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Republican State Convention.
The Republican electors of the State of Nebraska are hereby called to send delegates from the several counties to meet in State Convention at Lincoln, Wednesday, September 25, A. D. 1883, at 5 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following named offices, to-wit:
One Justice of the Supreme Court.
Two Regents of the University.
One University Regent to fill vacancy.

Counties	Del.	Counties	Del.
Adair	1	Johnson	1
Antelope	2	Keane	2
Bonine	3	Keith	3
Butler	4	Lincoln	4
Cass	5	Loup	5
Cedar	6	Madison	6
Cheyenne	7	Merriam	7
Clay	8	Nance	8
Collins	9	Nebraska	9
Cumby	10	Platte	10
Chase	11	Polk	11
Custer	12	Richardson	12
Dakota	13	Saline	13
Dawson	14	Sarpy	14
Dixon	15	Seward	15
Dodge	16	Shepherd	16
Douglas	17	Stanton	17
Dundy	18	Thayer	18
Finney	19	Valley	19
Franklin	20	Washington	20
Fremont	21	Webster	21
Gage	22	York	22
Geary	23	Total	23
Grant	24		
Harlan	25		
Harrison	26		
Hamilton	27		
Howard	28		
Jefferson	29		

flowers; among the green of pines and spruce. As we get very close to the city, the winding road looks though going to run into some mountain, but at just the critical moment, curves around and we find ourselves still in the valley, among the foothills which rise upon every hand and which would seem like mountains of goodly height, only that beyond rise the more gigantic proportions of the rugged heights. Manitou is a lovely city. Its principal street runs an irregular course up a rising ground and is flanked upon either side by houses, fancifully built and grotesquely painted. Ever and anon we come to some bubbling spring its "waters for the healing of the nations," gurgling over its rocky bed and deposited in some rustic looking pavilion, erected by the tasteful hand of man for bathing or drinking purposes. The vicinity is full of the most romantic walks and drives, too numerous to be fully described in a letter like this, and too lovely to be realized by anything but experience.

There are thousands of pretty spots which can be reached by a short walk, and many which well repay the time and expense of a drive. One of these is that "Rainbow Falls." The drive to these falls is up the old Leadville trail, by which all passengers used to be conveyed to that thriving city. The trail is narrow, many places in it only allowing the passage of a single carriage. Along the sides of the roads rise the crags, the rough, uneven rocks being partially concealed by a wealth of the grass and the foliage of the hardy trees which find room in very stony soil. Soon after starting, upon the right of the trail, the ear is caught by the sound of rushing waters and the eye sees the Minnehaha Springs as it flows rapidly along over its rough bed, its waters torn into lacy foam as it leaps over and curls around the jointed rocks which vainly strive to stop its course. The way gradually rises and every moment brings a fresh scene of wild natural beauty, and the air getting constantly more exhilarating, coming from the rude bosom of the mountains, and made odorous ever and anon by a breath of piney fragrance of the heart insence of the mountain flowers. Dropping in huge volume between the rough-hewn mountain walls, the Rainbow Falls fill a deep, rocky basin, and rushes along with impetuous force among a confusion of broken rocks with a noisy announcement of its coming. Slowly climbing over the debris of Nature, the beholder approaches within a few feet of the spot where the water strikes, from its journey above, and with the cool spray sweeping the face with a feeling of delightful coolness, gazing at the falling water while the golden sunshine falls overhead the prismatic colors of the rainbow burst upon the vision. Standing there alone, with no sound but the roar of the falling water, surrounded by the silent works of nature in their impressive grandeur, and with the varied-colored emblem of hope just before the vision, one moment like this is to the only partially-thoughtful beholder, more valuable than hundreds of sermons from the lips of human eloquence.

Another pretty drive or walk is that to the Ute Iron Springs, over the old Pike's Peak trail and passing the "Manhattan Bath." The latter is not so large as the Rainbow Falls, but it is a very pretty cascade. Its waters fall into a pool of small circumference, the dark surface of which gives no hint that its thirty feet deep. The scenery along this trail is a picture of varying beauty and the path leads up gradually to a considerable altitude. The mountains, so lovely at a distance, grow more grand as we get into their midst, and show the deep wrinkles and furrows upon their aged faces, more plainly as acquaintance gets more close. The rocks show more variety in color and formation, and the many shades given upon the mountain side show ever and anon a silver thread of some tiny brook, too minute in the great catalogue of beauty to ever get more than a passing notice, but lovely by itself like

"Many a flower born to blush unseen,"
The clouds, which viewed from the flat plains or from the common city street, seem only patches of white upon the sky's blue, assume new interest and added beauty clinging to the lofty peak, cut into shreds of film by the rugged heights or rolling along like huge volumes of smoke across the mountain side, above its green base and below its summit of blue or crest of glistening snow.

In my next letter I will give a brief description of the "Garden of the Gods," one of the most interesting of the many points of interest in the vicinity of Manitou. Now for something more common-place in the line of news from the Centennial State.
Next Tuesday, the Exposition will open to the great public, and the active career of the enterprise for 1883 will begin. The formal opening this year

will be of a very simple nature. There will be no procession, as there was a year ago. The members of the State and city governments will be conveyed to the building in carriages, and the music will be furnished by the band of Collander's Minstrels, who will play an engagement here during the week. An address will be made by Governor Grant, and also by Mayor Routt, and the oration will be delivered by Senator Warner Miller, of New York, who will be introduced by ex-Senator H. A. W. Tabor. The religious portion of the programme will be conducted by clergymen of this city. The building has been open for the reception of exhibits since the first of the month, and the building now presents a busy scene of preparation. Car loads of ore and other articles of display are arriving daily, and the commissioners are flying about arranging displays, looking after decorations, and talking all the time. The ore display will excel that ever made at any exhibition in the world. Among the recent additions is that of the Richmond and Danville Railroad Company, which has one of the finest private collections of mineral and geological specimens in the country, and which will be shown in an elegant cabinet especially built for the purpose. The Art Department is growing in the magnitude of its specimens of the artistic genius of the country, and the gallery for this display is being made a lovely spot. Among other novelties, the old Nova Scotia locomotive, which attracted so much attention at the Chicago Exposition, and the first locomotive which entered that city in its early days, will stand out prominently. The Union Pacific Railway has sent four car loads of specimens, and its exhibit will loom grandly. The Horticultural Society will make a special feature of the display of the flora of various localities of the West, and mountain grasses and wild flowers.

The Grand Army Camp is now about ready for the "boys," and will be fully prepared before their arrival. Ten thousand tents for the camp arrived yesterday. The amount of food required for the subsistence of the men will be enormous. A faint idea of the whole may be gained from the figures in the list of stores to be furnished. Fifty thousand pounds of beef, 10,000 of ham, 1,000 pounds of mess pork, 40,000 loaves of fresh bread, 30,000 pounds of hard bread, 6,000 pounds of granulated sugar, 10 barrels of sugar-house syrup, 8,000 pounds of creamery butter, 5,000 pounds of table salt, 10 dozen great bottles assorted pickles, 5,000 pounds laundry soap, 6,000 pounds small white beans, 5,000 gallons cider vinegar, 10,000 pounds of potatoes, 5,000 pounds coffee.

Your readers have doubtless been interested in the reports of the notable in Grand county—trouble which ended in the murder of three men. Of course in a community as far west as Plattsmouth, the state of society in a town upon the frontier is fully understood. But the bad effects of the outrageous condition of affairs in Grand county, aside from its local influence and the loss of human life which has been made, is upon the minds of people living in the remote East and South, and who too often form their opinion of a state or a large section of a new country, upon some incident connected with the local history of some obscure and isolated locality. We of the West with our experience of a rapidly-growing country, know how common it is for a community of refinement and education and representing the very highest type of civilization and progress, to be the near neighbor of a locality where the frontier-man is the arbitrator and Judge Lynch's court, the highest tribunal.

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BLUE RUIN.

The worst hail storm in the history of Cass county visited us yesterday morning, between the hours of ten and eleven o'clock. Information received last evening from eighteen miles south of Plattsmouth and ten miles west—making a strip of territory north and south through the county, at least, from eight to ten miles in width, shows a total destruction of everything in the shape of crops—corn, wheat, barley, rye, oats, grasses, fruit and young timber, everything destroyed—and with this destruction we learn many farmers lost heavily in hogs and poultry; even the birds and wild game was destroyed in large quantities.
It is impossible to estimate the damage to Cass county, but it is safe to say a half million dollars would not cover the loss.

COLORADO CORRESPONDENCE.

DENVER, Colo., July 11, 1883.
A pretty excursion for a short one, is that from this city to that picturesque spot where Manitou nestles among the foothills at the base of Pike's Peak. The ride from this city is a charming one, going through a country slightly undulating and rich with native growth, thriving villages and an occasional glimpse of some little lake reflecting the blue sky, varying the monotony of the scene. As we get nearer our destination, the mountains which guard one side of the way, and show the limits of the great plains, grow more and more distinct in their rugged outlines and show by our nearer approach that what at a distance looks like an irregular wall of smooth blue, becomes a rough, rocky, impassable mass of rocks, varying in all the shades of dark red and gray, with patches of jet black and snowy white, the whole intermingled with a glorious combination of brilliantly colored wild