

Republican District Convention.
A republican congressional convention for the fourth district, to nominate a representative in congress, will be held at the Douglass opera house, in the village of Dowagiac, at 11 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, August 29th, 1888. The counties of the district will be entitled to delegates as follows:
Berrien 17, Cass 11, Kalamazoo 17, St. Joseph 13, Van Buren 14.
Dated, Paw Paw, July 30, 1888.

C. L. EATON,
Chairman Rep. Con. Com.

Republican County Convention.
A republican convention for the county of Van Buren will be held at the village of South Haven, on Thursday August 30th, 1888, at eleven o'clock a. m., for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for county officers and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the convention. The several townships of the county will be entitled to delegates as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Delegates. Includes Alcona, Antwerp, Blount, Bangor, Columbia, Covert, Decatur, Geneva, etc.

G. L. EATON,
Chairman Rep. Co. Com.
J. L. BRECK, Secretary.

THERE has been no question at any time as to how the republicans of Van Buren county stand on the saloon question. The passage of a resolution at the county convention held at Law-rence last week demanding the re-enactment of a local option law but served to emphasize the fact of their bitter opposition to the liquor traffic and their determination that "the saloon must go."

The democratic party has discovered its mistake in attempting to fight the battle with THURMAN's old snuff rag as an oriflame—vide the Detroit Free Press—and allowing the republicans to fight under the stars and stripes, and so its national committee has ordered that the party emblem shall be a red bandana with the national flag stamped thereon. Perhaps the memory of the disastrous defeat of the southern wing of the democracy a quarter of a century since, when it was fighting under the stars and bars and against the old flag, admonished the policy of the danger of wearing strange banners. It's too late now, however; the democratic party is doomed to disastrous defeat, and can not secure salvation by any such hedging.

THE death of General PHILIP H. SHERIDAN leaves us but one of the great trio of military geniuses developed by the war of the rebellion, GRANT, SHERMAN, SHERIDAN. No generation ever produced their equal. Notwithstanding the fact that the people well understood that SHERIDAN was dangerously ill, the news of his death was a shock to the entire country. The favorable reports of his physicians had raised hopes of his eventual recovery, hopes that proved to be unfounded. Never conquered before, victorious in all the battles he ever fought, he was compelled, like the rest of men, to surrender to the last great enemy, and the nation mourns. He is one of the few immortal names not born to die. Peace to his ashes.

Free Trade Ujant to the Farmer.

The advocates of free trade are especially earnest in their appeals to the western farmer, as the voter most likely to furnish aid in overturning the existing fiscal policy of this country, and once more trying that of England. In their efforts to this end they are untiring, ingenious, unscrupulous. No possible resort remains untried, no illustration unused, no appeal long neglected. They seek to inflame the worthy ambition to better one's condition in life by picturing a mythical market which is at once both the cheapest for the buyer and the dearest for the seller. They seek to create sectional prejudice by persistent repetitions in speeches and writings of the antithesis "western farmers," "eastern manufacturers,"—just as if the west had no manufactures, the east no agriculture. They ignore the common-sense inference that, if the people of the United States paid the duty on foreign competing articles sold in this country, the foreigner would be by no means so persistent for the removal of our tariff. In view of such tactics it will be well for farmers to keep in mind certain facts which with practical men are likely to outweigh all the theories of British free traders and their attorneys in the United States.

Money is necessary to the existence of government. Under our fiscal system the main reliance of states, counties and municipalities is upon taxation of property—the exception being the sale of licenses for carrying on certain lines of business. Money raised by taxation comes from owners of factories, machinery and other personal property, as well as from farms and farm equipments, and is the price paid by the owners for the defence of their rights in property and the peaceable pursuit of the business of their choice. To exempt any one man's property from taxation would be an injustice to all compelled to pay taxes. Yet this is just what free trade proposes to do. American owners of farms, houses, machinery, etc., are to be taxed, while the same rights they enjoy are to be given free to others, to men who owe no allegiance to our government and who seek profits from trade here to be spent in other countries.

Hay, barley, wheat, wool, etc., are grown in large quantities by Canadian farmers who never paid a cent of taxes toward the support of our government. If these men prefer to send their products here to be sold in our markets, why should they not be taxed, at least as much as our farmers are taxed, for the privilege? But the free traders say no, let the foreigner have our markets without cost, although the American farmer's taxes need to be increased in consequence, and then complacently suggest that if growing such articles under this one-sided arrangement proves unprofitable our farmers can turn their attention to some other production.

Protection insures for our own citizens not only the best, but always the best chance in the markets of the country they have helped to build up. This is both patriotic and good business policy. Its opposite is the un-American policy advocated by the president and other free trade advocates, and for which they have received the plaudits of the Cobden club and every prominent journal in Great Britain. It remains to be seen if a majority of American farmers agree with them.

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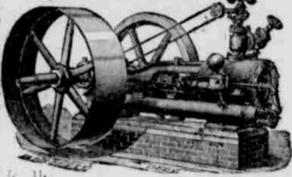
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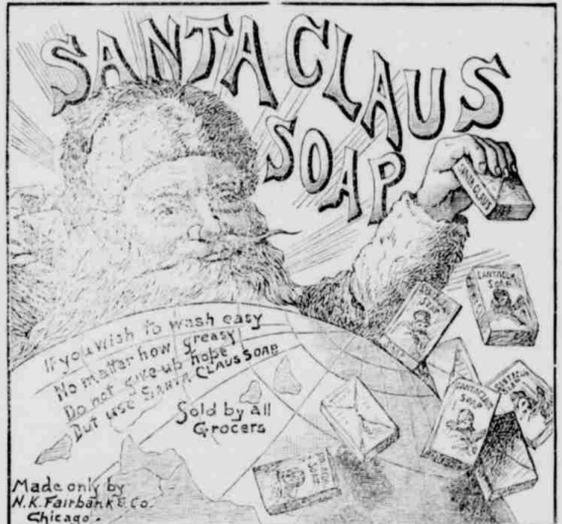
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