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There is an overabundance of presidential lightning rods in the national republican convention.

The newspapers of this city are unanimous in denunciation of Mayor Chase and Marshal Guthrie.

The New York Morning Journal calls the national republican convention the great political Derby.

Mayor Chase has said that he does not care what the newspapers say about him.

The Fourth of July orators are beginning to "brush up for the occasion."

Although the Indiana delegation, by a vote of 28 to 2, has decided to present the name of Ben. Harrison for the presidential nomination.

Motto to be placed in full view of the republican convention: The republican party must go.

Yes, the republican party must go into win, as usual. It is the party that has the "go" in it.

The Herald says that "all the cranks in the universe seem to write memorials to the republican convention."

The difference between western and eastern justice is thus pointedly illustrated by the Chicago Herald.

When western people catch a man who has robbed a stage passenger of seven or eight hundred dollars they hang him.

The reason assigned for General Sherman's refusing to allow his name to go before the republican national convention is that he did not wish to interfere in any way with the prospects of his brother, Senator John Sherman.

General John B. Henderson, who has been selected as the permanent chairman of the national republican convention, was one of the United States senators who voted against the impeachment of President Johnson.

The Philadelphia Record hits the nail squarely on the head as follows: The panic in shares and kite-flying banking does not extend itself into solid business operations.

George Alfred Townsend, better known to metropolitan newspaper readers as "Gath," is making the most of the Chicago convention.

The Chicago Railway Review says that one of the most important railways in the west is experimenting in the use of air brakes on freight trains.

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