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Republican State Convention.

The republican electors of the state of Nebraska are hereby called to send delegates from the several counties to meet in state convention at Omaha on Wednesday, September 24th, A. D. 1882, at 7 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following named offices, viz:

Table with columns for County, Delegates, and Electors. Lists counties like Adams, Antelope, Boone, Butler, Cass, etc., with their respective delegate counts.

It is recommended: First, That no proxies be admitted to the convention, except such as are held by persons residing in the counties from which the proxies are given.

Second, That no delegate shall represent an absent member of his delegation, unless he be clothed with authority from the county convention, or in possession of proxies from regularly elected delegates thereof.

JOHN STEEN, Secretary. LINCOLN, Neb., July 6, 1882. I still live--Alek Stephens.

The Kansas City Journal hits the nail on the head when it alludes to Seely's back-biting of Senator Van Wyck as a "vip'er's venom".

Alek Stephens has recovered sufficiently to take the state democratic nomination as governor of Georgia. This disposes of the Georgia revolt for another year or two.

If object submission to the extensions of the Union Pacific is the price of the pool, the sooner it breaks the better. We shall have cheaper goods for awhile anyhow.--Denver Tribune.

Mr. Valentine's ostrich had better turn his quaker guns on Denver. Rosewater is evidently editing the Colorado papers.

DOUGLAS county has a United States senator, state treasurer, etc. All three of these counties have candidates for the nomination.--Platte-mouth Enterprise.

Since when has Douglas county had the state treasurer? Mr. Bartlett has not been a resident of Douglas county for more than eleven years. He lives and votes at Lincoln, and was nominated as a Lancaster county man. Incidentally, it may be interesting to mention that Douglas county has not had a state officer since Nebraska has been admitted into the Union.

A DECISION has just been rendered under the civil rights act that will be of interest to our colored population. A hackman in Cleveland, Ohio, who had a colored competitor, has been fined \$20 and costs by a police justice for soliciting passengers at the union depot by crying out: "Come this way and you can ride with a white man." "Language," said Judge Kennedy, "that tends to degrade or insult a man who has the misfortune of being colored, and who is in honest competition, seeking to earn his living, is an outrage and cannot be tolerated."

VINDICATING A ROGUE.

Rosewater says Secretary Teller did not know what he was doing when he wrote a letter to Congressman Valentine informing him that the charges of corruption made against Dr. Schweick when receiver of the Norfolk land office were untrue.--West Point Republican.

Secretary Teller has certainly been imposed on or he never would have signed a certificate of character for a man who stood self-convicted on the records of his department. To say that Secretary Teller has exonerated such a self-confessed fraud as Schweick after reading the evidence on file against him, would be to impute to Mr. Teller equal dishonesty with Schweick and Valentine, both of whom are implicated in the land office frauds. The facts in the case are simply these: Schweick was forced to resign the receivership of the Norfolk land office two years ago on overwhelming proof of his dishonesty and systematic swindling of homesteaders.

Valentine made a desperate effort to protect him, but failed in the attempt. When Secretary Kirkwood came in, another effort was made by Valentine to get Schweick an honorable discharge, that would enable him to procure a position in another department. Secretary Kirkwood was as immovable as Carl Schurz.

When Mr. Teller came in he was importuned to re-open the case, and Valentine represented that Schweick was a most honorable and a trustworthy man who had been forced to resign because he was for Grant during the campaign of 1880. This shallow pretext had its desired effect upon Mr. Teller, who doubtless imagined that Schweick was a victim of political persecution.

Mr. Teller ordered Mr. Bell, the assistant secretary of the interior to look into the charges against Schweick and Mr. Bell made a report that was calculated to mislead by representing that a portion of the charges were not fully proved while others were based upon current opinion concerning Schweick's connection with the Norfolk land ring. As a matter of fact Mr. Bell, who had entered the department under Carl Schurz, was trembling in his boots for fear that he would be displaced by one so stalwart. He knew that Schweick was a rogue but he wanted to court the favor of Valentine and pandor to the stalwarts.

When Bell's report was handed to Secretary Teller he wrote the letter which has been extensively published as a complete vindication of Schweick to assist Valentine in in countering public opinion concerning his own complicity in the land office frauds.

But vindication does not always vindicate. A man who would call himself doctor when he has never earned the title is capable of almost any other recalcitancy. An officer who would levy blackmail on poor homesteaders, cover up the public lands, and play into the hands of a lot of ad and sharks, is no better than a pick-pocket or a burglar.

Schenck's last performance with the bogus census certificate is in keeping with his former record, and Valentine is not a bit better than Schweick.

COUNCILMAN BAKER, who has taken the contract to engineer the city printing for the Republican, has taken a new tack. The contract, which the council has refused to approve, is to be brought in again with a new bond and a vote forced upon its acceptance. Now everybody knows that the council had no objections to the bond. They refused to approve the contract because it was procured under false pretences, because the committee had deceived them by fraudulent figures, and a downright misstatement concerning the bids. Furthermore, the contract was not approved because its condition differ very materially with the conditions of the proposal as represented by the committee. The report of the committee represents the Republican as bidding against THE BEE for advertising on the outside pages of the paper, the local or telegraph page. The contract, as drawn up, makes no mention of this, but leaves the Republican the option to insert the advertising on any page that suits them. Suppose that the city had advertised for plastering a public building, and bids were received from one party for three coat plastering with hard finish and a contract should be drawn up simply for plastering, leaving the contractor the option of doing a two coat job. Would such a contract be regarded as in proper form? Suppose the council should reject such a contract could it be brought in again by changing the names of the bondmen? The condition of the rejected printing contract is the same as if it had been laid upon the table. It can only come up again upon a motion to reconsider the vote by which it was rejected and according to the ruling of the president of the council it cannot be reconsidered unless by a vote of two-thirds of the council. The contract and the bond that accompanies it are now in possession of the council, and held for them by the city clerk. The mayor has no right to take it out of the clerk's possession, nor can anybody change the bond without an order from the council. If the contract had been rejected on account of the insufficiency of the bond it would have been referred back to the mayor

with the request that additional bonds be procured. The council made no such request, hence the contract and bond are both on their table to be taken up only on a motion to reconsider.

A CHECK TO JOBBERY.

The resolution offered by Mr. Fowler in the lower house of congress, proposing an amendment to the constitution, allowing the president to veto any item in the general appropriation bill, has considerable merit. As it now stands, a bill goes to the president as an entirety. He must approve or reject it as a whole. In this constitutional requirement has arisen another practice in congress--the rider, or tacking process. Obnoxious measures are tacked on as a rider to the appropriation bills in the emergency of the session or of the public service, and the president can only veto it at the sacrifice of the whole appropriation bill.

No better evidence or instance of this can be given than the way the democrats tacked riders on the appropriation bills during Hayes' term. Garfield charged them with having tried to shoot the country to death, and having failed, with trying to starve it to death by means of these riders.

Now if the president could approve or reject any part of a bill without effect upon its entirety, then such a pernicious practice could not prevail. There are other obvious arguments in behalf of the proposed amendment to the national constitution which forces itself upon the attention of the country.

The wheat harvest in Kansas has been enormous, but the Kansas farmers are forced to divide with the railroad corporations. The price of wheat is regulated by the cost of transporting it to the market, and the railroads have as usual taken advantage of the farmers by advancing their rates as grain shipments begin. Within the past week the price of wheat has decreased fourteen cents a bushel in the Kansas markets. On the last of August another advance of five cents per hundred pounds will take effect. This will make the rate thirty cents per hundred from the Missouri river to Chicago. The new tariff from Chicago to New York is twenty-seven cents per hundred, which makes the total cost from the Missouri river to the seaboard fifty-seven cents per hundred. Add to this an average charge of eighteen cents from points in Kansas west of the Missouri river, and you have a total rate of seventy-five cents per hundred pounds. If the average price of grain in New York is \$1.50 per hundred pounds it will yield the farmer 75 cents per hundred in Kansas, provided that the elevators make but a nominal charge for handling it. In other words it will take the price of one bushel of wheat in Kansas to carry one bushel to the seaboard. What is true of Kansas will apply with equal if not greater force to Nebraska. By comparison of rates east and west of Chicago it will be seen that the west has good reason for demanding relief from the extortions of monopolies. It costs thirty cents per hundred pounds to carry grain 500 miles from the Missouri river to Chicago, and it only costs twenty-seven cents per hundred to carry the grain from Chicago to New York, a distance of 1,000 miles. When shipped from a point 200 miles west of the Missouri it costs forty-eight cents per hundred to carry the grain 700 miles to Chicago, while it costs only twenty-seven cents to transport it 1,000 miles from Chicago to the seaboard.

AND now Ohio has struck oil. The discovery of a fine quality of Mecca or lubricating oil on the farm of David Waldorf, in East Hubbard township, Mahoning county, has raised a fever of excitement in that vicinity, and speculation is running high. The oil was tapped at a depth of forty-five feet from the surface while prospecting for coal. An effort was made to keep the find quiet, but a woman got hold of the facts, and the news spread like a prairie fire. The well is on a coal lease of Mr. Henry Todd, of Youngstown, who has also released the farm for oil. The hole was plugged to await the arrival of an oil expert, who has been sent for to complete the well and test the territory. What the extent or value of the deposit is, is yet a mystery, but enough has been developed to cause a swarming of speculators, and to excite the wildest dreams of suddenly acquired wealth on the part of the yeomanry of that vicinity.

PROF. UPTON, who has been spending a few weeks in Nebraska, says if half the money were used for the suffrage amendment now pending in that state that was used to carry the prohibitory amendment in this state, the measure would be adopted.--Sioux City Journal.

This is a rather cool suggestion from a reformer of the morals of politics. The main object of woman suffrage according to its champions and disciples is a desire to elevate the morals of our politics, and put a stop to the corruption incident to the present system. As the first step toward that moral reform it is proposed to enter the political arena with

money to carry the election. That would be elevating the standard of our politics with a vengeance.

Too Much Brass Band.

We notice by the dispatches that three brass bands have been engaged for the democratic state convention. One band is too many, if the musicians are to be admitted to the hall. The brass band in politics is a nuisance. It is stated that this is not the parents of Miss Fraham were not alarmed that she did not return Thursday evening, but believed that she was staying over night with relatives. However, on Friday morning she did not appear and her father made inquiries which developed the true state of affairs. It is stated that this is not the professor's first escapade of the kind, and that he has left his wife in Calhoun. Every effort will be made to capture him.

A GOOD SHOWING.

Monthly Report of the Young Men's Christian Association.

The general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. made the following report of the board of directors at its last meeting, and we give it to our readers that they may know, in part at least, what is being done by this society:

Visitors and readers at rooms.....1,588 Sunday afternoon meeting.....360 Saturday evening song service.....200 Men's meeting.....183 Young men's meeting.....74 Weekly meetings.....56 Other meetings.....68 Total at rooms and meetings.....2,499

OTHER NOTES. Family calls made.....138 "Yoke fellows" at work.....35 Papers and tracts distributed at hospitals.....47 Directed to boarding houses.....6 Employment found for.....1 Visitation to sick.....4 The meetings at the Lake addition school house, in charge of Mr. Wm. Morrison and others, and near the Union Pacific freight depot, have been well attended, and interesting since their commencement.

The R. R. Reading Rooms, southeast corner of Sixteenth and Webster are open every evening except Sunday. The 7 o'clock Sabbath evening meetings are interesting, and as they become better known both services and reading room will be better patronized.

The uptown association is anxious to secure larger apartments than they have now ere the beginning of their fall work. They have only one room at present, which is open from 8 a. m. to 9:30 p. m., and quite well supplied with good reading matter.

NO NEWS.

The whereabouts of William Aust Still a Mystery.

The reports received late last night as to the fate of William Aust, who jumped from the Deadwood stage at Halfway Hollow and disappeared, were conflicting and unreliable. A message was received by William Harris, of Harris & Fisher, saying: "William Aust's body found near Sidney." It is believed the dispatch was written "not found" and the word "not" was omitted by the transmitting operator. Other dispatches indicated that he had been traced sixty miles from the place where he jumped off the stage, in the direction of Sidney, but if the body had been so near as that the Sidney operator would have known something of it, and he sent word that he knew nothing. It would seem likely however that no hope remains for the unfortunate man, and the discovery of his remains will only be a matter of time.

Mr. Aust left Omaha two weeks ago to-day for Deadwood, with notes to collect, amounting to \$1,600 or \$1,800, being due on a car load hams, shoulders and bacon taken to the Hills by his brother two years ago. He went to Cheyenne and made a short stay and then returned to Sidney, where he was arrested and taken to Deadwood, and at George Half-way Hollow is seventy-five miles out, and had he wandered back sixty miles it would have brought him so near Sidney that his discovery would soon be known there. On the strength of the Harris dispatch, the Knights of Pythias, of which he is a member, had a meeting at that point, and sent an escort out to bring the remains home, but at last concluded to wait for additional confirmation of his finding Mr. Aust's family consisted of his wife and two little girls, aged three and five years. He was but 37 years of age, of medium height and very fleshy, and the rarified atmosphere on the frontier probably had more or less influence in bringing the unfortunate attack upon him.

A MUSICAL MASHER.

Steps Taken to Capture the Runaway Lovers from Fort Calhoun.

The city marshal and his help were busily engaged yesterday in mailing a thousand circulars with photograph enclosed for the apprehension of the man Emil Pepperkorn, who ran off with the fourteen-year-old girl from Calhoun. The reward for his capture has been increased to \$500.

The circular reads as follows: "The above reward will be paid for the apprehension of Emil Pepperkorn, a German, aged about thirty years, weight about 180 pounds. Roman nose, which has been cut, and shows a sort of a pimple on end. Wore, when he left, a small sandy moustache. Think there was a scar on one cheek. By profession, he is a civil engineer, but has taught music for a living. He eloped with May Fraham, a dark blonde, aged 14; weight about 120 pounds, also German, but speaks good English. The parties left Omaha for St. Louis on July 13th, 1882. A written or telegraph all information to D. P. Angell, city marshal, Omaha, Neb."

Pepperkorn had been engaged as a music teacher at Ft. Calhoun, where he had gained the confidence of a great many, as he had also done in this city. Miss Fraham was one of his pupils and her father is a prominent citizen of Calhoun. On the 12th inst. the professor came to Omaha and was joined the next day by the young lady, the two taking the Wash-bash train for St. Louis in the evening.

Mr. Peter Goos, of this city, was a passenger on the train, and recognized and spoke to both parties. Mr. Goos thought it singular that they should be traveling together, but in a further conversation with Miss Fraham she told him that she was going to St. Louis for medical treatment, and had been placed in the professor's care, and this reassured Mr. Goos. The parents of Miss Fraham were not alarmed that she did not return Thursday evening, but believed that she was staying over night with relatives. However, on Friday morning she did not appear and her father made inquiries which developed the true state of affairs. It is stated that this is not the professor's first escapade of the kind, and that he has left his wife in Calhoun. Every effort will be made to capture him.

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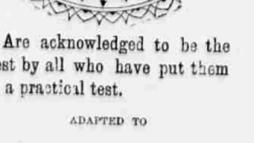
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