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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 a fraction of forty votes in excess of seventy-five, a further additional delegate.

The State committee will be in session in the reception room of the hall at 9 o'clock on the morning of the convention, for the purpose of receiving the credentials of the delegates.

All electors of Maine, without regard to past political differences, who believe in protecting the industries of this State and the 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 energy and courage, who believe in giving safety to capital and protects its increase, who secure political power to every citizen, comfort and culture to every home, giving free popular education to the people, in favor of free suffrage and an honest counting of ballots; who approve the prohibition of the liquor traffic and the cause of temperance; in an economical, just and efficient administration of public affairs; a faithful administration of the law; who will hold all judicial measures for the encouragement of American ship building, cordially invited to unite with the Republicans in the selection of delegates to this convention.

For order Republican State Committee.

WILLIS H. WING, Chairman.

Senator Ingalls asked Senator Voorhes if the soldiers didn't threaten to hang him with a hell rope. Senator Voorhes replied that Senator Ingalls was a liar and a dirty dog.

The Press expressed the opinion that the propriety of this kind of debate in the high legislative body in the land was questionable. The Express, however, thinks apparently that there is no question about it; that it is all right. Tastes differ.

[The general rule in Maine cities is to elect delegates to conventions by wards. Down in Augusta, however, one general caucus is held. Of course this arrangement makes it much easier to "capture" the delegates, and promotes harmony as far as outward appearance is concerned by securing the election of a "solid" delegation. Whether it conduces to real harmony is very questionable. Judging from the remarks of some of the gentlemen who participated in the Augusta caucus, which elected a "solid" Burleigh delegation, we should say that it did not.

Mr. Powderly has issued another letter of advice to the Knights of Labor. This time it is to do with politics. He counsels the Knights not to identify themselves with any party, and declares that he himself does not intend to meddle with politics. He says that the Knights will take it. The consideration that his manifestoes get depends very largely on whether they coincide with the preconceived views of the men to whom they are addressed.

The Calais Times makes this week's touching plea for union in the Democratic ranks, reminding the brethren that "the watchword now is fellowship and union, so that the party may go into the Presidential campaign as one man." But in the next editorial but one it reaches after the scalp of Brother Bass accusing him of "characteristic impudence" and of making a "libellous suggestion." Evidently some one must be killed before the editors of the Calais Times and Bangor Commercial can go into the coming Presidential campaign as "one man."

While President Cleveland is sailing along to a renomination without meeting any opposition, the contest for the second place on the ticket is becoming warm. Senator Commissioner Black and Gov. Gray of Indiana are the most prominent candidates. The former has this advantage, that his State is solid for him, while the factional fights between the Democratic leaders in Indiana bid fair to deprive Gray of a considerable part of the strength which naturally belongs to him as a favorite son. Black, though described on the pension rolls as a physical and mental wreck, appears to be making a very lively canvass.

Congressman McKenney of New Hampshire took great pains to impress upon the country when he began his tariff speech in the House Thursday that he was not an advocate of free trade. Mr. McKenney represents a district where manufactures are abundant, and evidently is not going to jeopardize his chances of re-election by ally himself openly with free trade. But Mr. McKenney, no matter how shrewd he may be, will find it impossible to serve two masters. Support of the Mills bill will settle him with the Protectionists, and opposition to it will settle him with the Free traders. The country has made the congressman's attitude toward this bill the test of his sentiment toward two rival economic theories and to amount of declaring on his part that he does not so regard it will make any difference.

A roving, and apparently irresponsible, correspondent of the New York World went through Maine some time ago and wrote up what purported to be a truthful account of wholesale evasions of the Maine liquor law. His report has been widely copied throughout the country, much to the damage of the reputation of the State. How far from the truth was his report? Well, it is indicated by the statement which he made about Brunswick, where he represented a large and flourishing liquor trade, made so largely by college students and young men. Edgar Tenney, of the Brunswick Telegraph, does not believe in the prohibitory law and is never backward about expressing his opinion in print, but he never loses the law simply because he does not believe in it. Of the World's statement he says: "If the correspondent hopes to be believed when he predicts that the Maine Prohibitory Law will be repealed within a year, he had better not present statements so untruthful as those relating to the state of affairs which exists in Brunswick. We well know that the law is violated in every town in the State, but the statement as to Brunswick is the wildest romance."

The defeat of the Concord railroad ring of the Democratic party of New Hampshire, in the recent convention to select delegates to St. Louis, seems to have been a rout. The Manchester Mirror says that the fight between them and the Jones and Sullivan faction was carried into nearly every town in the State. It agreed to meet at Concord for weeks, and it resulted in the election of six-tenths of the convention in the interest of Jones and Sullivan. Having got the power Jones and his friends seem to have used it with ruthless severity. "The malcontents," says the Mirror, "were not only beaten, but they were humiliated, insulted and disgraced. At the last moment the only representative which they had been named to allow them upon the ticket before the result of the caucus was known was kicked aside and his place filled by a sturdy henchman of the triumphant pair. In the convention, on the choice of delegates to St. Louis, Jones and Sullivan got all but three votes out of a total of 388. The spirit of the Concord faction of the party was completely broken, and the two leaders of the victory will represent the Democratic party of New Hampshire in the fourth national convention.

We observe that the relations existing between the city of Augusta and the Hon. E. C. Burleigh are quite differently regarded by his Bangor and Augusta friends. To the former he appears simply "located" officially in Augusta in the performance of his official duties as State Treasurer, just as Gov. Marble is, with apparently no more of the ground of locality on the Republicans of the capital than Gov. Marble. But to his

Augusta friends so thoroughly identified with that city does he seem that one of them publicly declares that to send a delegate from the capital city to the State convention unprompted to him would be "indecent" inasmuch as there is his home. If Mr. Burleigh is successful in securing the gubernatorial nomination the first care of future candidates will be to have plenty of "homes." For a year or two before the convention meets gentlemen who aspire to the honor of becoming the State's chief executive will be seen moving from place to place, establishing "homes," so that when the caucuses are held each candidate may have a large number of towns on his list where it will be "indecent" for anybody to vote against him because there is his home. There will be some little difficulty when two rival candidates establish homes in the same place, but in such a case the preference might be given to the candidate whose home has the most homelike appearance, or dispenses the most elaborate hospitality.

The Anti-Saloon Republican Convention was composed of representative men of the Republican party, and its resolutions undoubtedly fairly voice the sentiment of the great mass of the voters of that party. The attitude of the convention to the saloon was one of uncompromising hostility, and its conviction in regard to the selection of agencies for its suppression was that such should be employed as gave the greatest promise of success. In determining this, the convention recognized that the sentiment of the people must be taken into account. Prohibition would be the agency selected in Maine, for here public sentiment is up to it; but, in Ohio, prohibition would form a much less effective weapon, if it were possible to use it at all, which is doubtful, than some other. We believe that the attitude of the convention is the correct one. Repression here is impossible because of the lack of a sustaining public sentiment, and preference to freedom to the saloon to increase and multiply until every street corner is a saloon. A run shop repression will not postpone the suppression. On the contrary it will hasten it. The benefits that will flow from the former will be evitable suggestions that more repression will come more gradually, and gradually public sentiment will strengthen until it demands entire suppression. In some quarters it has been hinted that the purpose of this convention was chiefly to hoodwink the Prohibitionists. But the character of the delegates preclude any such idea as that. For instance Maine was represented among the delegates by ex-Gov. William F. Fisher, an unimpeachable authority on the subject of temperance. The object of the convention was just what it purported to be, to place the Republican party in an attitude of uncompromising hostility to the saloon.

Gen. Banks is on the stump. It will be Congressmen Banks now before long. LEO PARIS THE GREAT. (St. Louis Globe-Democrat.)

The Pope is two years and a half behind the Globe-Democrat in condemning the boy, but we are glad that His Holiness has caught up.

THE HEATHEN AND THE HOME. (Brunswick Telegraph.)

Sixteen divorces were granted at the recent session of the Supreme Court in Portland. People may talk about converting the heathen; but it would be quite as well to see if something cannot be done to re-establish the home in this enlightened State.

AN OPE-TOLD STORY. (Springfield Union.)

The Democratic papers which are so concerned about Mr. Blaine's health, have been all through it before in the winter of 1884 and the spring of 1886. Samuel J. Tilden was at the brink of the grave one day, and jumping over fence the next.

IRELAND AND THE POPE. (Boston Transcript.)

When some one said to Michael Davitt that "in fifty years England would be Catholic," the Irish apostle replied, "Then Ireland will be Protestant." There seems possibility just now that unless somebody else is converted, Ireland will be Protestant long before England does Catholic.

DEFIED BY A BIG NAME. (Philadelphia North American.)

The refusal of the Sultan of Morocco to submit the trouble with the United States to arbitration, which was what the contention of this country is held abroad. That a petty potentate who only claim to distinction is a name a yard long should defy this big country is humiliating.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Martin Luther and Other Essays. By Rev. F. H. Hedge, D. D. This is a book which will attract the attention of many readers in Maine and interest them. In his early manhood, Dr. Hedge was the popular pastor of the Unitarian Church in Bangor where he purchased to himself a good degree. For many years he was to that city what Dr. Field is now, albeit of a different denomination. His influence was similar and continues to the present time. The Doctor is a strong man, a diligent student and thorough scholar. In Maine as in Massachusetts he was and is a power for good, ever ready to promote the highest welfare of the community. He is no longer a young man, but these essays most of them recently written, are sufficient to show that at three score and ten his eye is not dim nor his mental force abated.

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A History of Protective Tariff Laws. By R. W. Thompson, late Secretary of the United States Navy. (Chicago: R. S. Peale & Co.) The year bids fair to be prolific in literature on the subjects of free trade and protection, inasmuch as these subjects are destined to claim a large share of public attention from the present time until snow flies. Mr. Thompson's contribution is largely of a historical character, presenting the salient facts in the history of tariff legislation in this country clearly and distinctly. His aim is to let the facts speak for themselves rather than engage in any theoretical argument of the question. He is a believer in the doctrine of protection, yet his own convictions are not obtruded upon the reader. The book contains a large amount of information, not easily accessible to most people, and as a mere storehouse of pertinent facts it is well worth the possession of anyone interested in the present controversy between two great rival economic theories.

The Struggles (Social, Financial and Political) of Petroleum V. Nasby. Messrs. Lee & Shepard have just issued a new and attractive edition of Nasby's letters, which were first published in 1872. The quality of Mr. Locke's humor is well understood by the general public, and the wide circulation given to his letters and sketches by the newspaper press is sufficient proof that it is appreciated and enjoyed. In this volume were collected letters and sketches written by Mr. Locke from the beginning of the war until about the close of the reconstruction period. They are valuable not merely for the general public, but for the historical facts, for the great bulk of Mr. Locke's sketches were comments in a shrewdly humorous vein upon events that were transpiring at the time of writing. The introduction to the volume was written by the Hon. Charles Sumner, and the illustrations are by Mr. Thomas Nast. (Portland: W. H. Stevens & Co.)

It is the Law. By Thomas Edgar Wilson. The purpose of this book is, through the medium of a story, to expose the anomalies of the divorce legislation of the different States and to show how the laws of one commonwealth on this subject conflict with those of another. The exhibit is a startling one, and shows the crying need either of some national statute on the subject, or an agreement among the States by which conformity in their statutes should be brought about. The present condition of things is scandalous, how scandalous only those who have made an investigation of the subject fully appreciate. If Mr. Wilson's book succeeds in rousing a public sentiment on the subject that shall agitate the question until a reform is brought about, it will have served a very useful purpose. (New York and Chicago: Belford, & Clarke; From the Publishers.)

A valuable addition to the folk-lore of the negro is Negro Myths of the Georgia coast, by Charles C. Jones, Jr., the historian of Georgia. The vernacular of the swamp regions of Georgia differs materially from that of the middle portion of the State as shown in the stories of "Uncle Remus" by Mr. Harris. The same humor and shrewd observation are found in the present collection that delighted the readers of Uncle Remus, and Mr. Harris' book is a fitting companion to the volume in a fitting companion to Mr. Harris' stories and is of equal interest. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.; Portland: Loring, Short & Harmon.)

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when nobody is looking. He seizes it, hides

it in his hair, in his mouth, or in some other

portion of his person. Or if a goat he handy

he twists it in his wool and tends the animal

until an opportunity occurs of

redeeming the stone. Or perchance he con-

ceals it behind a rock, or forces it down the

throat of a dog, or Homeride device he swal-

lows it himself. The gem being restored to

the light of day from its hiding-place, woe be

to it if it has been and many a diamond

now sparkling on a lady's neck has made ac-

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