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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

A Republican State Convention will be held in

CITY HALL,

Portland, Tuesday, June 12, 1888.

At 11 o'clock, A. M.

For the purpose of nominating a candidate for Governor, to be supported at the September election, 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 each fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five votes, a further additional delegate.

The State committee will be in session in 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 believe in protecting the industries of this State and its agricultural products, who believe in protecting the laborer and the wage-earner in every right; who believe "in choosing a policy which inspires labor with hope and crowns it with dignity, which gives safety to capital and protects its increase, which secures political power to every citizen, comfort and culture to every home," will be entitled to participate in the cause of temperance; in an economical, just and efficient administration of public affairs; a faithfully administered civil service; and who uphold all judicious measures for the encouragement of American ship building are cordially invited to unite with the Republicans in the selection of delegates to this convention.

Per order Republican State Committee.

J. H. MANLY, Chairman.

WILLIS H. WING, Secretary.

The Boulanger boom appears to have about boomed out.

And now the lawyers are going to form a trust. If it puts fees up so high as to prevent litigation some good will come from it.

The Sultan of Morocco has refused arbitration, and his quarrel with the United States is on again. Perhaps a visit of our new dynamite cruiser might have a good effect on the sulky monarch.

Mr. Gladstone thinks that the Papal decree will strengthen the Home Rule cause, inasmuch as its opponents, who are seen to be openly seeking the aid of the Pope, will no longer be able to contend that Home Rule means Rome.

The Hon. Patrick A. Collins of Boston has been selected to preside over the Democratic National Convention. The Democratic party will probably not be so united as to point out that this is an indication of the high regard in which our Irish fellow citizens are held by the Democratic party in Presidential election years.

The Third Party Prohibition campaign does not open in Portland with startling enthusiasm. The cause that nominated delegates to the State and district conventions the other night had to put up with a committee of six, when it wanted seven, because there was from one ward not a single representative. This on the threshold of a national campaign is not very encouraging.

If there is any opposition to the renomination of Cleveland among the Democrats it is making itself manifest in their conventions. They are instructing their delegates to support him just as if such a thing as a Hill boom had never been heard of. Neither does the President's declaration in his inaugural address a second term have any restraining influence. They treat that just as they do his civil service reform manifesto, as a piece of buncombe.

The Arbor Day this year did not suit Aroostook at all, and the Aroostook Times wants two Arbor Days next year, one for the western and northern counties, and the other for the eastern and northern counties. A better way would be to make the date later. So perverse has been the spring that that Arbor Day has been nowhere. A week or so later it would ordinarily be well out of the reach of winter.

The Belfast Age now attacks the ten-hour law, calling it "one of those nifty party statutes which assumes a guardianship over the people, and abridges their natural liberty to dispose of their own bodies as they please, and takes children out of the care and authority of their parents who are their natural and proper guardians." The Age cannot be acquainted with the fact that in some of the large manufacturing towns of Maine the parents who should be "natural and proper guardians" are in fact totally ignorant and neglectful of their duties as parents, and intent on getting out of the labor possible out of their children.

The Catholics of Ireland are apparently at work devising ways to circumvent the Pope's latest decree in regard to the "plan of campaign" and boycotting. The Dublin Freeman's Journal contains a letter said to come from a "high ecclesiastic" which takes the ground that such decrees are not issued in virtue of the Church's teaching authority, or magisterium, but of the legislative and administrative power, or imperium, and though confirmed by the Pope do not purport to be and are not *ex cathedra* utterances, because they are not the utterance of the Pope at all, but of a particular congregation of cardinals, and, though approved by the Pope, there is no obligation to accept such decisions as infallibly correct.

The Maine Republicans have the good sense when they get an efficient representative in Congress to keep him there. It has thus come about that our State, though it has but four representatives, has, and has had for years, as Mr. Dewey points out, an influence in Congress altogether out of proportion to the number of its representatives and greatly in excess of it. As a rule, provided he has capacity and industry, the longer a representative is kept in the House the more valuable he becomes to his constituents and the more influential in shaping legislation. The Republicans of Maine have recognized this fact by renominating and re-electing for many terms in succession her present distinguished representatives. Mr. Reed was first nominated and elected in 1876, and has served therefore six consecutive terms, or twelve years. Messrs. Miliken and Boutelle were first nominated and elected in 1882 and have continued in Congress ever since.

The Montreal Gazette, anticipating the rejection of the fishery treaty by the United States Senate, consoles itself in this fashion: "If we have to revert to the condition of things which prevailed in 1880 and 1887, there will be general regret, but at least Canada can find satisfaction, that in reverting to the Treaty of 1818 we do so with our position strengthened by the formal acknowledgment on our part of President Cleveland's position, that all our contentions are right, and that law, equity and procedure, and the interpretation we have put upon and maintained in respect to the renunciation of the United States in the convention of seventy years ago."

Whether President Cleveland and the fish commission committee have been so much endorsed of the correctness of the Canadian interpretation of the Treaty of 1818 by their approval of the new treaty, is perhaps an open question. The Montreal Gazette's claim that our government has committed itself is absurd. Two years ago a very important branch of our government, the legislative, distinctly declared against the interpretation of the Treaty of 1818 which the Dominion called for, and it has not given any different opinion since. When the United States Senate has ratified the new treaty there may be some ground for claiming that our government has admitted the Canadian claim, but it has not done that yet, nor is it likely to.

The Illinois Republicans expressed a decided preference for Judge Gresham for Presidential candidate, and instructed their delegates to work for his nomination. Judge Gresham is a resident of Indiana, and hence the "favorite son" claim could not have been the basis of his endorsement in Illinois. The action of the convention, therefore, can only

be interpreted as an expression of its opinion that all the candidates in the field Judge Gresham is on his merits alone the most desirable. Mr. Blaine does not enter into their consideration, inasmuch as they do not consider him in any sense a candidate, having apparently interpreted his Florence letter as a definite and final declaration that he will not accept a nomination. Had this letter not been written in all probability the delegation would have been instructed to vote for Mr. Blaine. The doubt raised by it undoubtedly influenced the Illinois Republicans and prevented them from declaring for the man who is really their first choice. That this letter was liable to have this effect must have been clearly foreseen by Mr. Blaine, and that it is in itself very convincing proof that he does not want the nomination, and that if he accepts it it will be only in reluctant compliance with the demand of the Republican party.

While the wise heads of the Methodist church are troubled over the request of a few women delegates for seats in the general conference, the New York Sun is paying the conference of women for public and official duties, as illustrated by the work done by Mrs. Agnew and Miss Dodge, the two women commissioners appointed not long ago on the Board of Education of New York city. The Sun declares that, though they have discharged their duties in a very unobtrusive way, having worked rather than talked, they have become known throughout the Union because of the prominence of the places they hold in its chief city, so that now the ability of women for public office is no longer a question. Brooklyn will probably follow the example of New York and place one or more women on its Board of Education. But it does not necessarily follow, because women have done a good work on a Board of Education where good work was much needed, that the precedents of the Methodist church should be broken down to admit them to a body which is going on well enough without them. So far as the advancement of the cause of equal privileges for women is concerned, the spectacle of the unobtrusive work of New York commissioners will have a thousand fold more influence than the spectacle of the women delegates endeavoring to gain admission to a body where they are apparently not needed and are certainly not very much wanted.

CURRENT COMMENT.

THE HOME MARKET.

(Concord Monitor.)

Mr. Burrows of Michigan, in his admirable speech against the Mills bill, called attention to the fact that, with the exception of cotton and tobacco, 94 per cent of all the agricultural products of the country are consumed at home. The importance of this fact is far too little recognized.

A CHECK FOR IMPROVEMENT.

(Boston Journal.)

One thing is certain, and that is that the Louisiana immigration boom may as well be at once abandoned. No self-respecting Northern farmer or mechanic will deliberately make his home in a State which permits the sale of liquor, and which openly encourages ballot box stuffing and manipulation of returns for the purpose of electing their legislators and means of self-protection. Louisiana is fated to continue to be the playground of the unscrupulous and the unprincipled, and the reason is not far to seek.

THE RENOMINATION OF MR. REED.

(Bridgton Journal.)

The Republicans of the historic First Congressional district did themselves honor a day by placing in nomination, without a dissenting voice, Hon. Thomas B. Reed. He has already served nearly twelve years, and this is his seventh nomination. Going to the House at a critical period of the country's history, and but little known outside of his district, he very soon took a high rank as a legislator and debater. By reason of his judicious and thorough equipment upon national questions, and readiness to act, he rapidly forged ahead, until the Republicans of the House had fallen from the shoulders of Mr. Blaine, because he was unopposed. While the Republicans of the First district are proud of a able and distinguished representative, they recognize the fact that he is no longer their representative merely, but that he enjoys a national reputation as a representative American in a broad and noble sense.

(Bangor Whig.)

The Republicans of Maine completed their Congressional ticket yesterday by the unanimous renomination of Hon. Thomas B. Reed in the First Congressional district of Portland. Mr. Reed is recognized as a leader on the Republican side of the House, having received the unanimous vote of his colleagues for Speaker and the enthusiasm with which he was renominated by acclamation shows that his constituents fully appreciate the able manner in which he has represented them in Congress. The resolutions declare that Mr. Blaine is the first, second and only choice of the Republicans of the district for Standard bearer in the national campaign.

PERSONAL AND PECULIAR.

Each of the eight daughters of the Maine born man who is to be Chief Justice Fuller has her own parlor and her own piano.

Among prominent society girls of Washington who have become known with a comparatively recent period are Miss Feltgen, daughter of Rear Admiral Feltgen; Miss Constance Edgar, Col. Bonaparte's step-daughter; Miss Bertha Gerold, daughter of a former German minister; and Miss Sanda, daughter of Rear Admiral Sanda.

A London paper prints a story that Chief Justice Waite left his family in poverty, and contrasts the salaries paid to judges in America and England, where the Lord Chancellor gets just five times the pay of the American Chief Justice for less work and for less responsibility. Yet nobody here thinks the English judges overpaid. The word applied to the American treatment of the bench is "beggary."

Ex-Senator Powell Clayton, of Arkansas, just chosen as a delegate at large to Chicago, is only a little over 50 years of age, but he looks older, for he dresses a good deal like a Western granger now, and is not the careful, natty and elegant man he was when he served his term in the United States Senate some twelve years ago. He was a Pennsylvania boy and grew up in Kansas in his early life. When the war broke out he went into the first regiment raised there, and when the life was over he was a Brigadier General, and without \$10 in the world. He has since made a fortune, and his property is valued at \$1,000,000.

The life and death of Mr. Arnold have been a lesson of hope and warning for the large number who suffer from heart disease, says the British Medical Times. Twenty years ago he consulted Dr. (now Sir Andrew) Clark, and was told that he had valvular disease of the heart, but was advised that if he exercised care it need not interfere with his career. For many years he rigidly adhered to the recommendations as to regimen and exertion given to him, and it is interesting and encouraging for patients having heart disease to recall that nearly all the serious work in criticism, education and theology was done within the last twenty years. Such a life is a striking proof that heart disease, even of a type generally accepted as serious for Mr. Arnold had disease of the heart, but he was well paid, for he was not like many of the great men of his time who were not able to do their work because of the disease. The precautions are not unnecessary and to relax their vigilance at the very time when the approach of old age renders all liable to weakness of the heart.

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100 pairs \$4.50 All Wool Pants, made of the celebrated Dexter Mills goods, at only \$2.95. We purchased for SPOT CASH, 100 cases of the Champion Coat Hanger, the best one out. SOMETHING NEW, which we shall sell at 15 cents, or 2 for 25 cents; regular price 25 cents each. Our cash sales for the week ending March 14th were over \$1,500 and \$2,000, an increase of over \$400 from last year, and considering the bad weather, including a stormy Saturday, we think it proves beyond a doubt that people appreciate good goods at LOW PRICES. IN OUR CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT we also offer some of the most extraordinary attractions ever placed on our counters. Our stock of Boys' and Children's Clothing is the largest in Portland and we offer some exceedingly attractive bargains this week.

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