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REPUBLICAN CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

The Convention of the Union Republics party of the First Congressional District of West Virginia will be held in the town of Martinsburg, Maryland, August 29th, 1878, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Congress, and also for the transacting of such other business as may come before the Convention. The Union Republics party of the District is requested to appoint delegates to the Convention from the several counties of the District at such time and place as may suit the convenience of the people of the several counties.

By order of the Republican Executive Committee of the First Congressional District.

O. B. EDWARDS, Chairman.

The Harvesting Specimen.

Our granger friend Samuel Smith, the well known ex-jailer of Ohio county, has laid on our table three specimen samples of grain, raised on his farm near Clifton, in this county, one of Barley, one of Wheat and one of Oats. The Wheat is of the Fall variety, the Oats of the Poland variety and the Barley of the kind commonly grown in this section of country. The Wheat is said by our millers to be a very superior growth, the heads are long, heavy and decidedly well filled with large plump grains. The Oats are just splendid, the heads being as good sized grains. We should judge that about ten sheaves would yield a bushel, and give as much as fifty bushels to the acre. The Barley is of large growth and well filled with fine plump grains. We have not seen any where finer specimens of the leading cereals than the samples before us.

Our friend Smith is one of the grangers who does not hanker after large landed estates; he rather believes in a little farm well tilled. He has some eighty acres of our fertile Ohio county land with a solid limestone base, which insures a strength and durability of soil equal to the heaviest duff which intelligent cultivation can make on it. This farm he manages with the hand of a master, always procuring the most fruitful varieties of grains, which give the best returns the character of the seasons will allow.

The specimens before us are remarkable for this season, for it be remembered that although the growing season of this year has been exceptional in some respects, yet on the whole it has not fulfilled the expectations of the farmers.

Speaking of this, we are reminded that there is now a perfect dearth of pastures, they are literally dried up. There is complaint that the showers have been so trifling in portions of the country that the corn crop and the potatoes have suffered severely.

Southward, below Matamoras, on the river, we are told that the corn will not average ten bushels to the acre, no matter what the remainder of the season may be. Though the deficiency may be more than made up by the abundant yield of more favored localities, it will not put money in the pockets of the luckless grangers in the districts where the heavens have been as a sheet of brass over their languishing crops. The season, as we have said, has been peculiar, there has been a superabundance of water, there has been drouth, there have been storms of wind, hail and rain, forming for the whole country a climatic mosaic which is phenomenal in character above the average of past seasons.

Still our enormous breadth of country, our great variety of soil and climate, our immense range of products, with the vastly increased acreage of planting, have made the year in the aggregate of productiveness, one which is fully represented by the magnificent wheat samples which our granger friend has laid before us.

Fifteen Girls Poisoned—One Dead and Another Dying.

CLINTON, O., July 29.—A peculiar case of poisoning came to light here this evening. Last Wednesday fifteen girls employed in Madame Somers' dressmaking establishment had milk for dinner. All of them drank of it, and during the afternoon they all more or less sick, including the Madame. None of them, however, was so ill as to be unable to return to work the next day except two sisters named Mary and Nettie Divil. Thursday both of these were dangerously ill. Physicians were summoned and pronounced them cases of poisoning. Each of the girls lingered till this afternoon when Mary died in great misery. The other sister, Nettie, is in precarious condition. Both are believed to be cases of arsenic poisoning. Coroner Isom has taken the case in charge and ordered an analysis of the milk to be made.

Bellaire Local.—The Board of Education has purchased a lot adjoining the M. E. Church, upon which a school house for the colored population will be built next month.

Farmers in this near vicinity are busy putting up their oats, which are housed in splendid order and condition, as is also the hay.

The Street Railway Company during this month has been the busiest for travel over this road since the enterprise went into operation.

Mr. Robert Neal, a man of experience in horse-flesh, is erecting a first-class tucker car in the vicinity of the C. & P. R. R. depot.

Michael Tucker, of this city, an employee of the blast furnace here, was discovered yesterday morning lying dead in close proximity to the C. & P. R. R. track about one mile above here, considerably cut and bruised about the head and body, which confirms the supposition that he was killed by the passenger train which arrived here from Pittsburgh at 8:35 Monday evening. It seems that Tucker, about 7 o'clock that evening, crossed over on Benson's ferry, much intoxicated and carrying with him a half gallon of the "fluid," which was found yesterday morning near the ferry containing very a small portion of the "kill me quick." About 8:15 p. m., and only about fifteen minutes before the arrival of the down train, one of the street car conductors perceived Tucker winding his way staggering toward Bellaire along the track of the C. & P. Railroad, which was the last seen of Tucker alive.

Neither the engineer or fireman have any knowledge of the accident, but it is supposed by every one that Tucker, being considerably stupefied, sat down and perhaps fell asleep on a cross-tie, when he was struck by the passing train, unaided by the engineer, on account of the darkness and misty weather last evening, and thereby met his untimely end.

The coroner's jury which was summoned about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, rendered a verdict that Michael Tucker came to his death by coming in contact with a train of cars. The deceased leaves a wife and four children in very moderate circumstances.

PERSONS AND THINGS.

The Potter Committee express their belief that all the people with Atlantic City, and to go away. They say they will not be troubled by them. We suspect it was the witness.

The following correspondence explains itself: "Dear Mrs. Jones—Please let me have a half-dozen tomatoes if you can. Salie Smith." "Dear Mrs. Smith—We are not going to take them; we propose to pick them. Hannah Jones."

A woman will carry a pocket handkerchief till she loses it. She regards it as an ornament. If the baby's nose is to be kept, or her own black silk to be kept, or if the silver is to be cleaned, she always borrows her husband's handkerchief.—St. Louis Journal.

An old woman was lately arrested at Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, for selling salt and small pebbles. The insertion of this ballast was so ingeniously performed that for months before the trickery was discovered she had been reaping large profits.

The Charleston (S. C.) Journal of Commerce, which was edited by R. H. Rhet Jr., a member of the notorious fire-eating family, suspended publication last Thursday. Sixty thousand dollars were lost in two years by this paper, whose demise is untimely in view of the revival of "State rights" in the old South State.

A great invasion of kangaroos recently occurred in various settled parts of Australia, especially Queensland, and the animals made havoc of the crops and the interior by the drought and its effects in search of food. They came in thousands, devouring everything in the shape of berries or grain, so that the sheep and cattle were often reduced to skeletons. The kangaroos were promptly met by the attack, in some cases driving the kangaroos into an enclosure and shooting them. In the battle more than 6,000 kangaroos were killed in four days.

What is believed to be the largest striped bass this season has just been caught by Mr. Frank C. Herring, of Bedford, Mass., and exhibited on exhibition in a Park Row restaurant, New York. The fish is four feet six inches long, and weighs sixty and one-half pounds, or only a few pounds less, we believe, than the largest bass taken on the Rhode Island coast, famed for its fish of this species.

A commission appointed to investigate fraudulent practices in the delivery of supplies to the Russian army during the war has been in session in Odessa, and has exposed astounding trickery. A Colonel of a regiment endeavored to get his horse and carriage repaired at the depot to that value was lost in a storm. In another instance an enormous quantity of hay was falsely reported to have been spoiled by rain. At fifteen different places bread intended for the army was discovered that was only composed of entirely indigestible ingredients. The vodka (grog), that in Russia is an indispensable part of the army supplies, was most unblushingly watered.

Queen Mercedes's estate was easily settled. According to Spanish law her lands, jewels and dower should have been returned to her father, and the King had ordered inventories to be taken, when the Duke of Montpensier interfered and insisted that the King should retain his wife's property. Alfonso refused to consent to this, as it would be an act of injustice toward the Duke's children, and the Infanta Christine counselled him to accept. The King thus came into possession of the palace and estate of Castilleja, near Seville, of the Queen's wonderful jewels, and of her marriage portion of \$5,000,000. The dividend upon the stocks of which the dowry is composed had not been collected, nor had the Queen's allowance from the Spanish Treasury been drawn at the time of her death. These sums are to be distributed among the poor of Madrid.

American Life in Paris.

Paris Correspondent of the Atlantic Monthly.

What is called the American colony in Paris consists of about 2,000 families, a large proportion of them from the South. A great many of them might be regarded almost as permanent residents. A goodly number of them are people of little means, who find that they can live so much cheaper here than in an American city that they have concluded to stay. One of these remarked to me to-day: "I can live better in Paris on \$3,000 per annum than I could in New York on \$5,000." He proceeded to detail the difference. In New York he would be regarded as nobody unless he owned or rented a brown-stone house at from \$4,000 to \$6,000 per annum. Here he could obtain a suite of elegant apartments, in a fashionable neighborhood, for \$800 to \$1,000 per annum and make as good an appearance as any one else in his sphere. In New York he would have to pay \$10 per week for a coachman, whilst here he could engage a landau, with a fine pair of horses, and a liveried footman thrown in, to be always at the reasonable call of his family, for \$12 to \$15 per week. Then he said he could clothe himself and family at one-half the expense, and much better, than he could in New York; that servant hire was not half the cost, and that service better; that there were always amusements here at moderate cost, and a cab affordable to take him and family home at all hours of the night for two francs; whilst in New York such a luxury would cost \$5. Then there was little or none of the trouble of housekeeping in Paris, as a family can be fed cheaper than it can feed itself, if satisfied with French living. But, he remarked, an American can never feel contented or comfortable in Paris until he goes to housekeeping and orders his own food, and prescribes the mode of cooking it. He then proceeded to detail the table d'hôte, but it is an abomination to the American. As soon as they get under their own roofs they all fall back to the American mode of living, and luxuriate in griddle cakes, muffins, hot rolls and buttered cakes, all of which Parisians would regard as poison. They exorcise the horrible French parties, roast and stuff their chickens instead of broiling or frying them, serve up salad without oil, and let those who love oil oil it; they eat their peas and beans and potatoes with their meals, and all things generally just as they did at home. They know exactly what they are eating, and no longer shut their eyes and swallow whatever is given them, without knowing very often whether it is fish, or fowl, or what. When an American gets under his own roof he is happy in Paris, and the ladies especially become attached to it. In short, he maintained that an income of \$3,000 per annum would enable a man here to keep his family in as good a position in polite society as could be done at a cost of \$10,000 in New York. There were certain expenses necessary to position that were not required here, and that a fine showing can be made of a limited purse.

Chancellor Haven on Sea-Sickness.

Chancellor Haven, who was a passenger on the steamer City of Chester, from New York, and was not sea-sick, has written a paper on the subject of sea-sickness for the Syracuse Northern Courier, in which he says: "My theory of sea-sickness requires first that you should know the cause. Now, the cause is that you are subjected on ship-board to a chronic succession of earthquakes. Whatever will neutralize earthquakes will cure it. You look at the side of your room. It is going down, down, down. Then it creeps and turns about and goes up, up, up. Then it wriggles. Now, corner tips in one angle, and now another corner tips in another angle. You start to pick up your hat and run against your roommate, or plunge against the wall; your head begins to swim, and

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