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### A REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

will be held in

NOROMBEGA HALL, Bangor,

Thursday, April 26, 1888, at 11 o'clock

a. m.

For the purpose of electing two candidates for Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, and four delegates at large, and four alternates to attend the National Convention, to be held at Chicago, Illinois on Tuesday, June 19, 1888, and transacting any other business that may properly come before it.

The basis of representation will be as follows:

Each city, town and plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each seventy-five votes cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1884, an additional delegate, and for a fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five votes, an additional delegate.

The State Committee will be in session in the reception room of the Hall at nine o'clock on the morning of the Convention, for the purpose of receiving the credentials of delegates.

All electors of Maine, without regard to past political differences, who are in sympathy with the sentiments expressed in the call of the National Committee for the Republican National Convention, are cordially invited to unite with the Republicans of the State in selecting delegates to this Convention.

Per order Republican State Committee.

JOSEPH H. MAXLEY, Chairman.

WILLIS H. WING, Secretary.

AUGUSTA, Maine, February 11, 1888.

Gen. Adam Badeau is about to see Gen. Grant's estate for alleged services on the General's memoirs—services which apparently he never rendered. What fate Badeau possesses was due to the boasting of Gen. Grant, and he now is repaying his benefactor by a groundless suit against his family.

The Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe engineers have got rested and gone to work again. Their recuperation was unexpected, rapid, due perhaps largely to a despatch from Chief Arthur who had the decency to see that such a causeless strike would surely put the Brotherhood in bad odor with the public.

It is very well to declaim against the horrors of foreign travel, but when one's shoes and one's hat are in the hands of a foreigner, and he is obliged to wear them, it is not so easy to declaim. The cleaning of the snow in New York City has been left to the native Americans the city would be shocked yet. The Slovians and the Italians, children of sunshine these, excited great admiration by the way they went through the drifts.

The Manitobans have won in their contest with the Dominion government and the Canadian Pacific road. They are to have their railroad, and the Canadian Pacific monopoly is to be brought off to the tune of \$6,000,000. An intimation from the imperial government that it would not sanction any act that might put a rebellion in the Northwest softened Sir John's obdurate heart and made the Canadian Pacific willing to exchange its monopoly for cash. The already overburdened Canadian taxpayers, especially those of the maritime provinces, who will have to pay the \$6,000,000 will not be altogether happy, but they may take what consolation is to be found in the reflection that had a rebellion broken out in the Northwest it would cost a good deal more than \$6,000,000 to put it down.

The question of reciprocity between Canada and the United States, the discussion of which was for a time suspended when the American Commission refused to make it a part of the fishery negotiations, is as much a burning issue as ever in Canada. Last week a fierce debate was precipitated in the Dominion House of Commons by a resolution proposed by Sir Richard Cartwright, and which called for unrestricted reciprocity with the United States. The question is more largely political than commercial, liberals favoring it, while the Macdonald Tories oppose. The discussions in Parliament are reported at great length, and commented on in the papers with a spirit that shows great popular interest in the matter. The interest is in marked contrast with the indifference with which the proposition is looked upon on this side of the line.

In a letter to the Connecticut Home, a Prohibition organ, Gen. Neal Dow says, speaking of the Portland election: "Our defeat was a practical victory. Our vote was ten times larger—nearly than that of last year."

The Prohibition vote last year was 95, Gen. Dow's vote this year was 1,394; 861 votes of this number were cast for the Prohibition vote, and the balance, 530, went to the Democrats, and the balance, 300—ten times 95—to the Prohibitionists. But the aggregate vote for the Prohibition vote tickets, which were distinct, was only 425. This is the true test of the strength of the Prohibition vote. 425 is less than five times the vote of a year ago. But the vote of a year ago did not represent the Third Party strength. The previous year it had thrown 194, and the year before that 436, or eleven more than it threw this year. Gen. Dow has a happy faculty of seeing things from a great many angles. He is well acquainted with the facts that the Third Party strength increased this year ten times over last, or at all over what it was in 1885.

The death of Senator Hippolyte Carnot, of France, which occurred last week, recalls a fact that seems strange in the annals of that some of the brightest and most prominent men on the Continent have been socialists. Senator Carnot, who was father of President Sadi-Carnot, was the son of that even more famous Carnot, who was war minister of the French Revolution. As a young man Hippolyte Carnot was in close sympathy with the French socialists. He was a socialist, and he was a socialist in the sense that Simon, the founder of the famous school of socialists as well as a distinguished soldier of the American Revolution. Carnot not only professed but publicly advocated socialism with his pen. As he grew older, however, and as the theories of the socialists grew bolder, he modified his views. As a politician he was an ardent Republican, and lost his seat in the National Assembly of 1872 because he would not take the oath of allegiance to Louis Napoleon. Since 1875 he has been a Senator of France.

The arguments before the Supreme Court in the telephone cases were closed February 14, 1888, and the cases submitted to the court for decision. All the cases were consolidated so that all the questions raised against the validity of the Bell patent were finally settled by the decision of the court, announced yesterday. That decision sustains completely the Bell patent at every point, and disposes finally of questions of want of novelty and of fraud in procuring the patent. Mr. Gardiner's Patent Electric Company, as well as all the other telephone companies, except the Bell, are smashed by this decision. The administration, which underlooked in behalf of the Pan-Electric gang, to break down the Bell patent, will hardly find the opinion of the court consoling. The pretence that it was necessary for the government to undertake its suit to protect the rights of the public is nonsense, for all the questions raised in the Pan-Electric suit had been raised in other cases already before the court.

The careful canvass of the drift of Republican sentiment as regards Presidential candidate in five important States, as gathered by the Philadelphia Times, indicates pretty clearly that the first ballot in the Republican convention will choose a long list of candidates, all with considerable support, but all of them falling far short of the number of votes necessary to a nomination. The "favorite son" will make his appearance from a great many States. At the first ballot he will begin to disappear, and when the second ballot is taken the list of candidates will be reduced materially. It is obvious from the canvass that Mr. Blaine had not forbidden the use of his name he would have received the practically unanimous vote of all these five States with the exception of Ohio, on the first ballot, and that on the second ballot, if a second ballot had been necessary, would probably have gone for him. With Mr. Blaine out of the field it would be useless to attempt to predict where the nomination will go.

President Corbin's letter to the striking employees of the Reading railroad who asked to be taken back in firm in its refusal of their request. Yet the employees can hardly complain that it is not just. Mr. Corbin calls their attention to the facts that the strike was not about wages, a question which he says his company has always been ready to meet in a just and kindly way, but simply to compel the company to submit to the dictation of the leaders of the Knights of Labor. Such dictation, Mr. Corbin says, the Reading road will never submit to unless the Knights get strong enough to take possession of the road against the interest and in defiance of the wishes of the owners. Mr. Corbin further points out that to take back the strikers would be a gross injustice to the new men employed who have been serving the company faithfully and who helped it out in an emergency, inasmuch as would necessitate their discharge. In view of the unfortunate position in which the strikers have been placed "by their blind and mistaken obedience to the order of the Knights of Labor," Mr. Corbin agrees to recommend for places elsewhere all old employees against whom there is no complaint except that they went on strike.

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A loving burdened heart  
That only seeks to rest,  
Upon the bosom of a  
Loving breast  
My good right hand forgets  
That it is not just  
To march the weary march  
I know not how.

I am not eager, bold,  
Nor strong—all that is past,  
I am ready to do,  
At last, at last.

My half-day's work is done,  
And this is all my part,  
I give a patient rest,  
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And gray his banner still,  
Though all its blue be dim,  
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unhappy exile was borne away until he  
came to a land stricken to him and known  
to most civilized men only by the strange  
name of Cameroun and its barbarous cus-  
toms of its natives. Malletto in the Cameroun  
may not be so romantic as the figure of  
Anbi Pasha at St. Helena, or even as Anbi  
at Colombo, but he is much more worthy  
of the name. He was removed from his  
throne in Samoa, not because he ruled badly,  
but because he put his confidence in the  
advice of the American and English consuls  
and refused to be the puppet of the Ger-  
mans. They therefore set out the claims of  
Tammie, who had been the monarch of  
Samoa, and sent him aboard a gunboat which  
left Apia under sealed orders last Septem-  
ber. The King's parting with his friends  
and family was described the time as he  
himself went through which the King bore  
himself with "truly royal dignity." The  
American consul at Samoa, who is Mr. Sewall,  
a Maine man, is said to be disposed to  
oppose the high handed performance of the  
Germans, but is hampered by his instruc-  
tions from Washington.

It goes hard with the small princes and  
potentates of the earth when England or  
Germany go to hold a throne. Anbi Pasha  
was summarily removed from Egypt to  
Colombo in Ceylon; Zehner, the powerful  
Egyptian whom England suspected of friend-  
ship to the Mahdi, was snatched from his  
throne and banished to the Sudan; the poor  
King Malletto, of Samoa, is subjected to  
the same sort of punishment. One day a  
German gunboat took aboard the simple-  
minded South Sea monarch and steamed  
away until Samoa became a blue speck and  
sank out of sight. For days and days the  
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