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STATE CONVENTION.

A Convention of the State is called to meet in Fairmont on Wednesday, the 10th day of MAY, 1888, at 10 o'clock A. M., to select four delegates and four alternates to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago June 19, 1888, for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported for President and Vice President of the United States at the election in November next.

All voters without regard to political affiliations, who are in favor of elevating and dignifying American labor, protecting and extending home industries, giving free popular education to the masses of the people, effectually restoring all human rights in every section of our common country, and who desire to promote friendly feeling and permanent harmony throughout the State by maintaining a State and National Government pledged to these objects and principles, are cordially invited to attend this Convention and participate in its deliberations.

The Congressional Committee of the several Districts are called to convene Conventions in their Districts, to select in each two delegates and two alternates to said Chicago Convention. We urge on County Committees the propriety of early action in the matter of holding county meetings for the purpose of appointing delegates to the State and District Conventions.

We recommend that one delegate be appointed for every one hundred votes cast for filling and leaving, or fractional part thereof equal to one-half, as a basis of representation to said Conventions.

By order of the Republican State Central Committee.

W. J. W. COWDEN, Chairman.

J. W. ATENSHOF, Secretary.

The Intelligencer.

WHEELING, W. VA., APRIL 17, 1888.

I am for Cleveland, Free Trade and no Custom House—Henry George.

British manufacturers would give a great deal of money to pass the Mills bill. They are very enterprising in matters of this kind.

The Government report shows that this has been an unusually cold month thus far, and in consequence vegetation is in arrears. But it has been splendid weather for ploughing and other farm work.

That was a very pretty little dicker the Democratic managers had with some of the Labor party men of West Virginia, but there seems to be something wrong with the trigger. Somehow or other the thing doesn't go off.

"A Democrat on the Wing" asks ex-Senator Camden some questions with a sharp point to them. Need the INTELLIGENCER assure Mr. Camden that his columns are always open to him on the basis of "the most favored nation?"

Everybody interested in Wheeling will be glad to know that the Hinge Factory is to be rebuilt at once. The gentlemen interested have shown true grit, and it is to be hoped that the fire may be the last of the misfortunes of their undertaking.

HAMPSHIRE county is taking hold in earnest and putting her Auxiliary Association in working order. The movement is in the hands of the progressive men of that splendid county, and they will make it go. The way to make the whole movement a success and for every county to get its share of the benefits, is for every county to do its level best.

The tariff debate opens at high noon today in the House of Representatives at Washington, Chairman Mills of the Ways and Means Committee leading off in support of his bill, and Judge Kelley following on behalf of the minority of the committee. There are upwards of eighty members who have notified the Speaker of their intention to say a word or two.

LOUISIANA follows Rhode Island and holds her State election to-day. Ex-Governor H. C. Warmouth is the Republican nominee and ex-Governor Nicholas the Democratic nominee. The Democracy have a feud on hand and it may be that the Republicans, notwithstanding the practical disfranchisement of the colored brother, will achieve success.

Council and the City Boards.

The history of the formation of the various City Boards of Wheeling is so recent, and the causes which induced that step so well known, that it is not necessary at this time to review the history of the subject. The Boards were born in the face of great opposition, much of which was honest but based on a misconception of the situation. To say that the Boards, in spite of any and all defects, have fully vindicated the wisdom of their establishment, is to say only that which every observing man in the City of Wheeling knows to be true.

The generally excellent administration of every branch of the public service which these Boards have administered, gives ample and conclusive testimony to their efficiency. Not only so, but as they gather experience they improve, giving the people still more and more for the money entrusted to them for their disbursement. While it is no more than was to have been expected, it is nevertheless worth while to recall the creditable fact, that no scandal is connected with the administration of any of these Boards. Their work in the main has not only been performed on approved business principles, but has achieved results which stand to the lasting credit of the men who have composed these bodies.

Every citizen of Wheeling remembers that condition of affairs out of which the public service of this city was lifted by the creation of these Boards, when the executive business of the city was administered by committees of Council—a strange and unprofitable mixing of legislative with executive functions. That was the day of transacting business by

log-rolling. Everybody understood it and knew that it could be accomplished in no other way. This was not all. The money having been appropriated, there was no guarantee that the people would get any substantial improvement for their money. It does not follow that the money was dishonestly handled; it was simply wasted.

The record of the Boards tells a very different story. There has been a steady increase in the gas and water system, requiring large and continuous outlay of money. In these respects much remains to be done, but the Boards having these matters in charge are on the right line and, if they be not hampered in their operations, there is good reason to expect that they will materially increase the efficiency of their systems and to the public satisfaction in the matter of cost. The growing miles of the finest paved streets in the country attest the value of the services rendered by the Board of Public Works—a substantial and notable improvement which has done at least as much as any other one thing to attract attention to the City of Wheeling.

The idea upon which the Board system is based is, that the Boards shall always be composed of representative business men, in whose hands the work is placed to be carried on at their reasonable discretion, Council being ever present as a general brake to stop evident waste or dishonesty. The element of discretion is essential to the life of the Boards and the successful prosecution of their work. For, it is not to be supposed that the kind of men who ought to perform these services will consent to do it if their hands are to be tied at every turn, and their respective Boards degraded to the servile condition of mere hewers of wood and drawers of water for Council. Nor can this be the expectation of Council itself when it asks responsible men, who are placed under bond for the faithful performance of their duty, to place themselves in a position where no honor can come to them and little good, if any, can result to the public service in which they are engaged.

It may be that Council has the right to exact of the Boards the most dependent services, to control entirely all their funds and to supervise in its minute details and to the last dollar the entire operation of the Board system. Yet to do this would be to cripple seriously—at last to destroy—the best agency ever devised by the city of Wheeling for its advancement. Wheeling has a very imperfect form of municipal government and the Board system was very happily devised to cover some of the weakest places.

It would be a serious blunder and a long step to the rear that would take from the city any part of the benefits of the system which grows more valuable every year. It is for Council to say whether this shall be done. There is no natural antagonism between Council and the Boards, for the Boards are the creatures of Council, and upon Council is reflected the credit for all the good work that may be accomplished by the Boards.

The business men have begun to lay hold of the tariff question and to tell what they know about it; which is bad for the party of free trade. Business men are not much given to theory. They deal in facts, and facts are particularly what free trade cannot stand, for free trade is "a science based on assumptions."

Elsewhere we print from the New York Press a letter by Col. W. L. Strong, a man largely engaged in mercantile manufacture, an observer and a thinker, and withal a man of strong character. Col. Strong shows that if the American wage-earner paid the whole tariff he would still be the gainer by an aggregate of \$388,713,893 on the comparative basis of American wages and English wages. This puts the question of wages and tariff in a nut-shell so that everybody may comprehend it; and the free traders cannot upset this way of putting it.

Col. Strong says some other things which should set Americans to thinking, for they have to do with our bread and butter. He shows that the free trade utterances of President Cleveland have set British manufacturers on keen edge, hoping for a larger share of our trade. If they get more, American manufacturers and American wage-earners will get less. The best way to dash the British hopes raised by the free trade doings is to defeat the Mills bill and elect a President on a protection platform and with a protection record of his own. If the people want protection they cannot hope to get it by voting for free trade.

SOME STARTLING FACTS.
 The National Pay Roll of American Labor Compared with Europe.
 Correspondence of the New York Press.

In reading the argument of the majority of the Committee of Ways and Means on the tariff bill they have agreed upon and reported to Congress, I notice that they give the value of the entire production of all kinds of manufacturing in this country as \$7,000,000,000, and I accept that amount as correct. The pay roll to produce that amount of merchandise in this country paid direct to employees of the different manufacturing concerns amounted to \$1,400,000,000.

Now, to produce the same amount of merchandise in Germany they would only pay out \$610,000,000, and in England they would pay \$784,000,000. These stubborn facts show the following: We pay in this country \$784,000,000 more to our wage-earners than would be paid out in Germany to produce the same amount of goods, and \$610,000,000 more than would be paid out in free trade England for the same amount of product.

The entire revenue collected by us on all importations during the year ending

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June 30, 1887, amounted to \$217,286,893. If the wage earners paid all of this amount (which of course they do not) they would have a balance of \$388,713,893 to their credit on the English pay roll and \$896,713 to their credit on the German pay roll.

Who can look at this plain statement of facts and advocate the adoption of the Mills bill, now before Congress? The main argument of the friends of this bill is that it will "reduce the tariff." The surplus, and the only way to do that, they say, is to reduce the tariff; when the past experience has shown that only a very slight reduction on one article alone increased the revenue from that source just five times. And the practical operation of the Mills bill would be, were it to become a law on the first of July next, to increase our revenue just about 100 per cent between that date and January 1, 1889, and paralyze for a year the largest part of our industries in this country.

The great textile manufacturing interest in this country to-day is suffering just from the fact that the impression is that we have a free trade President, and there is scarcely a mill of any prominence in all Europe that has not sent a salesman over here to take orders for their products, with the belief that the revenue would not be collected; and hundreds of styles and kinds of fabrics have been sent to this country during 1887 that were never before sent here. Most of their fabrics are sent out here at a less cost than they can be made for over there, lessening the duties to be paid on the goods sent here half what they would pay if the real cost at the place they were made were given.

The estimate to-day of the number of foreign salesmen in this country soliciting orders for merchandise is about one hundred to every one hundred and fifty American salesmen. In 1883, it is not time that the honest wage-earners and the business men of this country wake up and look at these astounding facts and use their influence to put in nomination for the Presidency a business man, a friend of the laboring man, one who has been tried and has never proved recreant to them in their interests?

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 First District Republican Convention.

A Convention of the First Congressional District of West Virginia, is called to meet at Littleton on the 10th day of June, 1888, at 1 o'clock p.m., to select two delegates and two alternates to the National Republican Convention to be held in Chicago June 19, 1888. The County Committees of the several counties of said District are requested to select according to their usage delegates to said Convention, on the basis of one delegate for each one hundred votes cast for filling and leaving, or fractional part thereof equal to one-half.
 ap17 W. J. W. COWDEN, Chairman.

At a meeting of the Republican Committee of Ohio county held on Monday, April 16, in the city of Wheeling, it was resolved to call a Primary School to be held on Saturday, May 5, for the purpose of selecting delegates to a County Convention to be held in the New Court House on the following Monday, May 7, at 2 p.m., to choose delegates to the Congressional District Convention to be held in the National Republican Convention. The primary will be held in each district from 7 to 9 a.m. The primaries for the county districts will be held from 2 until 5 p.m. Each district will elect five delegates to said Convention. The places for holding the primaries have been designated as follows: Washington, Vigilant, Engine House; Madison, Market, House; City, Old Court House; Union, Police Court Room; Centre, Hook and Ladder House; Labelle Hall; Ritchie, Eighth Ward House; Richland, Brick School House; Liberty, Centre School House; Triadelphia, the regular voting place in Triadelphia. This Convention will also select a new County Committee. All Republicans and all who intend to support the best policy in the world are cordially invited to participate in the primaries.
 ap17 RALPH WHITEHEAD, Chairman.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.
 By virtue of a Deed of Trust made by Alameda Welch and Patrick Welch her husband, to me as trustee, dated April 20, 1886, recorded in the office of the Clerk of the County Court of Ohio county, West Virginia, in Book of Trust Book No. 24, page 223, I will sell at the north front door of the Court House of said county, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of MAY, 1888, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following property, that is to say: The parts of the lots numbered sixteen and seventeen in the square numbered four on the map of the addition of said city of Wheeling laid out by Baker and Carroll, bounded as follows: Beginning at a point on the south line of Baker street twenty feet east of the east line of the alley running through said square between St. Clairsville street and Carroll street, and parallel with said streets; thence east along the line of said Baker street twenty feet; thence south sixty feet; thence west parallel with Baker street twenty feet; thence north to the east line of the alley; thence east to the east line of the alley; thence south to the south line of Baker street twenty