

Convention Notes.

The Democratic Convention at Chicago was called to order at 12:45 o'clock Tuesday by Chairman Bar-

There is much dissatisfaction with a large portion of the New York delegation against Cleveland, and this has a tendency to weaken his support with other delegates.

Allen G. Thurman, of Ohio, is regarded as the "noblest Roman of them all," but the young Democracy of Ohio, such as Governor Hoadly, seems to have crowded him out, though he may boom up as a dark horse ere the convention closes.

It was claimed by Cleveland's friends previous to organization that he would have 500 votes upon the first ballot.

Bayard's friends claim 250 votes. Governor Hendricks thinks McDonald, of Indiana, will come in as a compromise candidate.

Sam Randall thinks the convention will last a week. LATER—Colonel W. F. Vilas, of Wisconsin, was elected permanent chairman on Wednesday, and the business of the convention proceeded with.

The nomination of Bayard, McDonald, Thurman, Carlisle and Cleveland have been made, but there will be no balloting till a report of the Committee on Resolutions (platform) is made.

Phelps, Missouri's committeeman, betrayed the trust of his constituents by voting for Converse. We fear a ballot will not be reached to report this week.

We learn through the Macon Times that a lawsuit was tried by Circuit Judge Ellison, at LaPlata, in Macon County, recently, involving the rights of property to the Baptist Church in that place.

JAKE GAUDIER, the champion St. Louis oarsman, won a three-mile race on Charles River, Boston, with Hosmer. Gaudier also won the three-mile race for a single scull.

THAT Governor Crittenden was not sent as a delegate at large to Chicago is an outrage that should bring the blush of shame to every Democrat in the State.—Paris Mercury.

QUERY.—If the defeat of Governor Crittenden for delegate at large to Chicago should bring the blush of shame an inch deep to every Democrat in the State, how deep ought the Monroe delegation bluish who voted against Colonel John B. Hale for district delegate? Let's have your figures, Brother Mason.

We do not know how much opposition Mr. Alexander is to have in this district for Congress. Like a faithful representative, he remained at his post till Congress adjourned.

It is charged that Ben Butler helped to split the Democratic party while a delegate to the Charleston Convention in 1860, thereby causing two Democratic tickets to be put in the field, both of which were, as a matter of course, badly beaten.

JUDGE BASHAW went home last Monday night from the Clay County Convention, which elected a Marmaduke delegation to the State nominating convention.

Brother J. M. Gallimore, who thirteen years since embarked in a newspaper enterprise in Salisbury, has severed his connection with the business of journalism by the sale of his interest to J. E. Dismukes.

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A blind man with a music box

From Kingman, Kansas.

KINGMAN, June 30, 1884.

As your paper has a good circulation in the neighborhoods from which I am constantly receiving letters of inquiry about Southern Kansas, and our county especially, I ask space to make this general answer, in addition to private correspondence.

I am frequently interrogated as to the length and severity of the winters. Of this I can not speak from personal experience; judging from our latitude I should say the winters are not so severe, nor long, as with you, by from four to six weeks.

Kingman is one of the group of rich agricultural counties in Southern Kansas, possessing three factors that should figure largely in location, viz., soil, water and climate.

In point of water she is superior to most of the counties, and equal to any in the other two. We have the virgin soil, that our mutual friend, Tom Marr, of the Glasgow Mills, says is necessary to the best growth and yield in wheat. We are in the golden wheat belt of the West, as the waving fields and millions of sheaves now testify, and to be seen all around wherever the eye can reach.

I think the country grand; like it splendidly, as does also my family. Wish I had made the change years ago.

As to advising others to do as I have done, I do not. All men are not similarly situated. I wanted elbow room. Here I have it. Land is cheap; very cheap, when compared to Missouri lands generally.

It is absolutely worth more money and selling for much less. In a State destined to lead all the States of the union in less than ten years; a State possessing a wonderful history, Kansas has given more homes to the homeless, has contributed more from her natural resources to the furtherance and progress of whatever is grand or great than any other State.

But I am drifting, and failing to do just what I set out to do. To young men struggling, as some of ours are back East with logs, stumps, trash, ditches and feeding stock in the mud six or twelve inches deep six months in the year, they are simply fooling time away.

I expect failures here: every State has its drawbacks. By careful comparison there are infinitely few here. God in his mercy has given a variety of the things of this life, and scattered them profusely. Our education and circumstances enter largely into our conclusions, which, in my case, would prejudice me against Kansas. But I am not blind to facts and figures.

I now reiterate: We have a good country; well located, geographically; fine soil; water in abundance for all purposes, clear and sparkling; climate to suit me, good enough.

The fruit crop is a sure crop all the time—apples, peaches, pears, plums, cherries and small fruit, likewise. I have seen growing here as fine red clover, blue grass, timothy and white clover as in my old famous neighborhood in Howard.

The season has been good, or moderately so—fully more rain than we seem to need. The crops promise a bountiful yield; all are now matured except corn.

Our roads are naturally always good; no mud, no bogs, as a rule. Fifty bushels of wheat drawn by a span of ponies would not get very far in some places you and I could mention. It is an average lead here.

The Missouri delegation at Chicago are offered as follows: National Committee—John G. Prather. Chairman—John O'Day. Secretary of Delegation—E. B. Ewing.

Vice President of the Convention—J. B. Thomas. Committee on Credentials—E. M. Harber. Committee on Resolutions—W. H. Phelps.

Congress adjourned on the 7th inst. The session was a long one, and aside from the usual appropriation bills, there was not much important legislation.

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was one of the street attractions on Tuesday.

"Have your hair mowed?" is the polite interrogation of the tonsorial artist now-a-days.

—W. S. Stockwell turned the eagle loose at Carrollton on the Fourth. His oration is spoken of in terms of praise by those who heard him.

—We learn that a colored man living in or near this place got into trouble at Forrest Green on Sunday, and came out second best, his anatomy having been perforated in several places by bullets. We were unable to learn the particulars.

—The Sunday-school Union picnic at the springs, on the Fourth, was a pleasant affair.

—The question of a good bridge over the Chariton, between this place and Bynumville, will soon be settled, if the interested townships will make an appropriation to put up the approaches.

—The loungers on the street, on Monday last, were suddenly thrown into a state of excitement by the sudden appearance of Joseph Duff, who, with pistol in hand, was conducting one Leckler, a young man, in a way that showed something was wrong. Leckler and the pistol were both turned over to Constable Redd, and an investigation developed the following state of facts: It seems that some time ago Leckler and Wm. Duff had a misunderstanding, and young Leckler, thinking to settle the matter, buckled a six-shooter around him and went to hunt his man, whom he found plowing in his corn-field.

Just what words took place between them is not clear, but ended in an attempt on the part of Leckler to get his hand on his pistol. Leckler claims that Duff tried to take his pistol from him, and that he (Leckler) put his hand on it to prevent Duff's taking it, and with no intention of shooting. However this may be, Leckler was disarmed by the Duff boys (Joe having come up in the meantime) and marched to town and turned over to the proper authorities. After consulting an attorney it was decided to release Leckler, as no case could be made out against him, and after he was discharged his murderous-looking "gun" was turned over to him. The Duff boys, Joe and Will, are nice young gentlemen, and never were known to be quarrelsome or disorderly in any way. Leckler is a brother-in-law of John Williams, who lives a short distance west of town, and who recently came from Colorado, where he doubtless imbibed the cowboy idea to some extent. In justice to him we will say that in our opinion he was merely playing a big game of bluff and lost. We trust that he will dispose of his pistol, turn his attention to the paths of peace, and in the future so live that he may win the respect and esteem of those who now regard him in rather an unfavorable light because of his rash, not to say foolish, act.

SENATOR MACKAY is making a most vigorous canvass for Lieutenant Governor, with fair prospects of success. We think Chariton county is deserving of this office, and we hope to see the Senator successful.

BRUNSWICK BOTTOM. —On one farm in our bottom the self-binder has rattled its merry music during the last six days, and it will take four more to finish the heavy crop thereon.

—Although it is Sunday, George Walli, whose wife died several days ago, hired a machine to reap his little crop to-day.

The late sown wheat is not so well filled in the ear as the early sown. Mildew has done a little damage. Some fields, not pastured this spring by hogs, have been badly lodged. The yield, as compared with previous years, is 100 per cent. Acreage, 120 per cent. Very little cheat was sown or came up voluntarily, therefore very little is found in the fields. One field, however, contains in its boundaries an area of about one-tenth of an acre where cheat stands as thick as the seed that was last year allowed to ripen thereon and fall to the ground could make it stand, and the wheat last fall drilled in among the cheat came up, but perished; yet it would be ill-breeding to forbid any reader of these lines to say and believe to his heart's content that that drilled wheat certainly did not perish, but obviously turned to cheat, and some one was cheated.

Nearly all of the tobacco patches have been planted; some were finished last Sunday morning. Acreage 90.

Nearly every Sunday afternoon a jovial gathering of German residents may be found—first at one place and then at another—quaffing the foaming beer by the quarter barrel. Often are they re-enforced by thirty-two people, who long to sip their national beverage once in a while in the pure country air. Dancing and athletic sports are then and there indulged in; and the amusement seekers enjoy not only the glorious benefits showered upon one by American political institutions; but, in the cool shades of our little kingdom may, without molestation, aid to consume floods of godly barley juice, with no one to lord it over him except god Bacchus. Truly the emigrant from Bismarck's fatherland may thank his star that led him away from the rule of the blood and iron hand into this Canaan of unbounded freedom.

Lutheran Sunday morning services are held every second Sunday at the school-house in District No. 2.

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CLIMBING the SPIRAL STAIRS.

Forty excursionists started from Columbia, Mo., last Sunday night, bound for Chicago. They called themselves "the Tilden Party."

The reside ice of C. H. Allen, near Booneville, Mo., with its contents, was destroyed by fire Saturday night. The family escaped in their night clothes.

A TRAIN went through a burning bridge on the Missouri Pacific, Sunday night, near Checola, Texas. Ten cars were wrecked and burned, and a brakeman named Moore killed.

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