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Republican National Convention.

TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES.

The People of the United States, without regard to past political differences or divisions, who are opposed to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, to the policy of the present Administration, to the extension of Slavery into the Territories, in favor of the admission of Kansas as a *Free State*, and of restoring the action of the Federal Government to the principles of WASHINGTON and JEFFERSON, are invited by the National Committee, appointed by the Pittsburgh Convention of the 22d of February 1856, to send from each State three Delegates from every Congressional district, and six Delegates at large, to meet in PHILADELPHIA, *on the Seventeenth day of June next*, for the purpose of recommending candidates to be supported for the offices of President and Vice President of the United States.

R. D. MORGAN, New York.
FRANCIS P. BLAIR, Maryland.
JOHN M. NILES, Connecticut.
DAVID WILMOT, Pennsylvania.
A. P. STONE, Ohio.
WILLIAM M. CHACE, Rhode Island.
JOHN Z. GOODRICH, Massachusetts.
GEORGE ELY, Virginia.
ASHER R. HALLOWELL, Maine.
E. S. LELAND, Illinois.
CHARLES DICKEY, Michigan.
GEORGE G. FOGG, New Hampshire.
A. J. STEERNS, Iowa.
CORNELIUS COLE, California.
LAWRENCE BRAINERD, Vermont.
WILLIAM GROSE, Indiana.
WYLAM SPOONER, Wisconsin.
C. H. K. PAULISON, New Jersey.
E. D. WILLIAMS, Delaware.
JOHN G. FEE, Kentucky.
JAMES REDPATH, Missouri.
LEWIS ELEPHANT, Dist. of Columbia.

Abington, March 29, 1856. *National Committee.*

Republican State Convention.

In fulfillment of the duties imposed upon the undersigned, as member of the National Executive Committee for the State of Pennsylvania, (appointed by the Republican Convention held at Pittsburgh on the 22d inst.) and in compliance with the wishes of numerous friends throughout the state, notice is hereby given that a REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION will be held in the City of Philadelphia, on MONDAY, the 16th day of JUNE next, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for the formation of an Electoral Ticket, and the nomination of a State Ticket, to be supported at the ensuing Presidential and State Elections; and generally for the transaction of all such business as shall come before said Convention.

The undersigned would recommend that the Convention be composed of Delegates, twice in number to that of the Senate and House of Representatives; and that the friends of Freedom in the several counties of the Common Wealth meet at the county seat, or other convenient place in their respective counties, on SATURDAY, the 31st day of May next, (unless some other day will better accommodate,) and elect delegates to represent them in said State Convention; and also, at the same time and place, three delegates from the several Congressional districts, to represent this State in the National Nominating Convention to be held on the 17th of June next, at Philadelphia.

D. WILMOT,
Member of National Ex. Com. for Pa.

TOWANDA, March 15, 1856.

Republican County Convention.

At a meeting of the Republican Committee of Allegheny county, held in Pittsburgh on the 4th of May, 1856 the following call was adopted:

The people of Allegheny county, without regard to past political differences, who are opposed to the repeal of the Missouri Compromise; to the policy of the present Administration; to the extension of Slavery into the Territories; in favor of the admission of Kansas as a Free State, and of restoring the action of the Federal Government to the principles of Washington and Jefferson, are requested, in compliance with the call issued by the Republican National Committee appointed at the Pittsburgh National Convention, held in Pittsburgh on the 22d of February, 1856, to meet in their respective election districts throughout the county on SATURDAY, *the 31st day of May*, 1856, and choose two delegates from each, to meet in County Convention at the Court House, in the City of Pittsburgh, on WEDNESDAY, *the 4th of June*, 1856, at 11 o'clock A. M. to elect delegates to the Republican National Convention to be held in Philadelphia on the 17th of June, 1856, for the purpose of nominating a Presidential ticket.

The County Convention hereby called will also select delegates from Allegheny County to the Republican State Convention to be held in Philadelphia on the 16th of June.

The meetings in the townships and wards will be held between the hours of 3 and 5 P. M., and in the cities and boroughs between the hours of 7 and 9 P. M.

THOS. L. SHIELDS.
JOHN WALKER JR.
WM. COLEMAN.
RUSSELL ERRETT.
THOMAS PENNEY.
JAMES McALLEY.
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JAMES CAROTHERS.

Members of the Republican County Committee.

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BELLEFONTAINE AND INDIANA—INDIANAPOLIS, PITTSBURGH AND CLEVELAND RAILROADS.—These roads—the first extending from the Cleveland and Columbus road, near Crestline, to the Indianapolis and Bellefontaine road—have, for operating purposes, been consolidated and placed under the management of an Executive Committee. The business interests of these roads being identical, a severed management was very embarrassing to both, and their complete prosperity demanded a union in their running arrangements. To accomplish this, an Executive Committee was created, taking two Directors from each road, to wit, HENRY WICK and ELISHA T. STERLING, of the first named road, SYLLMAN WITT and DANIEL YANDES, of Indianapolis, of the second; and JOHN BROWN, the President of both roads.

This Committee run both roads as if but one, thus avoiding difficulties of connections, and ensuring much greater economy and efficiency in management, than could be attained under a distinct service. The executive Committee, for greater convenience, have opened their office in Cleveland, and appointed as Secretary J. M. THOMPSON, who is also secretary of the B. and I. Road.

The cars of these consolidated roads start from Crestline, thus accommodating passengers either from Cleveland or Pittsburgh.

BRIDGING NAVIGABLE RIVERS.—On our first page we give from an eye-witness a description of the loss of the *Effie Afton* at the Rock Island Railroad Bridge, and the abortive attempts of other boats to run through the dangerous pass. The question arises, on whom is this great loss to fall,—on the Railroad Company, or on the steamboat owners? Who is to pay also for the delay and expense of working through the narrow shute? and for the increase of insurance? The Mississippi was a free river, a great national highway, floating the commerce of an empire; but now it pays tribute to a private company controlling a local and artificial mode of conveyance. The National Government has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to remove obstructions to navigation, and yet has permitted one of the most dangerous obstructions to be placed across it, thus compelling the immense and fertile region north of it to pay tribute for the benefit of a Railroad and Bridge Company. Navigation being dangerous at that point, will increase the price of insurance on all boats passing to ports above. This, together with the liability to delay, will greatly increase the price of freight and passage. All this is so much injury to the regions above the obstruction.

The policy of obstructing the great navigable rivers of the west by bridges is one of dangerous tendency, and of most doubtful propriety. Rivers are before Railroads, are more valuable, and have better rights. The inconvenience of crossing the Ohio, or the Mississippi, in ferry boats, is not so great as to justify obstructing the navigation of those noble streams.

THE METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE, in session at Indianapolis, are progressing but slowly. On Saturday last, the Conference was still occupied in hearing the argument in the appeal case of L. D. Harlan charged with slandering Bishop Hamline.

As the rules adopted by the Conference expressly provide that "in cases affecting character" the previous question shall not be called, and no means shall be employed to cut off debate there is no telling how much longer this case may last.

Not much of general interest will transpire, until the committees on Slavery, and on the prudential rules of the church in relation to the Ministry embracing the length of time a preacher may be stationed in one place, and on the duties and office of Presiding Elders, report. When these important questions come up the debate will probably be of a most exciting and interesting description.

MASSACHUSETTS EXEMPTION LAW.—Nearly all the Free States have exemption laws to prevent the debtor from being stripped entirely of his property and means of existence. The Massachusetts House of Representatives have passed a bill exempting debtor's property to the following extent: The necessary wearing apparel of the debtor and of his wife and children; one bedstead, bed, and the necessary bedding for every two persons in the family; one iron stove used for cooking, or warming the dwelling house; and fuel not exceeding the value of ten dollars, procured and designed for the use of the family; furniture to the value of $100; books, $50; live stock, $50; tools, and stock, $100; one pew, which remains liable for tax, uniform and accoutrements of an officer, required by law to be kept by him, and right of burial and tombs while in use as the repositories of the dead.

☞ The next Ohio State Fair will be held in Cleveland.

FROM LAKE SUPERIOR.—There has been an arrival at Cleveland, from Lake Superior, the *North Star* having returned from her first trip.—Immense quantities of ice still float in lake Superior, rendering navigation difficult and dangerous. The stock of flour and pork at Ontonagon, had been completely exhausted, and the supplies by the steamer were most welcome. The mining prospects were never better; it is said there, that the North American will be able this season to ship 300 tons, the Cliff 1700, and the Minnesota 1600. The others will likewise ship proportionately large amounts. A large mass in the Minnesota has been discovered, which it is calculated weighs 1050 tons. The Collins Co. have a large lot of blooms at Marquette, and iron-ore and copper at the various ports, in considerable quantities, is awaiting shipment.

REPUBLICAN COUNTY CONVENTION.—The call for a County Convention to elect delegates to the National and State Republican Conventions, to meet in Philadelphia on the 16th and 17th of June, appears in our paper. As these Conventions are of the utmost importance to the future success of the principles of the party, there can be no doubt that the friends of the cause throughout the county will promptly respond, by electing delegates to the County Convention. It is not designed to take any action for the selection of a county ticket at this time. We hope before that selection shall become necessary, there will be a complete and cordial union of all the anti-administration voters upon one issue, and upon one presidential ticket. This will ensure certain and triumphant success.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

DEWITT & DAVENPORT, New York, have just published the following works:

"SALAD FOR THE SOLITARY. By the author of "Salad for the Solitary."

The readers of "Salad for the Solitary," will welcome this new dish from the same author. Its ingredients, are, "Bookcraft; the Modern Moloch; the Toilet and its Devotees; the Mysteries of Medicine; the Cycle of the Seasons; the Humors of the Law; the Mute Creation; Pulpit Peculiarities; the Lareenies of Literature, and A Stray Leaf," affording sufficient variety to make a very spicy and palatable repast. The preceding work has been highly admired, both in England and America, and the present is the counterpart of its companion in oddities, quaint sayings, and a refreshing dip into the choicest witticisms of literature.

"A DEFENCE OF THE AMERICAN POLICY, *as opposed to Foreign Influence*, and especially to the interference of the Papacy in the Political Interests and affairs of the United States. By Hon. R. Whitney, member of Congress from New York City."

If Mr. Whitney has any fame worth preserving, this book will not add to it. It is replete with bigotry, pro-Slavery and intolerance. It defends Slavery, denounces Republican sentiment, and slanders Senator Seward and his friends. It is a poor attempt to bolster up the Silver-Grey Hindoo Fillmore party in New York, and to resist the stern and steady advance of the principles of Freedom. It is the dying effort of Doughfaceism, to chain the North to the triumphant car of Slaveocracy, and it stoops to falsehood to promote its object.

The above works are for sale at Luffer's, 77 Fourth street.

"A MEMOIR OF ADELAIDE LEAFES NEWTON." By Rev. John Baillie, Minister of the Free Church of Scotland, London; author of "Memoirs of Hewitson," etc. New York: Robert Carter and Brothers.

This is a memoir of a young lady eminent for piety, as well as the graces of person and mind, who was called to her reward at the early age of thirty years. The author of the work has discharged his task ably. His style and manner are original and vigorous, and no one can read his pages without profit and instruction.

"SHALL ALL BE SAVED? *The Doctrine of Endless Punishment proved, and Objections answered.* In two sermons. By Thos. Spencer, Pastor of the Reformed Presbyterian Congregations of Pittsburgh and Allegheny."

These sermons, delivered last November, have been published at the request of the young men of the congregation. The doctrine stated, is fully and ably discussed.

The above works are for sale by J. S. Davison, 65 Market street.

THE RISE OF THE DUTCH REPUBLIC, a history. By JOHN LATHROP MOTLEY. In three vols. 8vo. New York, Harpers, 1856.

Three beautiful portly volumns, executed in the best style of the Harpers, to stand gracefully alongside of Prescott, Macaulay, Bancroft or Hildreth. The history commences 1555 and ends 1584, embracing one of the most important periods of modern times. Mr. Motley's history has leaped upon the world like Minerva from the brain of Jupiter. At one bound the author has reached a period of preeminence as a historian. His style is equal to that of many of his contemporaries, and his ability and diligence in the prosecution of his great work, are abundantly manifest. The European press is almost enthusiastic in its praise of Mr. Motley's history. The Rise of the Dutch Republic is the voice of God in History.

THE TEACHER—Moral Influence employed in the instruction and government of the young. A new and revised edition. By JACOB ABBOTT, with engravings. N. Y. Harper & Bros., 1856.

A new edition of a good and favorite book for the use of teachers, but not for teachers only, parents, and school directors would do well to procure this volume, it would enable them to judge and counsel in matters pertaining to the arduous and responsible duties to be performed by those having charge of their children.

A LADY'S SECOND JOURNEY ROUND THE WORLD, from London to the Cape of Good Hope, Borneo, Java, Sumatra, Ceylon, Persia, Turkey, Russia, Poland, Austria, Saxony, Prussia, Holland, Belgium, France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Asia Minor, Syria, Palestine, Egypt, Nubia, Abyssinia, Malta, Sicily, Naples, Rome, Florence, Venice, Milan, Turin, Savoy, Paris, Normandy, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Russia, Poland, Prussia, Holland, Belgium, Scotland, Wales, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, California, Oregon, Sandwich Islands, China, Java, Sumatra, Ceylon, Persia