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Republican Primaries.

The republican county convention for Cass county, will meet at Plattsmouth Oct. 1st, 1887, for the purpose of selecting 15 delegates to the state convention to be held in Lincoln Oct. 5th, 1887, and 15 delegates to the judicial convention, to be held at the same place and date; also, to place in nomination, candidates for the following county offices:

County Treasurer, County Clerk, Register of Deeds, Sheriff, County Superintendent of Instruction, County Judge, Clerk of District Court, Coroner, Surveyor and County Commissioner, 2nd District.

The primaries will be held at the respective places throughout the county Saturday, September 24th, 1887, for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention. The representation of the various precincts will be as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Precinct Name and Number of Votes. Includes Plattsmouth 1st Ward (6 votes), 2nd (6), 3rd (6), 4th (7), Precinct (7), Kook Bluffs (9), Liberty (8), Avoca (9), Mt. Pleasant (5), Eight Mile Grove (7), Louisville (10), Center (8), Weeping Water (20), Stock Creek (9), Elmwood (8), South Bend (5), Salt Creek (10), Greenwood (8), Tripton (7), Total (158).

H. C. RITCHIE, Secy., M. M. BUTLER, Chairman.

NEARLY 1,000 furniture makers in Boston have quit work because the manufacturers would not accede to the demand for nine hours a day.

THE corn crop in Dakota is reported good and out of danger of frost.

REV. SAM SMALL says he is safe from prosecution, for the ballot box stuffing he used to do for the democratic party in Georgia, because the statute of limitations has run against the crime, and he says: "If every man in the democratic party of St. Louis had been put in the penitentiary that stuffed ballot boxes, my, my! wouldn't they have to broaden the place out."

WHILE the subscription list for the DAILY HERALD is all, and more than we expected, our advertising columns, as will be seen by looking at them, are not as well filled as we desire and expect soon to see them. We hope soon to be able to read in our advertising columns, the name and business of every business man and merchant as well as every professional man in the city. Please don't wait for us to call on you, but send us your ads and locals for the next issue, if you can or as soon thereafter.

THE DAILY HERALD made its appearance yesterday, and the Journal greets it as a worthy enterprise of creditable size and parts. Of course it can be improved in style and typography, but for a first effort it is a very good one. When we reflect back on the first copy of the Daily Journal, issued nearly six years ago, we can quite easily pardon errors of slight importance in our contemporary. The Journal hopes that its amiable contemporary may find the field broad enough for it to occupy with profit to itself and value to the city.—Journal.

We thank the Journal for its criticism in regard to our proof reading and promise to try and do better in the future.

WE expected the DAILY HERALD to succeed, but we were hardly prepared for so hearty a reception as we have received. Our subscription list increases every hour in the day; workingmen and business men, professional men, farmers and tradesmen, all give us words of cheer, and many of them leave us their names and the money for the HERALD. But we are happy to announce, that we have room not only for "one more" but as many as will come; so come on with your names and bring in the name of your neighbor. The more encouragement and help we receive, the better our paper will be, the more good it will accomplish and the happier we will be.

Our Public Improvements.

At last evening's meeting of the council it was thought the question of paving and sewerage would be decided, but they are still in an ugly shape. The bids opened for sewerage were all found fault with and every one rejected and the board of public works was instructed to advertise for new bids.

The report of the special committee on paving was then considered. It seems Frank Carruth circulated the petition and turned it over to Mr. Murphy, it being in favor of cedar blocks. The council indefinitely postponed action on the report and then voted to pave with Sioux Falls granite and instructed the board of public work to advertise for bids for such pavement. Mr. Murphy was the only councilman favoring the adoption of the petition or the letting of a contract with any of the sewer bidders.

The improvements now stand where they did a month ago, and it does seem that in a month some advance ought to be made, especially when it is so important to get the work done before winter. But as it now is, no work will probably be done before spring or next summer, as the pavement will most likely not be laid till after the sewerage, and the sewerage cannot be completed on Main street before cold weather as the preparatory steps have to be taken over again. And now since the same ground passed over in August is to be passed over again, let such careful and business-like steps be taken as to avoid another delay and expense.

A Revolution in Navigation.

Apropos of the agitation of the revival of water transit via the Mississippi, Missouri and other great rivers of the continent, Mr. Andrew H. Lucas has just secured a patent for a new and novel improvement in steam vessels, by which it is claimed that consolidated vessels suitable for either high sea or inland navigation can be constructed. The chief feature of the invention consists of an adjustable keel and double hull, which, while giving the vessel a light draught for inland waters furnishes also a deep draught suitable for the high seas.

A joint stock company with a capital of \$5,000,000 has been organized in St. Louis whose stockholders are chiefly citizens of this country and Mexico, and arrangements for the construction of the vessels has been made. It is announced that the first vessel will, as soon as constructed upon the Atlantic coast sail to Europe on her trial trip, loaded with cotton and sugar, and will there reload with a miscellaneous cargo and sailing up the Mississippi to St. Louis, leave a portion of the goods at that port and thence sail up the Missouri river as far as Omaha where she will deliver foreign merchandise in bulk. It is claimed that the vessel will be able to make the first trip next spring, and it is confidently predicted that it will inaugurate a revolution in the traffic not only of this country but of the entire world. At the present time statistics show the commercial traffic of the North American continent to be \$920,000,000 of which the United States represents but 20 per cent, or \$205,000,000 and the Mississippi and Missouri valleys only about \$7,000,000, although they produce nearly three-fifths of the products of the country. This disparity is solely attributed to the almost criminal neglect of the people and the government to maritime interests and the improvement of the navigable internal waters, which permits railroads to extort so largely for transportation as to render competition with the outside world impossible.—Omaha World.

CHEWING TOBACCO.

A Bad American Habit Fast Becoming Obsolete.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser. When Charles Dickens was first in America there was nothing that seemed to him so worthy of ridicule as the way Americans used tobacco. He never got tired of ringing the changes upon this theme. One who had never been in England and knew nothing of English habits would have supposed that Americans were the only people in the world who chewed tobacco. Times change and national habits change with them. We are no longer a nation of tobacco chewers. That manner of using the weed is gradually passing away. The habit will be as rare in a few years as snuff taking is now.

Common observation shows this. Within the memory of very young men it used to be necessary to decorate every public place that was desired to be kept clean with admonitions to the tobacco chewer not to expectorate on the floor. There used to be a splendid opportunity in those admonitions for caustic references to the bad habits of some people. "Gentlemen will, and others must, use the spittoons," with the "must" in all the emphasis of six-line letters, was a common legend. "If your early training has not taught you that it is bad manners to spit on the floor, an officer of the boat will show you the use of the spittoon," was the elaborate text that once ornamented the gorgeous cabin of a Mississippi river steamer. Brief plaintive appeals of the same general tenor were as frequent to be seen as the warnings about smoking on the elevated platforms now.

But in spite of warnings and exhortation the bad practice went on. Perhaps the corridors of the national Capitol at Washington were about as bad in that respect as any place in the country. Citizens who were showing off the wonders of the place to foreign guests used to hurry through that portion of their excursion as fast as they could. Their haste, however, did not enable them to escape from many a shamefaced apology for a practise that, to foreign eyes, was absolutely disgusting. For, although we were not the only nation in the world, by any means, which chewed tobacco we were only ones that permitted evidences of the habit to be seen in every public place.

We are getting over that now, however. Every tobaccoist recognizes the great

change that is taking place in what may be called in a rather new sense, the public taste. Any average tobaccoist, whose trade is not chiefly among sailors and truckmen, will tell you he does not sell one half as much chewing tobacco as he did ten years ago, and not one third as much as he did twenty years ago. Very few are unable to guess why it is; but he can't deny the fact. I asked one about it the other day. He said:

"The change is due to a variety of causes. It is a great deal more apparent here in the East than in the South and West, but it is going on all over the country. One thing is undoubtedly the strength of public opinion that it is an uncleanly habit. It is hard for a man who chews to keep evidences of it from his clothes. That fact makes it inevitable that the habit should go down before the increasing attention to dress, that is a feature of modern life. Then a great many refined and well-intentioned persons have waged war against it for years. It was inevitable that some effect should follow their crusade.

"But the principal causes are right here. There is a great deal more dyspepsia and stomach trouble in the country now than there used to be. And no person can chew tobacco who has a weak stomach. James Parton says in his famous pamphlet against rum and tobacco that the stomach will hold out longer than the lungs.

"Then the cigarette has done a great deal to put an end to the habit of chewing tobacco. The growth of the cigarette practice in this country is, as they say of western towns, has doubled many times over in the last fifteen years. About seven out of every ten boys who are growing up now smoked cigarettes a few years he not only has no taste for tobacco in any other form, but he has no constitution left to stand chewing tobacco. It is curious how boys take to cigarettes. I believe it is very largely on account of the fuss that is made about them. It has got to be the common opinion that cigarette smoking is the most injurious practice known. That is just why boys adopt it. It makes them an object of awful interest to other boys and to girls. It is soothing to a boy's foolish pride to know that people have marked him out as one who is rushing with frightful tenacity to early destruction. Whether that is the cause of it or not, it is perfectly certain that more and more cigarettes are used every year and less and less chewing tobacco.

In the old days "befo' the wah," when the south set the fashion for the whole country, nearly every statesman used to chew. The chewsers in congress are rare now. With the exception of Speaker Carlisle and bluff old Philetus Sawyer, there is scarcely a well known man on either side of the house who is confirmed in the habit. When Belford, the gentleman from Colorado, who rejoiced in the alliterative title of the "Red-headed Rooster of the Rockies," and who could make more noise than any other three men in Washington, was in congress, he used to chew incessantly. It is said that he did not cease the practice even when he slept. An astonishing report comes from Colorado that even Mr. Belford has been caught by the wave of reformation, and has abjured the weed. In a recent letter to a friend in New York, he asserts that for six weeks he has solaced himself with arrow-root and gum. People who have for years preached a crusade against the tobacco habit may reflect upon this case and take heart.

The sufferings which an inveterate tobacco-chewer endures when he first deprives himself of his accustomed weed are popularly supposed to be something dreadful. Some old chewsers say they are nothing that a resolute will and a clear head cannot easily stand. They all agree, however, that to have something in the mouth to quiet the jumping veins, deprived of their usual tranquilizer, is desirable and pleasant. To supply this want somebody invented a plug of stuff to be chewed looking much like tobacco, and warranted to supply its place in every particular without injurious effects. When it appeared the enemies of the chewing practice declared that there was now no reason why the most confirmed chewer in the world should not stop, since he had here the long-looked-for substitute. This seemed reasonable, and a good many persons acted upon the suggestion, until it was found by an enquiring chemist one day that the remedy was worse than the disease. The substitute for chewing tobacco consisted of some harmless leaves, soaked in licorice, and then dressed with a tincture of opium.

State Fair Notice.

To enjoy the sights at Lincoln, on leaving Plattsmouth you will please supply yourself with Pepperberg's fine Bud's 5c. cigars. By so doing you will avoid paying high prices for common eastern cigars such as are usually sold at state fairs. Budd's cigars for sale only by first class cigar dealers at Plattsmouth and Cass county towns also throughout this state.

Muskrats Along the Canals.

For three miles the bank behind the towpath is very high and compactly built, with willows thickly planted, a veritable bulwark against the Delaware, which sweeps along a short distance away. In the spring the river comes up to the very banks, and is a constant source of danger. At such times the path walker is on duty day and night, plunging the smallest holes with soil, filling in where the rain has started a gully, and building up the bank higher where it has washed away. In ordinary times each walker has a stretch of fourteen miles to watch. He wades down the towpath one day and back on the heels the next, with a shovel or pick to make repairs, or armed with a scythe to trim the bushes, vines and elders. His worst enemy is the muskrat, whose holes, running far into the bank, may at any moment make an outlet and become a dangerous break. Against these ravages the company supply a special guardian in the person of the ratter. The whole length of the canal is divided up among men, who make it their business to trap muskrats all the year round. They use an ordinary steel trap without teeth, which they set as near as possible in the path of the main drainage or regularly used track to the rat hole. The men are paid for every muskrat they catch, and their tails are redeemed by the company at fifteen cents once a month. The pelts belong to the ratter, and are cured by him, to be sold later at an average of about eighteen cents each. Any rat trapped within a mile of the canal is a legitimate catch, and a dollar is paid for it.

"What harm can a rat do a mile away?" asked Scraps. "He may come over here any fine morning, and if he don't, his children will. You can't count a rat till he is skinned. I have been trapping them thirteen years, and I don't know all their ways yet, sometimes they come tumbling to go within ten feet of a man's track, and other times they will walk into a bag and lie down."—"Snubbin' Through Jersey" in The Century.

Salaries not Allowed.

William Gill, the stage manager, has had a varied experience, and the other evening told some friends a story which is rather amusing. In the early '70s, when the Black Hills excitement arose, Mr. Gill landed in San Francisco from Australia, where he had been playing, and in a short time was getting toward the bottom of his pocket. Rumors of the boundless wealth to be had amidst for the asking in the Black Hills were flying thick and fast, and thither Gill concluded to go. His remaining money carried him a little way, but there were 300 miles of wild country to be crossed, and he was bound to reach the Hills, and he tramped every foot of the way through a region alive with hostile Indians and where a white man's face was a rarity. He pulled through safely, and one day entered one of the new towns which had sprung up in the Hills country, without a copper in his pocket, and he found himself in the bottom of his pocket. 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