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Republican State Convention.

The republican state committee met in Lincoln Wednesday and fixed May 18, as the date of the state convention. At that time a complete state ticket will be nominated and delegates-at-large to the national convention chosen. The committee also recommended the nomination of a candidate for United States senator to succeed Charles H. Dietrich.

The meeting was the best attended of any committee meeting that has been held in recent years.

A resolution was also adopted placing the committee on record as in favor of Roosevelt and Webster. Mr. Webster addressed the committee, and in the course of his remarks said:

"I may be permitted to take this occasion to say that I myself drafted the platform adopted by the last republican state convention which committed the republican party of the state of Nebraska to the renomination of President Roosevelt. I am as enthusiastically in favor of the renomination of President Roosevelt as I was at the date that I wrote that platform.

The republican party of the state of Nebraska is a unit in favor of the renomination of our worthy and honorable president, and is heartily in accord with his administration. It would be as impossible, if I may use an illustration, to pluck the stars from the heavens as to take the state of Nebraska away from Theodore Roosevelt.

I deeply appreciate the part of the resolution referring to myself by name. At the same time, I do not accept it entirely as a compliment to myself, but the manifestation of a sentiment prevailing in the minds of the republicans of the state of Nebraska that they are entitled to national recognition. The last republican state convention, without solicitation on my part, voluntarily chose by resolution which it adopted, to endorse myself as the candidate of the republican party of this state for the high office of vice president of the United States. The effort which is now going on was started by the republican party in convention assembled. It is the republican party which is carrying forward that movement today. I am but the instrument, or the representative of the party for the purpose of accomplishing the result. The

responsibility for success must not rest upon my shoulders alone but the republican party of the state must lend its united energies to help us achieve the coveted honor.

When the next national republican national convention shall have closed its labor, I trust that the republicans of the state of Nebraska will have the opportunity of shaking hands with our sister state of New York over the presidential ticket, and thereupon we can enter vigorously into a campaign which will replace Theodore Roosevelt in the presidential chair in the White House in the city of Washington."

Richardson county will be entitled to 22 delegates to the state convention.

Died.

Elvina Steinbrink, daughter of August Steinbrink died at her home in this city last Friday. The cause of her death was typhoid fever. The deceased was nineteen years of age. The funeral was held on Sunday from the Lutheran church and was largely attended by friends of the family.

Al Hofer of Kansas City was in the city the first of the week visiting relatives and looking after business matters.

When the good old summer time rolls round again, how we will miss that city park that we ought to have.

Mineral Paint Discovered In Vicinity of Falls City

An extensive deposit of mineral paint has been discovered within a very short distance of Falls City. The discoverer, who requested that his name be not mentioned, told a Tribune man of the find and backed up his statements with samples of both the ore and of paints made therefrom. This man is one of our well known citizens and is perfectly reliable. When seen by a reporter he said:

"I have known of this deposit of mineral paint for a long time, but had no idea of its value. About ten years ago I was working on a house which was being erected on a farm not very far from town and noticed near a well on the premises, a pile of peculiar clay like substance which I took to be mineral paint, from the amount of oil it contained. I made inquiry of the owner of the land and learned that the substance had been taken out by a well augur ten years before. The augur had passed through a layer of the substance at least eighty feet thick. I did not give the matter much thought until I was in Lincoln this winter and learned from paint manufacturers the value of such a deposit. I at once renewed my investigations with the most satisfactory results. The ore from which mineral paint is made exists very near Falls City in large quantities and a very short time will witness the development of the find." Here the gentleman picked up a large piece of the dark brown oily substance and continued,

"This sample is from the original pile that I noticed at the well and has lain exposed to the elements, freezing and thawing and heat and rain for twenty years. It is still rich in oil and seems to have lost none of its original qualities."

The reporter was then shown a can of paint which had been made by simply grinding the ore and mixing it with raw linseed oil. When applied to a hard pine board the paint dried rapidly with a gloss like varnish. The reporter secured a sample of the ore which can be seen at this office.

The ore from which mineral paint is made is very rare and western paint manufacturers are compelled to ship their supply from as far away as Vermont and New Jersey. This being true one can readily see the value of a discovery of mineral paint in the immediate vicinity of Falls City. It means the building up of an industry of no inconsiderable magnitude, for it is evident that a vein eighty feet thick would yield an immense quantity of the ore, the mining and shipping of which would require the labor of many men. The location of a big paint factory in this city would not be unlikely. Specimens of the ore have been sent to Lincoln to be tested and when the report is made an exhaustive investigation of the vein will be made. The gentleman who discovered the deposit assures us that he will have something of importance for publication in the very near future.

Sphinx Club Wins Piano

The piano contest which was conducted by Burriss Bros., Davies & Owens and S. L. Davies, closed last Friday. For some time the fight had been between the Sphinx Club and Central school, the other contestants having been left far behind. As the contest neared a close, both sides redoubled their efforts and many votes were cast during the last few hours that the ballot box remained open. The final count of the ballots showed that the Sphinx Club had polled 22,219 votes and Central school had 18,181 votes to their credit. The piano was accordingly awarded to the Sphinx Club.

The boys were naturally much elated over their victory and feel grateful to their friends for help they gave. On Sunday afternoon the new instrument was thoroughly tested at the club rooms. A number of young ladies were invited in to do the playing. Dave Sowles learned that the contest was in progress and sent up a big box of fine candy, which proved to be just what was needed to make the concert a complete success.

W. W. Jenne and son Harry left Tuesday on a trip to New York. They were accompanied by Stella Blanchard who has been here visiting at the home of Mr. Jenne.

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