.

WEST BOUND.

Express for St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines and Kansas City..... 10:37 a.m.

Night Express for St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines and Kansas City..... 12:20 a.m.

Byron Local..... 6:45 p.m.

Limited for Dubuque, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Des Moines, St. Joseph and Kansas City..... 8:00 p.m.

EAST BOUND.

Chicago suburban..... 6:00 a.m.

Suburban..... 7:50 a.m.

Limited..... 7:40 a.m.

Local..... 7:28 a.m.

Special..... 12:50 p.m.

Express..... 8:00 p.m.

SYCAMORE-DEKALB.

Leave Sycamore	Arrive DeKalb	Leave DeKalb	Arrive Sycamore
6:20 a.m.	6:40 a.m.	6:50 a.m.	6:00 a.m.
10:45 a.m.	11:50 a.m.	7:35 a.m.	7:40 a.m.
2:15 p.m.	12:25 p.m.	8:35 a.m.	8:50 a.m.
3:45 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	11:55 a.m.	12:05 p.m.
7:15 p.m.	7:25 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
8:15 p.m.	8:25 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	7:40 p.m.

*Daily except Sunday. All others daily.

W. V. HOWARD, Agent.

C. & N. W. at Henrietta.

Trains North	All Trains	Trains South
9:07 a.m.	except Sunday.	8:00 a.m.
2:15 p.m.		10:55 a.m.
5:47 p.m.		5:15 p.m.

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For Rent.

A good store room, suitable for a tailor shop or clothing store. Inquire JOURNAL.

A Legal Point.

That has not yet been decided by the Supreme court is whether the United States government can compel E. H. Browne to furnish fried cakes to the Philippine soldiers.

Cottage For Sale.

We offer for sale, for cash or on time, a new, neat and pleasantly located cottage of modern design. Nice lot, good well, cistern and cellar. Alley on two sides. \$1300. Inquire JOURNAL office.

Betty Bought the Butter.

Betty Botter bought some butter. "But" she said "this butter's bitter. If I put it in my batter it will make my batter bitter. But a bit of better butter Will make my batter better." So she bought a bit o' better Butter than the bitter butter, And made her bitter batter better. So 'twas better Betty Botter Bought a bit o' better butter.

—Exchange.

Local Pick Ups.

O Merritt and wife spent Sunday in Rockford.

S. H. Stiles and wife visited in Kingston Monday.

Charles Miller, of Kirkland, was in Genoa Monday.

Cahoon & Stanley received a car of wine last week.

Mrs. Koch was calling on friends in Kirkland Monday.

Mrs. E. Williams has been on the sick list this week.

Mrs. M. Malua was in Chicago at her daughters Tuesday.

Ralph Tharber was out from Chicago and spent Sunday here.

Mrs. J. M. Harvey and son were Elgin visitors last Sunday.

J. J. Hammond was transacting business in Kirkland Monday.

J. E. Stott and Dr. Robinson were Chicago business men Tuesday.

Jesse Gaitman and Will Sturges were passengers on Chicago Monday.

Chloe German Millot seed for sale. Raised last season. C. R. Strong.

Mr. Shippy, of Sycamore, spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. S. E. Olmsted.

Mrs. Conifer visited her parents in Belvidere the fore part of the week.

Ed Lettow has bought his father's farm near Colvin Park for \$70 per acre.

FOR SALE—A new refrigerator. Cheap. Inquire at the JOURNAL office.

For Rent—A neat residence in good neighborhood. Apply, Jennie Beardsley.

Albert Tabel was up from Elgin visiting with friends Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. S. S. Slater and her two daughters visited with Elgin friends Saturday.

Mrs. Jeanette Leonard visited a part of last week with her son William at Hestert.

Miss Mamie Galloway, of Elgin, was guest of her cousin, Miss Jennie Leonard last week.

Mrs. Mike Reed was over from Sycamore last Sunday and spent the day with relatives.

A divorce case is unknown where an abundance of E. H. Browne's bakery goods are used.

Mrs. V. Harris is spending the week at the home of Mrs. George Hassler, of Charter Grove.

W!!! Moan and wife were out from Chicago last Friday and Saturday, returning Monday.

For Rent—Three or four furnished rooms for housekeeping. Inquire at the JOURNAL office.

An infant child of John Davelaar was baptized at the home last Sunday by Rev. E. K. D. Hester.

Mrs. Walter Strong, who used to be Miss Sarah Whipple, is here from Iowa visiting with relatives.

Joseph Collier and wife, of Kirkland, and Zeon Stone and wife, of Kingston, visited in Genoa last Sunday.

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Mrs. James Hewitt has been on the sick list the past week but was feeling able to sit up again on Tuesday.

Dr. A. D. Blagden and wife were over from Sycamore last Saturday calling at the home of K. Jackman.

Messrs. E. B. Millard Sr. and Jr. and Dr. E. A. Robinson were transacting business in Chicago last Saturday.

Doctor Robinson has had a telephone put in his office at his residence and you can now get him by calling No. 38.

—Cisterns cleaned and repaired on short notice. Good work guaranteed. F. Hannah.

Rev. Finn Murra, of DeKalb, student at DeKalb Normal, exchanged pulpits with the pastor of the A. C. church Sunday.

There were on April 30, 572,046 members in good standing in the M. W. of A., showing a total insurance in effect of \$1,019,738,000.

S. R. Crawford was suddenly summoned to his former home at Apple River last Saturday to attend the funeral of a relative.

Last Saturday night some one whose fingers are too free with other people's goods stole a lot of groceries out of Charley Neiser's buggy.

Wellington Taylor and Fred Koch were here from Fairdale last Sunday attending the decoration exercises. Mr. Taylor helped the band boys out.

The W. C. T. U. will hold a mother's meeting at the home of Mrs. Judith Sowers Saturday, June 1st at 2 o'clock. All are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Belle Cliffe and Mrs. Margorite Marquart and daughter Gretchen left here yesterday for Indiana where they will visit a couple of weeks with friends.

The Misses Etha and Mabel Pierce were badly injured last Saturday by the upsetting of their buggy. The girls both sustained a broken arm and other injuries.

One or two of our letters of correspondence did not reach us in time last week for publication, but we have them this week. These letters should be in not later than Tuesday to insure insertion.

If you want to take an excursion or vacation it will pay you to look over our column of excursions and rates on another page.

Mrs. Anos Porter was surprised by a number of near relatives last Monday evening and they proceeded to enjoy the evening and refreshments were served. The occasion was the birthday of Mrs. Peter.

Dr. Hammond, the Magnetic Healer will be at Wm. Wyde's home tomorrow where those wishing to consult him can do so.

Cheap lots, good title, within a block of the Milwaukee depot. Buildings will be erected on same if desired. Inquire at the JOURNAL office.

If your horses, cattle, hogs, or chickens are not doing well, go to K. Jackman & Son and get a package of stock food.

Miss Della Crane, of California, arrived here Monday evening and was the guest of Mrs. E. Crawford until Tuesday when she went to New Lebanon and is now visiting at the home of her uncle, J. W. Lord and family.

A number of our Genoa people who have been dealing with Chicago department stores are experiencing considerable trouble in getting the goods they paid for in advance and are making an effort to have their money refunded.

Nearly all the towns in this part of the country are putting out an effort to celebrate the 4th of July this year. Genoa will probably not make an attempt to observe the day although some impromptu sport is likely to be started at the last minute.

W. S. Pratt was thrown out of his buggy on Main street last Saturday and badly shaken up. He was passing up the street near Duval's market when the horse became frightened at a piece of paper, turned quick, throwing Mr. Pratt out near the crossing.

St. Charles is advertising for bids on a new system of water works, the acceptance, however, are subject to the people. If seventy five per cent of the voters say that they want it at the price bid it can be accepted by the board, but the Chronicle is fearful lest the measure will be lost.

Eld. B. L. DeGries has taken up the work of handling a grocery wagon through the country for Wells & Olmsted. This, he considers, will be beneficial to his health and a diversion from arduous study and at the same time be a source of some income. Mr. DeGries is the pastor of the Advent Christian church here and it is very seldom that a minister of the gospel has as many friends in a congregation as he has.

Last Friday "Uncle Kin" Jackman was taken with a sudden spell of dizziness while alone in his office and fell out of his chair, striking his head on something and cutting it quite badly, requiring several stitches to be taken. He cannot tell how it happened and was in an unconscious state when Frank came in and found him lying upon the floor. He is still confined to the house and has not yet fully recovered.

At the school election held last Saturday to elect a school board the following were the choice of the voters who saw fit to cast their ticket: President, D. S. Brown; members of the board, J. H. Harvey, H. A. Perkins, Link Holroyd, C. H. Smith, F. W. Olmsted and Wm. H. Sawyer. There was no opposition to any of the candidates except for president, D. M. Gibbs being the opponent of Brown, but was defeated by nine votes.

If you want to rent a house, one that is desirable and well finished, inquire at the JOURNAL office. We can direct you to several.

Mrs. M. W. Ferslow, representative of the Viavi Home Treatment, will be at the residence of Mrs. S. J. Young until about the first of June where she will be glad to meet any ladies wishing instruction or information on the subject.

Samuel Newell, a farmer living near Esmond, was badly cut and bruised about the face and body last Thursday by his team becoming frightened and running away. He was going to town after a load of lumber and was riding on the rear axle. The horses became scared at an engine whistling and ran several rods piling the wagon and Newell in a heap.

The executive council of the Northern DeKalb county Sunday School Picnic Association will meet at Kingston next Monday for the purpose of making arrangements for a 4th of July picnic. The picnic was held at Kingston last year and was counted quite a success. The council consists of the pastors of all churches, the superintendents and one member of each Sunday school who will canvas the offers of the different towns who ask for the picnic and will decide upon the location that best suits the occasion.

A few days ago there was a rig drove into town from the west and proceeded to the east part of town. Apparently it was a swapping outfit and the driver was evidently undecided where to find the kind of men he was in search of. However, he placed all confidence in the animal he was driving and on reaching Genoa street it turned straight north without any dictation from its master, and pulled up in front of the feed barn of Kellogg & Adams. We have heard that "all roads lead to Chicago" but in this saying we recognize that all horse tracks lead to "Nate's."

For Woodmen.

Greenville, Ill., May 7, 1901.—To the Neighbors of the Modern Woodmen of America, Greeting: The Head Camp at Kansas City, in June, 1899, set apart the third Sunday in June as Memorial Day for Modern Woodmen of America. On this day the Neighbors in each camp should meet and march in a body to the cemetery and decorate the graves of deceased Neighbors. A program of exercises should be arranged, which should consist of a prayer, addresses, and music. These exercises can be held in the open air in the cemetery or some convenient hall in town. This day was celebrated in 1900 with marked success throughout the entire jurisdiction and brought our society prominently before the public as one that remembers its dead and carries out the great principles of fraternity. I certainly hope that the Neighbors throughout the jurisdiction will make arrangements to observe this day in the proper manner this year.

Given under my hand and official seal this 7th day of May, A. D., 1901.

[SEAL] W. A. NORTHCOTT,
Head Consul, M. W. A.

The camp at Belvidere had forty candidates for adoption Tuesday evening, April 9, and after the work refreshments were served and an informal program given. Neighbor A. C. Fassett delivered the address of welcome, and Judge DeWolf and W. L. Pierce responded. Brief remarks were also made by C. T. Spackman and others. All the camps in the county were represented and delegates were also present from Beloit, Union and Marengo Camps. The contest which resulted in so large an addition to the membership was not ended until the first meeting in May, on which date the full round up of candidates was to occur.

Silver Leaf Camp, at Elgin, has enough application on hand to raise its membership to over 800. A big celebration is planned when the 800th member is given the ride.

M. W. A. Picnic Excursion to Freeport.

For the Modern Woodmen Picnic to be held at Freeport, Ill., June 20th, the C. M. & St. P. R'y. will sell excursion tickets at \$1.50 for the round trip. A special train will leave Genoa to arrive at Freeport in ample time before the ceremonies begin, returning at a suitable time in evening, time of train to be announced later. An especial good feature of this line is their double track which will be used almost the entire way the train going via Kirtredge, insuring safety, comfort and speed.

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BY MARGARET BLOUNT.

CHAPTER IX.

To walk straight up to the door of a strange house, with nothing but a plaid shawl thrown over your head, requires a considerable amount of courage and nerve. At every step of the way Miss Marjorie's scruples grew stronger—her sense of outraged propriety more clear. At last she came to a dead stop, just as they reached the outer gate of Hollow Ash Hall.

"What is it now?" asked Cowley, patting her hand encouragingly.

"I really can't go in, Charles!" "Nonsense!"

"They will think I am mad. Only see! I know that my hair is half down and I have no bonnet! Don't make me go there, Charles, till I am more presentable—there's a dear."

"Madam, do you intend to obey your lawful husband or not?" said Mr. Cowley, with mock solemnity.

"But, Charles, do hear reason."

"No, I won't! I've had enough of reason in my life. So come along, my dove. The moment you enter yonder door you will get a warm greeting for my sake, and no one will stop to think whether you have a bonnet on or not. But that is just like you women! You can't even die comfortably unless you have a fashionable winding sheet to be wrapped in!"

"Men never study appearance—that is a fact well known!" said Miss Marjorie, quietly. He laughed, and led her up the avenue.

The shutters of the house were all closed, but through a crevice in one of the low windows came a bright line of light, testifying to the presence of its occupants.

"Now look for it! Look as dignified as you can, Marjorie," said Mr. Cowley, and rang the bell.

A light came rapidly through the hall. The door was opened, and a stout female, with a candle in her hand, peered doubtfully into the night.

"Is it you, master?" she began. And just then catching sight of the muffled figure of Marjorie, she gave a shrill yell of horror and ran away.

"It's our Queen Bess herself, and a tall black man with her!" they heard her scream—and then came a Babel of voices from the inner room.

"Shut the door! Lock it! Keep them out!" said one.

"I do wish papa would come! It is too bad to leave us in such a place alone!" sighed another.

"But some one is really at the door," spoke up a third. "It is all nonsense about Queen Bess; I am going to see what they want!"

"Oh, don't, Rose!" cried her mother and sister.

"Indeed, Miss Rose, it is Queen Bess as natural as life!" put in Mrs. MacCarthy.

"Nonsense," replied Rose, and taking the candle she went out to the door with a firm step.

"Who is it, and what do you want?" she asked, quietly.

Mr. Cowley stepped in, and let the light shine full upon his face.

"Don't you know me, Rose?" "Why Charles—Cousin Charles, can it be you?"

"It is really me."

"But I thought you were in Australia."

"So I was till a few weeks ago. Don't be alarmed, Rose; I am no ghost, but solid flesh and blood. And here is some one else, for whom I must crave a welcome—my wife, Rose, whom your servant mistook for the apparition of Queen Elizabeth."

Rose stared, as well she might, when he drew in Miss Marjorie beside him. But Cousin Charles was her great favorite, and she had faith in everything he did—in everybody he loved. So she held out her hand to the bonnetless stranger, with a pleasant smile, and then led the way to the drawing room.

"Mamma, you will never guess who has come!" she exclaimed. "Cousin Charles Cowley from Australia, and his wife."

Greatly bewildered, Mrs. Cowley came forward to welcome her guests. She had the wildest notions about the manners and customs of foreign countries and seeing a tall, stately lady with a plaid cloak doing duty for head and shoulders, as bonnet and shawl, she instantly fancied that it must be the native costume of the land from which she came—the ne plus ultra of all elegance and grace among the ladies of Melbourne and Sydney. It was good to see Mr. Cowley's face as the consciousness of her mistake dawned upon him by degrees.

"If you will sit down I will tell you the story in a very few words," he observed; and within five minutes he was the centre of a most cosy-looking circle, with Miss Marjorie upon his right hand and Rose upon his left.

"You must all know that my Marjorie is an orphan," he began. "I met her first at a house in London, where, among the gayest of parties, her little pale, sad face caught my eye, and without my knowing it won my heart. It was her uncle's house, but she was not happy there. Her cousins tyrannized over her—her aunt snubbed her—and I soon found that her uncle and myself were almost the only friends she had in the world. No doubt I twisted this fact to my own purpose. I own candidly that I rejoiced when others were rude to her, so that she might see that I was kind. I won her, I do believe, more because she was grateful to me than because she loved me; but the love came afterwards, so that it did not matter. I won her, and made her my wife, in spite of all the sneers of her cousins, and the discouraging coldness of her aunt."

"For a time, we were very happy. Then some unknown correspondent began to trouble my peace. Anonymous letters came to me day after day, which told me that my wife was not what she seemed—that she loved another—that she only waited her time to play me false."

"I was foolish enough to read the slanders—to think of them—at last, to believe them. Circumstances, which I looked suspicious then, but which I have seen by a far clearer light since, came up one after another to make me distrust Marjorie still more. At last I felt so convinced of her faithlessness that I deserted her."

"I left a letter saying why I had gone. I left her money, and I have never seen her face from that day till tonight it beamed upon me out of the darkness like an accusing spirit. Aunt—Rose—she has been a school teacher—a governess, a companion, during my absence. But she is one of the best and purest women on earth; and I took her away just as she was, from her drudgery, to come and tell you so. I am sure you will all befriend her. Will you not?"

"Every one of us!" was the hearty reply, and Mrs. Cowley folded the young wife in a motherly embrace, and Rose and Catharine kissed her on the cheek in the most sisterly fashion. Tears stood in Marjorie's dark eyes as they did so; and her husband turned his head for a moment, as if ashamed of the weakness which he could not help feeling and showing at their kindness.

"What the good lady who employs her will say to her elopement, I cannot conjecture," remarked Mr. Cowley after a moment's pause.

"Oh! she never had a very good opinion of me!" said Marjorie, cheerfully. "And she will probably utter a devout thanksgiving when she finds that she is to see me no more. There never was much love lost between us. I am afraid."

"Was she a nice person?" asked Catharine.

"Not according to my definition of the word nice. I can describe her to you in a very short time. She is a stout woman, who thinks herself ill when she is only lazy, and who never gets out of her easy chair except to go to bed or to fly into a rage—which she does on an average of twelve times a day. No—decidedly I do not call Mrs. Magnum a nice person."

"I should think not!" said Rose, laughing. "I wish I could see her face when she hears you are gone!"

"Never mind Mrs. Magnum, now," said Mr. Cowley. "I want to hear something about my uncle and this mad freak of his. What could have put it into his head to take a haunted house?"

"Ah!" said Catharine, ruefully; "you must ask Rose that."

"Why?"

"Because she was at the bottom of it all!"

"Is that so, Rose?"

"I am afraid I must plead guilty, Charles. I thought it would be so nice and romantic to live with a ghost. But I don't like it at all. There is a dreadful cradle-rocking in the kitchen every night, and not one of us dares to stop there a moment after dusk. Papa heard it the first night we came, and yet he won't go away. I think he is a little frightened, but he fancies that people will laugh at him if he goes away. And so—"

"And so it will go on till we are all carried off bodily by these horrible cradle-rocking creatures, and then your father will be satisfied," broke in Mrs. Cowley, more in sorrow than in anger.

Her nephew broke out laughing.

"Ah, you may laugh, Charles; but I can assure you it is no joke to live in a place that gives you the cold shivers every time you stop to think what it really is. And Mr. Cowley actually talks of spending his Christmas here!"

"But nothing shall tempt me to stay, even if he does. At any other time I can stand it; but I will not eat turkey and plum pudding in company with half a dozen grown-up hobgoblins to please any man alive!"

"You are quite right, aunt. But I really was not laughing at your troubles, only at your funny way of telling them. But, joking apart, what is this story about a cradle? Because I have

heard something in Australia, which I think relates to this house."

"In Australia? Why, how could any one know of it there?" asked Rose opening her eyes very wide.

"Who owns this house?" "A Mr. Vernon."

"Exactly so. Do you know what his first name is?"

"Alfred," said Mrs. Cowley. Her nephew looked perplexed for a moment; then his face cleared again.

"Oh, I see! George was his brother. How long is it since they have lived in this house—the Vernons, I mean?"

"Oh, a great many years! Twenty or twenty-two, I think."

"That makes the story clear. You must know that I met a Mr. George Vernon in Australia—a man about forty years old. He drank to excess and gambled desperately; and, in fact, there were a great many queer stories told of him one way and another."

"One night he was in my tent with several of his friends, and the conversation turned upon the reality of ghosts, and the amount of credulity required to believe in them. Vernon said little at first, but later in the evening he suddenly looked up at me and exclaimed, 'It is true, every syllable of it. They do come back. I have seen and heard them, too, by day and night, for twenty years past. They can come in any shape. They can turn their hands to anything. Why I have known one to rock a cradle four-and-twenty hours without ceasing and sing all the while into the bargain!'"

"What a useful ghost to have in the house with a small family," said some one, laughing.

"I never saw any one turn as pale as Vernon did."

"Useful! You would not crack your jokes about them if you staid a night alone in my old house at Banley," he exclaimed. "Gad! What with the butler's pantry and the turret-room, it's little like laughing you'd feel by morning. I am thinking! Pass me the brandy and let me get it out of my head."

"And sure enough he did get it out of his head; for it took two men to see him safe home when he left my tent at 10 o'clock that night."

"And what do you infer from that, Charles?" inquired his wife.

"Why, my dear, this is near Banley, and the only house that I have ever heard of where a cradle rocks. To make assurance doubly sure, Mr. Vernon's brother own's the place now. I would be willing to take my oath that the rocking of the cradle has something to do with one of these men; but which of the two I am not prepared to say."

"I saw George," exclaimed Rose, who had been deeply interested in the story.

"And I should like to hear the cradle," remarked Mr. Cowley.

"Oh, don't think of such a thing! It's too horrible!" exclaimed both the girls.

"I only want to convince myself that it does rock."

"But we all heard it."

"Then I confess I am like the young lady whose grandmother told her that she had found out by her own experience that love-making was very dangerous work. I want to find out by my own experience, too. Where is this cradle?"

"In the kitchen."

"Does it rock every night?"

"Yes."

"At what time?"

"It begins about nine."

"And it now wants a quarter to ten. It must be in full swing by this time. Rose, will you do the honors of the ghost to your old friend?"

"Not I."

"Catharine?"

"I must beg to be excused."

"Well, aunt, will you come?"

"No, Charles; I'll never set foot in that awful kitchen again, by day or night, while I have my right senses."

RESIGN FROM THE SENATE.

Political War Between Tillman and McLaughlin Reaches a Climax.

The fierce political war between Senators Tillman and McLaughlin reached a climax when both sent to Gov. McSweeney of South Carolina their resignations as United States senators. Each announces that he will go before the primary for re-election. The resignations will take effect September 15. This is the second instance in the history of the senate that two members of that body have resigned and appealed for vindication to the voters of their state. In 1881 Senators Conkling and Platt made a spectacular exit from the senate, their grievance being that President Garfield had ignored them in the matter of important federal appointments in New York. Neither Conkling nor Platt was vindicated, Platt returning to the senate twenty years later, when the feud had been forgotten. Senator Tillman seemed much pleased with himself after the resignation. He considered that he had gained an important advantage over Senator McLaughlin and that he risked little while McLaughlin's chances of coming out vindicated were one in a hundred. "McLaughlin made a bluff at me," he said, "and did not think I would call him. After I had made an assault on his honesty and integrity of purpose he tried to parry that by taunting me with the assertion that I would not leave my six years' bomb-proof position. I saw the opportunity to make a ten-strike for democracy, and was ready to take it, regardless of the personal sacrifice. I want South Carolina to say whether she wants two democrats or two republicans in the senate. If the people do not want to re-elect me I do not care to serve them. I shall announce my candidacy to succeed myself and shall take such other steps as I find desirable."

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