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Republican State Convention.

The Republican electors of the State of Nebraska are hereby called to send delegates to the several counties to meet in State Convention at Lincoln, Wednesday, September 20, A. M., at 9 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following named offices, to-wit:
One Justice of the Supreme Court.
Two Justices of the District Court.
One University Agent to fill vacancy.
The several counties are entitled to representation in the State Convention, as follows: based upon the vote cast for E. P. Roggen for Secretary of State, giving one delegate to each one hundred and fifty (150) votes, and one delegate for the fraction of seventy-five (75) votes or over; also one delegate for each organized county.

Counties	Del.	Counties	Del.
Adams	7	Johnson	5
Antelope	5	Kearney	3
Boone	5	Keith	3
Butler	6	Lincoln	24
Burt	6	Lancaster	24
Brown	3	Lebanon	3
Cass	3	Logan	3
Cedar	2	Madison	2
Cheyenne	2	Merrick	2
Clay	2	Nemaha	2
Colfax	2	Nuckolls	2
Cuming	2	Otoe	2
Chase	2	Pawnee	2
Custer	2	Phelps	2
Cherry	2	Pierce	2
Dakota	2	Platte	2
Dawson	2	Polk	2
Dixon	2	Red Willow	2
Dodge	2	Richardson	2
Douglas	2	Salt Lake	2
Dundy	2	Sarpy	2
Fillmore	2	Saunder	2
Franklin	2	Scott	2
Frontier	2	Sheephead	2
Furness	2	Stanton	2
Gage	2	Sioux	2
Goose	2	Valley	2
Greeley	2	Washington	2
Hamilton	2	Wayne	2
Harlan	2	Webster	2
Hitchcock	2	Webster	2
Holt	2	York	2
Howard	2	Total	271
Jefferson	2		

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

S. B. COLSON, Secretary.

On yesterday the answer of respondents in the matter of "The State of Nebraska ex. rel. Robert D. Silvers," was filed in the Supreme court of the State.

This answer shows there are two sides to the question, and very important ones too. Of course discussion upon the merits of the case now, since the whole controversy has passed into the hands of the courts, for speedy trial, would be out of place, and the HERALD will content itself by saying that this journal was fully satisfied when Mr. Silvers selected his forum and went before it with his grievance. We were satisfied if Mr. Silvers had a meritorious case his cause would be in much safer hands in the tribunal he has selected than in the care and keeping of the Democratic Press of the State.

Now the public will know the reason why Mr. Silvers did not receive that contract and the Board of Public Lands and Buildings as well as the Contractors, will all feel that this matter has taken the proper direction.

No matter how justifiable those gentlemen may have been in conducting the letting of this important contract, the great difference between the bids of Messrs. Stout and Silvers existed, and was the basis for the serious charges that were being made against those gentlemen; and now, if upon trial and examination before a competent court it is found that the board was right in letting this contract as it was let, it will end the matter forever. If, on the other hand, the contrary should appear, it is due the public that they be placed in possession of the whole truth.

JAY HAWKER (J. H. Woodard) of the Cincinnati Enquirer, the democratic journal at the head of the Ohio democracy which refuses to be comforted, ever since Judge Hoadly learned the messbacks of that state "a trick with a hole in it" when he walked off with the nomination for governor; in an interview the other day on Foraker and Hoadly, puts it as follows; perhaps our democratic neighbor can appreciate this democratic opinion right from headquarters:

"A sort of a jug-handle affair—Foraker is the jug."
"Much is said about the superior qualities of Hoadly as a debater, what do you think of the relative merits of the two men?"
"I can best answer by mechanical illustration. You have seen descriptions of the recently invented cast iron cat, a machine full of springs, claws and buzz saws, the whole looking like an infuriated cat. This thing is wound up and set on the back roof at night, and it at once begins a series of growls, which soon attracts the living Thomas' cat, and after a proper amount of joint debating, the live cat bounds upon the iron one, the jar sets off the springs, which grasp the cat and holds him until the saw and grinding machinery reduces him to sausage, Foraker is the cast iron trap, and Hoadly is the other cat, full of vim and snap which is hunting for the trap. When he comes out of this political sausage mill into which he has flung himself, he will never hunt for another political cast iron cat."

"Good illustration, but certainly Hoadly is a brainy man."
"Certainly he is brainy. He wears a No 7 1/2 hat, but his chief misfortune is that he wears a No 26 mouth. His mouth is three times the size of his brain."
"What is McLean kicking at Hoadly about?"
"Didn't know that he was. McLean and I are not on intimate terms—have nothing but business relations with him, I know why I should kick if I owned the Enquirer. After Hoadly decided to be a candidate he helped establish a competing democratic paper, which was to be his own organ, and it was given out in advance of the convention that Hoadly's victory would be the victory of the News-Journal over

pointing out the responsible and difficult position his successor must assume. We hope to see a sound, ripe and accomplished lawyer take Judge Lake's place. We think the State would be very fortunate should this gentleman be continued as a member of our Supreme Court. We hope the man who takes his place will be as honest, fearless and able as he.

It was said the other day, by a gentleman, whose name has been prominently mentioned for this place, that he thought it would be a most fortunate thing for our state if Judge Lake would consent to remain upon the bench; this gentleman who had just been in attendance upon that court, stated that in his opinion our supreme court would be compelled to grant a re-trial in the Matt Simmerman case.

That the record in the case showed a gross mis-trial from beginning to end. That not even the official character of the officers who attempted to arrest Simmerman and his confederates was pretended to be shown; that the jury in the case, after the evidence was all submitted, arguments had, and charge of the court delivered, were permitted to go and view the place where the murder was committed to consider that that other evidence in making up their verdict—said he, it takes fearless and upright judges to stand in the face of the popular clamour in this state, and fairly construe and administer the law in these criminal cases.

It is the plain duty of our supreme court to see that the forms of the law are observed and the citizen guaranteed a fair and impartial trial in the trial courts, and anything short of this, upon the part of that tribunal, would render its members unfit and dangerous men to fill the exalted positions they occupy.

We mention the Simmerman case, because of the wholesale criticisms already indulged in, in certain quarters of the state, upon our supreme court, on account of that case, and for the further reason that if this noted case should be reversed the nomination of Justice Lake's successor will in all human probability, be made amid the heat of a continued war upon that body from the same localities where the present dissatisfaction exists; hence we think under the circumstances and the condition of the public mind, the HERALD is warranted in venturing to caution the party that it cannot be too careful in the selection of its nominee as Judge Lake's successor.

We know Nebraska contains many competent gentlemen, among the profession who would serve the state in this position with honor and credit. We say to the party, see to it that gentlemen of this stamp are considered in making this nomination; see to it that no man is selected upon any other issue than that of his ability and attainments both as a ripe lawyer, and a just man.

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the Enquirer. That course of action would make me kick. But it ain't my fight; let the dance go on." And the political disturber was out of sight in the darkness.—Indianapolis Journal.

MONTGOMERY BLAIR.
From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.
Another name has been added to the long list of distinguished men who have been removed by death this year, and a figure that has been conspicuous for the last thirty years in American politics has fallen by the decay of age. Montgomery Blair, of Maryland, the last member of Lincoln's famous cabinet, died Friday at his residence, "Silver Springs," just across the Maryland boundary of the District of Columbia, and only a few miles from Washington. Mr. Blair was a politician of the old school, and has been a leader in three political parties, changing his views, as the skin of a man is said to change every once in so many years. He was educated for a soldier, and graduated from West Point Military Academy in 1836. He served in the Florida war under Gen. Winfield Scott, and at its expiration resigned, and went to St. Louis to study law with his father, Francis P. Blair. He entered politics at once as a whig, and was elected Mayor of that city in 1842. Then he was elected a Judge, and at the expiration of his term removed to Maryland, where he has since lived. His first great effort in legal practice was as counsel in the celebrated Dred Scott case, and he was afterward appointed Solicitor of the Department of Justice by President Pierce. In 1856 he joined the Republican party, and in 1860 was an elector on the Lincoln ticket. In 1861 he was made Postmaster General, and remained in that office during most of Lincoln's first Presidential term. In 1872 he went over to the Democratic party, and has since been ranked with the most extreme Bourbons, the interests of Mr. Tilden having engaged his attention. His last office was that of Representative in the Maryland Legislature, in which he introduced a series of revolutionary resolutions during the electoral count of 1876. Mr. Blair resided in Washington, in a mansion nearly opposite the White House, and practiced law in that city.

HERALD CLIPPINGS.
There were 39 deaths from yellow fever in Havana last week; and sea board cities in this country, especially at the south, are taking every precaution to prevent the importation of the scourge.

One-third of the population of the Union is contained within the boundaries of five states, which from a compact section of country between the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois have over 17,000,000 inhabitants, according to the census of 1880, and if Missouri is added to the chain—making twenty millions of inhabitants—six large states in the Union are found to form one unbroken band. In variety of resources and business interests, as well as in strength of population, they are of themselves an empire.

The striking telegraphers of New York are having a good time in making excursions to the country. That is a good deal better than lying around saloons or interfering with the wires and the men who are attempting to fill their places. The public expect a manly, open contest from men of such intelligence, and thus far they have not been disappointed.

Commissioner Evans has given Secretary Folger his estimates of the effect of recent national legislation on the internal revenue of the country. He believes that the total receipts of the year ending June 30 next will show that Congress made changes which cut down the internal income of the Administration \$43,000,000.

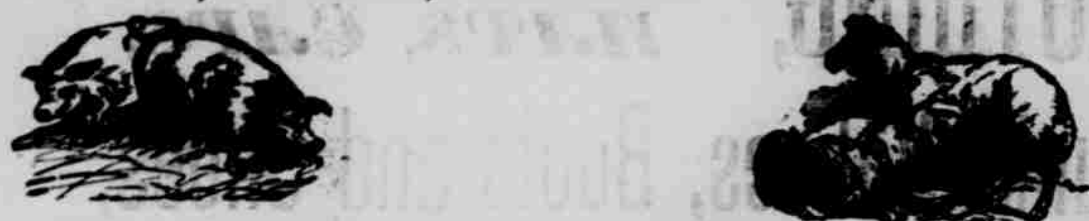
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