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Republican County Convention.

Pursuant to a resolution passed by the Republican County Committee in session Friday June 24, 1881, the Convention of the Republican party for 1881 will convene at the COURT HOUSE in TOWANDA BOROUGH on TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, at ONE O'CLOCK, P. M., to make the following nominations for county officers, to wit:

- One person for Sheriff.
- One person for Prothonotary, &c.
- One person for Register and Recorder, &c.
- One person for Treasurer.
- Two persons for County Commissioners.
- Two persons for County Auditors.

And for the transaction of any other business that may come before the convention.

The Committees of Vigilance of the several election districts will call primary meetings at the usual places of holding Delegate elections for their respective districts, for SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3rd, 1881, to elect by BALLOT two delegates to represent each district in said county convention.

The delegate elections in the BOROUGHS will be organized at SIX O'CLOCK, P. M., and be kept open continuously, to close at 8 o'clock, p. m. In the districts of Barclay, North Towanda and Athens District No. 3, from FIVE O'CLOCK, P. M., continuously until 7 o'clock p. m., at which time they shall close. And in all other townships from THREE o'clock, p. m., continuously until FIVE o'clock, p. m., at which time they shall close. The votes shall then be counted and the result certified by the proper officers of said meetings to the Chairman of said Convention and a copy delivered at once to the delegates elect.

The Committees of Vigilance are particularly requested to give at least three weeks' written or printed notice of the said primary elections, and to carefully observe the above rules in conducting the said primary meetings.

Only Republicans can participate in said meetings.

E. J. ANGLE, Chairman
J. M. ELY, Republican County Committee Secretary.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEES.

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- Burlington Boro—Clarence Ford, Gus Essenwine, John McKeely.
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- Terry—C. P. Garrison, J. H. Schoonover, Geo. H. Terry.
- Towanda Boro—1st Ward, Judson Holcomb, L. Harris, Daniel Savercool. 2nd Ward, Edward Frost, J. Andrew Wilt, C. Manville Pratt. 3rd Ward, George S. Estell, W. F. Dittrick, James Hees.
- Towanda North—Allen Simons, Bishop Horton, Addison Hicks.
- Towanda Twp.—H. M. Davidson, R. A. Bostley, Geo. Fox.
- Troy Boro—B. B. Mitchell, Geo. O. Holcomb, W. E. Gibson.

Troy Twp.—L. T. Weller, Alva Cooper, Charles Manley.
Tuscarora—Patrick Mahoney, A. J. Silvara, James Lewis.
Ulster—C. G. Rockwell, J. G. Howie, Chas. Vincent.
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Wells—Morris Shepard, Wm. Relyea, Wm. Johnson.
Windham—T. S. Lawrence, Job Shoemaker, Martin Wheaton.
Wimot—Dr. Quick, Richard Arey, Daniel Eley.
Wyandling—C. A. Stowell, N. A. Frazer, C. C. Smith.
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The Members of the Executive Committee of the County Standing Committee appointed by the Chairman, are:

- E. M. TUTOR, J. M. ELY,
- I. M'PHERSON, JAMES TERRY,
- F. F. LYON, W. S. KINNEY,
- B. T. HALE, JAMES MATHER,
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The Committee to take into consideration and report at the next County Convention whether any change be necessary in the representation at our county conventions, is:

- JOHN N. CALIFF, J. H. SHAW,
- GEORGE BROWN, H. W. THOMAS,
- N. W. WALDRON, MILTON LOOMIS,
- C. L. SQUIRES.

Comets.

Although the prophets who designate a particular day for the end of the world are justly the objects of ridicule, it is no matter for mirth when the foremost astronomers of the globe declare that no evidence exists to show the improbability of the destruction of the earth by its collision with one of the innumerable bodies which fly through space on courses which no man can estimate. Prof. Draper has indulged in some speculations concerning the earth's future as lugubrious as any prognostication of Prof. Proctor or Mother Shipton herself. He regards the comet now fading from sight as but one of the isolated bodies of all sizes which throng the interstellar spaces and with some of which the earth may at any time come in contact. He reasons as follows:

"Now the sun is moving through space at the rate of from twenty to forty miles a second, and may at any time fall in with a body of inconceivable size, which being drawn toward it and rendered luminous by its heat, would be turned from a dark, invisible mass into a radiant comet. Indeed it is pretty nearly certain that in the course of time our sun will run foul of some other system of stars, which will bring the solar system to an end. It is not impossible that our system, should it fall in with a sun of sufficient size, might itself be turned into a comet, and so come to an end. The possibilities that lie buried in the universe of stars and nebulae are limited only by each man's imagination. There may be systems as complex as our own, or much more so, which have lost their light by the lapse of time, and are now invisible; and such an obstacle in our path would not be discovered until we were close upon it."

While prices have been going up and down and down and up during the past few weeks or months, and bulletins of encouragement and hope have followed bulletins of danger and disaster, as one crowd of speculators or another chanced to be in the ascendancy, the real business interests of the country have been steadily advancing. The wheat fields of the West are becoming golden with the promise of the harvest. All the Southland is covered with its precious burden of cotton, rice and corn. The oil wells of Pennsylvania are bubbling up their wealth as generously as ever, while Colorado, California and Nevada are yielding their treasures of silver and gold in undiminished streams. New England's Mills are the busiest workshops in the world. The picture everywhere is a picture of peace and prosperity such as the world has never seen. All these form the solid, substantial basis on which the country rests, and so long as they are safe it is of very little consequence what Wall street may or may not do. It is only the fly on the wheel, and if every once in a while it is crushed nobody suffers except itself.

I. J. Vanmanter, city editor of the Peoria, Ill. National Democrat, states that he has discovered that the infernal machines, recently received in London, were

manufactured in that city. A director of the Association of United Irishmen lives there and is supposed to know all about the matter. There were ten of the machines made and shipped to New York where they were loaded with dynamite, and then shipped to London. The manufactory is on South Washington street. A reporter has been invited by one of the interested parties to witness an exhibition of the destructive power machines. The trial is to be made in Tazewell county, a mile from the city.

The astronomers are all at sea in regard to the identity of the new comet. A Cincinnati sage asserts that it is the famous one of 1337, while the wise men of Boston incline to the belief that it is an entirely new astronomical acquaintance. Until they shall have agreed it is, of course, idle for the unenlightened to have an opinion on the subject. It seems as hard to get astronomers as doctors to agree.

A severe drouth has commenced in the vicinity of Orange, N. J., and market gardens have suffered a loss of many thousand dollars. Hundreds of wells, cisterns and streams are dry. In Orange many families buy water.

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