

THE RED CLOUD CRIEF.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 7, 1875

A Word as to the Constitutional Convention and the Constitution.

One of the great obstacles or difficulties in modern Constitutional Conventions, and with Constitutional makers, has been that the bodies are too large, and each prominent member has sought to be the author of the new constitution. The fact is there can be nothing particularly new in a constitution. It ought to be short, plain, concise and perfectly free from anything like legislation; simply a landmark, or guide for, or restraint upon hasty and inconsiderate legislation, as to fundamental principles of government. With few amendments our present constitution is ample. The first act of the coming Constitutional Convention, after organization, should be to appoint a committee of not more than five of its best men, whose duty should be to prepare and report a constitution to the convention. The convention should then adjourn for thirty days, and meet again to hear and act upon the report. This would be economy and good sense, and would provide a much more satisfactory instrument to the people and better serve the true interests of the State. This committee should be selected with sole reference to competency, and without regard to political affiliations, or locality. By this mode five thousand dollars would provide a constitution, instead of fifteen or twenty thousand as will be the case, if the ordinary sitting be gone through with, and we believe will be much more likely to meet the approval of the people.

One important feature of the constitution should be a provision for future amendments and alterations. Constitutional Conventions are expensive nuisances, with which a State should never be afflicted more than once. Let the people be permitted to amend or alter almost at pleasure, or at least as the growing wants of a young State, like ours, may demand. The provision should be that any session of the Legislature may submit amendments or alterations, to be approved or rejected by a vote of the people, at any regular or special election. This would keep the fundamental law of the State near the people, and save a vast sum of money to the tax payers. There was a world of good sound sense in the honest advice once given by the lamented Lincoln to the present Senator Orndorff of Illinois: "Dick, if you wish to be useful and successful in life, never get very far away from the people." While the people may not desire often to change their constitution, they are better satisfied to know that they can do so whenever they wish, or necessity demands.—Brownville Advertiser.

AN ACT.

To Regulate the Issuance of Licenses for the Sale of Malt, Vinous and Spirituous Liquors in the State of Nebraska.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA, That all applicants for license to sell malt, spirituous, and vinous liquors in the State of Nebraska, made to Commissioners of any County or Council of any City in the State, shall be over for the space of two weeks before action is taken thereon, when, if there be no objections in writing, made and filed to the issuance of said license, and the provision of chapter 53 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, have been fully complied with it may be granted.

Sec. 2. If there be any objection, protest or remonstrance filed in the office, when the application is made against the issuance of said license, the County Commissioners or City Council shall appoint a day for a hearing of said case, and it shall be satisfactory, if proven that the applicant for license has been guilty of the violation of any of the provisions of section five hundred and seventy two (572), five hundred and seventy four (574), and five hundred and seventy five (575), chapter fifty-three, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, or any other restrictions now legally placed upon the sale of malt, spirituous and vinous liquors, within the space of one year, or if any former license shall have been revoked for any misdemeanor against the laws of this State then the Board of County Commissioners, or Council of any City, shall refuse to grant said application for license.

Sec. 3. On the hearing of any case arising under the provisions of this act the testimony shall be reduced to writing and filed in the office of application, and if any party feel himself aggrieved by the decision in said case, he may appeal therefrom to the District Court, and such appeal shall be summarily decided by the judge of such Court upon said evidence alone.

Sec. 4. No person who is hidden, as the principal upon any bond issued under the provisions of section 572, chapter 53, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, shall be permitted to become a surety upon any other bond of like character; Provided, any party interested shall have process to compel the attendance of witnesses who shall have the same compensation as now provided by law in the District Court, and the costs shall be paid by the party filing complaint in case license be granted.

Sec. 5. Any minor who shall for the purpose of evading the provisions of section 574, chapter 53, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, falsely represent his age, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and fined for each and every offense not exceeding twenty dollars (20), or imprisoned in the county jail, not exceeding thirty days (30), or both, at the discretion of the Court.

Sec. 6. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 7. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

The government now insists that the Black Hills country shall remain sacred to bands of murderous redskins for the reason that a few fat agencies are already established at these points, and if white men open up the country their pet agents will be without an occupation.—Blair Times.

No, that is not the reason at all. The reason why the government will prevent invasion into the Black Hills region is because good faith with the Indians on the part of the Government demands it. The Indians have a title to that country as binding as a warranty deed, and promised protection by the government. Every right-minded man approves of the government being faithful to its compact and obligations, and as well with the Indians as with any other people or race. The Times is a democratic paper, but is that any reason why it should advocate a violation of solemn pledges made by the government? And, moreover, the government is now attempting negotiations with the Indians with the view of being relieved of its obligations in that respect, and opening that country for settlements by the whites. And therefore the government does not "insist" that the Black Hills "shall remain sacred," and all that sort of twaddle, only so long as it considers its compact binding—or "sacred," if you please. Because the Sioux are "murderous redskins" does not relieve the government from its duty to act in good faith toward them.—B. V. Advertiser.

STATE NEWS.

Lincoln has had an unusual number of sessions during the last three or four months. The last thing is an infantile.

Last winter a citizen of Seward county while on a visit to Nebraska City, abducted a boy and took him to Seward. A few days since the boy was discovered, and returned to his mother.

Attorney General Roberts who has been in Philadelphia for some time has returned to his home in Hanlan county.

The Lincoln Journal states that a company has been formed in that city for the purpose of manufacturing wind mills. This is another good move on the part of that lively town.

L. D. George, of Buffalo county has been arrested on the charge of setting fire to his brothers barn.

Hon. B. H. Barrows, a member of the Legislature from Douglas county, has assumed editorial charge of the Omaha Republican.

The Kearney Press says that several pieces of ore, apparently lead, and perhaps mixed with silver were found up Wood river by Mr. Armstrong, and brought into Kearney.

The recent storms have been general throughout the State. A great amount of damage has resulted from prairie fires in several counties.

The papers of the State are full of proceedings of conventions for the nomination of members of the Constitutional Convention. Generally, the best men are in the field.

FROM ELK CREEK.

ELK CREEK, Neb., March 30 '75.

ED. CHIEF:—We have been blessed with pleasant spring weather for the past week, and farmers in this locality have been busy plowing and sowing grain. There has been a vast amount of grain sown and people are not through yet, an abundant harvest is anticipated, which if realized will set the people "on their feet again," and cause them in a measure to forget their late troubles. At present writing the earth is being moistened by a pleasant shower of rain which will cause the grain already sown to sprout and will also put the ground in good condition for plowing.

who go to town to the polls of course do not mind it as they would go to town any way on business. It probably would be well for our county fathers and the people generally to take in consideration the fact that there will never be a full vote cast in the country so long as the people are obliged to inconvenience themselves to such an extent in order to enjoy this privilege. We must have more to say on this subject in the future.

FROM INVALE.

INVALE, April 5th, 1875.

ED. CHIEF:—Last Saturday evening quite a number of the citizens of this and Franklin counties, called on Jim Rose, who lives on the place of Mr. Geo. DeLong. It is very evident that the late disastrous fire, which caused such a great loss of property in this vicinity originated from him. They went to his house with the determination that he should leave the country within 48 hours or take a dance at the end of a laint rope. Mr. Oimstead heard of their intentions and called at Rose's to inform him of the danger he was in. While he was there about 40 men came to the house, and a man came to the door and handed Mr. DeLong a paper, the purport of which was that if he didn't leave the country in 48 hours he would have a general at short notice. The notice was signed "Chairman of the Protection Society." It was found that Rose left last Thursday, and his whereabouts are not known at present. Considerable disappointment was expressed at not finding him, as a number of revolver shots were heard as the men dispersed.

CITIZEN.

CLOVERTON, Webster Co., Neb., April 1st, 1875.

EDITOR CHIEF:—Thinking that some items from our part of the county, might not be uninteresting to some of your readers, I hereby send you a few of the events of the past week. The storm of the past two days having passed over and the weather again became calm and serene, old sol looking down upon us this morning as pleasant and smiling as ever. No serious damage done in this part of the county, but I notice to day quite a number of stray cattle wandering over the prairies, apparently lost. Would that we could say by the fire the same—no serious damage done; but the fire, that perhaps some thoughtful person put out somewhere south of Elm creek and carried by the wind in a northeasterly direction, crossing Elm creek, there burning the stable of E. D. Peck, two nice pigs, and a valuable team of horses belonging to Mr. Fuller, also the house of Peter Donahy with all their household goods, clothing, &c. Advancing north burning four head of cattle and injuring several others for Mrs. Morrow. Finally reaching the stable of M. Willson, of the Cloverton House, which soon became a blackened mass of ruins, together with fifteen dollars worth of hay. These losses no doubt are seriously felt by the losers; yet this is not all, many of our citizens having little or nothing to feed their stock; but so long as the fire did not destroy the old grass, cattle could live well until grass came; but the fire spreading over so large a portion of the county, many will find it very difficult to get their stock through the early spring. When will our people learn wisdom and cease putting out those fires. We think that no one can find an excuse for such an act, and we also think that all good citizens should aid in bringing the law to bear with all its force upon any person that may wantonly or mischievously or even accidentally set these prairies on fire.

FROM KANSAS.

ELK RIVER, Montgomery Co. Kan., March 24th, 1875.

ED. CHIEF:—Thinking that some of your readers would like to hear from this part of the country, I take the trouble to write you this. The settlers in this county, after having considerable of a failure in crops the past season, caused by the draught and grasshoppers, then experiencing a long cold winter, now complain of hard times; but there are but few that have called for aid in this county, and some of them were through jealousy of his poor neighbor than necessity. One man called for aid when the loft of his house was filled with wheat so that the weight broke down his chamber floor, and another had two or three hundred bushels of corn to sell, and called for aid on the plea that he did not want to sell until he could sell for one dollar per bushel; and another called for aid who had 30 head of cattle, 9 head of horses, several hogs and plenty of pork in his smoke house to do him until next killing time, as was

reported by men appointed by the county to look after the poor, and plenty of others with about the same means, while there are some really suffering farther west. Spring has arrived at last and everybody seems to be busy plowing and preparing to raise a crop. There has been some corn planted in this vicinity already and wheat about ready to plant. Winter wheat looks pretty well but needs rain.

THE LAST OF THE "AID" DISCUSSIONS.

MARIE GROVE FARM, Webster Co., March 25th, 1875.

EDITOR CHIEF:—I have for several weeks awaited the opportunity of setting a few lines in regard to my drawing aid. But as I have been expecting a reply to my article in the Chief, I have delayed until now. And, as Mr. Geo. DeLong is the first to reply publicly, and has not been very severe in accusing me, although too rash in some instances, I, in regard to drawing aid, have never taken a drink of whiskey in Webster county, or have said to exceed one dollar for dancing, I attend dances, but it is to "fill" and get the money or aid just as you will have it, and let me say I think this would be a poor, miserable community if we were not allowed to go to a dance now and then, and say the editor twenty-five cents each for his services, while the rest of us trip the light fantastic toe, for a few hours at least. This, I think, would be preferable to visiting our neighbors during the long evening and howling about the County Aid Committee not doing the fair thing, etc., or writing up articles in county papers (and signing fictitious names) about about this and that drawing aid, when, so doubt, they have lived on all ever since its existence, and still cry I have lived without aid, that is "I wish" like that.

As I neglected to state in my last article as to the amount of aid I received, and the way I paid my hired men, I will just say, that I had on hand a little more than I needed for my own use, and those men were honest, hard working men, who would not get paid without the money, and they came to me and offered to work for meat, and being a benevolent sort of a fellow, I concluded to let them have some meat for their work. Now if there is anything wrong about that, please report, and in regard to the aid, I will just state that I received on the 15th of February: One-half pound tea, valued at 25c. Two pounds of sugar worth 75c per lb.

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