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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 3D., 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 aid primary meeting.

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.
- Burlington West—W. D. McKean, Horace Rockwell, Delos Rockwell.
- Canton Twp—A. J. Conklin, H. Cuttin, W. T. Lawrence.
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- Towanda Boro—1st Ward, Judson Holcomb, L. Harris, Daniel Savereool. 2nd Ward, Edward Frost, J. Andrew Will, C. Manville Pratt. 3rd Ward, George S. Estell, W. F. Dittrick, James Hees.
- Towanda North—Allen Simons, Bishop Horton, Addison Hicks.
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- Troy Boro—B. B. Mitchell, Geo. O. Holcomb, W. E. Chilous.

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Tuscarora—Patrick Mahoney, A. J. Silvara, James Lewis.
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Windham—T. S. Lawrence, Job Shoemaker, Martin Wheaton.
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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,
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Oysters.

Next month will bring us the oyster, as it contains the letter "r" which seems to be closely associated with the little bivalve, warranting and defending us in the right to place it upon our bill-of-fare and eat it with relish comfort and impunity. The oyster has a history which if written in detail would be as voluminous as a Legislative Record but not half so "dry." The origin of its becoming an article of diet is lost in obscurity. Tradition says it was first eaten by a party of shipwrecked Spanish sailors cast away upon an island. Gloom surrounded them, starvation staring them when this little rough and uninviting specimen of water bird with its wings closed up "put in an appearance" upon the beach. Falling into their hands, they soon passed into their lank stomachs, affording them healthy nourishment and giving itself a place of distinction among the edible articles of the world. As to the correctness of the foregoing we cannot vouch. We write it as a calm imagination aided by traditional matter dictates. Of its late history we know more and shall dwell on that especially.

For a long time it was a luxury, hardly enjoyed by the rich as an article of general diet, while the poor could hardly obtain it for sickness. But "the world moves on" and so did the cause of the oyster. New beds were found, the demand increased and it became an article of traffic and merchandise as well as beef or pork, engaging the attention of capitalists and enlisting the services of both men and ships. It was within the present century that it was found to be susceptible of cultivation as well as the crops of the field. Accordingly men began to experiment and a trial proved the enterprise to be practical, successful and remunerative; thus adding subaqueous farming to the list of industries followed by mankind. We cannot go into a detailed account of this unique farming. The grounds are bought and sold, poles indicating each man's line. The seed oysters are planted when no larger than a chestnut and raked after four years growth, yet they attain double that age but it is not profitable to keep them any longer. After raking follows the shucking, putting into cans, kegs, tubs and barrels and shipping, &c.

As the result of the experiments and improvements made in the Oyster business generally, through the planting, raking, shucking, caning, etc., we find a great industry, employing thousands of men, hundreds of vessels, numerous factories and millions of capital, 100,000 pounds are annually sent to Europe—our Eastern coast along the Middle states producing the largest and best stock of the world. Steam power is now used for raking, but the hand system is pronounced the best for the good of the bed.

See the great strike of the "shuckers" in Baltimore last winter, from 3000 to 4000 men were in the parade.

These statements give some idea of the greatness of this industry, which keeps pace with all other branches of trade, the field hardly having a limit, as the numer-

ous bays adopted to the propagation of this useful article are but little occupied and the poles indicating the lines of those water farms, hardly noticed by a tourist when passing them.

It is no longer a high toned dish in which the rich alone can revel, but the poor man working at moderate wages can indulge in an occasional stew, it costing no more than fresh beef or pork.

But in conclusion we say, blest be the first man whether a Spanish sailor or a German negro, who had the courage and good sense to swallow a juicy and harmless oyster, thereby conferring upon mankind a right and blessing which for practical use and lasting value is among the foremost inventions of the age, and should any of the descendants of this philanthropic inventor ever be found, we say give them a big international medal, made of gold and resembling the oyster.

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