

Republican County Convention

Loup City, Neb., March 8, 1904.—The Republican electors of Sherman county, Nebraska, are hereby requested to send delegates from their respective townships to meet in convention at Loup City, Nebraska, on Tuesday, April 20th, 1904, at 11 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican State and Senatorial conventions for the year 1904, to elect a county central committee and the chairman thereof, and to place in nomination a candidate for county attorney and a candidate for representative of the 57th district of Nebraska. Also to transact such other business as may properly come before said convention.

The several townships are entitled to representation as follows: the apportionment being based upon the vote cast at the last general election for the Hon. John B. Barnes, Judge of the Supreme Court, giving each township one delegate for every seven votes or major fraction thereof and one delegate at large:

Oak Creek	2	Logan	5
Washington	6	Elm	3
Webster	4	Loup City	23
Ashton	7	Rockville	5
Clay	5	Harrison	9
Scott	3	Hazard	7
Bristol	6		
Total	55		

It is recommended that the primaries be held at the usual voting place in each township on Saturday, April 23, 1904.

By order of the Republican County Central Committee.

R. J. NIGHTINGALE, H. SMELSER,
Secretary, Chairman.

Call for Primary.

The Republican electors of Loup City township will take notice that a Republican primary election will be held at the usual voting place in said township on Saturday, the 23rd day of April, 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of electing delegates to the Republican county convention, to be held at Loup City, Tuesday, April 26, 1904; also for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for township clerk, treasurer, overseer of highway and committeeman and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said primary meeting.

R. J. NIGHTINGALE,
Committeeman for Loup City Twp.

A political calculator claims Willie Hearst and his millions will go to the democratic national pow-wow with at least 300 instructed delegates.

A. Waite has been allowed to select the Otoe county delegation to the Republican state convention in the interests of his candidacy for secretary of state.

We venture to assert and feel safe in the fact that Loup City has more new buildings in process of erection at the present time than any other town of its size in the state.

Judge Robertson came out over his own signature, on the 23d inst., withdrawing from the race for governor. That means Mickey another term, and Judge Robertson for governor two years hence.

There has been such a profound lull in the political arena the past few days that one is tempted to believe that an embalming process is going on by the political undertakers. Or is it the superlative calm that presages a coming political typhoon?

Last week it was given out with a flourish of trumpets that Rosewater had gone to Washington and he and Dietrich had secured Summer's scalp and Harry Lindsay, the Pawnee, would be chief of the U. S. attorney wigwam, but before the victorious news had scarcely got its first work in, it had a relapse. Senator Millard caused a balk by claiming Gurley, not Lindsay, should wear the toga, if a change were made. Next.

As the time draws near for the Republican county convention, it is well to look around for a suitable candidate for representative in the coming state legislature, and one who can command the highest percentage of votes. Such an one we have heard frequently mentioned in the person of Hon. H. Smelser of Ashton, the popular and efficient present chairman of the Republican county central committee. From the favorable comment we have heard of Mr. Smelser, and our slight personal acquaintance with the gentleman since coming here, we are favorably impressed with the idea that should he consent to the use of his name and receive the nomination he could command the undivided Republican support and be elected by a handsome majority to represent Sherman county at Lincoln this coming winter. In justice to Mr. Smelser, we will add that we have taken the liberty of using his name without his knowledge or consent, and only using it in the horoscope of political comment.

Here's a healthy condition of affairs for Loup City and Sherman county that is hard to beat. While the district court costs collected by the clerk for the first three months of 1903 amounted to \$173.32, the collections for the first three months of 1904 have dropped to \$42.69. Litigation is at a very low ebb and our people prosperous and happy.

We publish the call for the Loup City Republican primary this week. If the committeemen from the various townships will send in dates of their primaries we will cheerfully give them publication, also. Just send in time and places of holding same.

Badly Bruised and Injured.
George Dninger, one of Logan township's old residents, was quite severely injured last Friday evening, while hauling a load of hay. As near as we can learn, Mr. Dninger slipped from the load of hay and fell between the rack and the horses. The horses kicked him in several places, breaking his collar bone. He then fell to the ground, one of the wheels striking the side of his face, bruising it badly. Dr. Long was called and Mr. Deninger was made as comfortable as possible. The doctor says he will pull through all right.

Aged Pioneer Passes Away.
W. M. Pritschu, Sr., died at his home in Bristol township, Monday, Mar. 14, 1904, at the ripe old age of 84 years, 3 months and 17 days. He had not been sick to amount to anything, and his death was just the peaceful passing away of one who had lived out the allotted time. Mr. Pritschau was one of the earliest settlers of the county, coming here in 1873 and taking a homestead where he resided to the time of his death. He was the father-in-law of Conrad Koch, who lost his house and household goods in the destructive prairie fire that ravaged that section of the county some three weeks since. Our sympathies are extended to the bereaved relatives.

Divide News.
Divide was visited by a nice little shower the 20th.

Mr. and Mrs. Squires visited with the postmistress last Sunday.

George Rightenour talks of moving over on Clear creek, this week.

H. Reinsink is crowding the season by plowing his corn ground. He says there's nothing like getting ready in time.

Ezra Slocum has just but down another well on his farm in Elm township. It is 186 feet in depth, with 18 feet of water. John Vian of Litchfield did the job. Mr. Vian is also putting down a well on the old Chris. Houck farm.

STRAWBERRY.

WENT UP IN SMOKE

Chris. Houck's Old Blacksmith Building Destroyed—A Dangerous Conflagration Narrowly Averted.

Tuesday night, or rather about 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning of this week, the people of Loup City were startled from their slumbers by the clanging of the fire-alarm bell, long and continued, giving evidence of a more than usual danger signal. The fire as it proved to be, was in the old Chris Houck blacksmith shop opposite the big feed barn of Mr. B. T. Snyder, situated on Cedar street, one block south of the business portion of main street. As the affrighted populace gathered on the scene and before the fire ladders could get in effective work, it was found the structure was doomed and all efforts were directed to prevent the spread of the flames, and so successfully that all damage was confined to the original building, which was totally destroyed. The night, fortunately, was still and calm, with scarcely a perceptible breeze, else, had a stiff breeze been blowing, the damage had been up into the thousands and a large part of the business portion of the town gone up in smoke. Much praise is due the efficient hose company, to whose prompt and excellent work is due the fact that the fire was confined to the one building. The city is also to be congratulated on its most excellent water system for protection against just such danger as threatened it that morning. The burned building had been unused and unoccupied for two or more years, but parties had been recently invoicing the stock and building, we understand, with prospects of investing. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$550 in building, tools, etc. It has been but a few weeks since Mr. Houck had his hardware store at Brawley, Calif., destroyed by fire, reported in this paper, proving the old adage that misfortunes never come singly.

An Old Settler Gone.

Fred Wickman, one of Ashton's old and respected citizens departed this life at his home on Thursday morning last at 1:30 a. m. Mr. Wickman had a complication of troubles, his liver and heart being affected, and some time ago he caught a severe cold from which la grippe set in and in his diseased condition carried him away.

He had lived in the neighborhood of Ashton for a number of years and was known and loved by the entire east side of the county; kind and generous to a fault; of an even temperament, and one of those men whom the world is better for his having lived.

Rev. Kanzler, the German minister of Loup City, preached the funeral sermon in the German language, after which Rev. Langstaff of Ashton delivered a short address in English.

The Modern Woodmen, of which lodge he was a member, had charge of the funeral and performed their burial service.

Mr. Wickman was born in Madison, Wis., and was, at his death, 47 years, 1 month and 10 days old. The funeral was one of the largest ever held in Ashton, the cortege being more than a half mile long and containing fifty or more teams.

Card of Thanks.—We sincerely thank those dear friends and neighbors and the members of Ashton camp, 2037, M. W. A., who so kindly lent their assistance and showed their heartfelt sympathy at the death of our beloved husband and father.

MRS. F. WICKMAN AND SON.

Or was the Matter with Packard?

Aurora Sun: R. C. Packard, late of the Minden Gazette, was in the city Tuesday and a pleasant caller at these newspaper headquarters. Mr. Packard recently sold his newspaper at Minden and is now congratulating himself on the fact that he saved himself from financial ruin and freed himself from a town practically dead to the world as far as progressive business men are concerned.

Gets Cast of Whale.
It is reported that Curator Lucas, of the National Museum, who went to Newfoundland to obtain a plaster cast of a whale, has succeeded in getting a good cast seventy-nine feet long.

Value of Oil Baths.
Any one can add strength and weight to his body by rubbing well with olive oil after a warm bath. Oil baths are particularly beneficial to delicate children.

High-Priced Canaries.
Since King Henry took up the hobby of canary breeding, prices have steadily advanced until crested birds have been sold at \$350 a pair.

Division of Railway Wages.
Of the \$676,023,592 wages paid by railways of the United States, 2 per cent goes to general officers, 15 per cent to other officers, engineers and conductors, and 83 per cent to the other employees.

Richest Educational Institution.
The wealthiest educational institution in the world, the Leland Stanford, Jr., University, is located at Palo Alto, Santa Clara county, California. It has an endowment of over \$30,000,000.

Fees of Old-Time Physicians.
A century or so ago a physician's fees were measured, not by length of attendance or by the skill displayed, but by the value of the medicines given, for then the doctor was in a measure an apothecary and provided his own drugs.

Lions Lack Lung Power.
Lions and tigers have little endurance, and their lung power is remarkably weak. They can outrun a man and equal a fast horse in speed for a short distance, but they lose their wind at the end of half a mile or so.

Oldest Church in the World.
The oldest building in the world that has been uninterruptedly used for church purposes is St. Martin's cathedral at Canterbury. The building was originally erected for a church, and has been regularly used as a place for religious gatherings for more than 1,500 years.

Pope Lauds Journalists.
Recently the Pope took a stylistic pen from a Protestant journalist's hand and pronounced a benediction. He returned the pen, saying: "No one has a nobler mission than a journalist in the world to-day. I bless your symbol of office."

Sometimes Fatal.
"I haf reed vair much about ze what you call pneumonia!" said the despairing Frenchman who has recently become a citizen, "but eet ees an othair reason for me not to understand ze language. I learn how to pronounce ze word 'noomonia,' and zen I learn ze doctaires sometimes pronounce it 'fatal!' By gar!"

Wife as Merchandise.
A Russian peasant advertised in an Irkutsk journal that he wanted to sell his wife and two young pigs for twenty-five rubles the lot. It was supposed to be a joke, but was found to be a fact; nor did the wife seem to care much what became of her as long as she got away from him.

Cotton in South Africa.
In the last annual report of the British commissioner of British central Africa the details of exports are interesting as containing the first mention of the export of cotton. Last spring 600 acres were under cotton cultivation, and it is expected that by December there would be 4,000 acres.

An Anecdote of Napoleon.
When Napoleon was besieging Maestricht he ordered that the guns should not be trained on the town hall, where was preserved a skeleton of mosasaurus and when the place was captured he directed that the specimen should be carefully conveyed to Paris.

Saloons in France.
France has 464,556 saloons to supply the wants of 38,666,366 inhabitants. That is one saloon to eighty-three inhabitants, and this number is constantly increasing. During the last ten years the consumption of alcohol in France has increased in alarming proportions, while England and the United States have progressed toward temperance.

Liqueur Bottles as Bric-a-Brac.
One of the most peculiar kinds of hobbies now in vogue is at present exercising quite a fascination over certain ladies in society. It is the collection of all kinds of empty liqueur bottles for the decoration of drawing room whatnots and cabinets. The Dutch Delft ware, in which the liqueur brandy of Holland is stored, is especially pretty and artistic.—Daily Chronicle.

Blunt Truth.
An English writer has written some "confessions" in relation to his reading when a boy. Dickens he had no liking for until later years, but Browning, Macaulay, and Pepys interested him. He says that book lovers are few—a few thousands at most among the millions. If men would but dare to confess, he adds, it would be found that not one in a thousand has ever read Shakespeare.—Albany (N. Y.) Journal.

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