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Republican District Convention.

The Republicans of the First Congressional District will hold a Convention in

Reception Hall, Portland, May 2, 1888,

at 2 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of nominating candidates for Representative in Congress, and Elector of President and Vice President of the United States, and selecting two delegates and two alternates to attend the National Convention to be held at Chicago, on Tuesday, June 19, 1888; transacting any other business that may properly come before them.

The basis of representation will be as follows: Each city, town and plantation will be entitled to one delegate, and for each 75 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 District Committee will be in session at the Hall at one o'clock on the afternoon of the Convention for the purpose of receiving the credentials of Delegates.

Per order Republican District Committee.

ANDREW HAWES, Chairman,
SAMUEL W. JUNKINS, Sec'y.

Portland, March 26, 1888.

STATE OF MAINE.

A Proclamation by the Governor.

The Sixty-third Legislature of Maine passed the following act, approved March 10, 1887:

"That the Governor shall annually set apart a day in the spring as a day of prayer, and issue a proclamation recommending that it shall be observed by the people of the State in the adornment of trees, shrubs and vines, in the adornment of their homes, and in the observance of such other religious and patriotic observances as shall be in harmony with the general character of a day so established."

In obedience to the foregoing, believing in its wisdom, and that it has been fully approved by the public sentiment, I, Sebastian S. Marble, Governor of Maine, do hereby designate

Tuesday, the 1st day of May, A. D. 1888,

to be observed as Arbor Day.

Experience has demonstrated that good results follow tree planting wherever practiced, and I earnestly invite the people of Maine to prepare, and devote that day to the purposes in said act.

Given at the Capitol, Portland, Maine, this 26th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-eight, and of the independence of the United States of America the hundred and twelfth.

SEBASTIAN S. MARBLE.

By the Governor, OLANDAINE SMITH, Secretary of State.

The Foresters have rather grudgingly conceded seventeen days for debate on the tariff bill. The secret of their anxiety to get short the debate is said to be a desire to cut the bill through the House in advance of the St. Louis convention, in the belief that the practical effect will be to commit that body to free trade in advance. If that be their object we are inclined to think that it would be a good move politically for the Republicans to assist them to accomplish it.

Dr. H. P. Torrey of Kent's Hill Seminary writes to the Kennebec Journal that he believes much more can be accomplished for the cause of temperance inside the Republican party than outside of it. He says:

"It is well known that the nomination of our candidates is generally secured by a few prominent Republicans in our primary caucuses. The party men invariably say to me: 'We were Republicans, good and true, but we have changed our party to work for the good cause.' And when I ask 'Did you, while members of the Republican party, do your best to secure the right nomination?' they do not hesitate to answer where the selection of candidates is determined."

And reply to me: 'We did our best, but we failed. We bitterly blame the members of the Republican party for not doing what they were bound to do, and have left the party because others have failed to do what they failed to do.'

The New York Board of Aldermen have passed an ordinance taking from the Mayor the power to say what flag shall be hoisted over the City Hall, and placing it in their own hands. The meeting at which the vote was passed was taken advantage of by several members to make themselves solid with the Irish. The Mayor was of course sharply arraigned for his refusal to allow the Irish flag to float from the City Hall on St. Patrick's Day, and it was intimated that the refusal was the result of his English proclivities, in support of which it was alleged that the shop of the Mayor's grandfather had the British coat of arms on it. Only three of the aldermen voted against the ordinance.

Among the items in the River and Harbor bill is one appropriating \$5,000 for improving Mingo creek or river in South Carolina, and another appropriating \$2,500 for improving Clark creek or river in the same State. The same items were in the bill of 1886, and it was provided that the engineer in charge of the district should survey these creeks or rivers. After a thorough search he reported that he was not able to find either of them. Inquiry of Congressman Atkins of South Carolina failed to disclose their whereabouts, and the Charleston News and Courier after a vigorous hunt failed to discover the alleged streams into which Congress proposed to dump \$7,500. Finally the Augusta Chronicle managed to find two streaks of dampness and succeeded in identifying them by their location as Mingo and Clark creeks or rivers. It is not surprising that some Congressmen were anxious to rush the bill through without scrutiny.

The State Superintendent of Schools in his annual report just published takes a hopeful view of the condition and prospects of our public schools, and the facts and figures generally sustain it. In the matter of attendance there has been a decided improvement, the number of pupils having increased 444 over 1886, though the total number of children of school age in the State has decreased. The average number of school weeks, too, has been increased, a result which is attributable in large measure to the more general adoption of the town system. The teachers average better, and there is a growing care in their selection. Of the 7,585 teachers who have taught in our schools the past year, 6,471 had had experience, and 637 were graduates of normal schools. Most schools were reported in poor condition last year, but the Superintendent does not think that this necessarily shows any decline in the average of our school buildings. The Superintendent renews his recommendation for the abolition of the district system by legislative enactment, being convinced that it would add very greatly to the efficiency of our schools.

On Wednesday the Bangor Commercial published a statement said to have been made by Mr. O. M. Shaw, proprietor of the West End Hotel at Bangor, who had recently returned from Florence, to the effect that Mr. Blaine looked like a sick man. When the statement reached Portland, as it did the next morning, it had assumed this form:

"O. M. Shaw, proprietor of the West End Hotel, Bangor, is just home from Florence, Italy where he left the Hon. Mr. Blaine five weeks ago. He says Blaine will not be a candidate, but he is so weak that he is unable to talk of him as a candidate, and advises Maine gentlemen to accept the situation at once, and decide upon some other candidate."

In the statement made public by the Commercial there is not the slightest intimation that Mr. Shaw had ever conferred with Mr. Shaw about the nomination or his health. Nothing was said about any other disease. It was simply alleged that Mr. Blaine was appearing to that of a sick man. The story that the Commercial published had travelled from Bangor. It is acquired strength as rapidly as that journey as it did after it left Bangor, which there is no reason to doubt; as the air down there is very invigorating, in its original form it probably amounted to nothing more than a casual remark on the part of Mr. Shaw that Mr. Blaine looked pale.

One of the reasons given for fearing a depreciation of gas stock is the progress of lighting by electricity. As bearing upon this subject the following from an article entitled "Review of the Gas Interests in Canada" by Mr. Aubin, Dominion Consulting Gas Inspector, which is published in connection with the annual report of the Commissioner of Inland Revenue of the Dominion on the inspection of weights

and measures, and virtually made a part of the report, is of interest. Mr. Aubin says: "Everyone is aware, I suppose, that the first introduction of the electric light in cities either for public or private establishments caused great commotion among holders of gas stock and all participated in the numerous speculations connected with the production of artificial light. Many thought that the new illuminant would supersede and replace all the old systems which had cost the expenditure of so much labor, science, ingenuity and capital. This, however, has not yet been accomplished, and the new competitor for the public patronage, instead of discouraging its predecessors in the field, seems to have spurred gas engineers to further efforts in self-defense, and so far they have succeeded so well that it is now generally acknowledged that instead of having been annihilated, as predicted by many, the gas-light interest has, on the contrary, been considerably promoted and occupies today a better position in a financial point of view than before the public light having been at the same time, on the whole, notably and permanently benefited."

Elsewhere in his "Review" Mr. Aubin directly expresses the opinion "that gas as a light-giving agent does not as yet run any risk of defeat from its electric competitor." This is the opinion not of a theorist merely, but of a man who has a practical knowledge of the subject of which he treats.

The Republican Convention. The Republican convention at Bangor yesterday was characterized by large attendance, abundance of enthusiasm and general harmony. The convention's convictions on the questions of the day were clear and expressed concisely and forcibly. The policy of protection for American industries was earnestly endorsed; continued hostility to the saloon avowed; extension of civil service reform advocated, and the President rebuked for failure to redeem his promises on this subject; the subservience of the northern wing of the Democratic party to its masters of the south as disclosed by the action of the House on the direct tax bill pointed out; the weak and vacillating foreign policy of the present administration condemned and such a policy advocated as shall secure for the United States the respect from foreign powers that is their due. These are the salient points of a platform which will receive the hearty endorsement of the Republicans of Maine.

The delegates to Chicago were left uninstructed. They will be free to exercise their own judgment in the selection of a candidate to be supported by the Republican party in the present campaign. The first choice of the Maine Republicans is Mr. Blaine, and had he not forbidden the presentation of his name the Bangor convention would have instructed the delegation to use its best endeavors to secure his nomination. It is doubtless, the fact, however, that the great mass of the Republicans of Maine still desire Mr. Blaine's nomination, and that nothing short of an absolute refusal, in advance, on his part, to accept the nomination will prevent them from making known their wishes to the convention through the votes of the delegation, if not through his voice. In the event, however, that it becomes necessary to look elsewhere for a candidate, the character of the delegates selected at Bangor yesterday ought to be sufficient guarantee that they can be relied upon to act with prudence and discretion.

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Dyspepsia is a common complaint, and it is a dangerous one. It is a sign of a weak stomach, and it is a sign of a weak nervous system. Patent's Cherry Compound cures it.

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