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OFFICIAL PAPER OF THE CITY.

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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican State Convention will be held at the city of Lincoln on Wednesday, the 2d day of September, 1874, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination one candidate for Congress, one candidate for member of Congress contingent, candidates for Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, State Prison Inspector, and Attorney General, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before it. The delegates from each Judicial District will nominate a person for District Attorney, for their respective Districts.

The organized counties are entitled to delegates upon the following basis:

Counties east of the sixth Principal Meridian shall be entitled to one delegate for each 1,000 inhabitants, according to the census taken during the current year, and one for each fraction over five hundred. But each organized county shall be entitled to at least one delegate. Organized counties west of the 6th P. M., shall be entitled to one delegate each, and to one additional delegate for each one thousand inhabitants, according to the census aforesaid, and one for each fraction over five hundred, as follows:

DELEGATES FOR COUNTIES.

Adams	4	Johnson	5
Antelope	2	Knox	1
Boone	2	Keith	1
Butler	4	Lancaster	14
Burt	4	Lincoln	3
Buffalo	3	Madison	4
Cass	10	Merrick	4
Chase	1	Nemaha	8
Cedar	2	Nuckolls	2
Clay	5	Otoe	12
Colfax	3	Pawnee	5
Cheyenne	3	Pierce	2
Cuming	4	Platte	5
Dacotah	3	Phelps	1
Dawson	2	Polk	4
Dixon	3	Richardson	15
Dodge	7	Red Willow	2
Douglas	23	Saline	8
Dundy	1	Sarpy	3
Franklin	3	Saunders	9
Fillmore	5	Seward	7
Furnas	2	Stanton	1
Frontier	1	Sherman	1
Gage	5	Thayer	3
Gosper	1	Valley	1
Harlan	3	Washington	5
Hall	5	Wayne	1
Howard	2	Webster	3
Hitchcock	1	York	6
Hamilton	4	Unorganized Ter'y in the State	1
Holt	1		
Jefferson	3		

The counties are recommended to elect alternate delegates to act in case the delegates elect fail to attend the convention; and the convention is recommended to exclude proxies for delegates that do not reside in the counties they propose to represent.

By order of the committee.

F. M. JOHNSON, Chairman.
C. H. GERE, Secretary.

THE manipulators of the political new departure, are now willing to concede that they have nothing to hope from the impending State Campaign in Nebraska.

IF the water works proposition is to be submitted to the people of Omaha at the next general election, October 13th, no time should be lost in procuring reliable estimates of the probable cost.

THE illness of ex-President Thiers is said to be of a very serious nature. The veteran French statesman is now in the seventy-ninth year of his age, and his death would therefore be no surprising event. To the French Republic his loss at this critical period would be a very sad blow.

"SHARP fighting in Nebraska" is the sensational heading of a letter from Fort McPherson that appeared in the New York *World* last Sunday containing a detailed account of Captain Bates' fight near Camp Brown, in the Wind River Valley. This is only another sample of the damaging reports circulated by stupid ignoramuses about Indian raids in Nebraska. The scene of the fight was at least two hundred miles from the Western boundary of this State.

PARTIES interested in misrepresenting us are, we understand, seeking to array postal employes and postmasters against the BEE by giving out the impression that the BEE is waging war against everybody connected with the postal services. Now, in order to correct all misrepresentations, we declare most emphatically that the BEE's denunciations of postal corruption refer exclusively to the two postal officials against whom charges have been preferred in the department.

NEBRASKA homesteaders in the localities recently visited by grasshoppers are, after all, much better off than the settlers in Western and Southern Kansas. According to the Leavenworth *Times*, the new settlers in the frontier counties of Kansas have suffered more from chinch bugs and drouth than from grasshoppers.

The bugs took most of their wheat but they looked forward hopefully to their corn crop, thinking that this would at least enable them to keep the wolf from the door, but the dry weather which came on about the time of wheat harvest cut down the corn prospect to not more than half a crop, and now the grasshoppers have come in and are eating up what little was left by the drouth. Several counties in the State will have to depend upon the contributions of more fortunate localities, during the fall and winter, to save the people from actual starvation.

Showing the Cloven Hoof.

The efforts being made by Mr. Welch's numerous friends to nominate him for Governor is a flank movement against no one. Mr. Welch is known to be a man eminently fitted for the Gubernatorial chair, and as a staunch, true, and long-tried Republican, and his friends are striving—as they have a perfect right to do—to secure for him the nomination. The defeat of Judge Crounse is only a secondary consideration, and if brought about will not be on account of particular hostility to him (Crounse) but because of a higher regard for, and a greater trust in Mr. Welch. Mr. W. has for long years ably and effectively labored for the interests of the Republican garty in Nebraska, and has never asked reward at its hands by vote of the people; while Mr. Crounse has never labored actively or prominently for the Republican party in this State, and has continually asked and received political advancement at its hands. Knowing that Northern Nebraska may not have Governor and Congressman, the majority of Republicans, therefore, decide in favor of Governor, and it but remains for friends south of the Platte to co-operate to make Mr. Welch's nomination a certainty. This would, of course, entitle South Platte to the member of Congress, and any able and true man whom the Republicans there might endorse in force, would, without doubt, receive the warm support of Mr. Welch's friends in northern Nebraska. This is the true situation, and as no one has ever tried to conceal it, the BEE'S boast that it has unmasked a deep laid plot is not only farcical, but extremely silly.

As to the BEE's challenge for us to show that Mr. Crounse has been guilty of official corruption, or that he has proved "incapable or imbecile," we are frank to say that we will not accept it, never having made a charge of that nature, or having hinted at it. Mr. C. has made a very fair member, and has, we believe, conducted himself with fairness towards his constituents, as he was in duty bound to do, and yet we have no knowledge that he has served with that distinguished ability which places him head and shoulders above other prominent men in the State, or entitles him to official honors over all others.—*West Point Republican, August 6th.*

Now, that the official organ of Brigadier General Welch has exhibited the cloven hoof, there can be no further deception as to the real motives of that underlie this flank movement. To us their scheme was transparent from the very outset. Coupled with the following significant endorsement that appears in another column of the same paper it becomes very transparent even to the most stupid observer.

"Among the several Republicans in this State, who have been spoken of in connection with the Congressional nomination, we know of no one more competent or worthy than Hon. Henry M. Atkinson, of Brownville. So far as we can learn, Mr. A. is not seeking the nomination, but should his numerous friends in Northern and Southern Nebraska succeeded in inducing him to allow his name to come before the Republican Convention, we believe his nomination could be easily secured. Mr Atkinson would make a member of Congress of whom the Republican party and the State of Nebraska might well be proud.

The BEE has no desire to disparage the superior qualities of Grandma Tipton's son-in-law in the capacity of a railroad lobbyist or Indian Commissioner, neither would we deny him the right to contest honorably for the high position to which he aspires.

It occurs to us, however, that Mr. Atkinson's aspirations should be based on broader claims than mere partizan loyality. Like General Welch, he is a graduate of the land office and Indian agency, and sad experience teaches us that that school does not turn out model Governors or Congressmen.

It also strikes us that Judge Crounse's congressional record entitles him to an endorsement of the Republican party and the people of Nebraska. On the other hand, it does not seem plausible that General Welch would voluntarily sacrifice a lucrative land office appointment for a $1,000 Governorship, unless somebody stood behind him ready to make up the difference.

In conclusion we will state that we deem it unnecessary to answer the *Republican's* contemptible fling that Judge Crounse is a chronic office hunter. That charge could only originate in the brain of the political hypocrites who in one sentence disavows all hostility to him and in the next shows the cloven hoof by pronouncing against him.

THE Omaha BEE, the last of the "organs" of the Republican party in Omaha, wages pot-luck warfare upon the Post Office Ring, and suggests that the *Herald* will take a hand in the fray in due season. This is a cry for aid and comfort, and perhaps our evening contemporary may receive it.—*Herald.*

No pot luck war about it; but simply an effort to demonstrate practically that the Republican party is capable of self purification, without the interference of outside reformers. When the BEE declared that the *Herald* proposes to make political capital out of postal rottenness, it spoke by the card.

Does the *Herald* deny that its editor publicly proclaimed his intention to demoralize and break up the Republican party in Douglas county if the "silver-plated" Postmaster is retained in office during the impending campaign. In its warfare upon postal corruption and venality, the BEE neither asks nor desires aid or comfort from Democratic organs.

ADDITIONAL proofs of the fallacy of the inflation theory come to us almost every day. According to the Washington *Chrodicle* of August 9th, there have been but two applications for new Western banks this month, and they aggregate only a capital of $100,000. The retirement of currency thus far has exceeded the amount of new circulation. Within a few days the National Bank of Missuri, located at St. Louis, has surrendered its circulation and retired its bonds to the amount of $950,000.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

Agricultural Notes.

OAK GROVE, LANCASTER Co., August 11, 1874.

EDITOR BEE:

The late rains have been a decided advantage to the crops, notwithstanding the dry weather has already cut short the corn, in many places, late corn has began to silk, and late potatoes have began to grow, and if seasonable will make a fair crop in this county.

The grass, which was almost dead in many places, has revived and is growing nicely; it was suddenly changed from a dry, burnt color to a green and healthful appearance. The farmers are very much discouraged on account of a partial failure of crops, but have some hopes by prospects of the rains of last week.

The grasshoppers are yet to be seen all over the country, but not in quantities to do much damage. As there will be a shortage of corn there will more hay cut than usual, which is short and not in very paying quantities, but will be good where it can be found. The damage this year by the grasshoppers will not be near equal to 1866; they were not so large this year, and did not seem seem so destructive and not in such quantities.

The farmers in this locality have very little reason to complain, on account of their crops, they are far better off than in many localities where they will be compelled to buy all their feed. Here grass is far better and corn is not damaged but little, as the "invaders" did not stop but one day, and then went south.

As it has been a matter of interest for some time among the farmers to collect the best wheat for seed; that which will prove the most profitable and best adapted to the country. By experiment, the grass wheat proves to be the best now raised in Nebraska. It is a soft grain, much smaller than the China tea. It was recommended last year by the *Prairie Farmer*, to be the best and most profitable in its yield; will far excell the tea, and it has many advantages over all other wheat now known in the State. It ripens much later, and is not ready to harvest until after all other wheat and oats are cut, and can be cut in perfect safety two weeks after being perfectly ripe, without shelling out.

The straw is very soft and elastic, which makes it easily bound, long after ripened, and the sheaves are less liable to come loose on account of the straw being much stronger. It yields from 20 to 38 bushels to the acre, and will average about 24 bushels. It stools out more than any other wheat known, and will grow much thicker, and is less liable to blow down.

The grass wheat has not long been introduced in Nebraska; it was first raised in the southeast part of the State, where it has been tried by the farmers; it is preferred to any other like grain, as it has many advantages over other wheat. Mr. I. N. Leynord, six miles northwest of Lincoln, Nebraska, will have about 400 bushels this year, of which about half is already engaged for seed. The flour made from it will far excel other spring wheat, and is about equal to fall wheat, and is preferred by all millers who have tried it on account of its softness.

Yours truly, ADD.

Prohibition Convention Postponed.

LINCOLN, August 6, 1874.

EDITOR BEE:

The Prohibition Convention called to meet in Lincoln, August 19th, 1874, is postponed to the 9th of September, 1874, on account of the short time given in the first call. County committees will take due notice.

By order of the State Central Committee.

B. D. SLAUGHTER, Ch'n.
J. A. FAIRBANKS, Sec'y.

NATURAL CURIOSITIES.

An old gander was recently killed at the age, it is said, of 90 years, in Virginia.

The champion grasshopper of the season has been seen by the Oswego (Kansas) Independent. It weighed half an ounce.

Herman Nultram, violinist, of Cincinnati, plays the violin with his toes, having been born without arms; and he is said to play very well.

A family of Iowa frogs have been 180 feet underground, and it is supposed that they have been nest-hiding there for at least a century.

One of the novelties at Waukegon, Indiana, is a currant bush that has taken root in a locust tree, where it is growing healthy and strong.

A sturgeon weighihg 1,250 pounds, measuring twelve feet in length and two and one-half feet across the back, was recently caught in the Columbia River.

Two drum fish, a tropical species, rarely found in our waters, weighing 100 pounds each, were recently caught at Noank, and sent to the Smithsonian institution.

The Grass Valley Union has been shown a sample of potato tops which shows an eccentricity in that plant. These tops are full of potatoes, and in the same instances the vine itself is part potato and part vine. The product, under ground, of these vines was very large and the fruit very fine.

A red monster crossed with black, 40 feet in length, has been seen near Placerville, California. It was lying in a hollow on the side of a hill, its jaws distending and its bifurcated tongue protruding. Its motion was slow and undulating, and crushing everything beneath it, it left a track in the grass similar to the swathe of a mower.

An incident of the late railroad accident in Connecticut: "One man was found with a car lying across both ankles. He was speechless, and it was thought dangerously injured. The car was lifted, and, to the astonishment of all, the man, quietly arose and walked away without saying a word until he had gone about fifty feet, when he swung his hat and cried, 'Hurrah for our side!' But soon a reaction came, and he fainted and was carried to a neighboring house to be cared for.

There is a large strawberry tree on the road from Mendocino to Round Valley, California, which of itself is quite a curiosity. In a valley a few miles beyond Scott's Valley, stands a large oak tree. About twenty feet from the ground is a large hollow knot, some bird, or something else, has deposited a strawberry seed, from which is now growing, and, as we are informed, has been growing for many years, a thrifty, healthy strawberry vine. It is now full of fruit, not yet ripe, but will be in a short time.

About one-half mile over a mountain, from Bartlett Springs, California, there is what is called the Gas Spring. The water is ice cold, but bubbling and foaming as if it boiled, and the greatest wonder is the inevitable destruction of life produced by inhaling the gas. No live thing is to be found within a circuit of 100 yards near this spring. The very birds, if they happen to fly over it, drop dead. In experimenting with a lizard on its destructive properties, by holding it a few feet above the water, it stretched out dead in two minutes It will kill a human being in 20 minutes.

For the past day or two there has been in this city a colored man who presents in himself a queer physiological freak. He is thirty-four years of age, thick set, of medium height, of fair intelligence, and was born in Manchester, England. He gains a livelihood by exhibiting himself to physicians. His abdomen is naturally full, but at will, without the use of his hands, he gives a wave-like motion, and it gradually sinks in as if being wound up, until it apparently rests close against the back-bone, and he presents the appearance of a man with no abdomen, and then in the same manner he rolls it out to its original form. He then drops from under his ribs a duplicate set of ribs, with a breast bone, when the original ribs and the duplicates can be distinctly felt and counted, and the whole front of the body is, as it were, iron-clad. Or, at will, he apparently drops his heart from its natural position some twelve inches, puts it back and sends it to the right side of the body, opposite its natural position, puts it back and sends it to the lower part of the body on the right side, thus putting it in four different positions. During these changes the two sounds of the heart can be distinctly heard in either of the new positions, and not where they usually are heard. It seems to be necessary, however, that after each change it should go back where it belongs before being sent to a new quarter. He also has the power to stop the beating of his heart at will from five to ten seconds at a time, the pulse stopping at the same time. He seems also to have considerable strength, easily bending by a blow on the arm a heavy iron cane which he carries. Several of our prominent physicians have examined him, from one of whom we have obtained these facts, and pronounce him to be the greatest curiosity in physiology they have ever seen or heard of.—*Providence Journal.*

FUNGENTISTIC.

Beecher was effeminate in his dress. He used Tilton's Elizabeth ruff.

One of the survivors of the Pittsburg deluge says he is all right. He has saved his house and lost his wife.

What is wanted now is an Indian policy whereby Indians can be killed without hurting their feelings.

"Tom, what in the world put matrimony into your head?" "Well, the fact is, I was getting short of shirts."

A female child with two faces has been born in Indiana, and this is supposed to indicate that the coming woman is to be a politician.

Affectionate little girls do not bury their dolls, nowadays. They cremate them, and keep the ashes in a toy sugar-bowl.

Says an exchange: "At this season of the year a very perplexing question is how to dispose of garbage. In Brooklyn they send away by telegraph.

A Delaware man threshed his wife almost to death because their baby didn't get a prize at a baby show, and then he offered to trade the baby for a pig.

In Bellefonte, Penn., a man keeps a pet rattlesnake secured in his front yard to drive away lightning-rod men, sewing-machine agents, and book-peddlers.

"What brought you to court, my colored friend?" said Judge Wilbur to a negro. "Two constables, sah." "Yes, but I mean, had intemperance anything to do with it?" "Yes, sah; dey was bof of 'em drunk."

Sing Sing Official.—"If you have any trade, prisoner, state it, and we will put you to work at it." Prisoner, (just entered)—"Well, boss, I was brung up a bar-tender, and I'd like to go to work at that."

An Oshkosh woman gave birth to four children last week. When her husband protested, she whimpered out, "Shadrach, you know how these reaper accidents are reducing the population of Wisconsin."

A sensitive Michigan man attempted to sever his own wind-pipe because his tyrannical wife threw away a jug full of his favorite beverage. He thought it was useless to have a gullet if he could get nothing to put in it.

Milwaukee *Sentinel:* The grasshoppers on their way south stopped a railroad train, and got copies of the St. Paul papers. When they read that only a small portion of the crops had been destroyed, they started back to finish up the job.

The Chicago Times remarks: "It is one of the distinguished peculiarities of the inhabitants of this city that they go crazy upon the very slightest provocation, and build their lunacy more gorgeous castles in the air on small capital than any other people on earth."

A translation of one of Bret Harte's novelettes is appearing in the New York *Staats Zeitung.* Here is a speciment of the consequences of translation: Bret Harte having written, "One of your blanched, spiritual creatures, with no flesh on her bones," the translator puts it in German literally—"One of your pale, spiritual creatures, with no flesh on her—legs."

The table upon which these burning words are traced is inhabited by an immense colony of brown roaches which subsist on stolen paste, and can run so much faster than a scared mule that it is almost impossible for a blow from a paper-knife to reach them. Who can tell how they may be gotten rid of? No one need recommend a double-barreled shot-gun. We depreciate a resort to violence and bloodshed.—*Louisville Journal.*

A pensive young man in Wisconsin, while singing "Come, love, come," beneath his dulcinea's window the other night, had love, music, wind, and everything else knocked out of him by a something in a long white garment that fell out of a chamber window. It proved to be nobody but his girl, who, in her anxiety to know who was serenading her, leaned too far over the window-sill; hence the result. He says when he sings "Come, love, come," again he will keep away from under the window, as his system cannot stand many such shocks.

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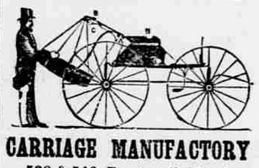

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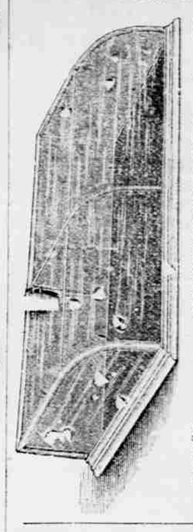

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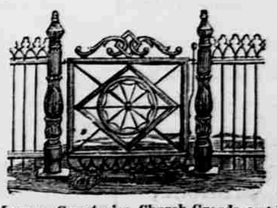

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