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The members of the Republican State Central Committee are requested to meet at the Paxton Hotel, in the city of Omaha, on Thursday, June 28, 1883, at seven o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of fixing the date and place for holding a convention to nominate candidates for Judge of Supreme Court and legislators of the University, and such other business as may properly come before it.
G. W. E. DORSEY, Chairman.
Fremont, June 9, 1883.

THE FOURTH AT WEEPING WATER.

The Fourth of July at Weeping Water bids fair to be a rousing celebration. This locality and many others, we could mention in the county, have foregone their picnics and celebrations at home, to attend the District reunion and celebration at Weeping Water. Among the yeomanry of Cass county, there is a very large sprinkling of those who wore the blue and followed the old flag from 61 to the close of the rebellion.

Among these old soldiers there are perhaps, representatives of the Union Army from every branch of the service. These old soldiers are to meet at their District Reunion on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next, at Weeping Water, where ample preparations have been made to receive them and take care of them, in that whole-souled, hospitable, and generous manner characteristic of the people of that locality.

Consequently, the celebration of the Fourth of July at Weeping Water this year will have a deeper significance, and a twofold meaning. The veterans and heroes of the war of the rebellion will be there in the flesh, celebrating the heroic deeds and the grand achievements of the heroes of '76, whilst they recount to one another the "battles, sieges, fortunes, they have passed," and of the "most disastrous chances, hair breadth 'scapes," it was their fortune to pass through in preserving to mankind this republican government, in its fullest and truest sense. No fitter time for this District Reunion could have been chosen, than that day which the American people have dedicated sacred to the memories of the founders of the Republic. No fitter subjects could be called together to celebrate this occasion than the defenders and preservers of those institutions of which all true Americans are so proud and boastful.

Colorado Correspondence.

DENVER, COLO., June 27, 1883.

There have been, from time to time, attempts made to get up a mining boom right here in the city. Every little while somebody discovers some thing under ground, and the enterprising journalistic talent will get up a sensation for a day or two over a discovered coal mine, or possibly a well preserved human skull. But now she "has got a find for a fact." The bonanza is water, pure, fresh, sparkling water in a bounteous flow away down in the bowels of the earth! Nor is the rich strike confined to this city, for the evidence goes to show that splendid water may be found almost anywhere in the state of Colorado, if one only has the perseverance necessary to go deep enough. The trial of the artesian well experiment was first made last fall, by the government, at Akron, about one hundred and seventy miles from Denver. When the work was first started upon, there were very few persons who had faith in its success. But the boring began, and at a depth of 130 feet a fine stream of water rewarded the labor expended. The first trial made in this city was upon the high ground of North Denver. At Zuhg's brewery boring began, and a vein of water was found at a depth of 120 feet. It was thought that this flow, which became stronger and stronger, the farther the bore was extended, might come from Sloan's lake, which was not far away, and accordingly another well was started some distance from the first, and again water was found 192 feet below the surface of the earth and the stream at this place amounted to 30,000 gallons per day. The Lion brewery people in West Denver, with a laudable desire not to be outdone in the matter of water any more than in that portion of the city, and had the good luck to find water at a depth of 182 feet. Keeping on, until they reached 299 feet and a flow amounting to 40,000 gallons per day. Since that time; various experiments have been made successfully in East Denver, where the ground is flat and level. The greatest difficulty was experienced in one of the most famous wells near Col-

fab avenue, where a hard substance closely resembling granite, was struck at a depth of 126 feet. At one time it was thought that the trial at this place would be given up, but persistent work brought the desired result. The operations employed in boring the wells is very simple. It consists of a derrick, a frame, a walking beam and horse power. To the walking beam is attached a rope with a heavy drill at the end. The borings are taken out by an improved sand shovel as fast as the accumulation interferes with the working of the drill. Wells are being dug all over the city. One of the most successful experiments was that made under the Tabor Grand Opera House, where a vein has been struck which forces water through the pipes to the fifth story of the buildings.

The Jewell Park proprietors have inaugurated a series of band concerts out at that pleasant spot, and other attractions are being added rapidly. One of the most important is the erection of a large grand stand upon the line of the race track. The structure is being built by Contractor Plattfoot, 40x300 feet, and will seat twelve hundred persons. About one-third of the seating room will be provided with comfortable chairs, and will be reserved for the ladies. Below this portion of the structure and reached by an easy stair case will be reception and retiring rooms for the ladies also.

A betting room one story in height, of dimensions 35x75 feet, will be attached to the grand stand. Upon the opposite side of the track will be the judge's stand, which will be erected upon a similar style of convenience as the grand stand. These structures will be finished in ample time to be used for the meeting of the Denver Jockey Club, which will begin on the 25th of July.

In my last I mentioned the probability that the Grand Army encampment would be located near the exposition grounds. Since that time the causes which led to the contemplation of a change of base have been removed and the camp will remain at the place originally selected. The land has been donated for the use of the G. A. R. by the Union Pacific railroad company, which has also agreed to sink wells furnish an engine to pump water, build a side track and furnish free transportation of freight, and to furnish a variety of other and minor conveniences. The camp will be named "Van Dervoort," in honor of the National Department Commander, Paul Van Dervoort of Omaha, Nebraska.

The invitations to the encampment which have been issued, are very handsome and elaborate in design. They are printed upon cardboard and have besides the words of invitation, emblematic designs of the progress of Colorado from 1861 until the present time, and also the various army corps badges used during the war. The designs were drawn by Mr. Clay, a talented young architect of this city, and engraved by the Moss Engraving Company of New York.

A few words about the Exposition, without which no letter from this city would be complete, at this time. The great show will be open on the 17th prox., and the building will be open for the reception of exhibits upon the first day of the month. The work of assigning space is now being done upon a very perfect system. The method is for applicants to fill out a blank application, which is left with Assistant Secretary Wilson, upon whom devolves the duty of making the assignments. This is done with a view to arrange for the perfect satisfaction of both applicants and management, and the harmonious effect of the whole display. The applicant is notified of the location for his exhibit by the reception of a diagram of the building with his particular apartment marked thereon. He can then take his articles of exhibit to the building and arrange the same to his own taste and convenience. The applications are still pouring in and the exhibition will be simply immense. What exhibitors there were who appeared a little slow, a few weeks ago, are coming to the scratch gradually, and had they not done so, there were new ones enough to more than take up their space.

Mr. C. Chamberlain, who has been appointed in charge of the Art Department, is doing a splendid work in preparing for a grand display. Not only will the collection of pictures be very large and the works show a great amount of talent but the gallery itself will be a marvel of taste in decoration and arrangement. He will also issue an illustrated catalogue which will add much to the pleasure of the visitors.

At the triennial convolve of Knights Templars in San Francisco in August, there are expected that at least 7,000 Sir Knights will be present from various points, mostly from the East. All of the eastern pilgrims will stop for a day or two in Denver. This visit will occur a week after the convocation of Chapter Masons, and add to the Masonic ceremonies of August.

Temperance Department

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CONDUCTED BY MRS. J. S. WISE

To whom all communications for this department should be addressed.

There is a general movement by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union in all the states, to introduce temperance instruction in the common schools whereby the children may be taught the properties and effect of alcohol upon the brain and tissues of the human system. It is well to provide for teaching the youth of our land the evils of intemperance, at a time when they are teachable, and when lessons learned will remain through life. Such knowledge imparted to children correctly and properly, cannot fail to be of vast benefit on the future of the temperance question. This movement, we think, is in the right direction, if our theories of education are correct. It should be the end and aim of our school system to make wise and useful citizens, and as we consider intemperance the deadliest of old foes to good citizenship, that method which tends to mitigate the evils, ought to be considered an important branch of study in our public schools. We hope the Plattsmouth W. C. T. U. will make an effort of this kind in behalf of our thriving city schools. An effort we are sure that will meet with the hearty approval of Superintendent and Board of Directors.

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