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Republican National Ticket for 1880

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(Subject to decision of Republican National Convention.)

National Republican Convention.

A National Convention of the Rebublican party will meet at Chicago, Wednesday, the 2d of June next, for nomination of candidates to be supported for President and Vice President at the next election. Republicans and all who will co-operate with them in supporting the nominees of the party, are invited to choose two delegates from each Congressional district, four at large from each State, two from each Territory and two from the District of Columbia, to represent them in the convention.

J. D. CAMERON, Chairman.
THOS. B. KEOGH, Secretary.

—A young man named John Maguire, alias William Love, a stonecutter by trade, has been arrested at Welland Ont., for a murder committed in Pennsylvania seven years ago. He is supposed to belong to the Mollie Maguier's gang. He will be held until the United States authorities are heard from.

—Frank Leslie left all his property to his wife and has been commended for this treatment to the woman who did her equal share with him in accumulating his fortune. But his sons do not like this disposition and will contest the will. Doubtless a very disagreeable family quarrel will ensue. Leslie had prospered of late years and though he failed a few years ago, had nearly paid off the claims against his property. His publications, it is said, now net $1,200 a week profit.

—Capt. Daily ordered his company to kick up all the dust they could at Yellow Tavern, Va., while out skirmishing one day in 1864, while he dashed into the camp of a Confederate regiment and demanded its surrender. The audacity of the plan nearly insured its success, for the Captain's demand was followed by a surrender of the colors; but Col. Hapgood, the commander, came upon the ground in time to send him back with a bullet wound through his body. This is the story that Daily tells in his application to Congress for a pension, and Hapgood corroborates it.

TOLEDO, OHIO, January 25.—A prize fight occured yesterday between Prof. Clark, of Cleviand, Ohio, and Dick Murray, of New York, for $100 a side. The contestants, together with a small party of their friends, went to Dundee, Mich., and proceeded into the woods, where a ring was formed and at half-past ten o'clock A. M. the battle was commenced. Twenty-nine rounds were fought in one hour and twelve minutes, when Clark was declared the winner. Murray was roughly handled. There was no interruption to the fight and it is not thought that any arrests will be made.

—There are fifty-six Justices of the Peace in New Haven, owing to the fact that new ones are made at every election and old ones continue in office. The trials held before them are farcial, according to the Hartford *Post*, which says: "Nearly every young member of the bar has his favorite Justice, before whom he brings all his suits, and it is expected that the Justice will render decisions favorable to his friend and legal patron. In some cases there is a mutual understanding whereby two lawyers who are both Justices of the Peace, interchanged their favors for their mutual benefit. The poor clients have thus to depend upon appeals to the higher courts in order to get fair judgments."

Curious Weather.

The weather this winter seems to be particularly mild, and many persons never saw its equal. Jacob Grafius, Esq., a well known citizen of this place, says that in 1842, on the 17th day of November, the river closed, and on the 23d, six days later, teams crossed on the ice. On the last day of December the snow and ice had all disappeared, and beautiful weather prevailed all through January, 1843. Farmers went to plowing, and the river was so low and clear that Mr. Grafius went salmon fishing. Winter set in again about the first day of February, and on the last day of March there were two feet of snow on the ground. The weather remained so cold that teams crossed the river on the ice as late as the 7th day of April.

Mr. Grafius remembers all these dates and circumstances very distinctly. Lumbermen should not despair, as this winter seems to be a counterpart of that of 1842. It was on the last day of December last that the ice left the river, and the indications are good for cold weather.—Lock Haven *Journal*.

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[From our regular Correspondent.]

Washington, D. C. Jan. 24, 1880.

The Woman's National Suffrage Convention has been in full blast here since the 21st, and presents a greater array of feminine talent than any of its predecessors. Miss Susan B Anthony is the presiding officer, and she performs her duty with the utmost self-possession, and apparent fullest knowledge of parliamentary law and the responsibilities of her position. She seems born to command and to preside. Every angularity of her physiognomy, form and character—and no single point seems rounded with an atom of the line of beauty and symmetry—displays that force and decision of mind requisite to enable the control and derection of others, while her tongue moves as rapidly and incisively as that of Katharina before Petruchio tamed her belligerency. Our Mrs. Sarah Spencer is the secreary, and though she lacks Miss Anthony's augularity, for she is handsome and graceful, yet she has a vim and intellect that fits her also for leadership, which she never hesitates to assume whenever Congressional committees are to be addressed, or bodies of men harrangued. Mesdames Gage, Stanton, and a score of other prominent suffrage advocates are among the delegates, and as Misses Phoebe Cozzens, Devereux, and other talented spinsters, assist in the pow wow your readers can readily appreciate that the wondrous suffrage question is being ably and fully handled. They promise us, as in the past convention, the millenium whenever granted the ballot through their desired Constitutional amendment. Not a speaker but has told us that, given the right to vote, women would put down the infamous national traffic in whisky, and reform all the evils incedent to our political institutions. Observation in Wyoming Territory, where women vote unrestrictedly, has rendered us perfectly skeptical upon all these assumptions. But the fact remains that no convention, of either sex, ever assembled in Washington which exhibited more talent and general ability than this one.

The inevitaole Dr. Mary Walker, of course, appears, but on the background for her sisters will not admit her to full equality, owing to her extreme radical views upon dress and society usages. Dr. Mary has assumed full male attire, even to wearing shortened hair, a natty little cane and a gentleman's hat. Beyond all this eccentricity is the fact that she, in contrast with Mrs. Stanton, Miss Anthony, or our learned Mrs. Judge Lockwood, is destitute of brains or even ordinary feminine wit or shrewdness; hence it is not surprising that she is elbowed to the rear, or, as last year, when she forced herself upon the stage among the delegates, is hustled off as an unwarranted intruder. That these presistent advocates of suffrage are working successfully toward the accomplishment of their aims, no observing person can entertain a doubt. Six years ago slimly-attended meetings, and the ridicule and sneer of roughs met them here. Now Lincoln Hall will not hold the crowd of well-dressed and mannered people that attempt to get seats every session, morning, afternoon and night, and who treat the speakers with deep and respectful attention, no matter what direction their remarks may take. It does seem that optimists like ourselves will soon have to accept the situation, and fall back on our philosophy that "Whatever is, is right."

Since New Years our weather has been magnificent. The occasional rain storm has not obscured the brilliant sunshine more than a day at the time, and our fashionable society has had, as a consequence, fullest opportunity for holding and attending levees and receptions. No winter for years has presented a more brilliant round of fashion and display than this. Our streets are daily thronged with equipages containing callers and visitors, who are evidently improving the opportunities prior to Lent which ends our season of pleasure and gayety. Etiquette has portioned off the days of the week to the various classes of society and gives the order of precedence as follows: The President's wife is pre-eminent. All other ladies must call upon her, and that without having the call returned. Saturday afternoon is assigned to her, though she holds informal receptions all other nights of the week, except Sunday. Next in order come the ladies of the Cabinet, who take Wednesday afternoons, then the Supreme Court ladies who have Mondays. The wives of Foreign Ministers take Friday, and those of the General of the Army and Admiral of the Navy, Tuesdays. By thus apportioning the week among themselves, there is no collision, and each lady can call as well receive. Light refreshments are always served, excepting at the White House, where the custom was abolished during Mrs. Madison's reign as mistress. At one of her most brilliant receptions a party of roughs attended, and, seizing the tables appropriated the refreshments, which led to their abolishment as a part of the White House levee. So onerous and exacting is our custom of calling, that Lent is hailed with joy and gladness by most of our fashionable ladies, for it ends the absurd burden of receiving hundreds of people one has never before seen or met socially, and yet whose call must be returned to the extent, at least, of leaving a card. The most elegant receptions of the season are given by the families of wealthy Representatives who pride themselves, apparently, on excelling in display, at least those more favored with the accident of higher social rank.

A Mild Winter.

[Phila. Weekly Press.]

That repository of meteorological information, "The oldest inhabitant," has not been consulted about the very remarkable weather which has prevailed during the present winter, so that we cannot affirm that it is unprecedented; but the records kept by the observer at the United States Signal Office in this city show that there has been no such a season since the founding of the Weather Bureau in 1870. Twenty years ago (1859-60) the first two months of winter were exceedingly mild, but we have not the figures at hand to compare the mean temperature with the corresponding period of 1879 80. Since 1870 an accurate record of the mean temperature of each day of the year has been kept, and any dispute about the mildness or severity of the season, as compared with any previous one within the last ten years can be easily settled by referring to the official figures.

The month of January, 1875, was the coldest of which the Signal Office has any record. The mean temperature for the whole month was 26.1—nearly six degrees below the freezing point. Last winter was considered a very severe one, and the ferry boats on the Delaware were more or less impeded by the ice during the entire month of January, but the mean temperature for the month was 3.8 degrees higher than for corresponding month of 1875. When the temperature goes down to 25, ice forms rapidly, and if it keeps down for three or four days there is a hard freeze, the effect of which is seen for many days. This was the case during the first week in January last year, when the mercury went down at night to three or four degrees below zero. The thick ice which was formed them remained for a long time, and mounds of frozen mud and snow remained in the streets during the greater part of the winter—monuments of the cold spell in which they had their origin.

During last December (1879) the mean temperature was 38.8, being nearly seven degrees above the freezing point. The mercury went down to 11 on the 27th, but the average for the month is unusually high, and on the 4th and the 11th the summer temperature of 61 degrees was reached. The mean temperature of the corresponding month of 1878 was 34.5, being 4.3 degrees lower than in 1879. If it had not been for the little cold spell just before the holidays, which cut down the general average, December could scarcely have been rated a winter month, if the classification depended on the temperature. The record for January is still more extraordinary. Up to date the mean temperature of the month has been 40.6, being 8.6 degrees above the freezing point. During five days of the present week the mean temperature has been 44.6. This record has no parallel in the tables kept by the United States Signal Office, but, as we have already stated they only go back to 1870. There has been no day when the mean temperature reached the freezing point, and on last Tuesday it was 50.5.

Comparing these figures with the records of the same month for eight previous years, we find that the mean temperature for the present was 4.9 degrees higher than during January, 1871, and 14.5 degrees higher than during January, 1875. The record for January since 1871 is as follows: 1871, 35.7; 1872, 29.4; 1873, 28.9; 1874, 36.7; 1875, 26.1; 1876, 36.7; 1877, 28.4; 1878, ; 1879, 29.9; 1880, up to the 23d inst., 40.6. In many respects this exceedingly mild weather has been highly advantageous to the country. The principal manufacturing industries are in active operation, and have not been impeded by ice or frost. Out-door work has gone on with almost as little interruption as is experienced in the summer months; while the poor have escaped the privations and sufferings which a severe winter always brings.

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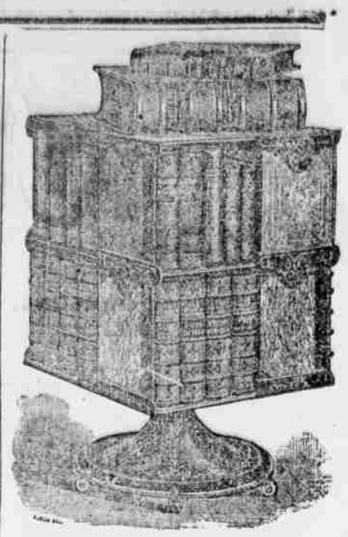

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