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Webster County Contested.

Webster Co., Neb., lies in the Valley of the Republican. It is 150 miles west of the Missouri River and touches the State line on the South. Winters are mild and dry; very little rain or snow falls in that season so little in fact that cattle live all winter with no hay or grain. Plenty of rain falls in the spring and summer. The summers are not disagreeably warm, as there is always a cool breeze especially in the evenings. The county first began to be settled in 1850. In 1851 the county was organized with a population of 48. Its population is now between 2500 and 3000 and is rapidly increasing. There are at present 38 organized school districts within its boundaries and school facilities are therefore ample—better than those in some Eastern States. The agricultural school land families nearly enough money to pay teachers' wages. Farmers can buy R. R. land from \$1.50 to \$5 per acre—with ten years time. There is yet a considerable amount of government lands for homestead and pre-emption. As a stock raising country it is hard to excel. Cattle do well, and for sheep it cannot be beaten. It is just suited to that. Fortunes can be easily made by raising sheep as the expense of feeding is very small. That corn, oats, barley, potatoes, buck wheat, and all kinds of roots and vegetables, are grown here with little labor. 35 bushels of oat corn to the acre is nothing new. Wheat averages about 25 bushels to the acre. Fruit does very well. Every farmer has his orchard growing. Forest trees grow rapidly. Cotton-wood, boxelder, white-wood, soft maple, and many other kinds of trees grow into timber large enough for fuel in about three years. Oreg. spruce grows to 100 ft. and in a few years your live fences can be made. Mechanical and engineering work is done. The very best and purest water is obtained by going from 5 to 100 feet. The cost is very small when the well is bored. The wells never go dry. The streams of this county are the Republican and its tributaries which are as follows: on the south side of the river, Walnut, Dry, Buffalo, State, Perry, C. Lar, Hicks, Ash, and Snake Creek. On the north side are Willow, Elm, Cottonwood, Crocked, Indian, and Farmers creeks. In the north part of the county is the Blue river and its tributaries. The soil of Webster county is a dark, rich vegetable loam. The soil grows excellent corn and abundant, and makes most excellent hay. Timothy, clover, Hungarian and millet will undoubtedly prove a profitable production. Those who have tried them so decide at least. Our railroad prospects are good, and we will have a road as soon as we really need one. But the farmers for years will find ready sale for surplus production in the new counties west and to new settlers. By the time these markets are closed roads for cheap transportation west will be opened. Our climate is beautiful, the air pure and bracing, and sickness of any kind is almost a stranger to the people here. The county seat, RED CLOUD, on the Republican river, near the center east and west and a little south of the center north and south. It is a chance for business men of every branch of trade. The country around is such as to warrant a good business in every kind of merchandise. Red Cloud and Guide Rock are the only two laid out towns. For further information can be obtained from any land agent who advertises in this paper, or at this office.

Call for Republican National Convention.

The next Union republican national convention for the nomination of candidates for president and vice president of the United States, will be held in the city of Cincinnati, Wednesday, the 14th of June, 1876, at 12 o'clock noon, and will consist of delegates from each state equal to twice the number of its senators and representatives in congress, and of two delegates from each organized territory and the District of Columbia. In the calling of conventions for the election of delegates, committees of the several states are recommended to invite all republican electors and all other voters, without regard to past political differences or previous party affiliations, who are opposed to reviving sectional issues and desire to promote friendly feelings and permanent harmony throughout the country, by enforcing and maintaining all constitutional rights of every citizen, including full and free exercise of the right of suffrage without intimidation and fraud; who are in favor of continued prosecution and punishment of all official dishonesty and of an economical administration of the government by honest, faithful and capable officers; who are in favor of making such reforms in the government as experience may from time to time suggest; who are opposed to impairing the credit of the nation by depreciating any of its obligations, and in favor of sustaining in every way the national faith and financial honor; who hold that the common school system is the nursery of American liberty and should be maintained absolutely free from sectarian control; who believe that to the promotion of these ends the direction of the government should continue to be confided to those who adhere to the principles of 1776 and support

them as incorporated in the constitution and laws, and who are in favor of recognizing and strengthening the fundamental principle of national unity in this centennial anniversary of the birth of the republic.

E. D. MORGAN, Chairman Rep. National Committee. E. CHANDLER, Sec'y.

THE PRESIDENTIAL CONTEST.

The call for the Republican convention for the purpose of nominating the next President has already brought before the public mind the several gentlemen who will be aspirants for that position. The indications are that the President will be chosen from the more eastern states. The most prominent candidates now before the public are Blaine of Maine, Bristol of Kentucky, and Morton of Indiana. Governor Hayes of Ohio has been urged in opposition to Morton as the candidate of the west by Senator Sherman. The third term notion seems to be effectually exploded. The contest would seem to lie at present between Blaine and one of the western men above named. Of the three from the west, Bristol seems to stand the poorest chance. He has not been sufficiently long before the public to gain the public confidence. His action against the various whiskey rings indicate a strong degree of energy, and perhaps purity. But whiskey brands will not be the issue. The speeches and tone of the Democratic congressman, indicate the existence of a split, which while it endures, will to a great extent neutralize the result of the war. The recent debate on the amnesty vice shows the veins of the reconstructed southerners, and the tame subservency of their democratic allies of the north. A Democratic or a conservative victory would undoubtedly do much to augment this spirit, while the election of a President of undoubted Republican and union proclivities would have a strong effect in subduing this hostile disposition. Bristol representing a state which stood neutral in the contest is not sufficiently committed, — has not a record clear enough to entitle him to the leadership of the Republican party.

Morton's chances seemed to consist in his being the strongest candidate from the West. The movement looking towards Gov. Hayes as the western man will undoubtedly weaken him. Morton's war record is good, and some two or three years ago apparently pointed him out as the coming President. He seems however of late years to be losing his hold on the people and his influence and rank in the party. It is more than probable that Senator Morton will not be the nominee at the coming convention.

Governor Hayes is comparatively a new man, at least his name has not been prominently before the public in connection with the Presidency. This, however, may be an element of strength. His record thus far is good. An officer, in the war, a former Governor of Ohio, and fresh from his recent victory over Bill Allen, the tower of the Democratic stronghold, he is perhaps quite as well qualified as any whose name might be sprung to win popular favor, and carry the popular vote.

At the present of all the gentlemen above mentioned, Blaine is undoubtedly the strongest man, and more than any other is regarded as the leader of the party. Blaine's career in the U. S. as member and speaker was one of continual advancement. And now that the House has passed into control of the Democratic party, Blaine stands out prominently as the leader and strength of the Republican party. In parliamentary strategy he has shown himself eminently qualified to guide the diminished forces of the party and even to wrest victory from the untrained and undisciplined majority which confront him. It may be a question, in fact, whether the ability he has displayed will not effectually shut him out of the presidency.

These are the most prominent candidates now before the public. It is more than likely, however that neither of these gentlemen will succeed in securing the nomination. The history of our politics would seem to indicate that the most effectual mode of killing a man is to set him up as a target a few months before the assembling of the convention. He is generally so covered with scars and wounds by the time of the convention as to lose all the prestige he may have previously acquired.

CONGRESS is about to right itself on the postage business. A bill is before

the house reducing the rates on third class or printed to 1 cent per ounce as formerly. Garfield explains his action in the last congress, and clears himself and the house from the imputations which had rested upon them by alleging that the law of last session by mistake covered more than was intended.

AMONG the victims of the whiskey prosecutions in Chicago the name of A. C. HESING stands out in full relief. Three months ago Helsing was candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Cook county.

A fire occurred in Grand Island on the morning of the 28th, which resulted in the destruction of Engel & Siegmund's pearl barley mill. This mill had not been built but a few months, and as it was not insured the loss will fall heavily upon its owners.

"CROOKED" nickles have been quite conspicuous along the U. S. R. R. lately consequently the U. S. marshal took the matter in hand and picked up two men—one a jeweler near Schuyler who has been manufacturing the spurious coin.

HOW THE BRITISH RULE.

"If the nations of Hindostan were not disarmed, they would revolt against the authority of England. They are accordingly subjected to something very like the Irish 'Corrosion act.' The tiger occupies the place in that country, which the Inland Indians in Ireland, owing to the fact that the natives are entirely disarmed. One tiger in 1860 cleared out the inhabitants of thirteen villages—sent them flying in all directions—a feat which could hardly be surpassed by that noblest of men, Lord Lismanis. During two years in southern Bengal, one tiger killed two hundred persons. The wolves have been as destructive as the tigers. In five years 4580 persons have been killed by wolves, and 250 miles of territory remained uncultivated owing to the combined ravages of tigers and wolves. The object of the government in disarming the natives is apparently to protect these animals. Its object in Ireland is equally apparent. — N. Y. Irish World.

MANUFACTURING A NECESSITY.

No town or city in the west, especially in Nebraska, can ever gain much wealth or population without manufacturing. Residence property cannot reach a high price in Nebraska or elsewhere, until business is furnished, which will bring manufacturers from the east and Europe. — Center Union Agriculturist.

We are satisfied of these facts, and when they do come, and the Republican valley has its narrow gauge railroad through to Denver it expects to have its share of the common industries of the State.

"The door keeper of the house has removed more of disabled soldiers. The last one being a soldier who has lost both hands. As ye sow, so shall ye reap." — Omaha Rep.

So say we. When the country forgets the brave men, who has risked life and limb to save the Union from dismemberment, it should sit on the stool of repentance for putting in those those who tried to set it in the back. In this act we see the cloven hoof of Democracy. That party hate the soldier naturally, because it was through the courage and bravery of the soldier they were prevented from destroying the common home of the oppressed nationalities lying from the traitor keeper of the house, who discharged the mutilated man (so as to prevent him from earning a living for himself and family—if he has one) never knew what it was to be a soldier himself, or if he were the uniform, that he was always found somehow trying to save his own hide, while the brave veteran he has discharged was fighting the battles of his country. The incident is simple in itself, but wrong in the extreme, because no man deserves better of his country than the soldier who defends it. And if there is an office which he can fill, he is the first who ought to get it. It goes to show however, that if the Democracy gets into power, no one can predict what the co-sequence will be.—Will the people note this, and remember the fact, that a Democratic door keeper in the house of Representatives, has discharged from service an armless man, because he fought for the preservation of the Union. Mark and note it, for a straw will show how the wind doth blow.

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