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REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

At a meeting of the Republican State Committee, held at Congress Hall, Saratoga, on the 4th day of August, 1870, it was resolved that a Republican State convention be held at SARATOGA, on WEDNESDAY, the SEVENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1870, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of nominating candidates for the offices of governor, lieutenant-governor, comptroller, inspector of state prisons, and two canal commissioners, to be voted for on Tuesday, the 8th day of November next.

The representation in said convention will be the same as that established by the state convention of 1868, and under which the late state convention was convened, viz: First: One delegate from each assembly district. Second: One additional delegate from each assembly district for every 1,500 or fractional part of 1,500 which shall be over 700 Republican votes polled in each district. The apportionment to be made upon the presidential vote of 1868. The several Republican assembly committees or associations are hereby directed to hold calls for the election of delegates to said convention hereby called in accordance with the apportionment above directed.

By Order of State Committee.

County Convention.

The Republican Electors of the several Towns of the County of Allegany are requested to send their delegates to the County Convention to be held at the Court House in Angelica, on Thursday, September 1st, at two o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of selecting five delegates to represent said County in the State Convention to be held at Saratoga on the 7th of September next,

By Order of County Committee.

The receipts of Internal Revenue for last month will reach $17,000,000.

The acting Commissioner Douglas has refused to order the suspension of collections on the special tax for pork packers.

Claims for mail service peformed by contractors prior to the war in the Southern States, which have heretofore been paid upon proof of loyalty and known as ante-bellum claims will not be hereafter recognized, adjusted, or paid by the Post Office Department.

In consequence of the large amount of warrants drawn on the Treasury during the current month, on account of quarterly pensions, it is likely that the forthcoming debt statement will not show as large a decrease as the previous month's by at least $5,000,000.—Estimating by this fact, the probability is the decrease will be from $10,000,000 to $12,000,000.

The 31st Congressional District is involved in a pretty heavy fight over the two candidates for congress, viz: Messrs. Sheldon and Porter.—The western district of Cattaraugus county have selected as delegates to the Republican convention Messrs. A. G. Dow, E. C. Topliff, and N. M. Allen, which are known to favor Mr. Sheldon. This, with already half of Chautauqua county insured to him, give Mr. Sheldon one half of the whole delegation, which will undoubtedly give him the nomination. Never was any district more thoroughly canvassed than has this 31st district been, and by two as strong men.

THE WHEAT CROP.

The greatest wheat market of the world, Milwaukee, having six large elevators, able to hold about a million and a half bushels of wheat. All these are full, and last week there was stabling in the freight yards five hundred cars unable to discharge their cargo of wheat, and this is all old wheat, and it is estimated by the merchants that there are a million more bushels of old wheat yet to come in.—The wheat crop in the new states is rapidly increasing in quantity, as will be seen by Iowa, which this year will grow twenty-four million bushels, while last year Wisconsin, California, Ohio, Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa gave together only twenty-three millions together. It is thought that the quality of the crops this year are better than those of last year.

The following is an extract from a letter of Marshall O. Roberts to the N. Y. Tribune in which he declines to be a candidate for Governor at the Convention to be held at Saratoga on the 7th inst.

I desire, therefore, to place myself beyond the reach of the misapprehension of my friends or the misapprehension of political foes, by stating unreservedly that I am not—and cannot consent to become—a candidate for Governor. The uncertain condition of my health utterly forbids such consent.

I assume—as every candid observer of our politics must—that, if the Republican party will but do their duty at the approaching election, they can and will defeat that party which, through discreditable machinations and by most unworthy means, has been accidentally dominant for a brief time in our State.

Personally, I should be proud and gratified to uphold the banner of the great party which has in all respects proved itself so true to humanity and education, as well as to the glory and prosperity of the Union.

NEW YORK.

Last fall, we asked the Republicans of our rural counties to trust our assurance that this city would reduce Hoffman's fraudulent majority of 1868 nearly one-half: they could not realize it, and their infidelity cost us the State. When all was over, they told us "If we had only believed that the city would do as it has done, we should have called out the vote required to elect our State ticket, and carry the Legislature; but the blow we received from the city in Hoffman's election had stunned and paralyzed us."

Now, we tell them, and they may trust us, that this city and Brooklyn will do better this fall than they did last fall—that New York and Kings counties will not give Hoffman so large a majority, by at least forty thousand votes, as was counted for him here in 1868, when, outside of these two counties, he was beaten more than forty thousand.

The Republicans can lose the State only by throwing it away. If they don't vote, they will be beaten, of course, as was amply demonstrated last spring. But they *will* vote, and their votes will not this year be overborne by fraud, as they too often have been. Our adversaries already realize this, and are floundering in apprehension that their defeat is the inevitable consequence.

What remains to be done, is to call out our full vote; and to this end it is vital that good and strong men should be nominated throughout—not merely for state officers, but for congress, assembly, and county officers, as well. If our tickets are eminently good, not in spots only, but all through, they can and will be elected.

Let us take care, then, to have candidates for congress whose nomination will do us credit—whose meetings the people generally will attend, and whose arguments will assure and animate the Republican electors of their respective districts. Let them make a thorough canvass, not merely where their election is doubt, but in our strongholds, and the adversary's as well, so as to arouse every voter and bring him to the poll. A canvass so prosecuted, closing in an election untainted by fraud, can have but one result.

Friends in every district! be careful to put forward your best and strongest men for congress. If you do this, half the effort usually required to bring out the voters will be obviated. Never mind the men who want to go, but nominate such men as you can support with pride and enthusiasm, and your victory is secure.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Watch Snatching—Pickpocket Nabbed.

From the Rochester Chronicle.

Another case of pocket-picking occurred last evening at the Central depot, but through the instrumentality of officer Foster of the police and Robert Wray, sleeping car agent, the "cly-faker" was brought to grief, and now pines in a cell at the station-house. The name of the man whom he attempted to rob is J. A. Hart of New York, who came up on the New York express train, with the intention of going to Chicago. When the train arrived the depot the pickpocket, whose name is Michael Wagner, appeared on the platform and met Hart as he was coming out of the car. He crowded him and adroitly lifted a watch from Hart's pocket and twisted off the ring by which it was held to the guard. Hart detected him, however, and dropping the satchels he had in his hand, seized the chap who slipped away and ran through the car. Wray, hearing the cry of "stop thief," and seeing the fellow run through the car, closed the door and held it fast. Hart pursued and overtook Wagner, giving him one or two punches in the nose. Officer Foster then came in and took the chap in custody. The watch he tried to throw under the seat. On his way to the station-house, Wagner offered $160 and his own (or some one else's) gold watch for his liberty. Hart will remain over to appear against the thief, and the proof being positive against him, he will probably have an opportunity to do the state some service. There is always a feeling of exaltation over the capture of any of the many thieves who prey upon that portion of the public who travel on the Central railroad.

The consumption of wood in the United States is enormous. Railway sleepers alone requires 150,000 acres of the best timber every year. The annual expenditure for railway buildings, repairs and cars is $38,000,000. The locomotives in the United States consume $56,000,000 worth of the article. Wood industry amounts to $500,000,000, in which there are 40,000 artisans.

The subscription fund at College Point for the relief widows and orphans for patriotic German soldiers,

WAR IN EUROPE!

FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORTS.

Paris, Aug. 28.—The following official intelligence has been received from St. Minuehould, and communicated, probably by the Committee of Defense. On Thursday, the 25th, a Prussian corps of 10,000 men, under the command of the Crown Prince of Saxony, opened a furious attack upon Verdun. They bombarded the city vigorously, and under cover of the artillery fire, assaulted the fortifications in overwhelming force. Their cannon continued to fire incessantly, and over three hundred shells were discharged against the town, besides solid shot.

After a combat of three hours duration they failed to effect a lodgment in any part of our works, and were disastrously repulsed at all points, and retreated precipitately under a heavy fire from the guns and musketry of the fortress. The Crown Prince of Saxony completely withdrew his troops from the attack, and quickly retired, leaving many dead and wounded of his command upon the field of battle which he had lost.

Dispatches from the vicinity of the headquarters of the Prussian army operating against Paris communicate the news that the army of the Crown Prince is falling back upon St. Dizier southwest from Bar le-due.

MOVEMENTS OF PRUSSIAN CAVALRY

Lyons, Aug. 28.—The Prussian cavalry are reported to be overrunning the country to the north east of Dijon. Detachments of Uhlans, or light Prussian cavalry, have been seen near Dijon (which is the capital of the Department of Cote'd Or, 160 miles southeast Paris, on the railway to Lyons).

Paris, August 28.—The Prussian scouts are at Arcissur-Aube.

THE FRENCH CAPITL.

London, Aug. 28.—Dispatches of a late date from Paris relative to the prevailing feeling there regarding the prospects of a siege by the Prussian armies under King William represent that the impression in one of a calm determination to meet the Prussians with a bold front and unflinching courage.

All accounts agree that the citizens of Paris have been perfectly enrolled that a siege is inevitable, and to this end they are contributing their resources to the active work of preparation, and reserving their energies for the approaching collision, which is most surely come soon. The population who have not yet been provided with means of defense are dissatisfied and are clamorous for arms, which are being rapidly distributed, but discretely.

The surrounding country is contributing lavishly of its agricultural sources, and the city is declared to be abundantly provisioned for three months consumption, and even for a longer period, if necessity should arise. The tone of the Press continued patriotic, and inciting to resistance to the invasion. *Le Temps* (newspaper) calls urgently upon the inhabitants of the South, North and West of France to rally and form themselves into battalions of volunteers, and hasten to the front to dispute every inch of ground with the Prussians, who are now invading the soil of France.

ANOTHER FIGHT ON SUNDAY.

Berlin, Aug. 29—Midnight.—The following important intelligence from the front has been received:

On Sunday a fight took place at Buzancy between six squadrons of the French Chasseurs and the Third Saxon Cavalry Regiment, a squadron of Uhlans and a battery.

After a desperate conflict, lasting several hours, the French forces were defeated. Their commanding officer, Col. Leporte, and many other officers and men were taken prisoners.

There are now 10,000 Prussian troops between Epernay and Rheims.

General Frossard and Bombaki are among the French officers wounded.

Eight hundred of the National Guards surrendered to the Prussians at Saint Menehould.

THE SIEGE OF METZ.

London, Aug. 29.—A report from a Prussion source states that the Emperor Napoleon is shut up in Metz along with that portion of the army of Marshal Bazine which has unsuccessfully endeavored to break through the Prussians besieging lines.

Brussels, Aug. 29.—Marshal Bazaine is certainly under the walls of Metz.

TYPHUS FEVER AMONG THE TROOPS.

London, Aug. 29.—There are ten thousand peasants and fifteen thousand wounded soldiers shut up in Metz, and the typhus fever is raging.

Paris, Aug. 29.—the following is official:

The Prussians under the command of the Prince Royal have been seen going towards Shippes. The German forces spread throughout the department of Aube have abandoned their encampments, and are now marching

A force of twenty thousand cavalry passed through Chelons, going toward Epernay.

Pfalzburg and Strasbourg still hold out.

PARIS IN DANGER.

Paris, Aug. 29.—The Committee on defences are adopting extreme measures in anticipation of an early seige. General Trochu in his capacity of Military Governor has issued a proclamation commanding all Germans to quit the citp of Paris within three days.

General Trochu, the Governor of Paris, has issued a proclamation, ordering all strangers, natives of the country now at war with France, and not naturalized citizens, to leave Paris, and the department of the Seine within three days. They must quit France, or at least retire to some department on the other side of the River Loire. All strangers who come within the above injuction and do not conform to it will be arrested and handed over to the military tribunal, unless special permission to remain is received from the Governor of Paris.

THE REPORTS OF A BATTLE.

London, Aug. 29.—By a dispatch just received from our special correspondent at Montmedy, we have news of a great and bloody battle begun on the evening of the 28th (Sunday) in the immediate neighborhood of Mouzon.

The battle is as yet undecided. The fighting is now going on between Charville and Ardennes.

Sixty thousand troops have left Paris to join McMahon, and have already passed beyond Soissons. They are in excellent order and the best of spirits, and a feeling of confidence seems to animate the entire force.

At Madrid important consultations have taken place between the Regent and the Ministers.

A coup d'etat is daily looked for.

Paris, Aug. 29.—The preparations for the defense are still being perfected.

All the palaces in France are to be appropriated as hospitals for the reception of wounded soldiers.

Russia and England are strongly opposed to the dismemberment of France.

Americans are rapidly leaving the city, and most of the hotels are already nearly empty.

Messrs. Woodside & Claflin are fitting up a gorgeous woman's club house in New York city.

A guest at a hotel in Leavenworth ate over a dozen ears of green corn at one meal the day before his funeral.

The first frost of the season occurred in Maine on Friday, on the lowlands. Tender vines were injured.

Nearly 3,000 people left Long Monday. The hotels will close on the 10th, except the Mercer House.

A severe squall, passed over Buffalo yesterday, causing great destruction of property and the loss of three lives.

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