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Republican State Convention.

A republican state convention, to nominate candidates for state officers, and for the transaction of other business, will be held at Powers Opera House, in the city of Grand Rapids, commencing at 10 o'clock, p. m., on Wednesday, the 29th day of August, 1886.

In accordance with a resolution adopted at Grand Rapids, May 10th, 1876, every county will be entitled to one delegate for every 500 of the total vote cast for governor, at the last state election (in 1884), and one additional delegate for every fraction of 500 votes, but each organized county will be entitled to at least one delegate. Under a resolution of 1885, no delegate will be entitled to a seat who does not reside in the county he proposes to represent. In accordance with a resolution adopted at a meeting of the state convention, at Detroit, June 23d, 1886, the secretary of each county convention is requested to forward to the secretary of the state central committee, by the earliest mail, after the delegates to the state convention are chosen, a certified list of such delegates as are entitled to sit in the state convention.

Under the above call Van Buren County is entitled to fifteen delegates.

PHILIP T. VAN ZILE, Chairman.
A. W. SMITH, Secretary.

VAN BUREN SENDS A SOLID DELEGATION FOR HON. J. C. BURROWS.

It is said that Secretary Bayard has a sharp eye on the fisheries question. We are glad to hear it. The country is saved again.

CONGRESSMAN RANDALL is the main spoke in the democratic wheel notwithstanding he has knocked out all of their free-trade plans. Without the influence of RANDALL and his followers the Democrats would be unable to carry a single Northern State in 1888.

The convention at Lawrence on Thursday last, developed a remarkable unanimity of feeling in regard to the return of the Hon. J. C. Burrows to Congress. Mr. Burrows has been of great service to his constituents during the present term, and should he receive the nomination, we believe that Van Buren county will give him a larger majority than ever before.

SLOWLY but surely the prosecution is developing the evidence against the Chicago anarchists. It does not seem possible that, if the jury are honorable and intelligent men, they can escape their merited fate. Such wholesale murderers richly deserve the hangman's rope, and appearances indicate that there is a probability that they may receive their just deserts.

HERE is the way the democratic party talks in the state of New York:

The democratic party is opposed to all summary laws which interfere with the natural rights of the people. But it believes in the people and is always willing to allow them to express their opinions on any subject.—*N. Y. World.*

Here is the way it acts: At Albany on the 6th day of May last, when the question of submitting a prohibitory amendment to the people was before it, every democratic member of the New York assembly voted against it.

AS THE time for the nomination of local officers draws near, candidates begin to put in an appearance. We hear of numbers of them in the ranks of the different political parties. There will be no scarcity whatever. We defer a publication of the list until the returns are all in. We desire to state, though, that the republicans of Van Buren County propose to follow their long established precedent—nominate a good ticket, and then elect it. Since 1854 every officer, legislative, as well as county officials, has been a republican, and the election of 1886 is not likely to be the one to break the record.

ONCE more have the republicans of Van Buren County "led off" in the fourth district congressional campaign, and again, as in the past, her delegation is "solid for Burrows." Nothing short of the candidacy of some one of her own citizens could have prevented this result. The republicans of this county are well satisfied with their present representative and do not desire a change, unless to one of her own citizens, and even that is a matter of a great deal of doubt. Should Mr. Burrows receive the nomination, and the NORTHERNER thinks he will, he will receive the same hearty support that he has so often received before.

CONGRESSMAN TUCKER of Virginia, has introduced a bill to pension one N. H. VAN ZANDT at the rate of seventy-five dollars per month. The applicant is described as "late lieutenant of the United States navy." That looks all right. Why shouldn't Mr. VAN ZANDT have a pension? The only reason the NORTHERNER can allege against it is that he was too "late lieutenant" etc. Within two weeks after the beginning of the "late unpleasantness," the "late lieutenant" resigned his commission in the United States navy and accepted another in the navy of the "late confederate states." There is just a little too much "lateness" about this proposition of the Virginia congressman.

A MOST pathetic instance of that reluctance to acknowledge the weakness and inability attendant upon old age was presented by the last days of Assistant Secretary of State HUNTER, whose death-bed was tormented by the thought that without his aid the department must be involved in irremediable ruin. It is stated that no person in the U. S. is so thoroughly posted in the political affairs of Europe as Mr. HUNTER, who was familiar with all the details of continental history for at least fifty years back. It is no wonder, after fifty-seven years of pains-taking labor in the service of his country, that nothing could make him believe that the work of the office could be successfully carried on in his absence.

THE PAYNE investigation was made the subject of a lively debate in the senate a few days since. Senator SHERMAN made a grand speech in favor of pushing the investigation. There is no doubt in the minds of the people but that there was a fraudulent use of

money to secure the election of Mr. PAYNE to a seat in the senate. Whether or not such fraud could be brought home to the senator himself is another question. The practices of the democratic party in the state of Ohio are so generally tinged with fraud and corruption that there is little danger of stumbling on any very overwhelming degree of honesty in any particular instance. At the conclusion of the debate the senate adopted the majority resolution and refused to push the proposed investigation.

PROBABLY it is impossible for a man to become so depraved or to commit so vile or heinous a crime that there cannot be found women who are ready to exalt him into a hero. This tendency on the part of a certain class of weak minded females was forcibly exemplified in Judge Gary's court in Chicago, where the red-handed anarchists are on trial, when a bevy of soft-hearted and equally soft-headed women marched into the court and presented each one of the brutal murderers, who are there being tried for their lives, with an elegant bouquet of flowers. Such sickly sentimentality shown in behalf of such villains is disgusting and ought not to be tolerated by any court. The fool woman should be frowned down and, if necessary, forcibly suppressed.

The political campaign in this county, so far as the republican party is concerned, may now be considered as fairly opened. An efficient county committee has been selected and, under the leadership of that energetic republican worker, Mr. K. W. NOYES, assisted by our efficient county clerk as secretary, the republicans of old Van Buren may well anticipate that the campaign will be a vigorous one. Every republican in the county should be ready to stand by the committee and aid it in its work. Republican clubs ought to be formed in every township, yes in every school district, in the county. No effort should be spared to win an overwhelming victory. With a proper display of activity and vigor, our county can easily roll up one of its old time republican majorities. She now occupies a proud position as the banner republican county of the lower peninsula. Shall that position be retained? Republicans of Van Buren County, with you rests the responsibility of answering this query. Let there be no apathy, no lukewarm support of the ticket, but let every republican do his whole duty from now until the close of the polls on the 23d of November, and there will be not the slightest doubt of winning a brilliant victory over any combination that may be put into the field against us.

The Detroit Tribune will not increase its popularity by its criticisms on Senator LOGAN in connection with the PAYNE investigation. The senator may have made a mistake in his conclusions concerning the matter, but, if he has, it is an honest mistake and such an expression as "the distinguished senator from Illinois should lasso his mouth" comes with ill grace from our esteemed contemporary. Senator LOGAN, in the estimation of a majority of the citizens of this country, has no occasion to "lasso his mouth." We are not at all sure but the Tribune is right in disagreeing with the conclusions of the distinguished senator; we are inclined to think it is; we only object to the language in which it clothes its criticisms. The NORTHERNER has a very high degree of respect for the Tribune and honors it for its staunch republicanism and for the good work it is doing for the republican party and, therefore, dislikes to see it impair its usefulness by using language toward Senator LOGAN and other distinguished republicans that it appears to us, is uncalled for and unwarranted.

Republican Convention.

The republican convention, held at Lawrence on July 23d, to elect delegates to the state, congressional, and state senatorial conventions, was called to order at precisely eleven o'clock by Geo. E. Breck, secretary of the county committee. After a few brief remarks which called forth several rounds of applause, Mr. Breck nominated Hon. John S. Cross as temporary chairman. Mr. Cross was escorted to the chair, by a committee appointed for that purpose, after which he very gracefully acknowledged the honor conferred upon him. O. N. Hilton of Paw Paw, was chosen temporary secretary.

On motion a committee of three was appointed on permanent organization and order of business, consisting of the following delegates: Geo. W. Lawton of Antwerp, C. J. Monroe of South Haven, and W. W. Hodge of Geneva. It was also moved that the chair appoint a committee of three on credentials, which he did as follows: Israel White of Hamilton, C. E. Heath of Bangor, and David Anderson of Columbia. A motion then prevailed that each township should recommend its own delegates, after which the convention adjourned until 1:30 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The convention was promptly called to order at 1:30 p. m.

The committee on credentials reported delegates from each township except Alma. Report adopted. The committee on permanent organization and order of business, made the following report which was also adopted: Hon. W. O. Packard of Covert, permanent chairman; Dr. H. M. Broderick of Decatur, permanent secretary; it also provided that each township report names for committee who should select delegates to the state, congressional, and state senatorial conventions, and that a committee be chosen to select a county committee. In pursuance to the adoption of this report, the townships then named the following gentlemen to choose the delegates for these various conventions: M. H. Hogmire of Arlington, C. L. Eaton of Antwerp, N. W. Drake of Bangor, H. H. Howard of Bloomingdale, E. A. Rood of Covert, A. T. Anderson of Columbia, Marvin Hincley of Decatur, H. C. Taylor of Hartford, A. W. Haydon of Hamilton, Chas. Duncombe of Keeler, A. S. Haskin of Lawrence, Bangs F. Warner of Paw Paw, A. Hymes of Pine Grove, J. W. Burlington of Porter, Chas. Delamere of South Haven, Geo. H. Reeves of Geneva, and A. J. Rich of Waverly.

While the convention was waiting for this selection to be made, the chair appointed E. P. Hill of Decatur, Nathan Thomas of Hartford, and David Anderson of Columbia, to name the county committee. These gentlemen then requested that, in as much as the convention had decided that the county committee should be made up of one man from each

township, the different delegations should choose their own member, of which the following was the result: Oliver E. Cox of Arlington, P. N. Teed of Alma, G. W. Lawton of Antwerp, Milan Wiggins of Bloomingdale, J. S. Cross of Bangor, A. M. Brown of Columbia, S. Shattuck of Covert, C. W. Willison of Decatur, W. W. Hodge of Geneva, G. W. Merriman of Hartford, J. H. Collins of Hamilton, Chas. Duncombe of Keeler, T. C. Tyler of Lawrence, K. W. Noyes of Paw Paw, Dell Lamberson of Pine Grove, E. W. Hall of Porter, J. H. Johnson of South Haven, and E. J. Dayton of Waverly. K. W. Noyes was then elected chairman of this county committee and Geo. E. Breck secretary. Mr. Breck stated that as business called him to England he would be absent when most needed here, therefore respectfully requested that some other person be chosen, when G. W. Myers was accordingly selected.

The committee on delegates then made the following report which was approved and adopted:

For congressional convention: M. H. Hogmire of Arlington, C. L. Eaton of Antwerp, Milan Wiggins of Bloomingdale, W. H. Nelson of Bangor, A. M. Brown of Columbia, E. P. Hill of Decatur, W. W. Hodge of Geneva, Nathan Thomas of Hartford, E. W. Cribbs of Hamilton, Chas. Duncombe of Keeler, A. S. Haskin of Lawrence, W. J. Monteith of Pine Grove, J. H. Johnson of South Haven, G. W. Cornish of Porter, and W. H. Adriance of Waverly.

For state senatorial convention: J. Wilcox of Arlington, Orange Stephens of Antwerp, H. H. Howard of Bloomingdale, C. C. Phillips of Bangor, W. O. Packard of Covert, A. McWilliams of Decatur, G. Mitchell of Geneva, A. W. Haydon of Hamilton, John Roosevelt of Keeler, C. A. Prtridge of Lawrence, A. R. Wilder of Paw Paw, Wm. Crosby of Pine Grove, G. W. Hall of Porter, C. J. Monroe of South Haven, and T. W. Vallean of Waverly.

For state convention: Silas Breed of Arlington, C. S. Adams of Antwerp, C. Kilfin of Bloomingdale, J. S. Cross of Bangor, David Anderson of Columbia, E. A. Rood of Covert, O. Caldwell of Decatur, I. S. Warren of Hartford, J. E. Durdon of Keeler, Geo. Conklin of Lawrence, K. W. Noyes of Paw Paw, D. Lamberson of Pine Grove, A. I. Weldon of Porter, Geo. Hannahs of South Haven, and Israel White of Hamilton.

It being understood that Van Buren county was entitled to an equal number of delegates in each of these conventions, it was decided to elect fifteen instead of twelve, as heretofore, and in case a lesser number should be apportioned to the county when the conventions were called, the surplus was to be dropped from the delegates last elected.

The convention then expressed its approval of the work of the outgoing county committee, the expression being taken by a rising vote.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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