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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENT'N.

Call for the Meeting at Lincoln in October.

The Republican electors of the state of Nebraska are requested to send delegates from the several counties, to meet in convention at the opera house, in the city of Lincoln, Wednesday, October 5, 1887, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for one associate justice of the supreme court, and for two members of the board of regents of the state university, and to transact such other business as may be presented to the convention.

THE APPOINTMENT.

The several counties are entitled to representation as follows, being based upon the vote cast for Hon. John M. Thayer, governor, in 1886, giving one delegate to each county, one delegate-at-large to each county, and one for each 150 votes and the major fraction thereof:

COUNTIES.	VOTES.	COUNTIES.	VOTES.
Adams	13	Jefferson	9
Antelope	8	Johnson	9
Arthur	7	Kearyney	9
Blaine	1	Keya Faha	9
Brown	7	Keith	5
Butler	9	Knox	7
Chase	11	Lincoln	6
Cass	15	Logan	2
Cedar	3	Loup	8
Cheyenne	5	Maddison	8
Cherry	5	Merrick	1
Clay	11	Sanborn	4
Colfax	6	Nemaha	10
Cuming	7	Nuckolls	10
Custer	16	Osage	7
Dakota	4	Pawnee	8
Dawes	6	Phelps	8
Dixon	6	Pierce	8
Dodge	10	Platte	6
Douglas	12	Richardson	12
Dwight	5	Red Willow	7
Franklin	7	Sarpy	5
Frontier	6	Sauweters	11
Gage	20	Seward	12
Gardner	3	Sheridan	5
Gesner	3	Sherman	4
Grant	1	Stanton	3
Greene	3	Thayer	9
Harlan	2	Thomas	1
Hamilton	9	Valley	7
Hayes	7	Washington	7
Hitchcock	3	Wayne	5
Holt	11	Webster	2
Howard	6	Wheeler	2
		York	11
		Unorganized Territory	1
Total	692		

It is recommended that no proxies be admitted to the convention except such as are held by persons residing in the counties from which proxies are given.

WALTER M. SELBY, Secretary,
GEORGE W. HIGGINS, Chairman.

Meeting of the Cass Co. Republican Central Com.

The Cass Co. republican central committee is hereby called to meet at Weeping Water, Aug. 27th 1887, at 1 o'clock p. m. The members are as follows:

- Plattsmouth, 1st ward L. C. Stiles.
- " 2nd " L. E. Skinner.
- " 3d " H. C. Richie.
- " 4th " L. A. Dorrington.
- " precinct, F. B. Shopp.
- Rock Bluffs, S. L. Furlong.
- Liberty, G. N. LaRue.
- Avoca, J. L. Hutchins.
- Mt. Pleasant, H. G. Hawley.
- Night Mile Grove, John Adams.
- Louisville, Geo. W. Mayfield.
- Center, I. N. Woodford.
- Weeping Water, P. S. Barns.
- Stove Creek, Wm. Dallas.
- Kinwood, J. L. Barton.
- South Bend, W. H. Smith.
- Salt Creek, Geo. L. Findley.
- Greenwood, J. C. Stevenson.
- Tipton, A. S. Cooley.

The members are all requested to be present.
M. M. RYLAND, Chairman.

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The Platte river bridge is a sure thing—the Weeping Water Eagle opposes it.

The country will soon be flooded with lecturing reformed boddlers. What shall we do to be saved!

The investigation of the convict lease system in Georgia brings out testimony unfit for repetition, and the law will undoubtedly be abolished.

The proclamation of the Irish national league by the English government has as yet had no effect on the regular meetings of the branches of the association.

The David City voters seem to think water is mightier than the pen. They voted \$22,000 for water works and defeated \$8,000 for school buildings.

The moss-covered Eagle that hangs in the way of public improvement, soared forth last week, from its home of solitude on the quiet, rippling Weeping Water, uttering shrieks of agony and despair, on account of the mention of the erection, in the near future, of the much-needed and well-deserved structure—the Platte river bridge—by the HERALD and other advocates of prosperity. In his distress he cried "shame! shame!" at the improvement loving people of Cass county, and made a sickening attempt to injure the cause by rehearsing in a mournful strain imagined wrongs.

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An effort is to be made at the coming session of congress to secure a readjustment of salaries among the U. S. treasury officials so that more regard will be paid to rank and duty than now exists. Judge Maynard, who was recently promoted from second comptroller to assistant secretary, received a reduction of \$500 per annum by the change, although the latter position is a higher one in authority and requires more mental precision. Inconsistencies also exist between the salaries of the deputy auditor and paper weigher of the secretary's office, and deputy comptroller and appointment clerk.

He Won't Visit Omaha.

Grover—"Dan", why do those Omaha people, so earnestly and importunately, urge upon us to visit that village this fall?"

Dan—"Well, Mr. President! you see the Police Board and City Council of Omaha are having a lot of trouble over your definition of "a police office being a public trust" and they desire a more concise and detailed definition of—"

Grover—"Dan", previous engagements will prevent us from visiting Omaha this season. Tell them I am very sorry."—Exit Dan!

They Must Pay.

The acting secretary of the U. S. treasury decided about two months ago, that thorough blood horses imported for breeding purposes were not subject to duty. Since that time the United States District Attorney Bushnell and Assistant Attorney Rogers have decided that Galbraith Bros., of Jonesville, Wis., who are extensive importers of fine bred horses, for the market, are legally bound to pay duty on all horses imported by them so long as they import them for speculation and profit only. And in response to this conclusion Attorney Rogers filed a complaint at the treasurer's office last Thursday, demanding \$17,000 as unpaid duty on 169 horses, imported by the Galbraiths previous to July 2nd, 1887.

If there is any part of Cass county which would not be benefited by a bridge over the Platte at Orepolis, it is Greenwood and vicinity. The Leader of that place speaks as follows: "While it is clear to our mind that such a bridge would be of no practical benefit to the county outside of Plattsmouth, still, we are not prepared to say this fact should deprive that portion of the county from the aid asked. If it is right and proper for the county to erect bridges where they will benefit one town, to the exclusion of every other portion of the county, then by a parity of reasoning it is right to put a bridge where it is needed to accommodate some other town, especially if it be a place that contributes several times as much toward the bridge fund as does any other town in the county. It seems to The Leader, however, that since such a bridge would necessarily be half in Cass and half in Sarpy county, that the latter county should contribute its share toward putting it up. Why cannot such an agreement as this be made?"

The Blunders of Jim Blaine.

If there is any one thing that will cause sudden congestion of the democratic diaphragm, more than another, it is the mention of the magnetic name of the man from Maine. The blunders of Jim Blaine in Europe are just now giving the democratic press a world of trouble. It is certainly demonstrated that Jim Blaine in temporary exile is a much larger man than Grover Cleveland on the war path, for a renomination. The shadow cast athwart the democratic countenance by Jim Blaine's coat tails in Ireland cannot be effaced by Grover and his contemplated "swing around the circle," even though the dragon of civil service be securely bound and cast into the dungeon of disuse by Messrs. Higgins & Co. Democratic apprehension of Mr. Blaine's hold upon the American people is both painful and amusing. When Mr. Blaine returns from the continent with his store of personal observation touching the economic, and wage features of that portion of the old world, our democratic neighbors will have an opportunity to learn something—that is, provided that party of effete ideas can learn from the present condition of the world.

Plattsmouth's Future.

It is evident to the most casual observer that the time has arrived in our city's existence when it should make a determined effort to open up the advantages she has for manufacturing interests, to the public.

The increasing prosperity of the town warrants and demands determined efforts in this direction.

What would Plattsmouth be today without its machine shops, its canning factories, its brick and terra cotta works and other manufacturing interests; and what would it be if as many more manufacturing interests employing a like number of hands were established in and around the city? The answer is suggested in a moment.

We must have at least one more rail-

road and must have it at once. It is a well known fact that not less than half a dozen manufacturing interests have recently been reviewing Plattsmouth and its surroundings with an eye to location, any of which will employ from fifty to one hundred and fifty hands.

It is certainly clear to the thoughtful mind that our future growth must depend on railroads and manufactories; its location demonstrates this fact.

With a competing railroad line passing through and around the western and south-western portion of Plattsmouth, with a terminus at Omaha and a connection with the Missouri Pacific in Liberty precinct, thus opening up to us markets of Kansas City and St. Louis and in fact connecting us commercially with the great southern and south-west country, the question of locating factories in Plattsmouth would no longer be a problem.

We have waited long enough on the movements of the Missouri Pacific and Omaha Southern; the great interests of Plattsmouth demanding that unless these roads show their hand soon that Plattsmouth's enterprising business men together with the board of trade should take active steps through appropriate committees to see that private capital be induced to construct a line of road at least from South Omaha to a point on the Missouri Pacific. As to the profitability of the undertaking it seems there could hardly be a doubt.

Running as the road would through a rich agricultural portion of the county even the road bed ought to be made profitable, connecting as it would with two great lines of road either of which would be glad to secure the business of factories located on or near the city and the shipping of the grain and stock from along the line of the road.

Plattsmouth precinct as well as Rock Bluffs and Liberty would be proportionately benefitted by this line of road, giving them a competing market, and a shorter distance to haul their grain.

The HERALD makes the suggestion that these precincts and Plattsmouth city should join hands together and stimulate the building of this road. The prospects of Plattsmouth are brightening every day. Let us give it this new impetus and it will be but a short time till we can boast of 50,000 instead of 900 inhabitants. Board of trade to the front.

Our Primaries.

At the suggestion of several gentlemen we call attention to the act passed by the last legislature, entitled "An Act to protect primary elections and conventions of political parties, and punish of fences committed thereat."

This act may be found at page 454 of the session laws just published. It is intended to protect our primary elections and prevent the wholesale rascality which generally surrounds that first and most important step in the holding of our elections and in the intended expression of the true public sentiment.

The first section punishes as a misdemeanor "any person who shall falsely vote under the name of another, at any such election, or who shall commit any fraud tending to defeat or effect the result of such election."

Sec. 2 provides that in cities of the second-class the polls shall be opened at 12 o'clock, noon, and remain open until seven o'clock, p. m., (standard time) of the same day.

We like this section, as it provides for holding the election in daylight and gives honest men ample opportunity to know what is going on.

Sec. 3 gives the right to challenge any vote and compels the party challenged to make oath as to his qualifications, and sec. 4 provides for the punishment by imprisonment in the penitentiary, of anyone falsely swearing when making such oath.

Sections 5 and 6 provide further penalties for the elector and officers, presiding at such primary elections, in case they commit any fraud in voting, receiving votes, or in canvassing the same.

Sections 7, 8 and 9 relate to the scope of the act, qualification of the voter and punishment for offenses committed thereunder.

We are not acquainted with the manner of conducting primary elections in Plattsmouth, but suppose such elections are conducted about the same as in other cities of like size. We believe such laws to be proper and that they ought to be strictly enforced. Much of the disaffection existing to-day among what is known as the independent vote has its direct source from the corrupt manner in which our primary elections are conducted. The bumper and fine worker, who has no reputation at stake and no punishment to dread, herds in the loafers and merchantable voters, no matter what party they belong to, and for a consideration votes them like cattle, thus often overriding the will of a majority of the qualified electors. Under the act in question this business can be stopped, and the sooner the citizen looks after it, gives it his personal attention, and sees that the officers of the law are properly informed of violations of the law, the sooner will law-abiding citizens

come to understand that their rights and opinions may have proper respect shown them at the primary. We believe both political organizations in Plattsmouth ought to take hold of this matter and see to it that this law is observed and that their primary elections are strictly conducted under the law.

The law is mandatory and positively requires the polls to be open from 12 (noon) until 7 p. m. and it follows that violations of the law at any such election are punishable under the act.

The Republican Press and Mr. Cleveland.

"It seems to me the republican press of the country has no back bone," said a stalwart republican, in our hearing the other day, "why don't it ventilate Grover Cleveland and the hypocrisy of the present administration?" Our reply to this complaint, is first, the present administration does not need much ventilation. The people of this country fully appreciate and understand the stupidity and downright dishonesty of Mr. Cleveland's administration. Even the mugwump press has reached a point where it can no longer either apologize or explain.

Second, when the next Presidential campaign formally opens, it will be time enough to lay bare the hollow pretenses of Mr. Cleveland's administration.

However, as to the republican press not having back bone, it must not be forgotten that the organs of the republican party are not given to reckless political libel, like that which animated our democratic neighbors during past republican rule.

Mr. Cleveland, and his numerous jaunts from the Capital, are not seized upon for the purpose of political blackguardism like those of Gen. Grant were, by a democratic press.

Mrs. Cleveland and her poodle and chimpanzee are treated in a friendly and amiable mood by republican journals; unlike the filth which a democratic press used to empty upon the hero of appomattox and his family, over the "bull pups" and pets of the presidential household.

Mr. Cleveland can go into the Adirondacks' a fishing, down to Buffalo, or where he pleases, and the republican press extend to him the gracious hospitalities and amenities, which should be extended to any one representing the great United States; and so, when Mr. Cleveland comes west to get acquainted with our people and work up his boom, this near autumn, he will find the republican newspapers respecting his office, as well as courteously mentioning his excellency, something our democratic brethren never learned how to do when republican presidents took their vacations from the capital.

Mr. Cleveland may rest assured that there will be no blackguard republicans laying around railway stations to report how his excellency enjoys his gravity or how often he scrubs his teeth; in other words, respectable decent journalism will chronicle Mr. Cleveland's saunterings from the republican source and report his same old speech wherein he affirms that "public office is a public trust" and wish him and his lovely, womanly wife, a pleasant visit out west. Personal abuse of Mr. Cleveland would, and should, have no influence as political capital with republicans.

When the next presidential campaign is fully entered upon and the democratic press are blackguarding James G. Blaine or John Sherman, the political plogerisms of this sickly administration of Mr. Cleveland's will be shown up—how every step in the line of republican precedent has been fairly successful; how every attempt at a departure therefrom has been cowardly, hesitating and disastrous; how, in fine, it has been a one-horse administration, unable to rise above the magnitude of jobbery in one-horse second class post offices, throughout the country.

There is more good clean material for a campaign against the party of past and present false pretenses and for the re-instatement of the republican party in power than the republican press can well handle without any personal war fare on the burly figure who occupies the White House.

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WM. H. POOL will be the republican nominee for recorder of deeds, and will be elected. There are no "maybe-so's" to this proposition.—Leader.

The Journal trusts that its prohibition friends from the counties not weighted down with large cities will get enthused enough in the state convention to go home and enforce the prohibition they have at their doors at command, and thus show some practical outcome of their theories, and give some assurance that law is good for anything in the domain of morals. When county can enforce prohibition such as it is entitled to enforce under the law of Nebraska by withholding licenses and does enforce it, there will be time enough afterwards to tackle state and national prohibition.—Lincoln Journal.

"LET 'ER GO Gallagher," should now be changed to "LET 'ER GO McGarigle."—Tecumseh Chieftain.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND has been invited to go to Pike's Peak. Next year he will be invited to go to Halifax.—Freemont Tribune.

Senator Vest pants and pulls off his coat whenever he climbs a mountain. He is now enjoying the Alaska climb it.—Tecumseh Chieftain.

WE regret to learn that the Chicago Anarchists have disbanded. We have always thought that they should hang together.—Nebraska City News.

THE Atchison Champion takes this opportune time to revive and argue the claim that the rain belt is moving westward. To a man up a tree it looks like the rain belt had got unbuckled and come off.—Lincoln Democrat.

IN Mexico the false prophet who recently predicted the destruction of that country by an earthquake has been sent to jail. What should be done with the men who, in this country, predict the reelection of Cleveland?—Globe Dem.

WHATEVER the Iowa legislature may or may not do next winter with reference to the liquor question, it may be put right down that nothing will be done to make the existence of the dramshop in Iowa easier or safer.—Sioux City Journal.

IT will not do to undertake to laugh down the prohibitionists in Nebraska. The high license law is not the abiding law of that state. The coming issue in that state is the issue of prohibition. Nebraska can no more escape it than Iowa could escape it.—Sioux City Journal.

"PROTECTION is Republicanism—nothing more, nothing less," says the Louisville Courier-Journal. Correct for once. Democracy is free trade and starvation wages. Republicanism will take its chances before the people on this issue.—Omaha Republican.

THE report that the revenue cutter Bear has been heard from and is all right is not confirmed, and the probabilities are that the vessel is lost. If this proves to be a fact, somebody should be held accountable. There is no question that the fact was known at the Navy Department. Congress should order an investigation and fix the responsibility of the crime, for it is nothing else.—Omaha Republican.

A THIEF escaped from a Providence, Rhode Island jail by the aid of a newspaper, which he twisted into a long roll, stuck a bent pin into one end and reaching between the bars, drew a bunch of keys off the hook where they hung and opened the cell door and escaped. He must have been a poor man. If he had been rich he would have bought a newspaper and a lawyer or two and escaped in the regulation way. Great times these are.—Lincoln Courier.

The Mormon Problem.

One of the "Omaha party" who has been touring in the west suggested, in conversation with the writer last evening, that the true solution of the Mormon problem would be found in the investment of eastern capital in Utah. The theory is a plausible one, and the Mormons understand it so well that their leaders prohibit Mormon owners of land selling to Gentiles. There is no civilization like enterprise. Get eastern capital at work in the heart of Mormondom and it will soon crowd the twin relic out of existence. The Gentile population of the territory is increasing much more rapidly than the Mormon. The recent election demonstrated this fact. Eastern capital once interested in developing the mineral wealth of Utah, the Gentile population would soon outnumber the Mormon, and with the change polygamy as a practice would soon disappear. The law of congress has gone a good ways toward breaking down polygamy, but the evil will not be wholly extirpated until the atmosphere which surrounds and feeds it is purified by the introduction of new elements.—Omaha Republican.

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