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JAS. H. MILLS, - EDITOR
GEO. M. PINNEY,
Associate Editor and Manager

REPUBLICAN TERRITORIAL CONVENTION.

The Republican Territorial Convention of Montana is hereby designated to be held in the Court House, at Helena, on Monday, June 21st, 1869, at 12 m., for the purpose of nominating a Delegate to Congress, and the transaction of such other business as may come before it.

The apportionment of Delegates for the several counties will be as follows, the ratio being three Delegates for each member of the House of Representatives, Territorial Assembly:

Deer Lodge County,	15 Delegates.
Lewis & Clark "	15 "
Madison "	12 "
Gallatin "	6 "
Beaverhead "	6 "
Jefferson "	6 "
Meagher "	6 "
Chouteau "	3 "
Missoula "	3 "

County Committees will call primary meetings and County Conventions for the nomination of County officers and the election of the above Delegates. The Central Committee urges prompt attention, an equitable apportionment in the several precincts, a full attendance of Republicans at all the subordinate meetings, and the selection of earnest and zealous Delegates to the Territorial Convention.

Chairmen, or acting Chairmen of the several County Committees will please communicate at once with the "Republican Executive Committee, Helena," stating the action taken, that there may be a thorough organization and a vigorous campaign.

HENRY THOMPSON,
Treasurer and Acting Chairman
Rep. Territorial Committee.
Helena, M. T., May 16, 1869.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

The Phoenix Forging.

Old Madison in the Front.

Republicans of the Sister City Depreciate all Bolters.

"Will Respond Unanimously to Your Call."

The First County Committee Heard From. How do you like it Williams?

VIRGINIA CITY, MONTANA,
May 16, 1869.

To Henry Thompson, Esq., Acting Chairman, Republican Territorial Central Committee.—The Republicans of Madison County unitedly deprecate all bolting and will respond unanimously to your call.

(Signed) HEZEKIAH L. HOSMER,
JAMES TUFTS,
HENRY N. BLAKE,
WM. WHITEHILL,
NAT. J. DAVIS,
D. H. WESTON.

HAMILTON CUMMINGS, Chairman
Madison County Republican Committee.

Beer Lodge Joins the Column.

TO THE REPUBLICANS OF DEER LODGE COUNTY.

You are hereby requested to hold primary meetings in your several precincts on Saturday, the

22d DAY OF MAY, 1869.

For the purpose of electing delegates to attend the Republican County Convention to be held at Deer Lodge City, M. T., on Tuesday, the

1st DAY OF JUNE, 1869.

For the purpose of nominating County officers and electing Delegates to the Republican Territorial Convention, to be held in

Helena, June 21st, 1869.

The apportionment will be as follows:

Deer Lodge,	4
Bear Gulch,	3
Blackfoot,	2
Emmettburg,	2
Washington,	2
French Gulch,	1
Pike Peak,	2
German,	3
Highland,	3
Butte,	2
Rocky,	1
River Bow,	3
Caribou,	1
Greenwood,	1
Moore Creek,	1

GEO. W. IRVIN,
Ch'n Rep. Central Committee.

Williams: Did you hear from Madison?

GRAND CHORUS of Montana Republicans—"Not for Joseph."

GOLD advanced from 131 to 138 on change in New York, from May 1st to 15th.

The "last rail" was laid on Promontory Summit, 1086 miles west of Omaha and 690 east of Sacramento.

WILLIAMS, how do you like the "Deer Lodge Sound" now? It is a Death knell to bolters and apostates.

CHIEF Justice Chase has decided that the city of Richmond cannot redeem the notes issued in aid of Rebellion.

NEW YORK CITY expanded up the island on moving day—May 1st—past precedent. The ferries also carried out 550 loads of furniture in the three days of grace and flitting.

The monomania of the Herald: That Grant appoints Governors, Secretaries, Marshals, Collectors and Postmasters for its sole and especial benefit. We wonder if Grant knows it?

MUSICAL REVIVAL.

When the Republicans are asked if they are inclined to bolt, they all sing "Not for Joseph."

RE-DEDICATED TO WILLIAMS.

But these two parties still divide the world. Of those that want and those that have; and still the same old sore breaks out from age to age with much the same result.
Walking to the Mail.—Tennyson.

The Peace Society has been borrowing trouble about the Indians again. They want them all "turned over to the civil authorities." All right, gentlemen of the broadcloth. Come and get them. No objections will be raised in the West.

If Persons sign papers without reading them, whose fault is it? Our advice to all persons is, economise and be prudent in the autograph business. It pays. Astor, Peabody, Girard, Jay Cooke, Rothschilds—all of them were or are careful.

A number of other and similar cards to the above have been offered us, but we decline to devote more space to this very unprofitable subject.—Herald 18th.

You show your good sense for once. But then you didn't decline many, did you? You aren't that kind you know, dear little Guerrilla. Don't be too modest all at once. Your blushes might be mistaken for paint.

The Washington City Typographical Union had an exciting meeting on Saturday evening, on the application for membership of a son of Fred Douglas. He was not admitted, but the application referred to a Committee, to report June 19th. He formerly worked in the Denver News office, Colorado.

A good one on A. J. Smith, the "Bannack Chief." The Herald of the 17th names him, and the only person it does name, as on their side, and opposed to the "pretended" and so-called Territorial Committee. Mr. A. J. Smith is on that Committee, and is Chairman of its Beaverhead Delegation. Your name is called Mr. Smith! Let us hear the response.

We charge J. J. Williams and the Herald with getting up this bolting movement in the interest of the Democracy, and for the purpose of taking up a Democratic candidate for delegate—and that he has so expressed himself. We dare him to deny it, and we will furnish the proof. Republicans, how like you the betrayal? What shall be done with traitors?

One of the very best western exchanges that comes to us is the Helena, Montana Post. There is a vim and energy in its editorial management that we like exceedingly.—Boulder Col. Pioneer, May 5.

You shall have what you like, Doc, and may your Pioneer be blessed in limb, loin and gristle.

THAT un-say eel, the N. Y. Herald does not like Grant's Cabinet and gave us a specimen of its revenge in the telegrams yesterday. As the key to this fling at Secretary Fish, that paper has been urging his removal and the appointment of Charles Sumner in his stead. Grant still retains considerable influence with the administration we presume, and will use his own discretion without consulting Bennett.

FOR SALE.

All the fixtures and appurtenances, including a "bed rock" speech, and a lot of cut and dry "unanimous resolutions" containing the "cold letter of the law" intended for use at the Bastard Convention to have been "held, holden and run" at Helena in July, 1869, by the SOLITARY RESOLUTIONIST. Having no farther use for them, they will be disposed of cheap for cash or traded for "proxies" in the Regular Convention.

Inquire of
B. R. J. J. W.
Sky parlor, Herald office.

TEA AND COFFEE.

We published a few days since the amount of Coffee consumed in the United States. A statistical contributor to the Cincinnati Gazette states that we import annually 25,000,000 pounds of tea. The prime cost does not exceed 35 cents per pound, but the average selling price in this country is about \$1.75 per pound, amounting to an aggregate of \$43,750,000. The coffee consumed amounts to \$74,067,000, making a nice little total of \$118,417,000 per annum for

The cups that cheer but not inebriate.

GARBLING A GENTLEMAN.

To further show the dishonesty and criminality of the Pinney-Post clique, we will state that one of the gentlemen whose name appears in this morning's Post, was garbled and altered to suit the wishes of the clique, after having been signed by the party.—Herald, 18th. There it is, word, letter, and punctuation point as printed in the Herald. We indignantly deny having garbled the gentleman. Do you take us for a cannibal? If you mean his card was garbled, and he is not too badly garbled to be exposed to the air, trot him out. We pronounce your assertions false. We have preserved the originals. Bring on your man.

CAN YOU READ THIS?

Regarding the Post's statement of a conversation with James Fergus, we pronounce it a lie, and dare the Post to produce the proof.—Herald, May 17th.

The Proof.
I furnished the statement of Mr. Jas. Fergus to the Post. I had the conversation with him, and it was authorized by him to be told to the Post and all others. It was printed correctly as I gave it, and as he authorized me to give it. (Signed) NEIL HOWE.
HELENA, May 17, 1869.

Across the Continent.

The Toledo Blade sums up the distances, running time, etc., on the Continental route, as follows:

	Miles.	Hours.
New York to Chicago, Ill.	911	36 1/2
Chicago to Omaha, Nebraska.	391	24
Omaha to Bryan,	858	43
Bryan to Ogden, Utah,	233	10 1/2
Ogden to Elko, Nevada, via Central Pacific Railroad,	278	12 1/2
Elko to Sacramento Cal., via Central Pacific Railroad,	465	31
Sacramento to San Francisco, via Western Pacific Railroad	177	3 1/2
Total,	3,353	184

Thus a total distance of 3,353 miles is made, according to the present schedule time, in six days, seventeen and a half hours, actual time, by a traveler's watch, from which we deduct three and a half hours, difference of time, when going west, leaving the apparent time consumed in making the trip six days and fourteen hours.

TIDINGS FROM DEER LODGE.

(Extracts.)

DEER LODGE, May 16, 1869.
Henry Thompson, Esq., Acting Chairman
Republican Territorial Committee.

I take the earliest opportunity of communicating with you on affairs of the Territory. We have called our County Convention for June 1st, 1869, and desire that the enclosed card be published in the Post and Herald.

We have good hopes and prospects.
Very Respectfully,
GEO. W. IRVIN,
Chairman Rep. County Com.

DEER LODGE, May 17, 1869.

Jas. H. Mills,
DEAR SIR:

The action of Deer Lodge Republicans will be in accordance with the call of the Territorial Central Committee. "Bed Rock Joe" will have to get back in the traces or be left out in the cold.

CLINTS BARBOUR.

Appointment of U. S. Marshal.

The telegrams state that William T. Wheeler, of Minnesota, is appointed U. S. Marshal of Montana in place of Gen. Neil Howe. The acquaintances of Mr. Wheeler here, speak of him in the highest terms as a gentleman and Republican, and are confident he will make an efficient officer. He was a resident of Montana in 1863-4-5, having been engaged the greater portion of the time as book-keeper for the celebrated California Mining Company, whose rich claims immediately below Nevada City, were among the best of Alder Gulch. Gen. Howe has been efficient in the discharge of all duties, is a man upon whose character for integrity and honesty there is not a stain, whose moral and physical courage especially qualified him for U. S. Marshal, who deserved well of the party and people, and who has served them creditably, faithfully and satisfactorily. We regret that the official axe has reached his neck, but as it has, are gratified that his successor is one who will deserve and receive the approval of our people.

THE CHINESE WARRIORS.

If ever there was "sound and fury signifying nothing," it was in the Herald last evening. "Madison thunders" but no lightning. "Deer Lodge sound," but no meagler roars, she must be hurt. "Chouteau takes up the cry." What is she crying about? Don't blubber, little one. "Jefferson county all right." Glad to hear it. Keep right, Jefferson. "Beaverhead county to the front." That's just what A. J. Smith went home to issue the call in obedience to in this office, so he will do. The "Bannack Chief" is no bolter, you can depend. To the whole column of chaff there is not appended a single name. It is bombast all through, and not one of those letters or dispatches was received. Who are the persons? Pound your Chinese gongs, thump your drums, fire your blank cartridges. It's fun for the boys. Read the Madison names in the dispatch to Mr. Thompson. That is what counts, and it will be taken up by every true man in Montana, and these bunnies be run to their holes. Like skunks, they will emit a bad odor as they go—but they will go and that is the point.

The Commercial Convention began at Memphis on Tuesday, under most flattering auspices. North Carolina, Missouri, Iowa, Alabama, Ohio, Virginia, Indiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Arkansas, West Virginia, Louisiana, South Carolina, Tennessee, California, and Kentucky were represented by delegations. Charles C. Henderson of Kentucky, formerly Lieutenant Governor of Ohio, was elected permanent Chairman. General Robert E. Lee sent a letter, and Senator Fowler addressed the Convention.

CINCHING A BUCKING CAYUSE.

The Herald of May 19th, overwhelmed by the universal indignation at the defection, apostasy and renegadism of itself and J. J. Williams, offers a series of apologies for its course. Trusting it is sincere in this, and will, when convinced that it has made a wrong and foolish move, do the only thing possible, to right it—by immediately rejoicing the ranks—we answer it *seriatim*.

We pronounce against the so-called Territorial Central Committee for the reason that it was condemned and repudiated by the Union Convention which assembled in Helena in July last.—Herald, 19th.

It was not repudiated by it and you know it. It recognized that Territorial Committee by instructing its committee to communicate with the Territorial Committee officers and solicit them to call a Convention. Besides, it was only a Lewis and Clark County Convention—which fact you suppress—and as such, had no authority to pass upon the action of officers of the Territorial Committee, representing every county in Montana, and it would be despotism to condemn without specific charges and conviction. The place to condemn and reorganize is in the Territorial Convention. So your resolutions assumed and stated, and you know it.

We maintain that that Committee is unworthy of recognition by the party for the reason that it has endorsed and recommended to important offices such Copperheads as W. J. Callen and others.—Herald, 19th.

And we aver upon honor that it did not, and that a dispatch was prepared and sent during the Johnson Administration, and has been on file in Washington these many months, protesting in the strongest terms against his appointment or confirmation; that it was signed by George M. Pinney, Henry Thompson, John Potter, A. J. Simmons, Isaac D. Hantoon, Jas. H. Mills and others—thirteen in all, we believe, every one that was communicated with—of the Republican Central Committee of Montana, and defeated his appointment, as he knows. You see you don't know what you are doing, and haven't sense enough to find out.

We denounce that Committee as bogus for the reason that it represents only a corrupt "ring" and not the party, and that George M. Pinney is its head.—Herald, 19th.

And we brand you as a rebel for the assertion. You fought under its colors, constituted as it now is. It is the legitimate and only Republican organization in Montana. If the party does not like its Chairman, in the Regular Convention is the place to elect another. You are as afraid of Geo. M. Pinney as though he were the Judge of the quick and the dead. Don't be such arrant cowards.

We ignore that Committee because the Union Soldiers and Sailors' Convention, which assembled in Helena in October last, likewise ignored it.—Herald, 19th.

Ignored it! Did they? The motion for that Convention was made in a meeting of the Grand Army, wherein party is not introduced; that Convention was called as independent of all political organizations, and did not endorse a single political principle of the Republican party. But the resolutions, so far as they went, were good. We have before, and do now, and the Central Committee would unequivocally endorse, and you dare not republish and endorse them to day.

We oppose the Committee for the reason that while it is permitted to control the party, call Conventions and otherwise direct its movements, Montana can never be redeemed from the domination of the so-called Democracy—the Union party can never hope to win victory.—Herald, 19th.

You are not the authority to decide that, if you assume to be in the Republican party, and it is treason to utter it. What is the fate of a soldier who incites sedition or mutiny? And yet you are guilty of this in the face of the enemy and on the eve of battle. The Convention is called to select leaders, and change the subordinates if deemed best by the expression of all Montana Republicans. You try to skulk out, and go "bumming" on friend and foe. We can prove that your man Williams proposes to go over to the enemy. You have not a supporter in this villainy in Helena. You know you are wrong. What then is your duty, and have you the moral courage to do it?

Sound Views.

The New York Herald has very sensible views of the Indian question. Speaking of the Quaker Agents on May 7th, it says, after ridiculing the project "It is time we ended this Indian humbug. Congress should apply the existing criminal laws to the Indians and cease disgracing the United States by making treaties with people living upon our own territory. If the Indians disobey the laws, let the punishment come quickly and surely. Properly the management of the Indians comes under the jurisdiction of the States or Territories where the tribes exist. The whole matter is simply kept in the hands of the General Government because it offers a splendid field for the spoliation of the United States Treasury.

THE INDIANA DODGERS.

The Legislature of Indiana has ratified the 15th amendment. The condition of affairs, when the ratification took place, renders it probable that the validity of the ratification will be tested in the courts, and we have no opinion to express, whether it will be sustained or rejected. The Gazette, however, having seen proper to endorse the action of the Democratic members in resigning, to laud as arrant a pack of skulking dodgers as ever disgraced a Legislature, and to misrepresent the case, it is right that the truth should be told. We quote.

It will be remembered that when the Republicans of Indiana undertook to take a snap judgment on the people by passing the fifteenth amendment, the Democratic members resigned and left legislature without a quorum. The Governor called special elections in the vacant districts, and the members who had resigned went into the canvass on their own action, and with the specific declaration that they would, if elected, resign again should the legislature undertake to pass the amendment without giving the people of the State a chance to vote upon it, either directly or by a legislature chosen on that issue. On these grounds every man of them was re-elected, showing that the people were opposed to the fraudulent snap judgment that the radicals were endeavoring to take on them. They went to the capital, received a pledge from the Republican caucus that if they would go into session the question would not be raised, and on this pledge they went in.

It is optional with Congress, under the constitution, to submit an amendment either to Legislatures or Conventions. The 15th amendment was submitted to the legislatures as we believe every amendment ever ratified has been, and to legislatures elected in nearly every instance before the amendment was suggested. In the Indiana Senate there are 23 Republicans and 17 Democrats; in the House, 37 Republicans and 43 Democrats, making 90 Republicans to 60 Democrats, on joint ballot, with a Republican majority in the State of 9,572. Here was the best opportunity in any of the Republican States for the democracy to defeat the amendment, the Democrats having one-third on joint ballot, and nearly four-fifths in the House. Instead of meeting the issue like men, a number from the lower counties resigned the very day the amendment came up, leaving the House without a quorum and the entire business of the State in an incomplete muddle. What did they care for that? They refused to return and skulked about until the Republican members agreed that the amendment should not be taken up until May 13th, when their greed for greenbacks induced them back. A pledge was never made, as the Gazette admits, that the question would not be raised. The Republicans adhered faithfully to the agreement, that the State might not suffer from the stagnation of all business requiring legislation. But the very day the limitation expired, the vision of the 15th amendment rose up like the ghost of Banquo before their frightened eyes, and the valiant, chivalrous, untrifled scampers out of town and out of their seven senses. It is tricky, craft or cowardice, unworthy of honest men, evading an issue they were afraid to meet, and like Masons, Sidells, Breckenridges or Floods, they nibbled at the public crib as long as they could and then resigned, after doing all the harm in their power. They have acted un-democratic in refusing to abide the voice of the majority, and thus by a device defeated the expression of the State and the object of legislation. But they have not defeated the ratification of the amendment any more than the Democrats of North Carolina did in dodging the adoption of the Federal Constitution for over two years after its submission.

WILLIAMS' CONSISTENCY.

At the Lewis and Clark county Republican Convention held in Helena, July 19, 1868, at which time J. J. Williams was appointed by Burson on the Committee, Williams offered the following resolution which he says was unanimously adopted.

Resolved, That the Union Republican County Central Committee of this county be, and they are hereby instructed to request the Territorial Central Committee to call and assemble a Territorial Convention at Helena, on the 9th day of September, 1868, for the purpose of re-organizing the Union Republican party, appointing a new Territorial Central Committee, and for the transaction of such other business as may legitimately come before it; and in case the Territorial Committee fail or refuse to comply with such request within a reasonable time, then said County Committee is hereby instructed to confer with the several County Committees of the Territory, with a view to the assembling of such Convention at Helena, at the time heretofore specified; and we do most cordially invite all good Union Republicans throughout the Territory, who have the interest and success of the party at heart, to co-operate with us in this important movement.

J. J. WILLIAMS.
He neglected to fulfil these instructions, but when the Territorial Central Committee do call a Convention for the very purpose therein stated and requested, he bolts.

THE SELF CONVICTED LIARS, BOLTERS AND APOSTATES.

WHO SIGNED THE PAPER?

We printed on January 23d, a denunciation of the Williams resolutions almost unanimously signed by the leading Republicans of Helena, after the Convention of last July. Its publication was induced by one of the periodical retchings of the Helena Guerilla, known as the Herald. The papers were in possession of Mr. Pinney, then en route to the States, and who returned one of the several original manuscripts and signatures, with the names of a second written in pencil on it. This is in our possession; the others in the possession of Mr. Pinney will be here in a few days. Unable to escape the lightning in it that shivered their tottering castle of treacherous iniquity, Williams and the Herald yesterday cried forgery. Read the evidence: Mr. Chumason, who it says was not in the country, drew up the original paper. Mr. John Closser did not leave for several months after. Walter Trumbull the "mere boy," was before that a United States officer here, is a resident of Montana, and will be here in a few days. Mr. "L. C. Millers' name is twice repeated," ay, and he is a good enough Republican to have it thrice repeated. Williams is caught in his own toils, is strangling in his own muck, and this diversion, and big type, and bombast is to give him a chance to escape. "Now mark how plain a tale shall put them down." Throw up the sponge malcontents, your last spar has gone.

The undersigned, members of the Union Republican party of Lewis and Clark county, Montana Territory, have noticed with feelings of deep regret the passage of the preamble and resolutions of the County Convention relative to the Territorial Executive Committee. We regard its action as calculated to produce discord and dissensions in our ranks; as an initial movement towards a total disorganization and destruction of the Republican party of Montana, and as being wholly unwarranted and its authors worthy of the severest disapprobation and reprobation. In our opinion the resolution is the fruit of personal hostility towards the Chairman of the Central Committee, FELT BY DISAPPOINTED OFFICE-SEEKERS, and a few UNDESIRABLE QUAKER REVENGEFULS, and is a matter which should never have been introduced into party politics, especially when an election is pending and the united efforts of the party are needed to defeat the common enemy. The charges made are not substantiated by evidence, and are too vague and indefinite to be regarded. We have confidence in the integrity, Republicanism and vigilance of the Union Territorial Central Committee. They are responsible for the action of the Executive Board, and it is strictly their duty and province to pass upon its actions.

The following named gentlemen, whose signatures were forged to the above document by the Pinney clique, did not sign it, nor did they know anything about the villainous proceeding until the appearance in Pinney's Post.

Geo. May, N. B. Hale,
J. J. Parker, Charles Blum,
James Fergus, Chas. Travis,
J. Beckney, J. G. Prediger,
E. Zimmerman, Len. Robinson.
[Herald, May 17th.]

Col. George May did sign it, and is now in the States.
HELENA, M. T., May 17, 1869.

We, the undersigned, having read a statement in the Herald that our names were forged to a certain paper, a copy of which was printed in the Post and Herald of yesterday, deem it our duty to state that we did sign that paper, and the same, with our signatures thereto, is now in the possession of J. H. Mills, Editor of the Post.

LEN. M. ROBINSON,
C. M. TRAVIS,
N. B. HALE.

Mr. Parker, whose name is in pencil, says:
I have never said, or authorized any one to state, that my name was forged to the paper referred to above. I do not recollect signing it, but never said to any person that I did not sign it.
JOHN J. PARKER.
HELENA, May 17, 1869.

J. Beckney's name was never appended to that paper, and never printed to it in the Post. It is a forgery of the Herald.

E. Zimmerman's name was not appended or printed as having signed it, and is a forgery of the Herald. The signature of J. Zimmerman, which the following covers, is to it:

I have seen the name of Jacob Zimmerman, now in Idaho, signed to the paper referred to above. I know his signature and will vouch that it is genuine.
ED. ZIMMERMAN.
Helena, May 17, 1869.

Charles Blum authorizes the statement that he did sign the above paper, and that he so informed the parties from the Herald office yesterday.

Mr. Prediger, whose name is in pencil, says:

I have never authorized any one to state that I did not sign the paper published in the Post, with my name appended. I told the Editor of the Herald not to use my name. I believe that I did sign it, having signed such a paper presented by J. G. Robinson, and believe this to be the one, although not remembering the contents. I utterly deny having stated that my name was forged to the paper.
J. G. PREDIGER.
Helena, May 17, 1869.

This accounts for every name except that of Mr. James Fergus, which was printed "J. H. Fergus," and which is, in the manuscript, "J. H. Jurgens." It was so printed January 23d, 1869. It was a typographical error, never discovered till last evening. We do not know either of the gentlemen personally, and Mr. Fergus has never, to this hour, mentioned it. This statement is due him, although his name we believe is on the other manuscripts.

The new fashionable parasols resemble a Chinese pagoda.