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The Ohio Republican Convention.

Unexpectedly, and very much to the disappointment, it cannot be doubted, of the democrats, the Ohio republican convention completed its work without a single incident of dissension.

No convention in years exhibited a more all-pervading spirit of harmony or was characterized by a more earnest confidence and enthusiasm. One is compelled to wonder, in view of the complete absence of all difficulty and friction, whether there has ever really been any substantial ground for the reports of impending trouble that preceded the assembling of the convention, and whether the friends of Mr. Sherman, equally with those not friendly to him, were not very greatly exaggerating the strength of the element, which was expected to make trouble in the event of an effort being made to endorse him as a presidential candidate.

The truth is, however, that there was danger, and it was averted by the good sense of the party, doubtless in a large measure directed by the judicious counsel of Mr. Sherman himself. When he said on the night before the meeting of the convention that everything had been settled and that the republican course was clear there was no further reason to apprehend difficulty. The result shows what it was that had been settled and what the agreement entered into was faithfully carried out. The renomination of Governor Foraker by acclamation carried with it the endorsement of Sherman by a similar expression of confidence. It was simply a question of placing these two leaders of the party in their state on equal footing in the convention, and their willingness that this should be done the representations of the party could not refuse to acquiesce in. The result attests the wisdom of the leaders and the harmony secured and the confidence inspired have placed the republicans of Ohio in a position to carry on untried an aggressive campaign, with every assurance of victory on their side.

It is not questioned that Governor Foraker will receive the full support of his party, and he ought to get all of his very large independent vote. His administration has been creditable and clean, contrasting very broadly with the preceding administration of Governor Hoadly. If somewhat given at times to display, and perhaps not unjustly suspected of aspiring to higher political honors, the political record of Governor Foraker is without blemish, and he has ability of a high order. In the active world of politics he has few peers among men of his greater experience. The platform is peculiarly of the Ohio republican order, at least in its tariff features. Next to the republicans of Pennsylvania there are no more uncompromising adherents of the protection policy than the republicans of Ohio, and their last declarations show that the lapse of time and the changed conditions have affected no modifications of their views. There is much in the platform that republicans everywhere can fully approve, and it has the merit of being in all respects direct and unequivocal.

Regarding the effect which the convention's unanimous endorsement of Senator Sherman may have upon his presidential chances, there is certainly room for a wide difference of opinion. The senator himself characterized it as simply a matter of sentiment, or of binding force and of no importance unless sustained by the approval of the voters of the districts of Ohio and of the Union. Yet it was due him, and being unanimously accorded its effects ought to be material to his advantage.

Another Victim of Intemperance. Charles Reed, the lawyer who acted as counsel for Guleau, President Garfield's assassin, was recently detected in an attempt to rob the money drawer of Reichert's hotel, Jersey City, where he has been in the habit of taking his meals. Naturally he was forbidden the entry of the house. This is but another step in a downward career brought about by whisky, and from which there is, probably, now no turning. While a young man Reed gave promise of a brilliant future. He possessed unusual abilities, had excellent opportunities, was handsome in person and of engaging manner. Unfortunately he soon began the convivial habits of life of a popular young man, which, like countless similar cases, is now ending in bold drunkenness and crime.

After his defense of Guleau, having acquired some notoriety in that undertaking he went to New York and opened an office on lower Broadway. At first he was fairly successful, but his clients soon began to dwindle away. Then he got into trouble about a check which came into his hands but did not belong to him, and after that episode he has been going down hill more rapidly than ever. In some respects his life resembles that of ex-Governor Moses of South Carolina, who, through drink, fell from a governor's chair to a felon's cell. Drink has ruined many such promising lives in this country. There are ex-senators, ex-judges, ex-ministers of the gospel, who are to-day leading the lives of miserable outcasts through its influence.

Less Whisky and More Beer. The recent movement to organize a whisky trust, having for its object the regulation of production, said to be now largely in excess of the demand, and doubtless also a combined effort to increase the demand, is explained by the receipts of the internal revenue bureau from taxes on spirituous and malt liquors for the last fiscal year. These show a falling off in the receipts from the tax on distilled spirits of nearly \$5,000,000, representing a decrease of nearly six million gallons, and this result has been achieved principally in those states in which local option and kindred measures have been most successful. It is not surprising that so great a falling off as this in a single year should have aroused those whose capital is embarked in the business to the demand for some sort of united defensive action, though it seems they have not thus far been able to agree upon what can be practically or expediently done. The recent meeting of distillers at Chicago, with a view to forming a trust, appears to have encountered difficulties not immediately surmountable, and nothing was done. Some of the trade organs have suggested an anti-temperance crusade backed by large sums of money, but it doesn't require very much reflection to show that such a movement would be the most disastrous for the whisky interest that it could possibly undertake. The majority of the distillers of the country are too shrewd to sacrifice their money in any

such losing contest as this would certainly be.

The decreased consumption of whisky does not necessarily prove, however, that there has been much less drinking done. While the spirituous liquors have declined in popularity, beer and native wines have increased in demand. The tax on malt liquors is much higher in proportion than upon distilled spirits, but the revenues from this source for the last fiscal year were \$300,000 more than for the previous year, which were also much larger than for the fiscal year 1885. The increased receipts show that nearly two million gallons more beer were consumed last year than during the preceding year. Native wines are not taxed, so that no information can be derived from the internal revenue figures as to the increase or decrease in their use, but other statistics show that the consumption of American wines is largely on the increase. It would be well if it could be shown with equal certainty that they are improving in quality, but there is reason to believe that this cannot be so surely demonstrated.

These facts unquestionably count on the side of temperance, even if it be assumed that the diminished consumption of spirituous liquors has been fully offset by the increased consumption of beer and native wines, which does not appear to have been the case.

They Must Pool Issues. "God helps those who help themselves." This old adage is more applicable to the affairs of men to-day than it ever was. When legalized highway robbery is carried on by chartered monopolies, and the earnings of the producing and industrial classes are confiscated to enrich the millionaires who control the avenues to the markets of the world, it behooves the common people to pool their issues.

The other day a number of farmers from the surrounding counties met at Rochester, N. Y., and resolved to call a convention for permanent organization at Syracuse August 25. Every farmer's club in the state is asked to send delegates. Resolutions were also passed demanding a revision of the tax laws to compel personal property to pay its just proportion of taxes.

This is a practical step in the right direction. The farmers and workmen of America never can cope with the great corporations, syndicates and trusts unless they stand shoulder to shoulder in defense of their rights.

A commendable move to enforce the rights of the producers and shippers under the inter-state commerce act has recently been made in this section. The merchants and farmers of southwestern Iowa and northwestern Missouri have organized an association whose prime object is to compel railroads in the Missouri valley to give their patrons fair local rates. This association is known as the Southwest Iowa and Northwest Missouri Transportation Association. The officers of this company, J. S. Bilby, president, at Quitman, Mo., and T. B. Merrill, secretary, Clarinda, Ia., have already enrolled nearly 400 farmers and merchants into their association.

It is manifestly the interest of every farmer in western Iowa and northern Missouri to join this association and by so doing make its demands respected by the railway managers. The first effort of this association has, we learn, resulted in a material reduction of local freight rates on hogs and cattle to Chicago, and there is no doubt that the association will, if properly supported, be able to save the farmers and shippers hundreds and thousands of dollars.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Bannion. All the indications are that the ninth annual reunion of the soldiers and sailors of Nebraska, to be held in Omaha from September 5 to 10, will be the most complete and satisfactory event of the kind ever held in Nebraska. The reunion committee has been laboring with untiring diligence, and the promise of results is in the highest degree gratifying. It is estimated that fully 10,000 Nebraska veterans will participate in the reunion, and that altogether not less than 50,000 people will be attracted by the event to Omaha. As stated in a card some time since by the secretary of the reunion committee, an earnest effort has been made to give the reunion an interstate character, and there is assurance that this will be in a measure successful. A considerable attendance of veterans from Iowa is expected, and provision will be made to give all who come right railway welcome and entertainment. A circular of the reunion committee announces that arrangements have been effected by which all Nebraska soldiers can come for one fare for the round trip, and all are assured of the most ample provision for their entertainment and enjoyment.

The metropolis of Nebraska extends a most cordial welcome to the veterans of the state and of adjoining states, assuring them that nothing which its citizens can do to make their sojourn here pleasantly memorable will be omitted. Omaha will put on its gayest attire and bend all its energies to the cheerful duty of making the visiting veterans contented and happy.

Respond Promptly and Generously. We have no doubt that the committee charged with collecting by subscription the money necessary to pay the expenses of the correction and charities convention to be held in Omaha during the week from August 25 to September 1, and to provide some form of entertainment for the delegates, will find their task easy of accomplishment. The moderate sum of \$25,000 required ought to be secured in twenty-four hours, and probably will be if the committee reach directly those of our citizens who understand and are in sympathy with the objects of the convention, while at the same time appreciating the value to the city of the good will of so intelligent a body of men as it will bring here. Thus far Omaha has given its visitors such hospitable entertainment that they have had only good reports to make of her, and the demand upon us to maintain this well-earned reputation involves so little that it should be promptly and willingly met. The correction and charities convention is national in its character, and is one of the most important of the annual assemblages. Its work is wholly in the line of philanthropic progress and reform, and therefore deserves hearty approval and encouragement. There is not a question that our citizens will do their part in this direction, and, having done it, that

Omaha will secure five hundred new residents who will further extend the reputation of the city as a center of intelligent appreciation and cord