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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

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	12	Jefferson	9
Antelope	8	Johnson	9
Arthur	1	Kearney	9
Bancroft	2	Keya Paha	4
Barnes	7	Keith	4
Brown	11	Lincoln	28
Butler	8	Lancaster	28
Butt	8	Lincoln	28
Chas. Co.	8	Loup	2
Chas. Co.	8	Madison	8
Cass	15	McPherson	1
Cedar	3	Merick	1
Cheyenne	5	Nebraska	1
Cherry	8	Nebraska	1
Clay	11	Nebraska	1
Colfax	6	Nebraska	1
Cuming	7	Nebraska	1
Custer	16	Nebraska	1
Dakota	4	Nebraska	1
Dawes	6	Nebraska	1
Dixon	6	Nebraska	1
Dodge	10	Nebraska	1
Douglas	32	Nebraska	1
Dawson	5	Nebraska	1
Dundy	5	Nebraska	1
Fillmore	10	Nebraska	1
Furness	7	Nebraska	1
Franklin	6	Nebraska	1
Frontier	5	Nebraska	1
Gage	20	Nebraska	1
Gardner	3	Nebraska	1
Grant	1	Nebraska	1
Greene	3	Nebraska	1
Harlan	2	Nebraska	1
Hall	11	Nebraska	1
Hamilton	9	Nebraska	1
Harlan	2	Nebraska	1
Hayes	3	Nebraska	1
Hitchcock	6	Nebraska	1
Holt	11	Nebraska	1
Howard	6	Nebraska	1
Total	592		

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. SEELY, Secretary,
GEORGE W. BURNES, Chairman.

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:

Plattsmouth 1st Ward,	6 votes.
2nd "	6 "
3rd "	11 "
4th "	7 "
Precinct	7 "
Rock Bluffs	9 "
Liberty	8 "
Avoca	9 "
Mr. Pleasant	5 "
Eight Mile Grove	7 "
Louisville	10 "
Center	6 "
Weeping Water	20 "
Stove Creek	9 "
Elmwood	8 "
South Bend	5 "
Salt Creek	10 "
Greenwood	8 "
Tipton	7 "
Total	158 "

H. C. RITCHIE, M. M. BUTLER,
Sec'y. Chairman.

Mr. CLEVELAND is said to be anxious to have General Black on the ticket with him next year, in order to catch the soldier vote. It will take more than General Black, to undo the effect of that rebel flag order.

THE Haddock murder case at Sioux City is being watched with interest all over the United States and the result of the trial is awaited with interest amounting to impatience from the fact of the plot and cause of the murder.

MR. LETCHER, of Missouri, American consul at Rio Grande de Sul, whose removal is asked by Brazil, is described as "an accomplished gentleman when sober." Mr. Letcher shows the pressing needs of this administration of a variety of consuls who can be democrats and not be "offensive partisans."

A COMPANY of wealthy Chicago men have bought 600 acres of land near that city, and have fitted it up and deeded it to the government, and an army post will be established there. This is an institution which Chicago has long been in need of and will give protection to the city in case of sudden danger of an attack from Canada.

THE Plattsmouth HERALD assures its readers that "if every republican in the city and county would take the daily or weekly HERALD the success of the party in both the city and the county would be assured." This is rather a broad assertion

and snacks just a little bit of g-a-l-l, but nevertheless we hope the boys will succeed in placing the HERALD in every republican home in the county, as they hope to do.—Greenwood Leader.

THE failure of the last congress to make an appropriation for surveys in Arizona has been a hindrance to settlements in that territory. No surveys of public lands have been made the past year and permanent settlements cannot go into that territory because the best land is not opened up to them, and the surveyor general states that in the survey of the lands for the Atlantic & Pacific railroad the work has been carelessly done or there has been fraud. It looks as if there ought to be an investigation.

THE daily edition of the Plattsmouth HERALD made its appearance Monday evening. It starts out with a fair patronage and encouraging promises for the future. In all probability the republican population of Plattsmouth have learned a valuable lesson from past experience and will accord to the HERALD a generous support. The treatment by that party of dailies that have heretofore been started in Plattsmouth, has been a disgrace to the city, and for the good of all concerned the LEADER earnestly hopes Messrs. Knotts Bros. will be given every encouragement in their new venture, both financially and otherwise.—Greenwood Leader.

Benefits of a Gas Well.

Through the kindness of Mr. Armfield, drug clerk for Will Warrick, we have been furnished with full price lists of the gas companies of his home where there are three wells, at Elwood, Ind., and also of Pendleton where a well has just been completed. The cheapness of gas from wells as a fuel and benefits in saving time, trouble, and dirt, makes the subject worthy of contemplation everywhere, and since the contract has been let for the boring of a well, 1509 feet deep at Plattsmouth, we believe our readers will be interested in anything on the subject. The wells are all under 1,000 feet in depth and have been sunk and operated during the last two years.

Anderson, Ind., has four wells as follows:

Anderson gas well No. 1, depth, 858 feet, daily flow, 6,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

Gas well No. 2, depth 838 feet, daily flow, 14,031,421 cubic feet of gas.

Gas well No. 3, depth, 900 feet, daily flow, 8,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

Gas well No. 4, depth, 902 feet, daily flow, 3,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

Total product of the wells, 31,061,421 cubic feet. The largest of any locality in Indiana.

The following is taken from the Elwood Free Press of Sept. 9:

PRICES FOR NATURAL GAS IN ELWOOD.

"Cook stoves for families, 50 cents a month. Cook stoves for hotels and restaurants \$1 per month. Heating stoves for families per month \$1 for the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and April, with the privilege of warming ten thousand cubic feet of space for one family only.

The second heating stoves used to warm the same or a part of the same ten thousand feet, will be charged half price.

For all space warmed in excess of ten thousand cubic feet ten cents for each one thousand cubic feet or fraction thereof. Heating stoves for business rooms, shops and offices, \$1 per month for the months of October, November, December, January, February, March and April with the privilege of warming ten thousand cubic feet of space in the same room. For all space warmed in excess of ten thousand cubic feet in the same room, ten cents for every thousand cubic feet of space warmed in addition per month. Inside lights, single jets, with a power of five candles, five cents per month. Outside lights with a power of ten candles, ten cents per month. Double jets, double price. All heating stoves must be filled with fire brick or clay to hold the heat. All gas bills are payable on the first of each month in advance, and if paid on or before the 7th of each month, a discount of five per cent will be allowed. If not paid on or before the 15th of each month in advance, the gas will be shut off without further notice. Parties contracting for a year and paying for the same in advance will be allowed a discount of ten per cent. Parties contracting gas for heating stoves by the year will be allowed to use the same for warming purposes during the months of May and September free of charge, others will be charged half price for these months. Parties reporting stoves not in use, and using the same will forfeit their contract and the gas will be shut off and no contract allowed them after. We ask the citizens of Elwood to compare their prices with any town or city in the gas belt and see if they are not getting their gas for less than any of them.

The above prices do not show any tendency toward monopoly. We don't believe it is the intention of the present able management to charge extortionate prices. They have shown this disposition all along, notwithstanding the tiffin

sounded by the Bulletin some time since to effect that. The first companies prices were so high that a second company was absolutely necessary. Which up to the present time has not been shown. Nor do we believe will be under the present management.

GAS MATTERS AT PENDLETON.

The Pendleton Gas Co. are getting ready to lay their mains and supply customers. Their well is located three fourths of a mile from town, and considerable expense will be incurred before the gas is brought to the point of distribution. Quite a large amount of stone will have to be blasted when the trenches are dug, 350 feet at least, which will add largely to the labor and expense. One and one-half miles of ditches are already dug, and the pipe will go in rapidly when the laying begins.

The company has issued a price list which is said to give general satisfaction. The following are the prices of most interest to customers: Single cook stove per year, in advance, \$12; cook stove and first heater, per year \$20; cook stove and two heaters per year, \$25; cook stove and three heaters per year, \$28; cook stove and four heaters per year, \$30. If paid monthly: Cook stoves, \$1.10; first heater \$1.50 from October 1 to May 1, and 75c for May and September; second heater, 75c October 1 to May 1. No rate has yet been fixed for business rooms and mixers will not be furnished by the company.

The company is deserving of much credit for the energy and grit they have displayed in organizing and pushing the business so far toward completion in so short a time.

The wells at Elwood are older than those at Pendleton but it will be noticed there is little difference in the price of gas.

At Anderson a beautiful fountain has been made at the park by placing a pipe under water and turning on the gas. The water is thrown 75 feet in the air and falls in fine spray and on a clear day the fountain is decorated with a beautiful rainbow.

About a year ago a flow of gas was obtained at Creston Iowa, while an attempt to bore an artesian well was being made and it is not at all improbable the same substance can be found here, but the problem will soon be demonstrated, yes or no, and the people will wait patiently for the answer, hoping for the best.

THERE can be no mistake about the fact that local option is rapidly gaining ground everywhere, and when it is adopted it is usually followed by prohibition. The political aspect of the matter is growing more important every day, as public sentiment on the temperance question has undergone a remarkable change in recent years under the presence of moral, social and business considerations, and the excessive use of liquor is being looked upon with general impatience; and the successful men of the future in this country, evidently, will be sober men.

Errors in Criminal Trials.

The remarks of Judge Mulkey in giving his assent to the opinion in the case of the Chicago anarchists should be framed and hung up over every Supreme Bench in the country. "I do not wish to be understood as holding that the record is free from error, for I do not think it," he said frankly; and then he added, in a spirit of practical judicial conscientiousness, too infrequently present at such times, "I am, nevertheless, of the opinion that none of the errors complained of are of such a serious character as to require a reversal of the judgment." This brief statement is quite as interesting and important in its way as the long and able opinion to which it is related. It announces a doctrine which is unquestionably sound, in law and in morals, but which the reviewing courts are disposed "as a rule, to put out of sight—the doctrine, to wit, that in cases of alleged errors in criminal proceedings, the higher court is not bound to reverse a judgment of the lower court whenever an error of any sort is discovered, but that it may properly refuse to take such action unless it shall appear that the error was of a vital nature. In other words, it is a protest against the common judicial policy of permitting mere technicalities to defeat the course of justice, and save criminals from deserved justice.

It is well known that the errors upon which verdicts in criminal cases are reversed do not once in a hundred times have any bearing upon the question of guilt or innocence. As a general thing, they pertain only to formalities of pleading, or rulings upon points raised solely for the purpose of delaying and confusing the proceedings. The lawyers find such things interesting and profitable, and the Courts are bound to take account of them in a certain degree; but there is no good reason why a man who has been convicted of a crime on sufficient testimony and according to general forms of fairness and propriety should be turned loose because the court trying him has made a mistake in some purely technical particular. In such a case it is the right and the duty of the reviewing court to

let the verdict stand, regardless of fact that the record is not free from error. That is not what the courts usually do, however. They choose, rather to magnify the importance of trivial details, and to reverse judgments on grounds of strict construction when strict construction clearly implies favor to the criminal at the expense of society and to the reproach of the cause of justice. It sometimes seems as if they cared more to display their skill in hair-splitting than to win public praise for service of a substantial kind.

Take the matter of confessions, for instance. It is a well-established and wholesome rule of law that a confession extorted from an accused or suspected person shall not be used in evidence against him. But the majority of confessions are not thus obtained. They are voluntarily made, either under the influence of remorse, or with the hope of securing mercy; and there is no valid reason why any further testimony should be required to insure a conviction. It would seem as if a man's own acknowledgment of guilt ought to remove all doubt and leave nothing for the court to do but to pass judgment upon him; and yet such cases are often reversed because of some technical legal error in the manner of procuring or admitting the confession. The policy of the reviewing courts is so very favorable to the defendant, that it is to say, that it frequently serves to prevent a man from being punished whose guilt is practically not denied. According to the common understanding, it is the province of a court to bring the truth to light; but in actual practice the facts are not allowed to count if revealed in violation of any one of a thousand technical rules and conditions. Thus it comes about that writs of error succeed criminal verdicts with almost unfeigned regularity, and new trials are granted, or the convicted parties set free, for reasons having relation only to circumstances of no real importance one way or the other.

The lynchings which occur from time to time are largely attributable to this tendency of the courts to permit the guilty to escape on pretexts of an inadequate and unreasonable nature. When a specially revolting crime is committed, the best of citizens may easily persuade themselves that the only certainty of punishment lies in an appeal to a process that hangs the guilty wretch first, and considers technicalities afterwards. So many men annually escape who ought to suffer the penalties of the law that there is a constant anticipation of the failure of justice, no matter how clear and conclusive the testimony may be. The courts mean well, no doubt, from their point of view; but the fact remains that in their anxiety to purge criminal proceedings of all errors, small as well as great, they are too apt to correct one mistake by making another, forgetful of their obligation not merely to see that a prisoner has a just and fair trial, but to protect society as well against adverse and injurious influences. If all judges would imitate the course of Judge Mulkey, and resolutely refuse to interfere in any case on account of technical errors alone, the effect would be to materially improve the general character of criminal trials and to advance the interests of justice in every respect. At the best, there must be enough blunders of the kind that should be corrected; and the courts owe it to society, therefore, that no time shall be wasted and no harm done in considering errors which are manifestly unimportant.—St. Louis Globe Democrat.

—FOR SALE—A good farm wagon a strong set of double harness; a new covered buggy with good double harness and a good horse. Enquire of E. B. Sampson or J. C. Eikenberry.

—J. Schlatter, jeweler, opposite the Opera House, has just received a large supply of ladies' and gent's gold and silver watches which he offers at bottom prices. Give him a call. 26 w 4t d 6

—Warrick has a very large stock of school books, slates, pencils etc., and will make it to your interest to compare his prices with others before you buy.

For sale a good World type writer and agency for Cass county. This is a good opening for a first class canvasser. For further particulars call at this office.

—Warrick guarantees his Mixed Paint to do more work, look better and last longer than Lead and Oil, try it. d6t-w4t

Stat. 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. 1-5

—Lead, Oil, Varnishes, Brushes &c. at Warrick's good goods and low prices. d6t-w4t

—Warrick asks you to compare his prices and stock of school books with others. Second hand school books at very low prices. d6t-w4t

ONE WEEK ONLY!
GRAND KID GLOVE SALE.

In order to reduce our large stock, we shall make the following low prices:

Remember these Prices are for This Week Only.

Our 4 Button Embroidered Backs at 35c., worth 75c.
Our 5 Button Plain Stitching at 50c., worth 87c.

The above gloves alone only in 5 1/2, 5 1/2 and 6.
Our 5 Button Scalloped Toes at 65c a pair, complete assortment of sizes and colors.

Our 5 Hook "Duchess" at 75c a pair, worth \$1.00, all sizes in colors and black.
Our 5 Button S. & Co. Embroidered Back at 75c, the best value ever offered for the price.

Our 4 Button Genuine Kid, warranted, at \$1.00, will compare with any \$1.50 glove sold in the city.
Our 5 Button "Nanon" Scalloped Top at \$1.00 a pair, Opera Stades only.

Our 5 Hook "Camille" at \$1.25 a pair, every pair warranted, all the leading shades.
Our 5 Button "Bon Marche" Embroidered backs at \$1.35. This low price on this glove is only to introduce. Every pair fitted and warranted. The colors and stitchings are something new.

Our 4 Button "Our Own" Fancy Embroidered Backs at \$1.50, never before sold by us less than \$2.00. All the most fashionable shades and blacks.
Our 4 Button "Simpson's Best" at \$2. Same glove as above. Every pair fitted and warranted. This is our regular \$2.50 cent glove.

Our 4 Button Brunswick Suedes, Embroidered Backs. Tans and Brown, during this sale only 75c.
Our 4 Button Bon Marche Suedes, Embroidered Backs, all the leading shades, at \$1.00 a pair. This price made to introduce, regular price \$1.50.

Our 6 Button Length Suede, Mosquetaire, \$1.50, embroidered backs, all the newest shades.
Our 8 Button Mosq. Suedes at \$1.75, regular price \$2.25.
Our 10 Button Mosq. Suedes at \$2.25, regular price \$3.
Our 20 Button Mosq. Suedes at \$2.75 a pair, worth \$3.75.

—ATTENTION GENTS.—

FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

Our 2 Button Gents' White Jouvin at \$1.00 a pair.

Our 2 Button Gents' Black Bon Marche at \$1.00 a pair.

Our 2 Button Gents' Irving Embroidered Backs, Tans and Browns, at \$1.25, worth \$1.75.

Our 2 Button Gents' Simpson Best, at \$1.25 a pair. The very best glove made, street shades only.

Our 2 Button Gents' Harival, at \$1.75 a pair, our regular \$2.25 glove, evening shades only.

Our 2 Button Castor Embroidered Backs at \$1.75, the finest driving glove in the market.

LADIES SUEDE GAUNTLET GLOVES

—AN—

EXCELLENT DRIVING GLOVE

AT \$1.75 A PAIR, WORTH \$2.25.

Ladies' 4 Button Pique Dog Skin, especially good for driving purposes, at \$1.50 a pair, worth \$2.00.

Ladies' 6 Button, same as above, at \$1.75, worth \$2.25.

Remember these Prices are for This Week Only.

Fred. Hermann & Co.

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SOUTH PARK

For the next few weeks choice of lots in South Park may be had for \$150. Purchaser may pay all in cash; or one-half cash, the other half in one year; or, one third cash, balance in one and two years; or \$25 cash, remainder in monthly installments of \$10; or, any one agreeing to construct a residence worth \$2,500 and upwards will be given a lot without further consideration.

NOW IS THE TIME

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Beautiful Shade Trees

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EVERY DESCRIPTION

ADORN THE LOTS.

PLEASANT DRIVES

around and through the entire tract.

Any one desiring to construct a cottage or a more pretentious residence in South Park, can examine a large selection of plans of the latest style of residences by calling at our office. Any one desiring to examine property with a view to purchasing, will be driven to the park at our expense.

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