

Republican State Convention.

The Republican State Central Committee has called a State Convention to be held at Lincoln, Thursday, May 1st, '84, at 12:30 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing four delegates at large to the National Republican Convention, which meets at Chicago June 26, '84, to nominate a candidate for President and Vice President. Platte county, according to the apportionment is entitled to seven delegates in the State convention. The committee recommend that no proxies be admitted to the convention, except such as are held by persons residing in the counties from which proxies are given.

Third Congressional District.

Albion, N. D., Feb. 23, 1884.—The members of the republican district central committee for the Third congressional district, will meet at Columbus, Thursday, March 12, 1884, at two o'clock p. m. for the purpose of calling a district convention to select two delegates to the republican national convention to be held at Chicago June 3, 1884, and for the transaction of any other business that may properly come before such committee.

When Rev. W. P. Harrison, of Nashvile, married his third wife his daughter drowned herself.

A MARINETTE, (Wis.), schoolmaster beat a young lady scholar, and because the trustees censured him, he resigned.

The highest postage rate from the United States is to Potosi and the Island of St. Helena—27 cents per half ounce.

FREMONT imagines her Platte river bridge is good against any probable break-up in the river, except it be like that of '81.

A FILE driven in the sand in the bed of the Mississippi at Lake Providence, La., has moved down stream sixty-two feet in the past month.

We are indebted to Senator Van Wyck for No. 6, Vol. 26 of the Official Gazette of the U. S. patent office, a document interesting to mechanics.

BARRY WALL, the king of the New York dudes, changes his clothes five times a day, has canes and dogs to match each suit, and wears stockings with five toes to them.

BUTTE, Montana, is shipping about \$100,000 in silver bullion per week. An average of thirty car loads of ore is shipped over the Utah and Northern and Union Pacific daily.

SENATOR LOGAN has, by request, introduced a bill to provide for appointment, by the president, of an inspector of live stock and dressed meat hog products for foreign shipment.

THREE fence cutters have recently been captured in Edwards Co., Tex. One has confessed, and says there were six others in the band. The rangers who made the arrest are after the other three.

LUKE PHIPPS, an escaped wife murderer from Windsor, Canada, was arrested the other evening at Pullman, Ill. He killed his wife on a ferry boat between Detroit and Windsor, in August, '83.

J. H. HALL was arrested the other evening at St. Louis by the Fishermen's charged with being one of the murderers of Charles McMahon, a wealthy farmer, living near Mount Pulaski, Ill., and his two farm hands.

THE B. & M. railroad company has purchased a tract of land half way between Pawnee City and Bardard, and will put in a switch at that point and erect a depot. This new station will be called Butler, in honor of ex-Gov. David.

THE heaviest gale and rain storm of the season occurred at San Francisco on the night of the 17th ult. Three hundred yards of the Northern Pacific was washed away north of Newhall. Telegraph lines north and south were prostrated.

THE British government has tendered to the United States the use of the steamer Alert for the Greeley relief expedition. The steamer was built expressly for the Arctic seas, and will be used as a supply ship and follow in the wake of the other vessels.

Mrs. J. F. Davis, of Batavia, N. Y., in teaching a class of young girls the history of the Methodist church, last winter, found a want which she has supplied by a compendium of her own, which has been published by the New York Methodist Book Concern.

Tax citizens of Logan, O., guarded the cemetery the other day and prevented the burial of Wm. V. Terrell, the murderer of the Weidon family, who died in the Ohio penitentiary. The remains were brought home by his sister. He was buried at the Terrell homestead.

It is claimed that a gang of seed swindlers are operating in the vicinity of Grand Island. They sell a man a "new variety of seed oats" at \$10 a bushel, and contract to buy all that is raised from it at the same price next fall. They are perfectly safe in the guarantee, as the seed will not pan out.

COMMISSIONER LORING laid before the President the other day the report of the commission appointed to examine the swine industry of the United States. It is emphatic in the statement that there are no conditions surrounding the industry which tend to propagate disease or render pork unhealthy.

The investigation into the Danville election riots thus far from the testimony of witnesses brought before the committee appears to be somewhat conflicting. The white people claim that they feared a massacre, and only protected their wives and children, and on the other hand the colored people feared bullets for ballots.

An unusually large vote was polled at the municipal election at Pittsburg on the 19th ult. Andrew Fulton, republican, for mayor, defeated Hon. Robert Liddle by 7,000 majority. In Allegheny City J. G. Wyman, republican, was elected mayor over John Swan, democrat, by 600 majority. The republicans have a majority in the councils of both cities.

The New School Building.

A financial proposition important to present and future taxpayers in the Columbus school district is to be submitted to the decision next week of the qualified voters of the district. It is a practical business proposition which each voter should consider, not alone with reference to his or her individual needs, but also having an eye to the welfare of the community at large, and more especially the lasting benefits accruing to the rising generation, the ambitious boys and the thoughtful girls, whose better training will depend greatly upon the answer to be given.

Our laws very wisely limit the amount of indebtedness that the people of a school district can vote upon for the purpose within its boundaries, and set forth very clearly the manner of proceeding.

The authority the Board have for submitting the proposition is the petition to that effect signed by one-third the legal voters of the district, and while it is understood that every member of the Board is favorable to the proposition, it is not true in any sense, that they have any other or different interest in the matter than as individual citizens, heads of families and taxpayers. We may remark here that three of the six members of the Board retire at the Spring election, so that the people can select from their number men of eminent ability, especially fitted to the task of overseeing the building of the new structure, should it be decided to build.

As to the object of the proposed building. It is not for a high school alone or mainly, but one of a system of buildings, for the better accommodation of the pupils of the district. It should be of brick (by common consent), strong and substantial, two-story, and will necessarily (owing to the cost), be limited to about seven apartments, six of them for school rooms, and one for an assembly room where all the pupils and teachers can convene for general or public exercises. We do not pretend to know that this will be the case, but we outline, in a general way, what we believe to be the sentiment in regard to the new building as intended by the signers of the petition.

That two such apartments have been sorely needed for the High School alone, is abundantly proven by the fact that the district have been paying rent for a building, which has been attractive at no time, and oftentimes uncomfortable.

That at least two more such apartments are even now imperatively demanded, is shown by the constant attendance on the primary departments, of double the number any teacher should have charge of.

Add to these the additional rooms needed for the increased number of pupils that the city will have in the next few years (and it would be folly to plan and build without reference to the wants of the immediate future at least), and the argument for the additional building is, to our mind, complete.

The school district is in the situation of a man who has rubbed along with a dwelling not to his liking or his needs, and who knows he can at least afford to erect a good, substantial structure that will suit him for some time, even if to do so he has to borrow money equal to five per cent of the value of his premises, on long time, at a low rate of interest.

There are other considerations not without their weight, even as a financial point of view, such as that the proposed structure will add sensibly to the value of property in the district, making it more desirable for heads of families to locate here, and that it evidences a broad, liberal public spirit on the part of our citizens, alike creditable to their judgment and their appreciation of the usefulness of our public, free schools.

But we present the urgent necessities of the schools, and the ability of the district to provide against the same, as our individual reasons for saying Yes to the proposition, and we feel that thus we shall be doing only justice to our personal interests and the general welfare of the community in which we live.

GEORGE L. MILLER, editor of the Herald at Omaha, on his return from a six months' tour in Europe, was tendered a banquet by his friends and citizens of Omaha the other evening at the Paxton hotel where he was welcomed home by kind words and eloquent speeches, fine music, with other attractions which formed one of the most brilliant affairs of the kind ever transpired in the city. This banquet and reception must have been most gratifying to the feelings of Dr. Miller.

MISS CLARA BARTON, President of the American National Association of the Red Cross, accompanied by Dr. Hubbell, the special field agent of the Association, have left Washington for the scenes of the Ohio flood, first starting at Pittsburg. Miss Barton requests that Red Cross societies North will, until further notice, forward supplies to Cincinnati as a central point of distribution.

THE house held an all-night session on the 19th on the Mexican pension bill. In the morning was a scene of great confusion and excitement. Mr. Hicoec attempted to have the pension bill read and the democrats objected with great emphasis. Mr. Tucker approached close to Hicoec addressing him directly called him to order.

It is understood that by a recent agreement between Senator Dawes, Mr. Holman, and others, the great Sioux reservation is to be opened strictly for homestead settlement. That portion to be opened extends from the White river, on the south to the Big Chayson, on the north, embracing 25,000 square miles, or 14,000,000 acres.

Editorial Correspondence.

Leaving Columbus, by standard time, so early as 8:30, requires the friendly aid of an alarm clock set at about 7 o'clock if you wish to get a warm breakfast before starting, always a desideratum for a good wholesome day, at home or abroad.

We start in company of several old time friends, among them Mr. Wanderlich of David City (formerly of Columbus) who tells us that the city of David is flourishing space, with many new buildings, among them some brick, going up; Mr. Ellis of Wymore (formerly of Platte county) who is returning home from a visit to friends in old Platte, and who gives a good account of his business (livery) in his thirty Nebraska town; ex-senator W. W. White of Valparaiso, one of the cleanest men, every way, travels the state in the interest of the Crete mills, of which very valuable property he is part owner.

Nothing of very special note occurs on our way down the Platte valley, over the frozen river, through Bellwood, past R. H. Henry's large flock of fine-looking sheep and through the thriving villages of David City and Ulysses.

At Seward there was quite a crowd gathered at the station to see the young man recently arrested there and charged with the horrible murder lately committed in Kansas. His hands chained together, he was put aboard the train, in the care of two officers, who watched him very closely. Of course there are all kinds of reports talked of among the passengers, viz, that he had confessed to one of the most horrible murders ever perpetrated; that, besides the murder and after it, a nameless crime was committed; that the evidence against him was too certain for his escape; that he could prove an alibi; that parties to whom he sold the horse stolen from the murdered couple, could identify him beyond doubt, etc., etc. Mr. Ellis said that the people of Marysville had threatened to dispose of him in a very short time after they got sight of him. The boy in chains looks no more wicked than many another you would meet on the streets of Columbus or elsewhere.

Not intelligent, evidently,—his countenance not "acknowledged" with the pale cast of thought, his life has been spent on animal pleasures, if we are to judge from facial indications; he doesn't look like a forecasting, calculating villain, but as though in the gratification of some sudden whim of passion, he could do a deed of darkness. Who can tell how many of such crimes result from a bent of mind influenced by such foul prints as the Police Gazette and News, and the sensational stories sold broadcast over the country?

At Lincoln, we notice the smoking ruins of J. L. Osborne & Co.'s butter and egg packing house, corner of O and Eight streets, which was destroyed by fire Wednesday night, along with the St. Charles hotel and other smaller structures. Mr. Osborne's loss is estimated at about \$75,000, insured for about \$20,000.

The Lincoln Democrat, which seems to "catch on" to some political indications, suggests that Gov. Dawes, being anxious for a renomination, he may consider whether Nance or Weaver will best help him to it, in case Senator Manderson is called to the bench, and an appointment necessary to fill the contingent vacancy. This seems a great deal like "counting chickens," &c.

From the commercial traveler, who is exceedingly numerous and ubiquitous, we learn that business is dull everywhere. M. K. T.

OMAHA, March 3, 1884. To the lovers of the mimic world have had quite a feast in a series of entertainments given by the celebrated Lawrence Barrett and his company. Friday and Saturday evenings they presented Hamlet and Julius Cesar, to crowded houses. I have never had such opportunity of witnessing "star" actors, and must say now that my palate has not been particularly choiced heretofore. I had always admired single passages from Shakespeare, but (owing I suppose, to a too dull imagination), it has always been irksome to me to read one of his plays through. To follow the story as put upon the stage, however, is a very different thing, and those wonderful deep sentences of Shakespeare become still more significant as they fall from the lips of those who have made them a life study. I remember reading years ago the remark of one who listened to Hamlet, it is equivalent to a classical education to hear, and looking at those audiences of Barrett's, one would think by the breathless silence in which they drink in every word and act, as well as by the spontaneous bursts of delighted applause which greet the more striking passages, that the fantastical remark was even true here.

The Douglas county court is a double-header, the two judges sitting together at times, and again separating for special lines of duty. Saturday, Hon. J. C. Cowin made quite a lengthy argument against the constitutionality of the mechanic's lien law as a protection to dealers in lumber. I noticed that the bar was very attentive to what was said on both sides of the question. M. K. T.

The Illiterate Vote. Representative Willis has prepared a most interesting table to accompany his bill for federal aid to education, which shows that illiteracy holds the balance of power in fourteen northern and all the southern states. In the thirty-eight states there are 1,871,217 illiterate votes, and only one voter in five can write his name in southern states. The illiterate voters in South Carolina are more than one-half the whole; in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia, one in two; while Missouri, with one in nine, presents the best record. In the presidential of 1876 New York, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana, California, Nevada, Ohio, Oregon, Wisconsin, Illinois, Rhode Island, Michigan and Pennsylvania were ranged on the side of illiteracy. In the last presidential contest thirty states of the union, with 298 electoral votes, were again within the domination of ignorance who could not read the very charter of their liberties.

DEPUTY SHERIFF WILLARD'S posse had a fight the other day with the horse thieves at Stoneville, Dakota. Cunningham a bystander was killed. Jack Campbell, one of the outlaws was killed. His body was perforated by fifteen bullets. Tuttle and Axelbee were both wounded. Axelbee, their leader escaped, but his wound is thought to be fatal. Jesse Bruden has been jailed at Deadwood.

An exchange says: "Lougheed was regarded by the Democratic press as a man of high character and great ability while he was a rebel and a Democrat. But the moment that he decided to drop the war issues and to act with the Republicans, he lost caste in his section. His old friends all turned against him, and none of them were satisfied with his appointment to a federal office."

It is stated that speaker Carlisle has received a letter addressed to him personally by several of the most prominent members of the liberal party in the German reichstag, expressing their high sense of appreciation of the action taken in respect for the memory of the late Herr Laaker. The letter expresses the hope that the two nations may develop and continue in friendship.

LEGAL NOTICE. In the District Court of Platte County, Nebraska. JOHN HEMPLEMAN, Plaintiff, vs. MARTHA E. HEMPLEMAN, Defendant. To said Martha E. Hempleman, defendant, you are hereby notified that you have been sued by said plaintiff, John Hempleman, in said court, the object of which is to obtain a divorce from you and dissolution of the marriage bonds now existing between you and said plaintiff, John Hempleman, and that you are forever barred from claiming any alimony or dower right in or to the property of said plaintiff, John Hempleman, and that you are required to answer said petition on or before the 30th day of March, 1884. Dated February 12th, 1884. JOHN HEMPLEMAN, Plaintiff. McAllister Bros., Attys for Plaintiff. 42-4

NOTICE. District Court, Platte County, Neb. PETER S. CALDER, Notice. To Martha A. Calder, non-resident defendant, you are hereby notified that you have been sued by said plaintiff, Peter S. Calder, in said court, the object of which is to obtain a divorce from you and dissolution of the marriage bonds now existing between you and said plaintiff, Peter S. Calder, and that you are forever barred from claiming any alimony or dower right in or to the property of said plaintiff, Peter S. Calder, and that you are required to answer said petition on or before the 30th day of March, 1884. Dated February 25, 1884. PETER S. CALDER, Plaintiff. By WELLS & WALKER, his Attys. 42-4

FINAL PROOF. Land Office at Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 22d, 1884. NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before G. Heitker, Clerk of the District Court at Columbus, Nebraska, on the 28th day of March, 1884, viz: Johann Arnold Schmidt, Homestead No. 7910, for the S. 1/2 S. E. 1/4 Section 4, Township 19 north, Range 2 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Andrew Deuby, Frederick Hedrick, Jan Jaworski, John Koop, John Nelson, John Hoffman, Boone Co., Neb., and James Gardner, of West Hill, Platte Co., Neb. 42-4 C. H. HOSTETTER, Register.

Application for Liquor License. Matter of application of William Bueher for liquor license. NOTICE is hereby given that William Bueher did upon the first day of March, A. D. 1884, file his application to the City Council of the city of Columbus, Platte county, Nebraska, for license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors at lot 1, block 116, in the city of Columbus, Nebraska, as aforesaid on the 11th day of April, 1884, to the 11th day of April, 1885. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from March 31st, A. D., 1884, the said license will be granted. W. A. MACKEN, Applicant. 42-2

Application for Liquor License. Matter of application of V. A. Macken for liquor license. NOTICE is hereby given that V. A. Macken did upon the first day of March, A. D. 1884, file his application to the Mayor and Council of the city of Columbus, Neb., for license to sell malt, spirituous and vinous liquors at lot 23, ward, Columbus, Neb., from the 11th day of April, 1884, to the 11th day of April, 1885. If there be no objection, remonstrance or protest filed within two weeks from March 31st, 1884, the said license will be granted. V. A. MACKEN, Applicant. 42-2

ELECTION NOTICE.

WHEREAS, it is proposed to issue the bonds of the school district of the city of Columbus, in the county of Platte, in the State of Nebraska, for the sum of \$25,000, for the purpose of purchasing a site for a school house, to build a school and thereon, and to furnish the necessary furniture and apparatus for the same, said bonds to be issued in sums of \$250 each, and to mature in twenty years, but to be redeemable at the option of said district at any time after ten years from the date of their issue, at the rate of six per cent per annum, interest payable semi-annually.

At the usual places of holding elections in said school district, viz: in the third ward at the City Hall, and in the first ward at the school house, each and all of said places of holding elections, the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before G. Heitker, Clerk of the District Court at Columbus, Neb., on Saturday, March 16th, 1884, viz: Charles Starn, Homestead No. 6539, for the S. 1/2 S. E. 1/4 Section 20, Township 19 north, Range 2 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Richard Olmer, John Koop, John Hoffman, Boone Co., Neb., and James Gardner, of West Hill, Platte Co., Neb. 42-4 C. H. HOSTETTER, Register.

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PETER S. CALDER, Plaintiff, vs. MARTHA A. CALDER, Defendant. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU are hereby notified that you have been sued by said plaintiff, Peter S. Calder, in said court, the object of which is to obtain a divorce from you and dissolution of the marriage bonds now existing between you and said plaintiff, Peter S. Calder, and that you are forever barred from claiming any alimony or dower right in or to the property of said plaintiff, Peter S. Calder, and that you are required to answer said petition on or before the 30th day of March, 1884. Dated February 25, 1884. PETER S. CALDER, Plaintiff. By WELLS & WALKER, his Attys. 42-4

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