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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. A Republican State Convention will be held at the city of Lincoln, Nebraska, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of September, 1874, at 10 o'clock p. m.

DELEGATES FOR COUNTIES. Adams, 2; Antelope, 2; Banner, 2; Boone, 2; Box Butte, 2; Boyd, 2; Brown, 2; Buffalo, 2; Cass, 2; Chase, 2; Cheyenne, 2; Colfax, 2; Columbus, 2; Conkling, 2; Custer, 2; Deuel, 2; Douglas, 2; Fillmore, 2; Franklin, 2; Fremont, 2; Frontier, 2; Furness, 2; Gage, 2; Hamilton, 2; Harlan, 2; Hayes, 2; Jewett, 2; Johnson, 2; Kearney, 2; Keith, 2; Kimball, 2; Lancaster, 2; Lincoln, 2; Logan, 2; Loup, 2; Madison, 2; Manual, 2; Morrill, 2; Nemaha, 2; Nelora, 2; Nodaway, 2; Osage, 2; Pawnee, 2; Phelps, 2; Pierce, 2; Platte, 2; Polk, 2; Red Willow, 2; Richardson, 2; Rock, 2; Saline, 2; Saunders, 2; Scott, 2; Sherman, 2; Sigourney, 2; Smith, 2; St. Louis, 2; Thayer, 2; Thomas, 2; Turner, 2; Union, 2; Vallentyne, 2; Webster, 2; Wheeler, 2; York, 2; Ziehl, 2.

THE FRENCH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY has taken a recess, and France may now have a three month's respite from legislative recklessness.

QUEEN VICTORIA having secured a \$75,000 annuity for one of her heirs, has no further use for Parliament, and therefore the members were excused from further attendance by Royal prerogative.

ACCORDING TO THE St. Louis Globe the Texas cattle fever is again making its appearance in portions of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois.

GENERAL VITKOVAN has set a practical example to those who desire to aid the sufferers from the grasshopper invasion.

THE HASTINGS JOURNAL has discarded its patent St. Louis bowels, and comes to us now entirely made up at home.

SEND Republican delegates to Lincoln who are in favor of returning Crouse to Congress and nominating Hon. F. Welch for Governor.

WHEN Governor Furnas made his famous requisition for arms on the War Department, the Herald promptly secured a telegraphic revocation of the Indian bugaboo through the Omaha Merchant's Club.

THE twenty political reformers that made up the mass Convention of Douglas county Independents last Saturday, may, for aught we know, be perfectly sincere in their desires for ameliorating the condition of the industrial classes.

It now looks as if Germany was trying to provoke a war between Spain and France through the pretext of active Carlist sympathy.

There is no doubt that Don Carlos and his brigands have received a larger portion of their arms, munitions and recruits in France, but this was notoriously through French royalists and contrary to the expressed orders of McMahon and his Ministry.

SENATOR HITCHCOCK AND HIS POSTMASTER.

Federal patronage when judiciously distributed may become a most powerful lever in the hands of a skilled political leader. On the other hand this prerogative may prove his greatest curse when bestowed on improper or unworthy persons.

When Senator Hitchcock first organized the postal job by which Griffen and Yost were to share and divide Uncle Sam's most luscious sugar plum, he could not possibly have foreseen that this plum would turn to ashes in their unhalloved hands.

Not only knows better than does Senator Hitchcock that Griffen's troubles, beginning with Yost, were aggravated and precipitated by Yost. Griffen fell victim to his own stupidity in sustaining the outrageous policy inaugurated by Yost against the BEE, and Senator Hitchcock must inevitably fall a victim to his own generosity if he attempts to sustain Yost in his official corruption.

In his personal attachment to a political ally the Senator is apt to lose sight of his duty to the public. It was risky enough for him to appoint an unpopular officer to one of the most important positions within his gift, but when he attempts to brave public opinion by sustaining that officer after he is publicly convicted of grave offenses and flagrant violations of honor, he simply commits political harakiri.

It is immaterial whether Special Agent Hawley sends in a whitewashing report or whether he confesses his public declaration, made in the presence of responsible witnesses, that all but one of the letters brought against Yost have been sustained. The people of Omaha and Nebraska have read the sworn testimony and formed their own verdict. They cannot be bribed, nor can any honest or honorable Republican journal attempt to exonerate the officer who, according to his own admissions, is guilty of the most disgraceful offenses.

Even the Omaha Republican, Yost's personal organ, has not dared to face public indignation by attempting his defence. The silence of the Democratic press at this stage of procedure may readily be explained. They want nothing better than the retention of Yost in the Omaha postoffice to give the lie to the professions of Republicans, that dishonest and corrupt officials are promptly removed.

The editor of the Herald has publicly declared his intention to wrestle Douglas county from the Republicans by parading the festering post office during the impending campaign. He that hesitates is lost, is a maxim that might well apply to Senator Hitchcock in this instance. Let him hie himself between duty and personal friendship and it does require the gift of a prophet (or of a lottery gambler) to foresee the result.

THE BEE is just as anxious as any other journal to make the coming State fair a success, but it cannot approve the questionable method resorted to by Mr. Morton in his late grasshopper pronouncement. If we have to send the exaggerated grasshopper invasion reports broadcast over the land for the purpose of drawing a full attendance to the fair we had better abandon that project altogether.

In the first place the area of the anticipated suffering will be almost entirely confined within the settlements in the Loup and Republican valleys. The number of families that will need immediate relief is comparatively small.

A greater number will need supply for themselves and their stock during the winter, and seed for the spring. The most effective organization for their relief is the Grange, and we apprehend the men who have contributed so liberally toward the relief of the Louisiana sufferers will not hold back when the call comes from the people of their own State. The people in the towns and cities will also do their share toward ameliorating their condition.

All these measures will receive our hearty support. We are, however, inclined to the opinion that Mr. Morton's proclamation will do more damage to Nebraska than has been done by the grasshoppers.

The active sympathy and friendship displayed by the Emperor of Germany toward the Spanish Republic, is after all not quite as disinterested as one might suppose. According to a French official Kaiser Wilhelm is negotiating with the Spaniards for the cession of the town of Santana, in the province of Santander, to the domain of imperial Prussia. The Germans propose, should they obtain the place, to erect a second Gibraltar on its site. Does Germany want a Gibraltar? What can a country which personifies unity at home and peace and good will all around the world want to do with such an ugly looking fortress?

Colonel Henman Rhodes is talked of in connection with the candidacy of that member from the 14th representative district.

J. Sterling Morton is training his favorite chargers, Granger and Monopoly, for a two horse act in the legislative circus, providing the Republicans shall be in the minority.

Brigadier General A. K. Valentine, one of the Governor's staff, is said to aspire to the contingent Secretaryship of State—contingent on Frank Welch's failure to defeat Crouse.

STATE JOTTINGS.

—Decatur is getting lively.

—The Platte bridge at Schuyler is not in a passable condition.

—The new plow factory at Crete is booming.

—The Cuming County Fair will be held September 10, 11 and 12.

—West Point will soon have an agricultural implement factory.

—Ashland is to have a sworn public weighmaster.

—Wahoo has a temperance dramatic club.

—Fremont is to have a Bohemian hotel.

—Hastings is open for another bank experiment.

—The Platte bridge at Kearney will be completed within two weeks.

—The boundary lines between Dodge and Washington counties are to be readjusted.

—Ashland is projecting an oil mill, providing \$10,000 in prectend bonds can be raised as a bonus.

—Coad is putting on metropolitan airs. They had a shooting affray last week.

—The new Saunders county court house at Wahoo will be completed by November 1st.

—It costs 27 cents to transport a bushel of wheat from Ashland to Chicago.

—Tehama proposes to put on Metropolitan airs by grading her principal thoroughfares.

—The hog cholera is raging in Seward and other southwestern counties.

—Two horse thieves were caught by the sheriff of Dodge county last week.

—Some of the Mennonite colonists are looking up lands in Gage and Jefferson counties.

—The great salt reservoir in the square at Lincoln, has been turned into a bath tub for bulls lately.

—Otoe county was reinforced last week by a number of thirty German immigrants, who have just come across the big pond.

—A portion of the Mennonites who recently arrived at Lincoln have gone to Dakota where they have friends and relatives.

—Louis Baxter, a Bohemian blacksmith, residing near Crete, went out on a hunt last week, Sunday, and is since missing.

—Governor Furnas has issued a circular to prominent citizens of every county in the State asking for a statement of the exact damages done by the grasshoppers.

—Sixty Pawnee warriors have returned to their reservation from a grand buffalo hunt in the Republican Valley. They were very successful.

—A farm house, occupied by a German family, ten miles north-west of Crete, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed, last week, Wednesday.

—Ezra Masters, while driving a team across the track of the Elkhorn Valley road near Hooper, was caught by the cowcatcher of the engine and seriously injured. His wagon was completely demolished.

—Settlers in Loup Valley are going to exchange their plows for beaver traps and shooting irons. They expect to make up their losses by the grasshopper scourge in hunting and trapping.

—Seventy-six Lodges of Good Templars have been organized in this State since December last. There are 17 in the State, 15 in Richardson, 10 in Johnson, 12 in Otoe, 8 in Gage, and 13 in Pawnee.

—The Clark bridge company, have received the contract for the building of a bridge across the Republican river at Riverton and Franklin counties, the contract price being \$7,900 to be completed in ninety days.

—The B & M R R Company have just received two large forty-ton Manchester engines, direct from the shops, to be put on the road between Plattsmouth and Kearney. They are named, respectively, No. 15, Omaha, and No. 16, Kearney.

—Upon the recent re-organization of the Beatrice Cement Co., the following officers were elected: H. W. Parker, President; S. Padock, Secretary; J. E. Smith, Treasurer; O. C. Campbell, Omaha Manager; Fordyce Roper, Beatrice Manager.

—Between Hastings and Kearney, a distance of forty miles, ten thousand head of cattle may be seen from the car window. One hundred and twenty-five thousand head of cattle are grazing on the prairie in an area of twenty miles square between Hastings and Kearney.

NEBRASKA POLITICS.

—Governor Furnas has come to the conclusion that he cannot afford to be his own successor.

—H. C. Lett is contingent candidate for the U. S. Senate, contingent on a Democratic Legislature.

—Henry Atkinson is said to be preparing his contract for senatorial slippers of his father-in-law.

—Gosper, he of the wooden leg, is a candidate for re-election, and the Ashland-Republican backs him.

—The Pawnee County Republican Convention will be held at Pawnee City.

—Deputy Treasurer Bartlett is a candidate for the succession to Keegan as State Treasurer.

—W. Thomas P. Kennard & Co., have a candidate in training for the State Treasury.

—Candidates for the State's prison inspectors are preparing their diplomas.

—The State Convention of Independents is called to meet at Lincoln August 12th, at 1 p. m.

—Capt. Silas Garber, receiver of the Lincoln land office, is talked of as the coming Republican gubernatorial candidate.

—The Republican Central Committee of Gage county met at Beatrice Wednesday, August 12th, at 1 p. m.

—The Total Prohibition State Convention is called to meet at Lincoln, Wednesday the 19th of August, at 1 p. m.

—Colonel Henman Rhodes is talked of in connection with the candidacy of that member from the 14th representative district.

—The members of the committee of the Twelfth Senatorial district met at Hastings Thursday, August 29th, for the purpose of selecting delegates and holding the district nominating convention.

—A Republican delegate convention of the Ninth Senatorial District, (Platte, Colfax, Butler, Merrick, Hall, Cheyenne, Lincoln, Dawson, Sherman, Valley, Greeley, Boone, Antelope), will be held at Grand Island September 8th.

—The Republican Central Committee of the 14th representative district (Lancaster, Saunders, Pawnee, Johnson and Gage counties,) met at Lincoln on Thursday, August 12th, for the purpose of calling a delegate convention of their district.

—The Buffalo county Republican Convention will be held at Kearney Junction, Saturday, the 23rd day of August, 1 p. m., to nominate 1 county commissioner, 3 delegates to the State Convention and delegates to the Representative and Senatorial Conventions.

—The Lancaster county Republican primaries are called for Wednesday, August 16th, and the convention will be composed of sixty delegates, of which Lincoln elects 25. The convention will nominate 14 delegates to the State Convention, 1 County Commissioner, 2 Representatives to the Legislature, and delegates to the Fourteenth Representative District Convention and Eleventh Senatorial District Convention.

—The advance guard of the voracious invaders made their appearance in Pawnee county last Friday.

Grasshoppers did not damage the oat crop in the Logan Valley, and only here and there a field of corn before they left.—[Burtonian.]

A few straggling grasshoppers are still lingering in Gage county, but on the whole the damage is not as great as was at first reported.

The west half of Cass county near the Weeping Water and Eight Mile Groves were overrun by the hoppers last week, with slight damage however.

Parties from the country state that the corn so badly riddled by the Grasshoppers is likely to make something yet. Many will have enough to feed their stock.—[Schuyler Register.]

The reports of the grasshoppers in Otoe county having destroyed the crops is a great extent a "hoax." We have the report of R. Hedge, of Syracuse, that the damage is not so bad as represented.—[Nebraska City Chronicle.]

Clouds of grasshoppers have been passing Westward this week. They have not destroyed the crops in the county to any great extent, and we trust our farmers may be spared their visitation.—[North Platte Enterprise.]

The crop of native grasshoppers in this county is much larger this season than ever before, and are doing considerable damage to gardens, but as yet the highflyers, the immigrant grasshopper, is not here yet, but we have every reason to expect them at any time. They are near. On Monday they were in Pawnee and Johnson counties, near our western county line, and coming this way.—[Brownville Advertiser.]

We hear a great many exaggerated reports of the damages that grasshoppers have done in Polk, Hamilton, York and Butler counties, which are hardly credible, and it is no earthly benefit to give them their currency. In fact we believe it is damaging to the future prospects of the different localities for the citizens to start such a panic, although this plague may not come next year, still the impression will gain currency in the east that some of these sections of country are doomed to suffer from grasshopper visitations continually, because people will not stop to think that this is but a chance occurrence.—[Seward Reporter.]

Statutory Temperance. The gathering of a temperance mass meeting at Lincoln this week has provided an occasion for sundry expressions of views on the temperance subject (which is now taking on a political aspect) the drift of which in this community may be gathered from our report of the speeches made in last Sunday evening's meeting, and especially in our correspondence to the effect of the following: We are opposed to every body for office who is not a teetotaler in practice and to all measures relating to the subject of temperance (or intemperance) which have not for their object the total prohibition by law of the sale and use of liquors as a beverage. The people are solemnly informed that this is temperance and nothing else; and that he whose creed deviates from this must expect to be assailed with drunkards and to suffer we know not what lively torments.

Between this straight line of conduct and theory and the broad gauge road of intemperance and crime, there is no neutral ground, say our friends; and they who undertake to find one will be taken by the throat by public opinion and planted where their heresies justify consign them—among the millions of soul-keepers and the murderers of wives and orphans.—It is either total abstinence or drunkenness; choose which you will.

We say this is the tenor of the enunciations to be found in our columns this week, but it is not equally clear that there is perfect unanimity among temperance reformers throughout the State on the subject. How comes it that the leader of the Sons of Temperance, Mr. Slaughter, of Omaha, dares to substitute the principle of total prohibition for the device of high license? And if our Beatrice friends are orthodox, how happens it that Prof. Miller, the head and front of the temperance hosts in Nebraska, has the temerity to advocate the adoption of a local option law? A local option law affirms no principle. It would simply do in another way what the power granted to a Board of Councilmen now does—gives the people of a community the right to license the sale of liquor or not, as they see fit. Unless we have mistaken the intent of the language used here, the above gentlemen will find a little straightening of their necks if it is indeed true that the dis-

ussion of this subject of liquor drinking and selling is to be confined to the proposition first above set forth, we think there will be no lack of disputants on the negative among those who have heretofore considered themselves tolerable temperate, even if that position does ostracise them from the ranks of those who are ambitious to get up a little public opinion terrorism. There will be no lack of men who are not altogether so, to affirm that the plan of enforcing upon others total abstinence by statutory enactment is not altogether startling for its novelty, and that, indeed, it has been so long deemed the world that a doubt as to its divinity is permissible. Under the shadow of this doubt our Beatrice friends will have no difficulty in finding even teetotalers seeking for some more practicable plan, and we are sorry that they cannot consent to discuss with heretics of this kind any aspect of the temperance question less momentous than that involved in the ancient device of enforcing individual morality at the point of the sword.—[Beatrice Express.]

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