

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

The republican electors of the state of Nebraska are requested to send delegates from their several counties to meet in convention in the city of Kearney Wednesday April 27, 1892, at 11 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing four delegates at large to the republican national convention to be held in Minneapolis June 7, 1892.

THE APPOINTMENT.
The several counties are entitled to representation as follows, being based upon the vote cast for Hon. George H. Hastings for attorney general in 1890, giving one delegate at large to each county and one for each 150 votes and the major fraction thereof:

Counties	Del.	Counties	Del.
Adams	1	Johnson	7
Antelope	2	Kearney	6
Banner	3	Keye	5
Blaine	4	Kimball	4
Boyd	5	Lancaster	3
Boone	6	Laramie	2
Box Butte	7	Lincoln	1
Brown	8	Logan	1
Buffalo	9	Loup	1
Burt	10	McPherson	1
Cass	11	Merrick	1
Cedar	12	Nance	1
Chase	13	Nemaha	1
Cheyenne	14	Nuckolls	1
Cherry	15	Otoe	1
Clay	16	Pawnee	1
Colfax	17	Perkins	1
Cuming	18	Pierce	1
Custer	19	Platte	1
Dakota	20	Polk	1
Dawes	21	Red Willow	1
Dawson	22	Richardson	1
Deuel	23	Rock	1
Dixon	24	Saline	1
Dodge	25	Sarpy	1
Douglas	26	Saunder	1
Dundy	27	Scotts Bluff	1
Fillmore	28	Seward	1
Franklin	29	Sheridan	1
Frontier	30	Sioux	1
Furnas	31	Strom	1
Gage	32	Thayer	1
Gardner	33	Thomas	1
Gosper	34	Thurston	1
Grant	35	Valley	1
Greene	36	Washington	1
Hamilton	37	Wayne	1
Haran	38	Webster	1
Hayes	39	Wheeler	1
Hitchcock	40	York	1
Holt	41		
Howard	42		
Hooker	43		
Jefferson	44		
		Total	54

It is recommended that no proxies be admitted to the convention, and that the delegates present be authorized to cast full votes of the delegation.

It is recommended that the republicans of every county in this state be requested to select their county central committee at the first county convention held in their respective counties. Said committee to serve until the county convention of 1893 be held.

DR. S. D. MERCER,
Chairman.
WALT M. SEELEY,
Secretary.

FIRST DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The republican electors of the first congressional district of the state of Nebraska are requested to send delegates from the several counties comprising said district to meet in convention in the city of Falls City, Wednesday, April 20, 1892, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing two delegates and two alternate delegates to the republican national convention to be held at Minneapolis June 7, 1892.

THE APPOINTMENT.
The several counties are entitled to representation as follows, being based upon the vote cast for Hon. W. J. Connell for congress in 1890. One delegate for each 100 votes and major fraction thereof and one delegate at large from each county:

Counties	Del.	Counties	Del.
Cass	1	Johnson	1
Johnson	1	Pawnee	1
Lancaster	1	Richardson	1
Nemaha	1		
		Total	128

It is recommended that no proxies be admitted to the convention, and that the delegates present from each county cast the full vote of the delegation.

W. H. WOODWARD,
Chairman.
FRANK MCCARTNEY,
Secretary.

Call for Republican Primaries and City Convention.

The republican electors of Plattsmouth City are hereby called to meet in primary convention Saturday evening, March 12, 1892, from 7 o'clock till 8, for the purpose of selecting one candidate for councilman for each ward; and for the further purpose of selecting delegates to the city convention, which is hereby called to meet in the Rockwood Hall Saturday evening, March 19th, for the purpose of nominating a city ticket as follows: mayor, two members of the school board, police judge, city clerk and treasurer.

The representation for city convention is based on the vote cast for the Hon. G. H. Hastings for attorney general Nov. 1890, allowing one delegate for each ten votes and major fraction thereof, which entitles the several wards to representation as follows:
First ward, 10 delegates, to be held at Council chamber.
Second ward, 10 delegates, to be held at Second ward school house.
Third ward, 14 delegates, to be held at Richey's barber office.
Fourth ward, 12 delegates, to be held at county clerk's office.
Fifth ward, 5 delegates, to be held at fifth ward school house.
No proxies admitted but delegates present will cast the full vote of their respective wards.
By order of the city central committee. **A. N. SULLIVAN, Ch'm'n.**

DARK DAYS IN HISTORY.

On These Occasions People Thought the World Was Coming to an End.

The earliest mention of the phenomena known as the dark days appears to be in the year 44 B. C., about the time of the death of Julius Caesar, when we read in Plutarch and Dio Cassius that the sun was paler than usual for a whole year. The great darkness which lasted two whole days all over Europe appears to have preceded the great earthquake of Nicomedia, which occurred August 12, A. D. 328. Two years later in all the eastern provinces of the Roman Empire there was a "dark day" which was so dark as to make stars visible at noonday.

From further descriptions one might consider this the result of a total eclipse, but astronomers say that neither the eclipse of March 4, 360, nor that of August 28 of the same year was visible in the countries mentioned. During Arie's siege of Rome, 409 and 410 A. D., there were several days "as dark as the nights which preceded and followed them." In 537, 567 and 620, we find mention of long periods of diminished sunlight. According to Schurrer, "the sun darkened in an alarming manner on August 19, 733, without there being the least possibility of an eclipse being the cause."

The Portuguese historians record several months of diminished sunlight in the year 934, which terminated by an apparent opening in the sky "from which loud sounds issued, the noise sounding not unlike two giants quarreling." In 1091, on Sept. 29 (not 21, as given in some translations of Humboldt's "Cosmos") the sun turned suddenly black and remained so for three hours. For days afterward the blackness had disappeared the sun gave out a peculiar green light, which occasioned great alarm.

Schurrer next mentions a dark day in June, 1191, but astronomers attribute it to the total eclipse which was visible in the greater part of Europe on June 21 of the year mentioned. Several dark days are recorded as having occurred in February, 1106, the darkest being the 4th, 5th and 12th. On the 5th a bright star was seen shining "only a foot and a half from the blackened remains on the sun."
"On the last day of February, 1236," says Cortezza, a Spanish writer, "the sun appeared to suddenly go out, causing a darkness all over this country for about six hours. The superstitious writers of the time attribute the great darkness of 1241 to God's displeasure over the result of the battle of Legnitz, the sun being so obscured as to make it necessary to keep lamps burning until after the ninth hour."
Prof. Schiaparelli, who has been collecting data concerning that uncanny event, is now inclined to refer the cause to the total eclipse of Oct. 1241. Kepler tells us, his authority being Gemma, that there was a sun-darkening in 1547 which lasted for three days—Aug. 22-25—which finally ended by the sun "appearing to be suffused with blood to that degree that stars were visible at noonday." America has experienced several dark days during her short historical life, the most memorable being that of May 19, 1780, when the darkness was so great that all the people of New England, with the exception of a sturdy few, were terrified almost to the verge of distraction.—*St. Louis Republic.*

Humble but Successful Authors.

The men who make the most money by their pens are not always known to fame. The periodicals that pay the highest prices for fiction and special articles are not those that give the writer a reputation in the world of letters. I have a friend who makes \$10,000 a year writing stories of adventure for a sensational weekly. He is a poet of no mean ability, and when he feels that he would like a little applause he sends a poem to some leading magazine. Only his most intimate friends know that "Pendragon," of the *Fifth's Weekly Thrill*, is the long-haired, romantic-looking man who listens at the Authors Club to the flattery of those who think that the highest success in life consists in having a poem printed in the *Century*, *Harper's* or *Scribner's*. Another man I know gets \$25 a thousand words from a weekly that is read in thousands of kitchens throughout the country. He is a highly educated man, but he must earn his living. He makes at least \$8,000 a year. He was recently offered a college professorship at a salary of \$2,500. But he could not afford it. These men will never go down to posterity as great novelists, but, to use a vulgar expression, they get there all the same.—*Pittsburg Leader's N. Y. Letter.*

Bamboo Cuts Are Painful.

A cut inflicted with a blade of grass or a sheet of writing paper is bad enough, but the most disagreeable wound that can be inflicted on the human body is that made with a strip of bamboo. The outside of the bamboo contains so much silica that it will cut like a knife; in fact, the Chinese and Japanese do make knives of it which are cheap and for a time tolerably effective. A cut made with a bamboo is exceedingly hard to heal and obstinate ulcers are apt to result. Whether the silica poisons the flesh or the bad consequences are due to the ragged wound is not certain, but anybody who has cut his finger with a bit of cane or torn his hand on a fishing-rod will have some idea of the unpleasant effects of a cut with a bamboo-silver.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat.*

Big Hole.

In Canyon Diablo, Ariz., a hole 625 feet deep, supposed to have been made by a meteor, has been found. It is two and one-eighth miles in circumference. The theory is, from the appearance of the walls and the fact that they have found many pieces of meteor iron around the hole, that the meteor penetrated the earth to a depth of 700 or 800 feet before it exploded, and this accounts for the strange phenomena. Three pieces of the meteor, weighing 300, 600 and 850 pounds, respectively, were found on the mesa within two miles of the crater.

Magnetic Stone.

In Texas there is a stone about twenty feet in diameter that has wonderful magnetic power. It is said that it will draw a hammer or an ax to its surface even when placed ten or fifteen feet away on the ground.

DIGNITY OF THE SEX.

A Chicago Hod Carrier Drew the Line at Being Put in Order by a Woman.

One of the hod carriers at work on a brick building out in the suburbs climbed up to the first story Thursday. Then he fell, and the hod, the bricks, and the ladder fell on him. When the debris had been pulled away the hod carrier was lying face downward on the pavement stone senseless. There wasn't a drug store or a doctor within half a mile. A bricklayer put on his coat and tore for the nearest patrol box. Meantime the hod carrier was lying there in a mess of blood, apparently thinking about nothing in particular.

The boss was fuming about, kicking blocks of wood into the street, and swearing at the laziness of the police. The big plasterers, who could drive a spike with their fists, were standing around as helpless as children. At this time a young woman in a blue coat came across the street. She was pretty and rosy, with a lot of yellow hair drawn up tightly from her temples, and she had a most decided look in her blue eyes. She brushed the big fellows aside and asked briskly: "What's the trouble here, men?"

"One of the boys has busted himself wide open," said the boss politely. "Let me see," said the pretty girl, dropping on her knees beside the hod carrier. She took off a dainty kid glove, and with her little white hand felt the man's skull.

"No bones fractured here," she said, looking up at the group around her. Then she noticed the pool of blood lying beside the man's right arm, and whipping out a pair of scissors she ripped up the coat sleeve and the sleeve of the flannel shirt.

"Goodness!" she said. "An artery has been cut. Give me a piece of twine, quick."

The boss pulled a piece of coarse string from his coat pocket and handed it to the girl. She drew it around the man's arm, made a loop knot, thrust a pencil into the loop and twisted it until the cord sank deep into the flesh.

"You hold this," she said to the boss, and the big man knelt down and grabbed the ligature. Then she had some water brought. She washed the scalp wound in a jiffy. Then she cut among the loose flesh with the scissors and with plaster and a strip of linen from the same preposterous bag she made a neat bandage. Then she arose and viewed a pretty job of emergency surgery with reasonable complacency. The patrol wagon and the hod carrier came around at the same time. As the wagon backed up the hod carrier opened his eyes and saw the girl in the blue cloak.

"Are you hurt, Mike?" said the boss. "Naw," said the carrier. "Take me somewhere that I can get a doctor. I don't want no dom women monkeyin's round me!"

The girl doctor in blue looked at him quizzingly and laughed as she washed his gore from her hands in the bucket of water.—*Chicago Herald.*

Pat's Temptation.

One of the members of the New York senate who has passed through a good many experiences during his lifetime, was in his younger days a track-walker on a New England railroad, says the *Buffalo Express*. At each end of his route was a small station. The only persons to watch him were in these neighborhoods. Pat (it is needless to say he was an Irishman) lived in a small house beside the track, about half a mile from one of these stations. He was the fortunate owner of an old horse and wagon. This is what led to his temptation and downfall. There was a good wagon-road running parallel with the track all the way. "Pat," said the tempter, "what's to hinder your riding between stations?" "It wouldn't do," said Pat. "But the idea had taken hold of him and one rainy night he tried it. He left his horse half a mile from each end of his beat and walked to the stations at his usual time. Over the rest of the distance he rode on the turnpike, trusting to luck that the track would be all right. The thing was so easy that it soon became a settled practice with him. For three or four months he guarded the company's property in this way, and no one was the wiser. Then he was spotted, and a summary discharge followed. "A man with your genius for dodging work ought to be a lawyer," said the superintendent. "Faith, I think so myself," answered the discharged track-walker, and a lawyer he became.

Beholding a Congressman.

"The struggle which resulted in Pennington's success," said Senator Sherman, "was I think the longest Speakership contest in our history. It lasted from Dec. 5 till Feb. 1, and the House was in an uproar a great part of the time. There were many funny incidents during the contest, and a number of times it looked as though we would have a general fight in the House. The Democrats were on one side of the House and the Republicans on the other, much as they are now, and I remember that we tried to keep the parties separated and the aisle between them clear. Potter, a Republican from Wisconsin, and a very large and powerful man, got in a fuss with Barksdale, of Mississippi. They sat across the aisle from one another, and Barksdale said something that made Potter very angry. He jumped for him and grabbed him by the hair, intending to jerk him up from his seat and pound his face, but lo and behold Barksdale's whole head seemed to rise up in Potter's hands, and the House found out for the first time that Barksdale wore a wig, and his pate, as bald as a billiard ball, shone out under the gaslight while the House roared.—*Philadelphia Inquirer.*

A Domestic Picture.

With a desire of giving her husband a true picture of herself, a woman in Ateshon, Kan., had her photograph taken as she appeared at daily housework in her kitchen dress, with a baby on one arm and broom and dustpan in the other.

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Edward Shepherd, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years' standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven bottles Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catawba, O., had five large feverish swellings on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co.

A Little Girl's Experience in a Light House.

Mr. and Mrs. Loren Trescott are keepers of the Gov. Lighthouse at Sand Beach Mich, and are blessed with a daughter, four years. Last April she taken down with Measles, followed with dreadful Cough and turned into a fever. Doctors at home and at Detroit treated, but in vain, she grew worse rapidly, until she was a mere handful of bones. Then she tried Dr. King's New Discovery and after the use of two and a half bottles, was completely cured. They say Dr. King's New Discovery is worth its weight in gold, yet you may get a trial bottle free at F. G. Fricke Drugstore.

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AN AGE OF ABBREVIATIONS.

It Causes the Tall Man to Sigh, but the Short Man Coughed.

"This," said the tall man contemptuously, "appears to be, at least so far as New York city is concerned, an age of abbreviations. Everything is abbreviated, even time, and I may say that is the case especially in the payment of notes—the time is always too short."

"May I ask," said the short man, "what has suggested to you this trend of thought?" "That," said the tall man, and he pointed to the advertisement of a theater on which, after the names of the play and the star, was this mysterious announcement: "Ev'g. Mats. Wed. Sat." "There," went on the tall man, "is a sample of one style of abbreviations. I can not but think that that advertisement must be a source of weariness to the foreigner who is studying our language and who attempts, as all of them do, to read the signs as he walks along the street. How in the world is he to know that it means that performances are given in the evening and at Wednesday and Saturday matinees? It certainly does not say so."

"That's so," said the short man. "At the opera one night, I remember, a countryman and his wife sat behind me. The names of the ballet dancers were printed on the bill as 'Mlle.' So and So and 'Mlle.' So and So. The countryman, after reading the bill says to his wife: 'This is funny, Mary; the front names of all these gals is Milly.'"

"Yes," said the tall man. "It's very misleading. But it's not only words that are abbreviated. Nearly everything is abbreviated. Take the patience of my landlord, for instance; that is abbreviated. And I was pained to notice this morning that the trousers of my youngest son are abbreviated. Everything, in fact, seems to be abbreviated, except my appetite." He sighed. "Cheer up," said the short man. "I'll cough."

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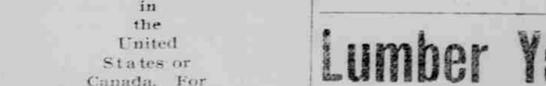
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