

THE RED CLOUD CHIEF.

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SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1874.

Senatorial.

The members of the Senatorial Committee of the 12th Senatorial District are requested to meet at Hastings on Thursday the 29th day of August, 1874, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of appointing the delegates to the several counties in the district and to fix the time and place of the Senatorial Convention, and for such other business as may come before them.

WILL R. GAYLORD, Chairman Senatorial Com.

SHALL we have an early or late convention is a question that is now being discussed by the Republican press of the State, with the usual diversity of opinion. Of course, this as every thing else, has more than one side, some advocating an early, and others a late assemblage. Our humble opinion is that the matter should not be put off too long; that the convention should be called the first week in September, at the outside. Several States have already put tickets in the field, and others will follow in the course of two or three weeks. Time should be given the people to know the relative merits of the candidates, but it is now the busiest season of the year, and but little attention will be paid to political affairs until our farmers have finished harvesting and haying. The farmers are deeply interested in securing the nomination of good and true men. After harvest they can and will attend the caucuses and conventions, county and State.

We hope and expect to see more farmers in the coming State and District conventions, than have ever before been in such places. The universal demand is that good men be nominated, and to secure this every voter should attend the caucuses, and take part in selecting such men for delegates as are true and trustworthy. Therefore, in order to secure this result, let the convention be postponed until about the first week in September, as said before. This will give from five to six weeks, time enough to work up a vigorous, decisive campaign, and a successful one. The probable candidates are men generally known, and the people can quickly judge of their merits. By saying that the candidates are known, we do not mean to convey an idea that we or any one else knows who will be the successful candidates, but simply that the State Convention will not be liable to nominate men who have not already acquired a general reputation throughout the State. For this, if no other reason, there is no occasion to keep a candidate before the people for any very long term.

The time above mentioned, in our view, should be selected for the holding of the next Republican State convention.

SOME fears have been expressed that the grasshopper pest will sooner or later render the West totally unfit for cultivation and the abode of man. It is true that certain portions of Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota, are liable to be visited by these pests, which come in countless thousands, but we deny that this liability is so great as to overcome the advantages and resources of the country.

Every portion of our country and the whole face of the earth, for that matter, is liable, from local causes, to fall at times in producing what may be called a remunerative crop of the staples fitted for its peculiar soil or climate. In a country where the settlements are scattered, the people poor, and struggling for very existence, these accidents to the crops are severely felt. A failure from any cause in a new country is heralded forth, and published through the length and breadth of the land. But these things are continually happening in the old and thickly settled sections of the country, without attracting special notice. Last spring in Ohio, we were told by certain farmers that the grasshoppers had destroyed their previous crops, and that the "long spell of dry weather" had used up what the grasshoppers had left; and in almost the same breath these same individuals would urge that Nebraska wasn't fit for a white man to live in owing to the drouth and grasshoppers. The truth is, there is less liability of a failure of crops from local causes in Nebraska than in any other portion of the entire American country, if not in the United States, taken altogether.

BLOOMINGTON is happy! The order for the removal of the U. S. Land Office has been promulgated. The two resident citizens and real estate holders dream of huge brick blocks, snorting locomotives, national banks, and a great metropolis. All these things will be realized in two or three months. It will be a glorious thing for the non-resident lot owners to sell out, and then Bloomington will go to work, and there all other paper towns driving up, a big city.

The condition of our mail service is about as satisfactory. At present the Red Cloud is favored with a somewhat speedy mail from Juniata. A daily mail is needed to meet the requirements of business. Daily service is now had on several routes in this part of the State where there is not one-fourth of the necessity that there is on the Route from Red Cloud to Juniata.

We suggest that the Senatorial and Representative Districts in the western part of the State hold their nominating conventions at an early date, certainly before the State Convention. If we have any success or influence in the State Convention we must be prepared for it, and there is no other opportunity in so large districts as ours, than to come to some understanding before we find ourselves at the capital listening to the plans of the old wire workers. What we want is a new deal.

A Republican nomination is equivalent to an election, hence the importance of looking well to the convention. We have good men in the party who have ability and integrity who are not connected and working in the interests of the old political rings. We have men who have not had political patronage bestowed upon their heads in the way of land office appointments, &c., more on account of their willingness to repay in divers ways than with a view to their honesty and integrity. Two years ago our western delegates at the State Convention surprised the manipulators and showed where the balance of power came from. A start was made in the right direction, now let us follow it up. Let us have our district conventions early and understand each other. We need and must have a united effort if we succeed in securing our rights. Let us send men to our conventions that understand how to meet the political ring fathers in a way that will against them. We must not fight against each other, and the only way to avoid this is to organize. -Fairmont Bulletin.

Deatrice a Wool Market.

Another important branch of business has been added to our list, by Messrs. Smith Bros. who have made arrangements with manufacturers in Northern New York, by which they are enabled to establish a market here, and at all times pay the highest cash price for wool in either large or small lots. This is important to wool growers, and no doubt will induce many to increase their flocks, and encourage others who have been contemplating the raising of sheep to embark in the business. Heretofore the wool in this section has been picked up by speculators from St. Joseph, St. Louis or Chicago, at about their own prices. Mr. J. E. Smith has had considerable experience in the business, having served an apprenticeship with a prominent wool dealer in New York.

At present they are occupying the building formerly used as a queensware store, on Court street, which they now have filled. In fact we are inclined to think a larger pile has never been collected together in the State west of Omaha. We are informed that they have taken in some lots from Kansas, and some from out in Webster county in this State, as well as from other counties adjoining our own. We are sure this must in a short time add much to the volume of our business, and we trust that the gentlemen engaged in it will realize the success to which their enterprise entitles them.

Messrs. Smith Bros. shipped a car load of wool last Thursday, for which they had distributed the sum of \$3,000. Ten cars would be required to transport the same value in grain. -Beatrice Express.

Removal of the Land Office.

An order has been issued and published for the removal of the U. S. Land Office from this place (Lowell) to Bloomington. The removal is one of those inexplicable things that sometimes occur in the progress of events. Three quarters of those who will enter land in the district are better accommodated here than they will be at Bloomington, and two-thirds of them will pass through Lowell, in reaching their location, or visit it or its vicinity for supplies—and have the visiting of Bloomington as just so much extra and unnecessary travel and expense.

Lowell is near one side of the district, but it has railroad and business facilities that are utterly wanting at Bloomington. Besides, Bloomington is as far to one side of the district as Lowell is to the other.

We therefore regret the removal. But, we presume it cannot now be helped, and there is no use crying for spilt milk. Lowell can and will live without it. The recent settlement in the southern part of the county will compensate for what she thus loses, and it will produce a healthier and more reliable trade. -Lowell Register.

We see or hear nothing about a meeting of the Republican State Central Committee. It is about time that they met and made the apportionment of delegates, and issued a call for a State Convention. Whether the convention should take place early or late is a matter on which there is a difference of opinion, but the call should be out to give the distant counties time to look about and select good men for delegates. At least one month's notice should be given for this purpose.

SMALL is the sum that is required to patronize a newspaper, and amply rewarded is its patron. I care not how humble and unpretending the gazette which he takes. It is next to impossible to fill a sheet with printed matter without putting into it something that is worth the subscription price. Every parent whose son is away from home at school, should supply him with a newspaper. I will remember what a marked difference there was between those of my school-mates who had, and those who had not, access to newspapers. Other things being equal, the first were always decidedly superior to the last in debate, composition, and general intelligence. -Exchange.

It is stated that the grasshoppers have almost totally destroyed the corn, oats and potato crops in a large district located between Schuyler, Colfax county, and Lone Tree, Merrick county. They were so thick on the railroad track in said district recently, that freight train was delayed about two hours, and the Express lost some time. Farmers in that locality are said to be very much down hearted, as indeed they have cause to be. The exact extent of the damage we are not able to learn, but it is bad enough at best.

Up to this writing no material damage has been done to crops in this county, except in small patches on the island, where they have been feeding on the corn and late oats. We have hopes that their visitation will not fall upon our farmsteads, and that the damage done east of us may not be so great as it is at present thought to be.

The wheat harvest is about over, and this crop, which is fully an average one, is about out of danger. -Grand Island Independent.

FROM BATIN.

EDITOR CHIEF:—Our new school house is finished, and is the champion school house of the county. It was built by R. L. Tinker and J. J. Miller. It is an old true saying—"Let your work praise thee," and surely the work on that house is a standing praise to the builders.

Our harvesting is nearly done and the farmers are very well satisfied, for they will be a good average yield. Mr. Blunt is about starting a brick yard. He has everything ready to commence the business as soon as he gets through stacking his grain. We have about all the conveniences here that can be had in other parts of the county, except that we need a store. We receive mail here every day in the week except Friday and Sunday.

We have a good blacksmith shop here belonging to J. H. Hummel. He is always ready to play a tune on the anvil for any one, and warrants his work.

We are sorry to learn that A. G. Granger met with the loss of one of his horses, and that Mr. Garlock lost one of his cattle, which leaves them both minus a team. -SNIDER.

A GRADED SENTENCE.—Judge Mackey passed the following sentence on Alexander Woodley, convicted of burglary: "You have been found guilty of an offense for which you might be sent to the penitentiary for thirty years. The court will sentence you, however, to only one year. If you are convicted again you will be sentenced to twenty; if a third time, thirty years. If you are convicted a fourth time you will then have become eligible to a seat in the Legislature."

The route from Red Cloud to Harvard should be changed somewhat. At present it doubles on the Juniata route from Batin to Red Cloud. If changed so as to run from Negunda direct to Red Cloud, it would pass through a section of country where another office is needed and which could be supplied. A daily mail from Juniata would render the Harvard mail of no use to the Batin office, and save labor of changing mails.

If the people of Willow Creek will get up their petitions and send them in we will endeavor to procure such a change as will give them an office, or secure service if there is already an office established.

Fort on the Lo p.

A government surveying party arrived in this city last Tuesday evening for the purpose of surveying the location for a fort on the North Loup. They went to the United States Land office here to get variations, and started out on their mission Wednesday morning. They will survey the two sections recently ordered withheld by the commissioner of the general land office, and if they are not satisfactory, a location will be selected ten miles father west the Burlington and Missouri River railroad company in Nebraska, having offered to donate one section of land for said Fort. It is a four company post, and will be the means of greatly augmenting the settlement of the fertile region of the upper Loup country.

The telegraph brings welcome news of the safe arrival at Cork, Ireland, of the two schooners, Pamlico and Benson. These vessels are the first ever loaded with grain at Chicago for foreign ports, and the successful issue of the voyage greatly elates Chicagoans who now propose to compete with New York in the grain carrying trade. If the Welland Canal could be enlarged to accommodate vessels of a thousand ton capacity, Chicago would hold the key to the grain trade of the north west. At present only vessels of about four hundred tons can pass through, and this is but a paltry amount for ocean traffic.

FACETIOUS.

Mr. Edgar Bacon was taken to the insane asylum at Hartford just three months from the day his son Joseph purchased a fiddle.

"Change cars" is what a city boot-black said to a countryman, the other day, when he had finished blocking one of his brogans.

A temperance orator speaks of "a file of toppers seventy-five miles in length, marching steadily to drunkards' graves at the rate of three a minute, or one every twenty seconds, all the year round."

Dr. Cuyler wants all young ladies to block together and say: "No lip shall touch my lips that have touched a bottle." Rather rough, this on the young fellows that were brought up by hand.

Several peaceable Indians have been discovered of late. They were dead, however, but it is well known that a dead Indian is the only real peaceable one of the kind to be found, and the more of them the better.

A Kansas boy earned a nice Bible by committing three hundred verses to memory, and then he traded his Bible for a shot gun and accidentally shot his aunt in the leg.

Henry Minstrel, of Savannah, walked into a court room to shoot twelve jurymen, but fourteen or fifteen revolvers got ahead of him on shooting. The last lay of that minstrel was when they laid him in the tomb.

A peddler called on a lady to dispose of some goods, and inquired of her if she could tell him of any road on which no peddler had traveled. "Yes," replied she, "I know of one, and that's the road to Heaven."

The highest test of self control is to let a free tread on your corns in the presence of a number of clergymen or a lady or two. If you can keep from swearing, then you may know that you are complete master of yourself.

An engineer on the Western North Carolina railroad shouted to a crowd of rusties who had gathered to see the first train of cars come in: "Put down your umbrellas! you'll scare the engine off the track!" The umbrellas were lowered at once.

A grave digger, walking in the streets of a country town the other day chanced to turn, and noticed two doctors walking beside him. He stopped till they passed and then followed on behind them. And why this?" said they. "I know my place in this profession," said he.

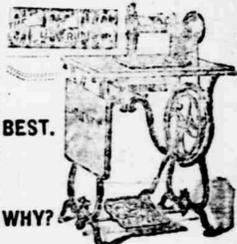
A man who had saved the life of a daughter of a Boston millionaire received \$250 from the grateful parent. He was so overcome by the magnificent bounty that he paid out every cent of it to seventeen organ grinders, simultaneously serenading his benefactor.

A timid man wants to know how to "tell a mad dog." We don't know what he wants us to tell him, but the safest way would be to communicate with the dog in writing. Send the letter from a gun in the shape of a wilding followed by small shot, to see if he gets it.

A little boy in St. Cloud, a few days ago, undertook to see if he could lift himself by hanging on a mule's tail. He found out all about it, and the doctor thinks the skin of his forehead will grow up, but will leave a bad scar.

A young lady at the postoffice got to putting on airs yesterday about stamps. The clerk gave her some green ones. She asked him if he didn't have any pink; her stationery was pink, and she wanted stamps to match.

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