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REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

The Republican electors of the State of Nebraska are requested to send delegates from the several counties, to meet in convention, at the city of Omaha, Tuesday, May 15, 1888, at 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing four delegates to the National Republican Convention, which meets in Chicago June 19, 1888.

THE APPOINTMENT.

The several counties are entitled to representation as follows, being based upon the vote cast for Hon. Samuel Maxwell, supreme Judge, in 1887, giving one delegate-at-large to each county, and one for each 150 votes and major fraction thereof:

Table with 3 columns: COUNTIES, VOTES, COUNTIES, VOTES. Lists counties like Adams, Antelope, Arthur, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Brown, Buffalo, Butler, Burr, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cheyenne, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawes, Dawson, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garfield, Gosper, Grant, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Howard.

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

GEORGE D. MEIKLEJOHN, Chairman. WALT M. SEELEY, Secretary.

POLITICAL HONESTY.

In conversation the other day with a prominent Democrat, among other criticisms indulged in was the one that "the Republicans do not give their opponents credit for political honesty," which to his way of thinking was very wrong. Come to think of it THE HERALD must to a certain extent plead guilty to the charge, and assigns as some of its reasons therefor that the history of the Democratic party is not only one of treason and disunion, but a long line of broken pledges as well. The past being so very distasteful to the Democratic party, with its history of broken pledges, that mere mention of it by an opponent is called waving the bloody shirt, and is frowned down upon by the entire Democratic fraternity.

Then again every Democrat in Nebraska will roll his eyes in feigned surprise at your doubts, and will assure you that the ballot is as free and fair in the South as here in the North, while the law and order party recently organized by a wing of Democracy in Louisiana are placing fifty policemen at every polling place to preserve order and prevent fraudulent voting, nothing of that kind was ever required at a state election in this part of the United States. The perusal of democratic national platforms for the past twenty-five years furnishes additional unanswerable reasons for doubting the political honesty of our adversaries. The straddling of every important question is further evidence of the uncertain political conscience of the democratic party.

THE Chicago Journal states the case very aptly in the following: "The free traders say that free wool is needed to give the manufacturers cheap raw material so that they can furnish cheaper cloth. They then attempt to prove to the shepherders that the price of wool under a high tariff has been less than under a low tariff. Now, if the free traders want cheap wool for the manufacturer, so as to make cloth, why do they not keep up the high wool tariff?"

THE Macon (Ga.) Telegraph declares that "every man must show his hand in politics this year." It would do very well, also, to let every hand entitled to let the right cast an honest ballot and to let the votes be counted as cast, "this year." The result might not please the democratic bulldozers, but it would be relished by the people of the country as a new and desirable departure.

AT A TEA AUCTION.

HOW THE EXPERTS VALUE THE STOCK BEFORE IT IS SOLD.

Scene in a Salesroom—A Visit from Professional Tea Tasters—A Preliminary Test—The Aroma—Getting the Flavor. Quiet Purchasers.

A dozen or a score of tea importers may be represented in the stock of tea which a firm of auctioneers offer for sale on a given day. Two hundred or more different grades of tea may be in the consignment. A sample chest, half chest, or package of each grade is sent to the auction room for inspection and sampling by prospective purchasers. These are ranged in tiers about the auction room so that their distinctive names and marks may be seen. All these marks and a queer lot of hieroglyphics they are, are reproduced in the catalogue, always large leaved, and with plenty of room for notes alongside the description of each lot of a particular grade of tea. The lots vary from a single package or half chest up to perhaps a hundred packages of the fragrant Oriental leaves. The small lots are usually particularly choice brands of tea, the large ones the cheaper and "standard" grades. The distinctive marks on these chests aside from the Chinese figures or other figures or letters, sometimes standing alone, but often enclosed in a circle, a square, a triangle, an ellipse, or some other geometrical figure, and occasionally accompanied by an anchor or some similar figure that is a symbol of no one knows what exactly. Once in their places in the auction room, the sample chests are made ready for customers who wish to try the teas. And here is where tea auction sales differ from other auction sales. A purchaser may try before he buys. To enable him to try, big holes, an inch and a half or so in diameter, are cut through the chest and its wicker cover, so that the tea can easily be reached. The sample packages thus prepared, everything is ready for the sale.

PROFESSIONAL TEA TASTERS. For two days before the sale young men with the big quarto catalogues and accompanied by a boy with small tin boxes visit the auction rooms and take samples for testing. These young men are usually professional tea tasters, and to the casual visitor to an auction room their methods are peculiar, to say the least. A wisp of the split bamboo, such as the network of matting that covers the packages is made of, is the sampler's weapon for attack on the tea chests about him. His catalogue is held in his left hand. With the right he thrusts his wisp of bamboo, doubled so as to make a sort of hoe, into the round hole in the tea chest, and from the chest hauls a handful of the tea on to the catalogue pages. The eye serves to tell him if the tea has been colored or bleached. That point settled, the necessary note is made in his catalogue. Then comes the preliminary test. The tea is dumped from the sampler's catalogue into his hand. Then, with the hand partially closed, the sampler blows vigorously into the mass of leaves, and at once applies the leaves to his nose. Thus he gets a fair idea of the aroma. As he has no further use for that particular sample, he throws it into a trough which stands at the foot of the rows of chests, and which is put there for the express purpose of holding these discarded samples and the particles that do not fall on the catalogue pages when the wisp of bamboo pulls the sample from the chest. And so the sampler goes the round of the long row of tea chests, eyeing and smelling, and once in a great while tasting a bit of the tea, and always throwing away two or three pounds during the course of his afternoon inspection.

All the observations of this expert as to color, aroma and quality are noted in his catalogue. Some samples are quickly disposed of, and the sampler marks in his catalogue the value of the particular brand of tea he has inspected. But there are some brands, usually of the finer grades, that puzzle him. He is in doubt as to the actual value the leaves he has looked at and smelled of a half dozen times perhaps. So he instructs a youth who accompanies him to "take a sample." This youngster, using the same means as his companion has before him, hauls a liberal sample from the chest into a tin box, which is duly marked and labeled with the same hieroglyphics that are inscribed on the chest and in the catalogue. A dozen samples may be taken in this way for the expert's use outside of the auction room. These collected, his work among the sample chests is ended.

GETTING THE FULL FLAVOR. Accompanied by the boy and his small tin boxes, the expert leaves the auction room and goes to his office to finish his valuation of the samples his boy carries. Seated at a round table, which turns on its standard at the slightest touch, he finishes his work with a speed which is little less than marvelous. A dozen French china cups and a samovar, or urn, of hot water help him to do this. Leaves from the sample tin boxes are put in the china cups and treated to a bath of the boiling water from the urn in the center of the table. There is a preliminary sniff at the aroma arising from each particular cup, and then a taste—just a sip—to get the flavor fully. This test settles the valuation of the tea in a moment, and the expert marks in his catalogue what he deems the samples thus treated to be worth. No one ever disputes that valuation, for the tea taster is in his line an autocrat, a despot whose decision no one dares question. The catalogue now marked is sent to the buyer of the house the expert represents, and with the latter there remains only the purely mechanical work of attending the sale and buying, if he can, at or below the figures fixed by the expert at the maximum value of the teas.

The auction sale itself is very like any other trade sale. A hundred men sit about the auction room in front of the glib tongued crier. Catalogue and pencil in hand, the crowd of buyers are a very quiet party, and let the auctioneer make all the noise. A pencil or catalogue raised in the air for an instant goes for a bid. Sometimes a nod of the head suffices to settle the ownership of a consignment of tea. It is very rarely that a word is spoken, except when the starting bid is made. When other spoken bids follow they are usually made by some out of town buyer. The auctioneer knows everybody in the room except these same out of town merchants, who are looking for bargains. So he quietly tells his clerks the name of the purchaser, and a stranger visiting the sale is left in mystery most of the time, not only as to who the buyer is, but also as to which one of the men in that very quiet but very business like crowd made the bid. Five thousand or 6,000 packages of tea may be disposed of in an hour or an hour and a half, and then the crowd of buyers melt away just as quickly as it had assembled itself for the sale.

To be Borne in Mind. Minister's Wife (to husband)—Will you put up the parlor stove today, dear? Minister (vacantly)—I suppose I will have to.

A WINTER SANITARIUM.

THE CHARMS OF THE SEA DURING THE INCLEMENT MONTHS.

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A mild winter respite of a few weeks from the distractions of social life, or the cares of business, has come to be, in this eager, pushing, restless existence of modern times, almost a necessity. If we will not, or cannot, "take it easy" on the way, we must halt and make a special business of resting—a method more in accordance with the American temperament. And so Lent, which ought to be, if it isn't, quiet and dull in the city, is the season of well earned rest for the fashionable world.

CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT. The hotels are numerous and thoroughly well equipped with every modern convenience and comfort. One of the most attractive features about the place is the "board walk," which extends along the water's edge a for three miles and a half. This ocean boulevard fairly divides the honors with the magnificent sapphire sky, which has become famous as one of the finest on the Atlantic coast. On the smooth, shining sands, made firm and hard by the pressure of the waves, whether walking, riding, driving or sitting still, one sees an endless, everchanging panorama of human life.

Along the board walk are pavilions, or sun parlors, where one may enjoy the warmth and brightness without being actually exposed to the outside air, and from whose sheltering windows the magnificent and fascinating spectacle of a storm may be safely and comfortably witnessed. There are droll looking booths or bazaars, at which everything that dwells in earth, air or sky may be procured. Things, eatable, drinkable, wearable, portable—all that it has entered into the mind of man to conceive and invent—are here in startling array. One can have eighteen tinypies, three shaves and a dinner for fifteen cents.

Atlantic City believes in the adoration which bids us "be all things to all men." There is variety enough in the life here to suit each and all. For the votaries of fashion and pleasure there is gayety of all sorts. For the thoughtful student, or the seeker after rest and quiet, surely there cannot be a more congenial spot than this, where one is face to face with the grandest mightiest of nature's elements. All health has already established beyond dispute her claim to having set the seal of her own regeneration upon the city by the sea. Thus, well or ill, merry or sad, grave or gay, young or old, this favored spot hath charms for all.

And what is the secret of the mysterious, powerful fascination of the sea? One thinks of the lines written about the woman whose fame for beauty and witching charms has come down through centuries, and we wonder on through ages yet to come—"age cannot wither, nor custom stale her infinite variety." The last ten words seem to strike the keynote, for surely to nothing else on this fair earth can they be more appropriately applied.

Like a willful woman, the sea has its moods, changing and fitful as the wind that ruffles its calm, blue depths.—Atlantic City Cor. New York Star.

The Treasurer of English Monarchy. I thought, perhaps, in her majesty's absence I might gain admission to the place by "persuading" the lodge keeper and the officer in charge, for a yellow key will open every other lock I have tried in England, and usually a silver one will do. I got a look at the coronation robes, "the cloth of gold," upon which the kings and queens of England for 600 years have placed their feet when receiving the crown, and the coronation service, and the gold and silver which they have received the holy sacrament for even more centuries at the hands of the archbishop of Canterbury before they first ascend the throne, and it only cost a sovereign. These, the most sacred of all the historical treasures, are kept in massive chests in the crypt of Westminster Abbey, and are never taken out except once a year to be cleaned and re-embellished in campfire, and when the reign of a new monarch begins. The person in charge almost faints when I asked to see them, but a sovereign convinced him of his duty to do that they were safe; so he unlocked the chest and took them out carefully, while I stood by in awe.—Cor. Philadelphia Times.

Increase of Blindness. Blindness is increasing 25 per cent. more rapidly than population in this country. That is to say, population increased 30 per cent. from 1870 to 1880, and blindness increased during the same period 40 per cent., until now we have 50,000 blind. Contagion and immigration are set down as among the chief causes.—Chicago News.

A Kansas man objects to the designation "Queen of the West" for that state. He

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