

Call for Republican District Convention—Second Judicial District.

The Republican electors of the counties of Lancaster, Ohio, Cass and Nemaha, comprising the 2d Judicial District of the State, are hereby called to send delegates to said several counties, to meet in District Convention at Lincoln, Nebraska, on Monday, the 24th day of September, A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for the office of District Attorney for said district.

CALL FOR REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.

The Republican electors of Cass county are hereby called to send delegates to a County Convention to be held at

PLATTSMOUTH, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 1876, at one o'clock to elect delegates to the State Convention to be held at Lincoln, September 20th, also, to elect delegates to the Representative District.

PLATTSMOUTH. 1st Ward—School House. 2d Ward—Livingston's office. 3d Ward—D. H. Wheeler & Co's office. 4th Ward—Plattsmouth School House. 5th Ward—Livingston's office. 6th Ward—Livingston's office. 7th Ward—Livingston's office. 8th Ward—Livingston's office. 9th Ward—Livingston's office. 10th Ward—Livingston's office.

Brook and Terry are safe, and so are Sitting Bull and his horde of bloody scalpers.

Vermont has sounded Tilden's political death knell. Now let us hear from Maine.

The Hons, Crouse, Welch and Cowin are mentioned as aspirants for Congressional honors.

The adviser and attorney of the Credit Mobilier swindle and for which services he was paid \$25,000—Samuel J. Tilden.

Hon. John Taffe, our late congressman and now secretary of State in Colorado, is lying seriously ill at Denver-Nebraska City Press.

Who believes the Democratic party means reform while old slippery Samny remains as their candidate? Who, yes, who? says "Reform."

Phelps,—should be whip—Democratic candidate for Governor of Mo., is charged with insulting ladies on the steamer Andy Johnson, and the steamer has been withdrawn from river service. "Reform" needed.

The New York Staats Zeitung, the great German Democratic organ, says, "If Mr. Tilden cannot prove both anti-slavery and his income tax matter, he is certainly not a fit candidate for the Presidency." This is reform.

It is all up with Serbia. The Turks have at length won a decisive battle and the Servians were in disorderly retreat upon Belgrade, their Capital and last stronghold. The "Powers" will now be at liberty to make peace with the belligerent parties.

CORRECTION.

A few papers have given September 7th as the time for the opening of the State University. This is a mistake. The University opens on Thursday, Sept. 14th.

E. B. FAIRFIELD, Chancellor.

SENATOR HITCHCOCK.

We notice the arrival of Senator Hitchcock in Omaha the first of this week. During the recent protracted meeting of Congress the Senator has been constantly at his post, laboring diligently, and generally successfully, for the best interests of Nebraska. He has proven himself a faithful and efficient representative of the people in the U. S. Senate.

Our answer to the Omaha Herald on pro rata is an appeal to the law and the testimony. The language is plain. "Shall have the right to connect their road, at such places, and upon such just and equitable terms as the President of the United States may prescribe."

A NEW QUILL.

The chief organ of rock-rooted Bourbonism in Nebraska, we refer of course to the Omaha Herald, "price ten dollars a year in advance" has a new correspondent in our little city. The authorship of the Junius letters, long since ceased to be a mystery, that is in Plattsmouth, but why this new quill of an Atlas should displace the veteran Junius is another question. It may be the pair are needed, Junius, whose aim is not always sure, to do the pot-bunting, and Atlas to take charge of the shooting.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

NO. 2.

PITTSBURGH, FT. W. & CHICAGO R. R. Aug. 31st, '76. I didn't half tell you about Chicago in my last. After writing my letter to the "Herald" in these letters mean the two of us and not the editorial "we" had a big ride out on the Avenues and Boulevards.

THE GRAND BOULEVARD

is three miles long and begins and ends in a handsome park. It is 300 feet broad, on the right (going south) is a roadway for equestrians, and on the left are two mile tracks for fast trotting on a Saturday evening the bloods, and sportsmen and gentlemen, come out there and speed their nags. The carriages pass slowly up and down the broad centre of the Boulevard and the trotters go along the left hand track. Oh, my how they spin, some fairly fly, about six the fun begins and the place is crowded. Some of the horses can beat Parme's or Streight's or Jones' best, I know.

THE PARKS.

Then we had a long ride around and along the parks. The city has inaugurated a system of Parks called "the South Side Parks," Drexel Boulevard runs by or through them. They are laid out with beds and pyramids of flowers, the grandest and most beautiful. Beds of tuberoses, carnas, Caladiums, foliage plants, arranged in shades of geraniums, &c., &c., &c., &c., &c. Mr. Hesser or Mr. Moore would go wild over them, I guess, my wife nearly did on way.

Our friends lived out on the Grand Boulevard, some six miles from the heart of the city. Sunday morning we drove down to church and passed

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WE LEAVE CHICAGO.

Sunday evening at 5 p. m., by the Pittsburgh Ft. W. & C. R. R. and the Penn. Central Route. We have berths in the Dining car right handy to all the good things, and glide along so quietly one hardly knows how it is done.

Mile after mile slips away, the hours come and go, your table is set, cleaned off—the dishes washed somewhere else—you read, think, go out and smoke (if you are a smoker) and make believe you are home and own all these things. Well so you do to New York. Only think! We do not have to leave this car until we reach N. Y., two days and two nights, and the same conductors and porters go through. We get quite acquainted, and it seems like a young sea voyage, with a ship on wheels—and it is.

NIGHT.

Now the pleasant faced waiters and Porters, as polite as Beau Brummel, arrange the berths and sleeping places, how deftly and quickly it is done; "what a wonder some one didn't think of this before," says our man, as he pats the pillow once more. The curtains are drawn, we drop into our bunk and when we awake are near Canton, Ohio. One great State and part of another passed over while we sleep the sleep of the just, and honest newspaper editor. One after another crawls out of his or her berth, wiggles into their outside garments, staggers forward to dress, and the conductor sings out "breakfast." The same quick and magical table spread, and we are ready to look about us for the day, and just as much refreshed, and new, and good, as if we had slept at home in our own little beds.

PITTSBURGH

is our next objective point.—Then the train dices, fifty miles away. This afternoon we shall pass over the beautiful mountain scenery of Pennsylvania, and sup at Altoona. MAC.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

The Democratic County Convention met pursuant to call, in the Court House, Plattsmouth, Saturday, Sept. 3d, with Wm. H. Smith as chairman and P. E. Ruffner, Secretary.

The convention elected the following delegates to attend the Democratic State convention to be held at Omaha, Sept. 6th, 1876: Jno. Black, J. H. Heffner, J. N. Wise, P. E. Ruffner, Wm. H. Smith, J. G. Oldham, J. Rouse, E. S. Sharp.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION.

In great political campaigns the party in power is usually put upon the defensive, but in the present national contest the reverse of this common rule obtains. The singular spectacle is presented of the outs being forced to assume the defensive.

From the opening of the present campaign the Republican nominees have stood before the people unassailed, and unassailable; strong in the possession of pure private character, and a clear public record, they have gathered together and united in one grand army all the various elements of their party.

Upon the other hand, the Democratic nominee for the Presidency has been constantly on the defense from the day of his nomination. His war record, his false income return, his questionable relations with Boss Tweed, and last, his miserable manipulation of the New York Democratic State Convention, expose him to a succession of attacks which promise to overwhelm him and his party in a most disastrous and disgraceful defeat.

TRY IT.

Here is a pro rata rat for the Omaha Herald to crack:

If the provisions of the pro rata bill before Congress are not in accordance with the policy of the government towards the Pacific Railroads and the people, then why did Congress provide in the act of 1862, incorporating the Union Pacific Railroad Company, "that any other railroad company now incorporated, or hereafter to be incorporated, shall have the right to connect their road with the road and branches provided for by this act, at such places and upon such just and equitable terms as the President of the United States may prescribe."

If the provisions of said bill are in accordance with the policy of the government, then why "kick against the pricks"?

MORE HARMONY.

Our off-hand reporter was present at the Democratic County Convention, which met at the Court House last Saturday. The ceremonies were conducted with due and solemn formality. We do not mean by this language, that it was anybody's funeral! Oh, no! It was a high old meeting of the hard and soft. A sort of reunion so to speak; a meeting for harmony; they got it. Who'd have thought it? Black and Rouse indulging in the most loving embraces. Heffner and the veteran Doctor enacting Damon and Pythias. All the brethren declining in favor of one another. How pleasant to see, these brethren agree. It was the lion and the lamb lying down together, the lamb as usual inside the lion. Don't ask us which was the lion and which the lamb. We won't tell.

The convention adjourned by singing the doxology to the tune of "Father dear father come home to me now."

LOCAL POLITICS.

As the time approaches for the selection of delegates to the Republican State Convention, and members of the Legislature, the question as to the proper course to be pursued in the choice of candidates for State and other high official position, has been raised.

We gather from our exchanges that there is division of opinion upon the subject among the Republican State Press. We regard a general expression upon this important question desirable. Our own views can be expressed in a few words.

We are in favor of the fullest and freest discussion of the character and qualifications of all aspirants for places of public honor and trust, but decidedly opposed to pledging delegations, to either State Convention or the Legislature, in the interest of any faction of the Republican party—for or against any candidate for State or National office.

We are in favor of free discussion, free fair primaries, good men as delegates and a united party.

PRO RATA.

In all that the Omaha newspapers have said about Pro-rata there is not one word against its justice, and the whole gist of their argument is that it will possibly remove part of the transit of freight and passengers from that city to a point south of Platte River. Now this point may be Brownville, it may be Plattsmouth. Any of these points are likely to receive the whole of a part of the decreased transportation by reason of contracts and competition made by the Iowa roads.

This competition itself is what Omaha like the other cities named, absolutely needs, and what its journals have been loudly calling for, accusing the Iowa roads of being "cut-throats," &c., &c. We ask our Omaha friends if the benefit will not do far more than compensate for the loss of a few through passengers and freight at Omaha?

Aside, however, from the pecuniary advantages to be obtained by breaking up the "pool" in Iowa, which this measure is sure to accomplish, we stand upon the justice of the demand for the passage of the Pro rata Bill now before Congress. The entire South Platte county has absolutely been shut out from the markets of the west by reason of the prohibitory rates charged by the U. P. R. R. from Kearney westward on all passengers and products transported over the B. & M. R. R. These rates have been so high that they have positively excluded southern producers from seeking a market in the west. It is notorious that millions of pounds of all kinds of grain and flour are needed to supply the army forts and Indian Agencies, while the vast region of mining country consumes still more; but by the atrocious policy of the U. P. R. R. the garden of Nebraska, the finest and largest producing portion of the State is excluded from reaping the benefits of that market; and it is in behalf of the people, the toilers and producers of this section, already alluded to, that we raise our voice in denunciation of the policy of the U. P. R. R. and ask for the power and authority of an act of Congress to compel the U. P. R. R. to conform to do us justice. If the people are careful in selecting their delegates to this State Convention there will be no doubt as to the issue; but the aims and plans of the U. P. R. R. are laid to defeat expression, and prevent this result, as we see in the Omaha Herald, a journal acknowledged as the organ of the U. P. R. R., already protests against dragging the question of pro rata into politics. In our opinion there never was a purer political question before the people of this State, and we feel assured the masses will so view it.

CANDIDATES.

It seems to be a prevalent disease in political years especially, when members of the Legislature are to be chosen whose duty it is, under the laws of Congress, to elect a United States Senator, that the friends of the incumbent should insist that the great and the all important qualifications for a candidate is to declare his preference for such person; in other words without reference to that individual's position upon questions of national or local importance, the candidate must declare for him, and thus practically cast his vote before even his nomination is secured,—while on the other hand the friends of some (out) would-be aspirant insists that the candidate must first pledge himself to vote against the "in," "tho' the heavens fall."

Now we hold such practices to be highly pernicious either pledging for or against, and that in such demands either by the ins or the outs lie the very seeds of disintegration which in so many cases disrupt the party in localities and place men in the legislature who do not represent the principles accepted and believed by a majority of the electors. Thus in the scramble for one position in the public service by certain individual members of the party in the majority—the majority of the people are forced to be misrepresented.

We wish to enter our protest against the "pledging business," believing that the true qualifications for members of the Legislature should be that the persons selected should be honorable men, representative men, and true republicans, embraced by the republicans of their localities. These qualifications embrace all that can or ought to be required, and when we go beyond this and attempt to forestall the choice of candidates and vote to secure the personal ends of a few scheming partisans, we are either a law or only to enrage them, to their lands and shear them of their influence for good in honestly serving his constituency. Then, we say, free primaries and a free expression of the people at the primaries for good sound representative men whom we can trust to do their duty and we need not fear but honest and able men will be selected to serve us at Washington.

PRO RATA AND OMAHA.

The Omaha Herald reprints our article of last week entitled Omaha, and comments thereon at some length. We have read the Herald's comments carefully, and fail to find one word of argument or reason against the principle of pro rata. The Herald does not touch the merits of the question, nor attempt to meet the issue we presented. Our position was that pro rata will remove restrictive restrictions upon the trade and traffic of three-fourths of the State, that Omaha to become anything more than she is at present, to realize the object she aims at, viz: maintaining her position of chief commercial city of the State, she must have the friendship and support of the different sections of the State.

A statement of this position, is a statement of the strongest reasons for its support. It is our opinion the Herald does not desire a discussion of this subject. Dr. Miller is aware that his position is unsound and untenable, and he is too afraid to enter upon a discussion of the case, hence he flies off the main question, with cries of alarm and warning to Omaha; declaring that somebody, or corporation or combination is seeking to "pre-empt" influence from our own midst to carry out their project." This is decidedly weak for the Herald. It sounds very much like begging the question.

To the political guesses of the Herald about the renomination of Judge Cronise to Congress and his election to the U. S. Senate, "by the aid of the Burlington and Missouri anti-Hitchcock combination" we beg leave to say that we are not aware that the B. & M. R. R. would or could do anything of the kind; that this is not simply a B. & M. question; it is not a Cronise question, nor a Hitchcock question—it is a question of the rights, and the interests of three-fourths of the people of the State. Of the people without regard to individual political interest, or party interests, or corporation interests. We will volunteer the information, and let the Herald a jug of butter-milk we were right, when we stated in a former article upon this subject, that: "So far as the people of State are concerned, they do not care greatly about this question, as to how it may affect the interest of any railway corporation; but they do care, and will find means to make themselves both heard and felt, as to how this measure affects the interests of the merchant, the mechanic, the farmer; as to how it affects the business of the people."

RAIL ROAD RATES TO THE STATE FAIR, 1876.

The B. & M. R. R. in Neb., will sell round trip tickets from each station along the line of their road to Lincoln for one fare, good from Sept. 23d to Oct. 1st inclusive.

Freight will be taken to the State Fair as follows: To be prepaid, to Lincoln, at full rate; on being returned with certificate from the Secretary of the Fair, that the goods, &c., have actually been on exhibition, they will be sent free, and the prepaid charges will be refunded at the place of shipment provided all articles shipped to Lincoln are returned. If any part of the original consignment is disposed of at Lincoln, there will be returned such proportion of prepaid charges as may be due at tariff rates on articles returned.

The Nebraska Railway (formerly M. P. R. R.) will charge one fare for round trip for passengers, and same regulation for freight, &c., to the State Fair, as are charged by the B. & M. in Neb.

The Union Pacific R. R. will sell round trip tickets from all stations to Omaha and return for one fare, good

from Sept. 23d to Oct. 1st. All goods, machinery, or stock will pay full rates on the way to such fair, and will be returned free to place of shipment on the certificate that same have been on exhibition at State Fair.

The St. Joseph & Denver City R. R. Co., will sell round trip tickets from all points along the line of the road to Hastings and return for one fare, good from Sept. 23d to 30th. Will charge same on machinery, stock, &c. as U. P. R. R. and return on same terms and under same restrictions.

The Atchinson and Nebraska Railway will sell tickets for one fare and one-fifth, Sept. 25th to 30th. Will charge same on machinery, stock, &c. as U. P. R. R. and return on same terms and under same restrictions.

The Sioux City and Pacific Railway will sell excursion tickets (round trip) for one and one-fifth fare from points along line of road to Fremont or Blair, and return, good from Sept. 25th to 29th. Will charge same for freight as U. P. R. R. on same terms and under same restrictions, to return by October 4th.

The O. & N. W. R. R. will sell round trip tickets at one fare. Will charge same for freight as U. P. R. R. on same terms, and under same restrictions, to return by Oct. 31.

K. C. St. Jo. & C. B. R. R. will charge one fare and one-fifth for round trip tickets from any point on line of their road to State Fair of Nebraska. No reduction on freight.

New York, Sept. 1.—The Herald says the latest dispatch received announces that Seymour positively declines the nomination, which was imperatively demanded, by Seymour's medical attendant, and in compliance therewith was authorized after it was known that the nomination was made. Seymour said in an interview at Utica with a Herald correspondent that the delegates with whom he communicated were fully advised of the impossibility of his acceptance long before the convention adjourned, and he is surprised that such a statement was made as implied his readiness to accept.

Editorially the Herald ridicules what it terms the stupendous Democratic fiasco. It arraigns and stigmatizes the action of the committee which reported to the convention that Seymour had accepted, as a brazen, bare-faced deception, which has left in the power of Gov. Tilden, through the Democratic Central Committee, which he controls, to fill the vacant place on the ticket. It says the Democratic party of the State is at sea without a helm or rudder. Nobody knows whether it may drift.

The New York Daily World has been reduced in price from four to three cents, to take effect to-day.

THE MARKETS.

HOME MARKETS.

REPORTED BY F. E. WHITE.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Wheat, Corn, Oats, Beans, Pork, Lard, Butter, Eggs, Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep.

LATEST NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Aug. 31.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Money, Gold, and Silver.

LATEST CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Aug. 31.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity and Price. Includes Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Beans, Pork, Lard, Butter, Eggs, Cattle, Hogs, and Sheep.

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