

J. E. WENK, Editor & Proprietor.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1888.

CALL FOR THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION.

HEADQUARTERS REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE, PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 21, 1888.

The Republican State Convention will be held in the Opera House at Harrisburg, on the last Wednesday of April, the 25th, 1888, at eleven o'clock a. m. for the purpose of nominating one candidate for Supreme Judge, two persons for Presidential Electors-at-Large, and twenty-eight persons for Presidential Electors, the latter to be named by the Delegates from the Congressional Districts where Districts have not previously named them. Also for the election of four Delegates and four Alternates-at-Large to the Republican National Convention to be held at Chicago, June 10th, 1888.

The State convention of June 30th, 1886, having abolished Senatorial representation, Delegates to the approaching State Convention will be selected according to the number of Representatives in the Legislature to which each county or city is entitled under the Representative Apportionment law passed at the recent session of the Legislature.

THOS. V. COOPER, Chairman.

Mr. Blaine's Positive "No."

The New York Herald of Sunday last contained a three-column interview with Mr. Blaine which has been cabled from Florence, in which Mr. Blaine in the course of a long conversation distinctly asserted that under no circumstances would he allow his name to be used in connection with the next Presidential nomination.

He insists on the sincerity of his withdrawal and asserts that he had made up his mind thereto long ago.

He considers, first that any man whose name has been associated with a defeat in Presidential campaigns owes it to his party not to allow himself to be renominated; and secondly, he is unequal to facing the fatigues, worry, and excitement of another canvass, all the more so as he would feel himself bound to work as hard as on previous occasions.

Mrs. Blaine and the other members of his family are most emphatic in their approval of his withdrawal, which is definite and neither hasty or recent in its decision.

Mr. Blaine will not return from Europe until after the Republican convention.

He declines to express himself on the subject of the Republican candidates now in the field, but he asserts that he did not retire in favor of any particular one of them.

He is convinced of a Republican victory, basing his conviction in particular on the tariff basis.

When Mr. Blaine was asked the direct question whether he would under any circumstances permit his name to be used as a candidate, he replied in the most emphatic negative, but he added: "I do not wish to make any new affirmations upon the subject. I have said all that I wish to say upon this subject in that letter. That letter, as you must know, was not a haphazard, off-hand affair. It was the result of much deliberation and careful thought. You will remember that I told you in Paris last December that I had no intention of being a candidate again, and that I had practically made up my mind at that time to forbid the use of my name in the approaching election."

"I hold," he said later in the conversation, "that I have no right to be a candidate again. A man who has once been the candidate of his party and defeated owes it to his party to withdraw and not to be a candidate the second time. More than this, there is another plain reason for my withdrawing. I could not go through the burden and fatigue of another Presidential canvass—such a one as the canvass of the late campaign. To accept a nomination, and to do less than before, would be impossible."

The dispatch concludes: Mr. Blaine being asked when he expects to return to America. He said that he expected to reach New York about the first of June. He expects to spend the late spring in London. He has not yet determined upon his movements. After leaving Florence he will probably go straight to England from Italy. He said, with an air of frankness not to be mistaken: "You have no idea what a relief it is to me to think that I am out of the canvass, and that when I come back to New York in the summer that I shall not be going back there to face reception after reception, and to enter into the turmoil and excitement of a political canvass. I can now come back quietly after the convention has once decided the result, and enjoy my own life in my own way, free, I hope, from further criticism or comment."

The Democratic National Convention will be held in St. Louis, June 5th, by order of W. L. Scott, administration boss.

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Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth his bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also.—Hab. II, 15.

The wicked worketh a deceitful work; but to him that soweth righteousness shall be a sure reward.—Rev. II, 18.

MAKE MANIFEST THE WORKS OF THE FLESH.

A Nebraska journal some time after their town had been prohibition, put it this way: "Let us have saloons. Why? Well, I'll tell you why. Take a walk with me along our streets. From the depot to the mill pond and from the banks of the Medicine—made historic by Gen. Custer—to the bluff west of town, you will see no window stuffed with rags, adorned with old hats or dirty pillows. You look in vain for a shutter hanging by one corner or a gate off the hinge. An unpainted building is hard to find. A saloon would change things. Then, almost every man owns his home. Who occupies a tenement house in Cambridge? And every man's title is unclouded by mortgage or tax title. A saloon would plaster them with mortgages and eat the foundations away. By all means let us have one for the good of the town! You hear the hammer and saw from starlight to starlight. Women sing as they throw open the shutters and admit the pure air of the prairie and the bright light of Heaven. Troops of well-dressed boys and girls go to school. No one stays away for lack of shoes, clothing or books. We can never hope to change these things without a saloon. You meet no bloated, bleary-eyed man or sad faced tattered woman wherever you go. How long are we to endure this? We can change it all in a jiffy by opening a saloon.

Farmers bring loaded wagons to town. Look at them—men, every inch of them, well dressed, well-equipped. They use good language—are informed as to matters at home and abroad. They sell their produce, call on the editor or the minister, pay any little trifle at store or bank, buy books, clothing, dry goods, lumber or machinery, anything to make life comfortable, and leave early for home. How much better it would be to have their teams tied to the posts, starving, till midnight, while they were drinking, fighting, gambling around a saloon. It makes a town lively, you know. And we might have a chance to drag the river for their bodies, hold inquests, make arrests, board prisoners, take care of wives insane and children fatherless. The only way to secure this is to open a saloon. Our right to support drunkards' families, criminals, police courts or paupers, most not be denied. It is as old as the distillery and sacred as the dramshop or brothel.

And we must hurry about it; we have no time to lose: Cambridge grows like magic. The approach of winter does not check it, and every man that comes is a prohibition crank, and our democratic editor is the crankiest of them all. Two large churches have sprung up during the summer, and there is talk of enlarging both of them before the paint is dry. And no saloon or calaboose! The boys going to school and learning trades! What will they ever be good for to make a town lively? They are forming habits that will be hard to break. Let the saloon be opened at once. If the boys of Cambridge are ever to be ground into devil's sausage meat, it is time they were in the hopper. Start the mill. Those favoring the enterprise please step up and sign their names. Let us see the list."

THE DRUNKARD'S LIBERTY.

Drink promised me liberty, and I got it. I had the liberty to see my toes poke out of my boots; the water had the liberty to go in at my toes and out of my heels; my knees had the liberty to come out of my pants; my elbows had the liberty to come out of my coat, and I had the liberty to lift the crown off my hat and scratch my head without taking my hat off.

SPORTS.

"Jug-breaking," according to a Southern newspaper, is to be the great feature of a school missionary festival, when the money-jugs will be smashed in concert at Pensacola, to see how many pennies have been saved. There would be more pennies, says the shrewd commentator, if all the older people would break their big jugs now and keep the Sunday law.—Phila. Ledger.

Look not mournfully into the past, it comes not back again; wisely improve the present, it is thine; go forth to meet the shady future without fear and with a manly heart.—Longfellow.

S. FITZGERALD, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with Forest County, for year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: To Balance from Wm. Smearhaugh, To lands redeemed from County, To rec'd for use of Court Room, etc. Total: \$12,470 25.

S. FITZGERALD, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with State of Pennsylvania, for the year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: To Balance from Wm. Smearhaugh, To State tax for 1887, To Balance, etc. Total: \$705 87.

S. FITZGERALD, Treasurer of Forest County, in account with Redemption Fund, for year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: To Balance from Wm. Smearhaugh, To individual amounts received, To Balance, etc. Total: \$3,818 85.

J. R. CHADWICK, County Commissioner, in account with Forest County, for the year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: To orders drawn, By 56 day's services, By 50 miles travel, etc. Total: \$173 00.

OLIVER BYERLY, County Commissioner, in account with Forest County, for the year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: To orders drawn, By 60 day's services, By 544 miles travel, etc. Total: \$234 40.

W. D. SHIELDS, County Commissioner, in account with Forest County, for the year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: To orders drawn, By 50 day's services, By 725 miles travel, etc. Total: \$222 50.

CURTIS M. SHAWKEY, Prothonotary, &c., in account with Forest County, for year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: To orders drawn, By fees, etc. Total: \$200 20.

LEONARD AGNEW, Sheriff, in account with Forest County, for year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: To orders drawn, By fees, etc. Total: \$355 00.

P. M. CLARK, District Attorney, in account with Forest County, for the year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: To orders drawn, By fees, etc. Total: \$134 00.

FOREST COUNTY, ss: We, the undersigned Auditors of Forest County, do hereby certify that we met at the Commissioners' Office in said county according to law, and did audit and adjust the several accounts of the Treasurer, Sheriff, Prothonotary, District Attorney and County Commissioners, for the year ending January 2, A. D. 1888, and find the same as set forth in the foregoing report. In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 16th day of January, A. D. 1888.

Table with columns: County Commissioners, County Commissioners' Clerk, County Jail, etc. Total: \$8 55.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT of Forest County for the year ending January 2, 1888.

Table with columns: Balance due on County account by Solomon Fitzgerald, Seated Lands returned for 1887, Due by D. W. Clark for coal, etc. Total: \$13,454 66.

FOREST COUNTY, ss: Pursuant to law we, the undersigned Commissioners of Forest County, publish the foregoing exhibit of the receipts and expenditures of said County for the year ending January 2, 1888. Witness our hands and seals this 16th day of January, A. D. 1888.

W. D. SHIELDS, C. F. LEDERER, J. J. PARSONS, County Commissioners. Attest—J. T. BRENNAN, Clerk.

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