



BROWNVILLE THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 1866.

UNION TERRITORIAL CONVENTION.

The Union Voters of the Territory of Nebraska are recommended to assemble at the county seats of their respective counties, on

Saturday, March 31st, 1866, at 2 o'clock, P. M., and select the number of Delegates to which they are severally entitled (with an alternate for each Delegate) to meet in General Convention at Plattsmouth, on

Thursday, April 12th, 1866, for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported at the election to be held on the second day of June next, for the following offices, to-wit: One member of Congress, Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor, Treasurer, a Chief Justice and two Associate Justices of the Supreme Court.

The different counties will be entitled in said Convention to the representation indicated in the annexed table:

Table listing counties and their representation: Richardson, 6; Pawnee, 1; Pawnee, Johnson and Gage, 1; Gage and Jones, 1; Nemaha, 5; Otoe, 7; Cass, 6; Cass, Lancaster, Saline & Seward, 1; Johnson, Lancaster, 1; Lancaster, Seward & Saunders, 1; Saline, Butler, Lincoln & Kearney, 1; Sarpy, 2; Sarpy and Dodge, 1; Douglas, 7; Dodge, 1; Platte, 1; Platte, Hall, Buffalo & Merrick, 1; Platte, Monroe, Merrick, Buffalo, Kearney and Lincoln, 1; Washington, 2; Washington, Bart and Cuming, 1; Bart and Cuming, 1; Dakota, 1; Dakota, Dixon, Cedar and L'Eau-qui Court, 2; Dixon, Cedar & L'Eau Qui Court, 1.

It is hoped that the primary meetings in the various counties will be generally attended, to the end that the choice of the Union voters of the Territory may be fairly reflected in the Convention. By order of the Union Central Committee of the Territory of Nebraska. O. P. MASON, Chairman. Omaha, Neb., March 7, 1866.

Union Central Committee.

The members of the Union Central Committee of Nebraska County are requested to meet at the office of Chas. G. Dorsey, in Brownville, on the 20th day of March, 1866, for the transaction of important business.

The following are the names of the members: Brownville: Chas. G. Dorsey and T. R. Fisher. Peru: S. P. Major. Nemaha: John Barnes. Aspinwall: J. M. Paulin. Bedford: R. S. Stewart. Glen Rock: W. R. Leach. Douglas: F. H. Amaden. Washington: Barnard Otens. Lafayette: Phillip Starr. Benton: Thomas M'Clure. C. G. DORSEY, Ch'm. T. R. FISHER, Sec.

On last Monday evening, on short notice, a large meeting of our citizens assembled at McPherson's Hall to hear a speech in favor of "State Organization" by Hon. O. P. Mason; and, although the meeting was gotten up by State men, the anti-State men demanded and were courteously admitted to enter the debate. Hon. Samuel Crane appearing as their champion. Hon. John McPherson was called to the Chair, stated the object of the meeting and introduced the speakers. Mr. Mason said that every material interest of Nebraska would be advanced and promoted by immediate State Organization, and that his object would be to demonstrate this proposition by facts.—That the most vital and important interests of any community is to plant her institutions of learning and education upon a sure and permanent basis, and making them free and self-sustaining without taxation. The moment we assume State government we come into possession of sections 16 and 36 in each township for school purposes. One of these school sections near Omaha is estimated to be worth \$75,000; another near Nebraska City can be sold to-day for \$32,000; besides these there are, between Nemaha City and the northern boundary of Washington county, and

within three miles of the river, thirty sections, which can be easily sold at \$10 per acre, making \$192,000; again, within ten miles of the river there are 90 sections of school land, the half of which, 45 sections, will readily bring \$5 per acre, making \$225,000. Grand total, available on school lands alone \$417,000, ten per cent. on which would produce a revenue of \$41,700 annually; or enough to pay our Territorial School tax, \$26,298, and \$15,007, enough to run State government.

The next point made by the speaker was the necessity of assuming State government immediately so as to select the land grants offered us by the general government as soon as Nebraska becomes a State. He said the lands were being located by speculators with Agricultural College Scrip, at the rate of 500 acres per day; let any one figure this sum by the number of days in the year, and the loss by delay in this matter can be easily estimated at hundreds of thousands of dollars. Soon our selections will have to be made so far out on the plains that they will hardly pay for laying the foundations for good substantial State buildings; every day of delay increases this loss, which must be made up in future taxes.

The speaker called attention to the amount of taxes which we would receive from the Pacific Railroad upon becoming a State, which we could not receive as a Territory. He had, while a member of our last Legislature, introduced to introduce a bill into that body to tax that institution; and to that end had spoken to the Attorney of the road; the Attorney flatly denied the right of the Territory to tax, claiming that as the U. S. Government held the right of eminent domain in the Territory, that the road acquired that right from, and this right would only cease when the United States gave up that right in this Territory by admitting it as a State. He also applied to Chief Justice Kellogg, who, after examining authorities, gave his opinion, agreeing with the Attorney of the U. P. R. R. It is plain to be seen, then, that no revenue can be derived from this source as a Territory, and now let us see what we will lose the first year on this one item by refusing to become a State. One hundred miles of the U. P. R. R. west from Omaha will be completed by the 4th of July, next; taking this at \$30,000 per mile would make \$3,000,000—which we could tax as a State but not as a Territory—which at 4 mills on the dollar would make \$12,000; the land the U. P. R. R. acquires from Government to build the road—the odd sections for 15 miles each side the road—can be taxed at \$50,000 per mile, making \$5,000,000; the whole amount now levied, 5 mills (the School tax of 2 mills is left out on the road tax above.) would make \$30,000; or a total gain on this one item by becoming a State of \$42,000. This and amount of interest derived on the sale of available school lands make \$85,000; or \$85,881 more than we now pay for General Fund, Sinking Fund and Territorial School Tax. The amount which we now receive from the general Government is about \$30,000 annually, so that either of the above items, which we will receive as a State but not as a Territory, would more than cover the sum we relinquish on becoming a State. Again by becoming a State we have but one session of the Legislature every two years, reducing that item—now paid for by Government—one half; the Governor and Secretary's salaries—the only officers paid for by Government, which would be assumed by State—would be, under State, but \$1,600; the Judiciary are made self-sustaining; so that at the outside \$20,000 will pay all the expenses now paid for by Government. Then we have a loss of what will cost us \$20,000 by becoming a State, and to offset this a gain of \$85,381 which we cannot touch until we do become a State. Balance in favor of becoming a State, \$66,381!

The speaker alluded to the inestimable advantage of having Representatives in Congress with a voice in the affairs of the nation; who could demand for us a liberal share of the care, protection and benefits for internal improvement at the hands of the Government, and back such demand by their votes! He took, for example, Kansas, organized at the same time with Nebraska. What has made the difference so great in our relative positions to-day? The farmers of Kansas count on a failure of crops once in three years; several times its starving citizens have come to Nebraska for food for themselves and their stock! Then in her soil or climate she is not ahead of Nebraska; if anything, Nebraska, in both of these, is her superior. It is undeniably in the fact that Kansas has assumed State governments, and pressed upon the General Government—through her Senators and Congressmen—her necessities for aid in internal improvements, and for the thousand and one other advantages which are in the gift of Congress. To-day her land is being girdled with railroads, and the markets east and west, are within easy reach of her farmers. Military depots and posts have been established in Kansas, through this influence, bringing millions of dollars to her citizens, which—leaving this influence out of the question—the natural advantages and the position of the country

and troops to be supplied, would have placed in Nebraska. To-day one-half of our lands stand parceled out to Kansas and Iowa Railroads. To-day the northern counties, in Kansas, demand a railroad, and Senator Lane will secure them a liberal grant. The war on our frontier has been as cruel and destructive on the borders of Nebraska as Kansas, and yet the majority of the claims for property destroyed in Kansas have been paid by the Government, while the citizens of Nebraska, many of whose dearest friends fell beneath the tomahawk of the ruthless savage, have not received one dollar; but remain, stripped of friends, kindred, and property, without a voice or vote in the halls of Congress to demand reimbursement for losses which the General Government should have protected them against, or influence to secure protection hereafter. He found no fault with our Delegate, but said the talents of a Webster and a Clay combined could effect nothing in the position of a Delegate from a Territory. He asked his opponent in the debate to answer or controvert the figures he had made; not to soar to the realms of imagination, but to take the bull by the horns, to face the music, and answer his figures if he could.

Mr. Crane's reply was a most wonderful effort. He, wisely, attempted no answer to Mr. Mason's figures, but "dove" to the bottom of his capacious brain "and dragged up drowned" eloquence "by the locks," as often getting it by the right end as the wrong. He pictured himself as one of the "moral heroes" of the war; standing upon the Alleghany Mountains, in Virginia, with "a dripping sword in one hand and the Constitution in the other," singing the chorus to the Marseilles Hymn; which rallied 30,000 troops to the aid of the Union—and someone else did them! He took ground against the small sum which Mr. Mason proved would run State government, and said the sum of \$13,000 would hardly "build a southern gentleman's pig pen!" These "pig pens" are "played out." He took exception to the point that the influence of a member of Congress and two Senators would build up our internal improvements—especially railroads; and said that railroads were a curse to the country, quoting Illinois as an instance of a "State spoiled by Railroads!" He pictured his forefathers' condition in youth, a la Nixson, with the exception that no "flag of truce" betrayed itself in "his rear," and was "kissed by the balmy breeze of the sunny south!" He opposed the way the Constitution was framed, and thought it should come in the "regular way," which would cost our Government—Territorial or State—about \$16,000; then spoke eloquently of the enormous public debt of the general Government, and on that ground urged his auditors to act noble, act manly, show themselves "worthy of their Revolutionary sires;" by refusing to become a State, and thereby save to Government the land she offers us to aid in building State buildings—seemingly to forget that by acting thus noble, manly, and "worthy of our Revolutionary sires," we remain paupers, dependent upon the general Government to the tune of \$30,000 in cash yearly! The question of his loyalty in Virginia, and his love for the "mother of Presidents," was eloquently set forth by the speaker; no one doubts his loyalty or love for old Virginia, yet, his persistent effort to blaze it forth on every occasion, may breed doubts in the minds of many on a point now conceded. All admit that the speaker did well, considering the case he had, his being a comparative stranger, and the short time to prepare.

We confess our inability to do justice to the closing part of Mr. Mason's remarks. In opening he had calmly and eloquently set forth facts and figures, and had been met with buncombe and gas, and his motives for advocating State roughly canvassed. His reply was the most sarcastic and eloquent speech ever delivered in this city. Its force may be estimated when we state that the Chairman of the Democratic Territorial Committee actually urged Mr. Mason—while he was speaking—to cease scoring their champion. The State question will carry two to one in this County; it gains friends by every fresh attack of the opposition.

"What is the matter with the Advertiser? Would it not be well for the Press to say to it that we need men and newspapers that will stand by the principles of the party?"—Plattsmouth Herald, 7th. Here is a compliment to us we had not expected; Bro. Hathaway has been engaged, ever since the 23d, in annihilating Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, and now desires to "let out the contract" to extinguish us! Now, let us see what "the principles of the party" are according to the apostle Hathaway. 1st. To vilify every one that agrees not with Sumner. 2d. That the Southern States are "conquered territory," and as such are subject only to the will of "the party" in power; and all who say to the contrary—that the Southern States are still in the Union, and have some Constitutional rights which the North should respect, for the sake of consistency, at least—are traitors. 3d. That "unquestionably loyal" representatives from Southern States should not be admitted to Congress. 4th. That "the party" must split from the President because he does not agree with Sumner and Stevens. 5th. That the present Congress can, and must set a precedent—the Constitution to the contrary, notwithstanding—of taking from the States the control of the question of Suffrage. 6th. That although President Johnson's loyal Cabinet agree with his policy, yet that policy is to "admit bloody handed traitors into Congress." 7th. That because some drunken rebel drank to the health of "Jeff. Davis, Andrew Johnson and Robert E. Lee," therefore, Johnson is as bad as either of the them. 8th. That "the principle of the party" in this Territory is to sustain the Union by refusing to become a State, thereby assisting to pay the public debt by demand of it \$31,000 per annum to support us! These are some of the "principles" according to Hathaway, and many others who think that "radicalism" is to go off in a tangent and denounce everything and everybody that does not sanction the designs of the party in power. This is not our style, friend Hathaway, and it is useless to send any messenger—not even the redoubtable Wind-Miller of the Press—to convert us, or even to vex your mammoth intellect to no purpose. We believe in the motto at the head of our paper, "We believe that the Constitution of the United States is still the 'supreme law of the land,'" and should be enforced as before the war, without fear or favor, and we believe the President will do this. We are opposed to the dominant party, at any time, setting a precedent for or claiming any power not plainly granted in the Constitution, or naturally growing out of the altered condition of affairs. We believe in admitting "unquestionably loyal" Representatives from any States "assuming an attitude of loyalty and harmony to the Government. We believe in protecting freedom in life, property and traveling where and when they please, and protect them against any laws except those to which whites are amenable. We are in favor of colonizing all the blacks in Liberia. And we are in favor of releasing the General Government from the \$31,000 she now pays to run our Territorial government; the half of which will answer for State Government, and which our people can pay, and save more than that amount by State government. We hope friend Hathaway will not read us out of the Union party.

H. M. Atkinson, Esq., of this City, recently received a letter from Hon. W. W. Hitchcock, our Delegate in Congress, in which he states that he is endeavoring to induce the Post Master General to establish tri-weekly mail service from Brownville to Beatrice on the route already established by law, but on which, at present, we have only a connection to Crap Orchard once a week. We heartily commend this action of our Delegate, and hope he will succeed. Mr. Hitchcock farther states that he will certainly do justice to all parts of the Territory as far as he can. This is as it should be, and we hope Mr. H. will assure us of his interest in the "burnt District."

The Omaha Republican, speaking of prominent men in South Platte who are laboring for state, mentions Rev. Mr. Taylor, of Nemaha, in connection with such men as Hon. O. P. Mason, and Bonnet, Maxon, Maxwell, Crouse and others. We protest against such "miscellaneous." The only way he can really assist State, is by keeping quiet, if he favors it.

We learned recently, from good authority, the cause of his delay in attending the Legislature. He was on the point of making a contract for supplying somebody cord wood, and his failure in making the contract accounts for his attending the Legislature! Moral: Nominate no more "timber" men for the Legislature.

LEGAL NOTICE.

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