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THE RAILROAD MEETING IN LINCOLN.

What Was Accomplished, etc., etc.

Pursuant to a call issued by some of the leading citizens of Lincoln, delegates from nearly all of the counties included in said call assembled in convention at the Academy of Music in the city of Lincoln on the 6th day of January. On motion Gov. Garber was chosen President of the convention and Mr. Montgomery, of Nuckolls county, Vice Pres.

The Governor stated the object of the meeting to be a delegation representation of the counties west of here to enter together on the question of a road to Denver, either starting from this place or elsewhere.

The Governor then called upon Hon. T. P. Kennard, who stated that the main object of the meeting undoubtedly was to open up southern Nebraska by railroad.

On motion of C. H. Gere a committee of one from each county named in the call, excepting Saline county, from which two were named, was appointed a committee on credentials, and reported as follows:

MR. CHAIRMAN:—Your committee on credentials find the following named gentlemen entitled to seats in this convention from the counties named in the call, with the power to cast the vote of said counties respectively as follows:

Fillmore—six delegates—C. M. Northrop, C. A. Warm, J. E. Porter, A. R. Cobb, E. Shepherd, John Barsby.
Franklin—five delegates—M. O. Sullivan, Geo. Buck, Jr.
Lancaster—nine delegates—Silas Garber, T. P. Kennard, L. W. Billingsley, H. J. Walsh, J. R. Clark, C. H. Gere, W. W. Wilson, S. G. Owen, Chas. O. Whelan.

Saline—each delegation to cast four votes—James McCreary, H. B. Bunell, E. S. Abbott, J. H. Downs, A. V. Hermon, E. J. Bowley, Henry Clark, W. H. Storms, W. C. Henry, W. H. Mann, J. R. Foss, T. C. Foster, proxy for James W. Dimes, W. H. Norris.

Nuckolls—five delegates—D. W. Montgomery, Jos. Garber, R. Hollingsworth, M. C. Long, J. Rittenbach.
Webster—five delegates—H. C. Minick, Alex. Bentley, O. L. Battles, J. S. Kelsey, Mark H. Warner.

Thayer—five delegates—F. E. Roper, Eugene B. Applegate.
Harrison—five delegates—Geo. H. Roberts, F. A. Burdick.

Hitchcock—J. Taylor to cast five votes for the county.

Gage—J. B. Weston, W. H. Somers, N. A. Gages, J. A. McMillon, J. E. Smith, to cast seven votes for the county.
Furnas—Jno. R. Brown, proxy for T. P. Kennard, five votes, to be cast by T. P. Kennard.
Seward—J. H. Culver, J. J. Cochran, G. F. Hubbard, H. Wertenzy, F. M. Dunning, S. M. Moly, O. T. B. Williams—seven delegates.

Your committee also find that the counties of Adams, Clay and Richardson have accredited delegates in this convention, though not mentioned in the call. The following is a list of such delegates:

Adams—Sam'l Alexander, W. L. Smith, J. R. Battelle, J. K. Sample, B. A. Batty, W. K. Lewis.
Clay—Ezra Starver, C. E. Howard.
Richardson—W. W. Abbey.

Your committee recommend that these delegates, or all of them present be invited to seats upon this floor, and a participation in the discussions of the convention without vote.

C. H. Gere, Chairman.

On motion of Mr. Kaley, of Webster county, the temporary officers were declared permanent ones.

Mr. Kennard was then called upon and gave some idea of this road. What is now planned to do so far as speaking for himself was to get up a company to get up articles of incorporation. These articles would be of course have to designate a route, and then comes the stick. Beatrice has a route planned and a bill before Congress. He would suggest that the line from Beatrice be taken and built from there.

In short words his theory would be to run two branch lines out from Beatrice, and the other running north and west of there. He thought there was enterprise enough among our people to build and operate the road in, and by Nebraska, without giving it away to outside corporations. It could be built by Nebraska men, if they would take hold of it. He had no hidden plan in this convention. The idea of calling the convention together, was to see if there was enough energy here to build and operate this road. We have heard it said often, that our roads are not operated in the interest of Nebraska. Let us get together by counties and see what there is in the plans for this road. That is the best way of getting at it. Perhaps it

would have been best to have appointed a committee to mark a line, as definite as could be arrived at. He would renew his motion to let the delegates from each county get together, and see what they could do.

The motion of Mr. Kennard was then carried.

Judge Morris, of Croft, then made a motion that a committee of one from each county be appointed on incorporation. He said the object of all the delegates, to arrive at the climax as soon as possible. While the delegates are discussing this matter, one from each delegation can be performing their duties in the way of incorporation.

The president then appointed the following named gentlemen as committee:

Lancaster—W. W. Wilson; **Franklin**—G. Buck; **Gage**—N. K. Gages; **Seward**—J. H. Culver; **Adams**—Colonel Smith; **Fillmore**—J. E. Porter; **Saline**—Tobias Carter; **Thayer**—E. R. Applegate; **Furnas**—T. P. Kennard; **Nuckolls**—D. W. Montgomery; **Webster**—H. S. Kaley; **Harrison**—G. H. Roberts; **Hitchcock**—W. Z. Taylor; **Clay**—E. E. Howard.

The convention then adjourned for supper.

(To be continued next week.)

LET THE LAW TAKE ITS COURSE.

We notice that some pseudo philanthropists are trying to save Dodge from the execution of his sentence, and we presume that similar efforts will be made to save Smith, the murderer of Collins, of Kearney, from his fate.

Such efforts are very much to be deplored. Nothing is more needed on this frontier than the sure execution of the law. Rascals and cut-throats are bold and ply their vocation of robbery and murder, because they think they can do it with impunity—because they think that by some hook or crook they can avoid paying the penalty for their crimes.

The false clemency that would save Dodge and Smith would thereby consign many an innocent and honest frontiersman to an untimely grave. The question cannot be confined to these desperadoes alone. It is not simply whether they shall die or live. It is whether they shall die at the demand of violated law, or whether innocent and useful men shall die by violence and lawlessness.

Through the influence of this mawkish sentimentalism, villains are encouraged in their murderous work, and honest citizens are subjected to their domination—until they shall be goaded into vigilance committees and Lynch law; and so, in the end, a hundred fold more blood is shed than if the law is allowed to take its course.

Commutation to imprisonment is scarcely better than absolute pardon. It affords a hope of ultimate escape, which, in fact, is usually realized. By one means and another, the criminal manages to get outside prison bars, and thereupon plies his bloody work all the more vigorously. Desperadoes do not materially fear imprisonment, and it affords no adequate protection especially to frontier society.

We repeat it—Let the law take its course. Let such blood-stained cut-throats as Dodge and Smith pay the just penalty of their crimes. We earnestly hope Gov. Garber will not be induced to yield to these false pleas for clemency. True clemency—clemency to those whose lives are worth saving—demands the execution of the law, without fear or favor.

NORMAL SCHOOLS.

The following from a correspondent of the Lincoln Star, concerning the Normal Schools of Kansas, is worthy of serious consideration, and is about as applicable to the latitude of Nebraska, or anywhere else, as of Kansas. The fact is that some Normal Schools have no proper conception of what should be their peculiar character and mission, and are making non-descripts of themselves—while it will not be strange if the people soon repudiate.

"These institutions are too ambitious by half. There is work, very important work, for a normal school to do, were it modestly content to do that work. Heretofore, too generally at least, these schools like Agricultural Colleges, instead of confining themselves with their legitimate technical work, have invoked the field that by universal suffrage belongs properly to the College and University, have dabbled generally in the higher Education, making their own proper work entirely subordinate and sometimes a barely tolerated and most disagreeable incident.

They have done this under various pretenses, the most usual one being the pretense that one must be well grounded in Latin, Greek, the Higher Mathematics and Philosophy generally, in order to be an efficient Common School teacher. Granting the premise, it does not at all follow that these schools should furnish that higher Education, for in that case, they should supplant the University at once. If it is the duty of one sort of school to do the work of two then let us be relieved of the burden of maintaining two; but if these Normal Schools have a technical work to do let them confine themselves to that work. The plan on which they go outside would with equal force apply to any other technical School as Law or Medical.

With equal pertinency might we say that, to be an efficient lawyer, one should be well grounded in the classics, Logic, Philosophy, *et al.* In that all admit, is no part of a law school.

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