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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For President, BENJAMIN HARRISON. For Vice President, WHITELAW REID. For Congressman at Large, GEORGE T. ANTHONY. For Congressman, Seventh District, CHESTER L. LONG.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

A delegate convention of the Republicans of Kansas will be held in the city of Topeka on Thursday, the 17th (18th) day of June, 1892, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. for the nomination of candidates for the associate justice of the supreme court, governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, auditor general, superintendent of public instruction, and delegates to the national convention.

Table listing delegates by county: Allen, Anderson, Barber, Barton, Brown, Butler, Caldwell, Chaney, Cheyenne, Clark, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Comanche, Cowley, Crawford, Decatur, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Edwards, Ellsworth, Ellis, Ford, Franklin, Garfield, Geary, Grant, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Haskell, Hodgman, Jackson, Jefferson, Jewell, Johnson, Kearney, Kingman, Lincoln, Logan, Leavenworth, Lincoln.

The secretaries of the several county conventions are instructed to forward to the undersigned secretary at Topeka, Kan., a certificate of the credentials of their several delegates immediately after the adjournment of the county conventions, said credentials to be received at Topeka not later than the evening of June 22. From these credentials the Republican state central committee will prepare a roster of those entitled to participate in the preliminary organization of the convention.

KANSAS POLITICAL CALENDAR

June 15-17th district congressional convention, at Topeka. June 22-First district congressional convention, at Topeka. June 23-Third district congressional convention, at Pittsburg. June 24-State convention to nominate state officers, at Topeka. July 13-15th district congressional convention, at Colby.

PROPER PARTY

The trouble in Democratic ranks will begin in Chicago on Tuesday next. Chicago now invites the attention of the country for a week, and mebbe more.

It is said that LeWelling was an officeholder in Iowa fourteen years previous to his coming to Kansas.

What the Democrats want now is a candidate with no record and no standing before the country. They will have no platform for him to stand.

Our dispatch from Kingman yesterday morning stated that Stafford county seconded the nomination of Mr. Jones. It should have read Stanton county.

Several gentlemen are just now calmly reposing "in the hands of their friends" at Chicago. 'Tis sweet to slumber thus, but what a terrible awakening is in store for some of them.

The death of Father Mullinger, the great faith cure apostle, brings to mind the memorable declaration made by a sacrilegious bystander at the world's greatest event: he saved others, himself he could not save.

If the Democrats decide to decorate their ticket, with editorial talent, Waterson would unquestionably get it but Henry could make that all right if he were given a chance.

It is estimated that the action of the commercial travelers in their recent meeting at Emporia was the law that plumped the do-gooder man Cise out of the ring. The boys play a knuckle-down game, and no fudging.

Columbus discovered America on Friday and Robinson Crusoe found his faithful helper on Friday. There is nothing wrong about Friday. The blue-back spelling book writ by Nash says "Friday is as lucky a day as any other."

Can Cleveland win? is almost the only question passed between Democrats in discussing the Chicago convention. Now that the time for work is arriving, the air is pressed out of the boom and the mathematical test is being applied in a cold storage room.

The river at New Orleans has reached the highest point known there for the past forty-five years, and in consequence New Orleans is today, literally speaking, an island. Crèches above, crèches below, the raging river in front, and the rapidly rising Lake Pontchartrain in the rear, has hemmed the city in, and traffic on three sides has been suspended.

THE WAY IT LOOKS.

After the defeat of the so-called People's party last fall in the local contests for county offices and the subsequent failure of its representatives in congress to secure anything in the way of legislation, the party lost heart and for some time gave out strong indications that it had seen its best days. The party in this state, however, by dint of energetic efforts on the part of the personally interested leaders, has pulled itself together again and has gone through the motion of placing a state ticket in the field, and by that act has again thrown down the gauntlet to the Republican party.

True and loyal Kansans had hoped that the experience of two years ago, wherein the partial success of the new party caused the state of Kansas to suffer incalculable losses to its material values and to its credit and good name, would prove a lesson that would deter the experimenters from making further efforts in the same direction, and if the sober second thought and better judgment of the masses, who had participated in the first diversion, after witnessing and realizing—as many did—the damaging effects of the first attempt to control the state, could have prevailed the hope would no doubt be realized. But the infatuation begot of partial and temporary success impelled the beneficiaries of the former achievement, and a few others who hoped to be discovered by some stray office, to renew the agitation and a portion, at least of the former following have been pulled back into the whirlpool of political excitement.

This is to be deprecated, because it promises to revive and re-enact the costly experiences we have referred to. It is not worth while, now, to discuss or even advert to the conditions and combinations of causes which, if they did not give rise to, at least afforded a convenient pretext for the popular demagogues to raise the bow of calamity and draw many honest but unsuspecting citizens into the movement originally. All that is in the past, and the conditions and circumstances are so changed that there is nothing substantial upon which to base a plea for a revival of the howl and the manipulators can only appeal to the prejudice engendered by their former devices.

To prove what we have said it is only necessary to state a few facts that will not—cannot—be gainsaid.

The volume of the circulating medium was never as large, in the aggregate or per capita, as it is today.

Never in the history of the country would the American dollar, whether gold, silver or the paper representative of either, purchase more of the necessities and comforts of life than at the present moment.

There never has been a time when the country was at peace, when the results of the laborer's toil, whether in the field, the workshop or elsewhere, meant more to him in their purchasing power than today.

At no former period in the history was greater, more intelligent or more determined efforts made by those charged with the enactment and enforcement of laws to correct the evils of discrimination that is practiced upon the people for private and corporate gain.

The Republican party stands pledged to secure and maintain these things and all others having for their object the comfort and prosperity of the people. What has been done in these lines is the result of Republican effort to serve the people faithfully and honestly. And yet in the face of this record of facts the Republican party is again confronted with this "organized protest" against what has been accomplished in the behalf of the people, and what it will do if permitted to do so.

The Republican party does not claim disinterestedness in these matters: in serving the people it is doing itself, its members a service; a service not in the interest of any class, locality, calling or section, but for all the people whom it represents and for whose welfare it stands.

This, nor any part of it, is not said in the spirit of an appeal to sentiment, but as a plain statement of facts as they are. And they are made with the hope that the conservative, fairminded citizens who have suffered themselves to be misled by these false representations by scheming and designing tricksters to again stab the state by foisting upon it a set of selfish incompetents and thereby drag it and its people through experiences that cannot but bring irreparable disaster to many of our people and losses to the state beyond computation.

GRAIN GAMBLING AND GAMBLERS

A recent issue of the Chicago Inter Ocean contains a timely article on grain gambling and gamblers, evidently prepared by one having a thorough knowledge of the subject. While the main facts of the subject are not new, the writer presents and illustrates them in such a manner as to throw strong light upon, perhaps, the most villainous system of speculation that ever found shelter under the mantle of reputable business associations. The gist of the article is contained in the declaration, startling but true, that: "There can be no successful speculation, not facts of production or consumption, makes the history of the grain market." It is, of course, not asserted that supply and demand have ceased to be basic factors in regulating prices of grain, but it is affirmed that these market margins which involve all and sometimes more than the farmers' profits, are controlled by the "bills and bears" who have seized the reins of commerce and handle them in the interests of speculation, regardless of supply and demand.

A REMINISCENT FACT.

Previous to 1884 there was not a pound of soda-ash manufactured in the United States nor any duty on soda-ash. The commodity cost the consumer \$18 a ton under that free trade condition. The price was paid to the foreign manufacturer without a murmur. A duty of \$3 a ton was then imposed on soda-ash, and the opponents of the protective system, denounced it at once. Their theory was that the duty was a tax of \$5 a ton, that the commodity would therefore cost the consumer \$23 under protection, while it cost only \$18 a ton under free trade. It was urged that the duty would be an additional cost as long as the law re-

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A Difficult Task.

In the mayor's office at the city hall there is a large safe used for storing public documents. The safe is set into the wall and was placed there when the structure was built. Inside is a steel burglar proof chest, having a four bolt Yale combination lock. The safe also has a combination lock. After the death of Mayor Doyle, in 1888, the little chest was found to be securely locked and nobody had the combination. It then developed that Mayor Doyle was the only person who knew the numbers by which the chest could be opened, and accordingly it remained securely fastened, nobody having any idea of the contents. The chest was unopened through the terms of Mayor Doyle's successors until yesterday.

When Mayor Potter took charge of affairs he learned the history of the steel chest, and a short time ago read the account of how Herbert S. Page fathomed the mysteries of the most intricate safe locks with ease. A combination of natural curiosity and desire to know whether or not any public documents were in the steel compartment induced the mayor to forward a communication to Mr. Page requesting him to come to this city, and if possible open the little safe. Mr. Page arrived and in the presence of a number of city officials commenced the work. He found the lock a most intricate one, being capable of 100,000, 000 changes. He labored forty minutes, and at the end of the time the bolts swung back and the door opened. There was nothing in the chest.

After opening the door Mr. Page studied out the combination, which it was believed had died with Mayor Doyle, was 70-50-4-56. The lock was designed especially to prevent opening by sense of touch, and Mr. Page was highly complimented for his skillful work.—Providence Journal.

Jimmy Had Been Doing. There is a certain faithful retainer, whom I will call Jimmy for short, who has been in the employ of either Lester Wallace or Theodore Moss since the days when Jennie Hughes first played in the "French Spy" and led society in Bond street. In the old days Jimmy's duties were many and varied, and one of them was to station himself on first nights at the rear of the first balcony in the center of a galaxy of billposters and other lithographic guests of the management, and at a suitable moment to lead a spontaneous call for Mr. Wallace. Jimmy is now a bright, fresh faced lad of fifty-seven, and is still in the employ of Mr. Moss.

The other evening during a performance he was peacefully dozing in the balcony, when a loud burst of applause brought him suddenly to his feet, and he startled the house with a loud call of "Wallack! Wallack! Wallack!" It was not until he had been cast into outer darkness that he awoke to the fact that it was not the first night of "The Shaughraun" that he was "assisting at," but the seventieth of "For Money" in the year of grace 1892.—New York Truth.

A Darling Sneak Thief. Residents of Hyde Park can now sit down to their tables and enjoy their dinners without having the pleasure of the meal marred by the fear that a "climber" was probably pillaging the upper stories of their home. The Hyde Park police have captured Bruno Pruhn, a daring sneak thief and porch climber. To him are attributed by the police the numerous robberies which have occurred in Hyde Park during the last few months.

Pruhn always uses the same tactics in entering a house. He selects a residence which stands next to an unfinished building and enters it on one of the upper stories from one of the windows or the roof of the new structure while the family is on the first floor or basement at dinner. Pruhn selected Hyde Park as a base of operations because much building is going on, and he could easily find a house to suit his plans.—Chicago News.

A Telephone Marvel. An interesting and amusing instance of the efficacy of the London-Paris telephone occurred the other day which is worth recording. The Salvation Army band were marching from the Royal Exchange playing the "Marseillaise," when an idea struck the men present in the telephone room. The windows and doors were thrown open, and the attendant at the Paris end was asked if he could hear anything. The response (in French) was immediate, "Yes, I can hear a band playing the 'Marseillaise.'" That a band of music playing in the streets of London could be plainly distinguished in Paris is, we think, a sufficiently striking marvel of the Nineteenth century science.—London Electrical Engineer.

Secrets Offered for Sale. The center of the French rail trade, St. Etienne, has been shaken with excitement on the rumor of the betrayal of valuable trade secrets to foreign firms. A large merchant received a letter from England saying that a workman at St. Etienne had offered to sell all the novelties for the coming season, and agreed to go wherever required to set up looms. Investigation showed that a commission agent was the guilty party.—Paris Letter.

A Change Indeed. The transition from a profound searching of the heavens for new comets, asteroids and remote fixed stars to a rapid transit down a rope to escape being roasted is both violent and undignified, and yet Professor Copeland, the royal astronomer at Edinburgh, made it when his house caught fire the other night.

The number of monarchies in Europe has increased by one during the past year, the duchy of Luxembourg having become a sovereign state by the death of the queen of Holland.

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A Young Maine Samson.

Lemont M. Leavitt was born in June, 1836, in the old town of Turner. About the first thing Lemont began to do after he opened his eyes and uttered his first cry was to grow. His strength increased daily, and when five years old his skill with the axe attracted much attention. He would chop more wood than than half of the hired men could, and his services were much sought by young men in the neighborhood who were too lazy to do their own chores on the farm.

Last summer the youthful giant tendered a genuine surprise to his parents and neighbors. A party of men were building a wire fence near by. A pole was run through the center of a very large coil of wire, and everything was in readiness to unwind it, when it was found that a man expected to assist could not get there. Master Leavitt happened along, and, taking in the situation, picked up one end of the pole on his shoulder and marched off, keeping step with the man who held the other end. His arms only by the greatest exertions, while the man behind hung on to the wire while it was being uncoiled. Thus for nearly half a mile did this six-year-old Samson bear the burden that would have made many a full developed man shrink.

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