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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 columns: COUNTY, VOTES, COUNTY, VOTES. Lists counties and their respective vote counts for the Republican Convention.

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. SEELY, Secretary.

REFUNDING THE DIRECT TAX.

The prolonged filibustering in the House of Representatives against the bill to refund the direct tax of 1861 attracts far more attention than the measure itself, which seems to be of little popular interest. Yet a bill proposing to distribute \$17,000,000 among twenty-nine states and territories cannot be deemed an unimportant measure. This sum was collected under the act of Congress of August 5th, 1861, which authorized a direct tax of \$20,000,000 to be levied annually upon the real estate of the country. This was one of the early expedients to raise money for the war, and was discarded after one year. Under the constitution, the tax was, of course, apportioned according to population, and seceding states had their quota marked against them as well as loyal states. The loyal states generally assumed their share and paid it directly to the government, being allowed a deduction of 15 per cent for doing so. Where this was not done, as in the case of Southern States, the United States government proceeded against individuals, when it was able to do so, sold property, and applied the proceeds towards the state's quota. This was notably the case in South Carolina. Where states that did not pay their share of the tax have since preferred claims against the United States, the federal government has claimed the amount due from the state under this tax as an offset.

The matter has rested in this shape ever since the war, to the perplexity of a generation of treasury officials. Here was a tax which only a portion of the people had paid. No one proposed to enforce the collection of the balance still due, and yet it must remain on the treasury books as a debt. What was more to the point was that the states and territories which paid the tax were in the position of having cheerfully assumed their share of a public burden which other states had shirked. These latter states were Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia. Colorado, then a territory, the justice of whose assessment is stoutly disputed, is put down a few hundred dollars in the government's debt, with Utah and Washington for larger amounts. The total sum still due the government, without interest, is \$2,640,314. The sum collected, and which it is proposed shall be returned to the states, also without interest, is \$17,359,685, of which New York State was credited, including the 15 per cent allowed for collection, with \$2,603,918. The bill pro-

poses to cancel the debt of states which have not paid up, and to refund to states which have done so, endeavoring as near as possible to restore the condition of affairs as it was before the tax.

This seems a most equitable arrangement. Such opposition as there was in the Senate came from three classes: a few Southern Senators, who did not want to see so large an appropriation from which the Southern States were to derive little benefit; Western Senators, representing states that were territories at the time the tax was collected, and whose share as recipients is smaller than their proportion as tax-payers; and others who thought that the tax was collected from individuals, the federal government should undertake to find the proper claimants instead of turning that duty over to the state governments, who might not perform it properly. Still there were only six negative votes in the Senate. In the House it is understood to be supported by a majority of both parties. But the number of filibusters is sufficiently large, led by Mr. Breckenridge, of Arkansas, to prolong the struggle to disgraceful length. Mr. Breckenridge's excuse is that it is a Republican scheme to reduce the surplus so that it will not be safe to pass the Mills bill. Many of his followers are willing to pass it, however, if the cotton tax shall be refunded at the same time. This amounted to \$68,000,000. Consistency is not a Democratic jewel. —New York Tribune.

LOVE SONG OF THE PRAIRIE LARK.

As the full spring-time comes on, the number of these short chants is greatly increased, whilst their prolongations and variations are without number; and soon it becomes evident to the most casual observer that the love-fires are kindling, and that each musician is striving to the utmost of powers to surpass all rivals and win the lady-lark of his choice. On one occasion, as I lay in hiding near a fence, three larks came skimming over the plain; they alighted within a few yards of me, and two of them burst into song, sometimes singing together and sometimes alternately, but the third was silent. When at last they flew up, I noticed that the silent one, and one of the singers, kept together. I had been witness to a musical tournament, and the victor had won his bride. —Ernest E. Thompson, in The American Magazine for April.

THE Sugar Trust has just declared a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent, although it has been but five months in existence. The dividend is based on a certificate capital of \$45,000,000, which represents an actual investment of \$15,000,000. Of course, this big profit of 18 per cent a year on the amount of money paid in comes out of the pockets of the people. The country owes no favors to the Sugar Trust. Nevertheless the sugar schedule of the Ways and Means bill has been changed in the Trust's interest. —St. Louis Democrat.

ACCORDING to reports, the surplus in the treasury, grows at the rate of \$500,000 a day. And yet the administration refuses to spend this surplus to buy up the government bonds, and thus relieve the country of the financial crises which is now pending, and is sure to come if the hoarding up of the money in vaults at Washington is not stopped.

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BATTLE OF GRAVELOTTE.

Momentous Struggle While the Issue Was in Suspense—Germany's Victory.

The first action of the Franco-German war which Emperor William witnessed was the colossal struggle of Gravelotte. While Prince Frederick with the Third army corps was striking hard at the French right from Verneville to St. Marie-a-Chene, King William remained all day with the first army, which Steinmetz was hurling against the French left, holding the woods and bare, sloping plateau of Stubert. Late in the afternoon the fierceness of the fighting and uncertainty of the issue drew William right up to the edge of the ravine between Gravelotte and the plateau of Stubert. There he sat among the soldiers, mounted on his black horse, watching the fierce and all but futile efforts made by the stout infantrymen of Von Goben and Glimper to make head against the hurricane of fire with which the French swept the smooth, sloping glacis which the expanse of the plateau afforded.

All of a sudden there ran through the German combatants out in the pandemonium of slaughter over against us a spasm of panic, that impulse to which, in the strain of excitement, the best troops are liable. Panic, like the fire on a prairie, ran back across the ravine and caused a momentary saute qui pout among the unengaged troops about the king. Shells came crashing into the dislocated ranks and for a moment an outburst of disorder had sway. William was borne back in the pressure, remonstrating vehemently with uplifted voice and fiat of sword. Bismarck was said to have got astride a gun, and the royal staff was temporarily broken up. The panic was over in a few minutes and order restored, but the French had strengthened their grip on the plateau.

The issue of the battle was still in suspense when, under the last rays of the setting sun, the last reserve of Germans, the Second corps, came up at a double to the brink of the ravine. In the lurid glare of the blazing village, King William stood by the wayside and greeted his stalwart Pomeranians. High over the bicker of drums, the blare of bugles and the crash of cannon, rose an eager burst of cheering as the soldiers greeted their chief's down into the full depths of the terrible chasm.

The crisis was dreadful. "As we watched the issue of a sword spasm of somber silence, the king sat with his back against a wall on a plank, one end of which rested on a shattered gun carriage, the other on a dead horse.

"Bismarck, with an elaborate assumption of indifference, made a pretense to be reading letters. "The roar of close battle swelled and deepened till the very ground trembled beneath us.

"Night fell like a pall, but the blaze of the adjacent conflagration lit up the anxious group there by the churchyard wall. From out of a medley of broken troops on the glittering slope in front came suddenly a great shout which grew in volume as it rolled nearer. Hoofs of galloping horses rattled on the causeway. "A moment later Field Marshal Von Moltke, his face for once quivering with excitement, sprang from the saddle and, rushing toward the king, cried out: "It is good for us! We have won the plateau and victory is with your majesty."

The king sprang to his feet, saying: "God be thanked!" "Bismarck, with a deep sigh of relief, crushed his letters in the hollow of his hand, and with a simultaneous hurrah greeted the glad tidings. A sutler who managed to hear improved the occasion in a practical quiet way. He brought up a wine barrel and dispensed its contents. King William took a hearty drink of the red wine out of a cracked tumbler, giving the 'German Army' for his toast."

—From Archibald Forbes' Reminiscences.

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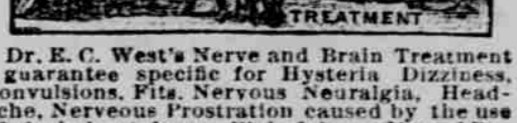
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