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## Republican Convention Date Changed

The date of the Republican County convention has been changed from the 9th of September to the 26th day of August, and the recommendation for the primaries to the 19 of August.

The object of the change was made in difference to the Old Soldiers, who desire to attend the National G. A. R. encampment, which is to be held at Denver from Sept. 4 to 9, inclusive.

The railroads have made a rate of one cent a mile to the members of the G. A. R. and their friends for this occasion, west of the Missouri river. Not desiring to deprive any one of the privilege of participating in either the primaries or convention, the chairman took the matter up with the members of the central committee and the date of August 26 was agreed upon.

This will be an important convention and every township should endeavor to select only delegates who will attend.

The basis of representation will be the same as formerly announced, one delegate for each ten votes or fraction thereof cast for President Roosevelt at the last general election. The call including the appointment of delegates to each township will appear next week.

Elihi Root, late secretary of war has accepted the position of Secretary of State to fill the vacancy made by the death of John Hay.

Tom Lawson's selection of Gov. Johnson of Minnesota for the next democratic candidate for President will hardly meet the approval of the democratic leaders of New York.

China has put a new aspect on the peace conference arranged for by Russia and Japan, by asserting that no provisions affecting China without the approval of China in advance will be recognized as valid by that government. Just who claims China will make for Manchuria is yet problematical.

Gov. Mickey has appointed delegates to the National Reciprocity conference to be held at Chicago, August 15 and 16. The interest in this move was inaugurated by a large manufacturing establishment in the United States, with the view of bringing about better trade relations with Germany and other European countries. The move has now been extended to the Missouri valley and delegates from the several states are to be appointed who with the governors will represent their respective states. Among the delegates appointed by the governor from Nebraska is Alpha Morgan of Broken Bow.

General Blackmar, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic died at Boise, Idaho, the 16. The General's home was in Boston, Mass., and he arrived in Boise, Idaho, on the 10th of July, with the view of making a tour of the G. A. R. posts of the north-west during the summer. He had been sick before leaving home, but had improved sufficiently to travel and hoped to recuperate in his western tour. The national colors were displayed at half mast from the flag pole in the public square all day Monday

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## Thin Hair

in respect of his honor. He is succeeded by John R. King, Senior commander at Washington.

### Something To Think About.

If there is any one class of our people deserving of special favor at the hands of the government it is the agricultural class, or strictly speaking, the farmers. No class of people has ever done so much for the United States as the farming people. The farmers tamed the continent from a wilderness and made our country the very garden of the world, annually furnishing about 70 per cent of our national exports. In respect of what they have done for the government they need no herald; in respect of what they deserve at the hands of the government every patriotic citizen in public as well as private life, should be their advocate. The farmers of the United States, patient and determined, have made no demands, though bearing the heaviest burdens of life since the Republic was instituted. The time has come when they must have relief. Under present highway conditions most everywhere the American farmer is practically imprisoned at home through at least the half of each year. That half of the year is the time when he could be best spared from the farm, and when, with good roads, he could market his products at a profit for his toil. Now, however, he must leave the farm in summer or early fall—the only time when the roads are passable—to market his products, and then always on a congested market, or take the chances on a hub-deep haul that kills his stock, breaks wagon and harness, wears out the man and eats up the fruit of his sweat. The good-roads season for the American farmer is the very season when his whole time and attention should be given to his farm operations, it is the crop season which waits for no man, and which, neglected, charges it up to the man behind the plow. We all know what that means. With good roads, the farmer could do his town-going in rain or snow, or when the ground is too wet to plow; with bad roads as they are now, as they have been from the beginning and as they will be until the government of the United States extends its aid as suggested in the Brownlow-Latimer bill, he must be the great national sufferer. It has been calculated by the Department of Agriculture that every time the sun sets the bad roads of the United States cost the American farmers \$1,500,000. These are government figures. How any public man can refuse to support legislation that will stop this dreadful drain passes the understanding of the average mind. Can the National Conscience and the National Thought be unmoved at face with such a condition? Are the people themselves asleep to their own material salvation? How long can this sapping of farm life and farm vitality go on before the American farm home is destroyed? And how long, pray tell, can the Republic stand after the destruction of the American farm home?

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POULTRY—	
Spring Chickens	.05
Chickens, per pound	.25
Turkeys, per pound	.18
PRODUCE—	
Butter	15
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MICHELLE'S—	
Potatoes, per bushel	20
Hay, per 100	8.00
Straw, per cwt	20
Sugar, uncrystallized, per cwt	15.50

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