

THE REALM OF POLITICS.

Preparations for the Great Presidential Contest.

Conventions in Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Other States.

Letter from Gov. Tilden—Miscellaneous Political Notes.

STATE CONVENTIONS.

Illinois Republican.

James A. Connally, of Coles County, presided over the Illinois Republican Convention, which met at Peoria. Daniel Shepard, of Chicago, distinguished by his eloquence and wit, in his speech was称赞ed as smooth and rapid, and notwithstanding several long speeches, were sandwiched among the proceedings, within less than eight hours after the convention had been called to order, the larger portion of the delegates were en route for home.

Gen. Richard C. Odyash, of Logan County, who has already served one term as Governor, and a six years' term in the Senate of the United States, was nominated by acclamation as Chief Magistrate of the State. Gen. J. C. Smith, of Cook County, was placed in nomination for Lieutenant Governor, receiving 511 votes, against 236 for John I. Hiniker, and 43 for John C. Fairbanks.

State Senator of State Henry C. Dement and Louis P. Wolf were named, the first-named receiving the nomination for a large majority. Charles E. Swett was nominated by acclamation for Auditor. For State Treasurer, Jacob Gross, of Cook County, was made the nominee on the first ballot. Charles Becker, David T. Littler, and Frederick Reaman being his competitors. For Attorney General, George Hunt received 483 votes and James McCartney 332, and Hunt was declared the nominee.

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South Carolina Republican.

Robert Small, the colored Congressman, who was a member of the colored Congress, and who had been nominated for a term in the House of Representatives, was chosen as the representative of the colored people in the South Carolina delegation.

WHEREAS, This great party has succeeded by being aggressive and fearless in support of right.

We, the Republicans of Illinois, in convention assembled, mindful of glories which cluster around its past history, renew our pledges of fidelity to our documents, and of a later day to the enforcement of the people, and the carrying out of which by a long line of Governors, from Bissell to Hamilton, has shed such renown upon the Commonwealth, make this declaration of principles upon vital questions of the day, and with these principles we march to victory.

Resolved, That this convention is justly proud of the record made by the Republican party of Illinois in the administration of the State during the twenty-seven years of the existence of the party, and that the Government has been intrusted to it.

We, the Republicans of Illinois, with its heavy burden upon the tax-payers, has been wiped out, and all details of administrative duty discharged with a faithful, intelligent, and patriotic spirit.

Resolved, That the criminal laws of this State should be so revised and simplified as to render punishment of crime more certain and speedy, and to the end that life and property be more effectually protected.

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Resolved, That under the Constitution and laws of the State, the nation has the right to the free, untrammeled exercise of the franchise, and we denounce with unmeasured condemnation, as one of the most heinous and un-American of crimes, the political, terrorizing, bulldozing, murder and rewards resort to as a means of controlling elections.

Resolved, That the Republicans of Illinois approve all legislation which tends to promote fidelity and efficiency in the civil service of the country, and they recognize the fact that a great safeguard against inefficiency and incapacity is the representation in power of the party which has shown itself through a long term of years worthy of the confidence of the American people.

Resolved, That we endorse the administration of the State, as able and sincere, and which has placed the State in a position of strength and honor, and which has placed the State in a splendid array for the great battle of 1864.

Resolved, That the wise and statesmanlike course pursued by the Hon. Shelby M. Cullom in the United States Senate meets our most cordial approval, and give him new claims upon our gratitude and respect, which he long since earned by distinguished services in behalf of the people of Illinois.

Resolved, That this convention cordially endorses the administration of President Arthur, who, in his frank and straightforward manner, in the affairs of administration, have won for him the approval of the entire country.

Resolved, That, as in times past, the Republican party has been largely composed of workingmen, it should be continued as the guardian of their interests; we do, therefore, earnestly recommend to the workingmen of the State Legislature to protect their interests by wise legislation, and our Republican members in Congress to put forth all honorable efforts to secure the passage of laws conducive to their best interests, and as far as best calculated to dignify American labor and elevate the condition of the workingman.

Resolved, That, taking a just pride in the integrity and patriotism, purity of character, and political sagacity of the soldier-statesmen of Illinois, Gen. John A. Logan, our reflected honor and dignity upon the State, promoted the welfare and prosperity of the nation, and illuminated our history, whose glorious services in crushing armed treason and rebellion gained added lustre from their remarkable decisiveness and boldness, and should be held in the memory of the Union; we present his name to the National Convention of the Republican party, to assemble at Chicago on the 3d day of June next, as that of a person to receive the nomination of the Republican party, and to be elected President, and to receive the suffrages of the people of the United States in November next, and that we instruct the delegates appointed by this convention from the State at large, and request them from the several districts to give him the highest vote of confidence, and to support him in the constancy, fidelity, and patriotism of the Republican party of Illinois, and while desiring the permanence of the Union, and the maintenance of its integrity and purity, we pledge to the Republicans of the nation a hearty and triumphant support to the nominee at Chicago, whoever he may be.

DELEGATES AND ELECTORS AT LARGE.

The following delegates-at-large to the National Convention at Chicago were chosen: Senator Shelby M. Cullom, of Sangamon County; Gov. John M. Hamilton, of McLean County; Bissell, of Cook Co.; of Cook County; Clark E. Carr, of Knox County.

Andrew Shuman and Isaac Leeson were chosen as Presidential Electors for the State at large.

STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

A. M. Jones, of Chicago, was re-elected Chairman of the State Central Committee, which is composed as follows:

At Large—John W. Bunn, of Sangamon; J. B. Tanner, of Clay; N. A. Parker, of Cook; George E. White, of Cook; E. A. Wilcox, of Woodford; F. S. Post, of Knox; E. B. Fletcher, of Grundy; W. H. Dyer, of Cook; J. H. Spalding, Chicago; Second, Philip Mass, Chicago; Third, W. H. Quirk, Chicago; Fourth, John J. Healy, Chicago; Fifth, C. A. Patridge, Lake; Sixth, A. M. Jones, Chicago; Seventh, J. W. Templeton, Bureau; Eighth, J. C. Corbus, Mendota; Ninth, Reger D. Smith, Belvidere; Tenth, Frank Hitchcock, Peoria; Eleventh, Payne, Robins, Morris, Peoria; Twelfth, Orman Peirson, Carrollton; Thirteenth, N. W. Branson, Petersburg; Fourteenth, C. B. Davis, Monticello; Fifteenth, J. H. Clark, Mattoon; Sixteenth, Thomas W. Scott, Fairfield; Seventeenth, George D. Chaffee, Shelbyville; Eighteenth, T. C. B. Needles; Nineteenth, General James S. Martin; Twentieth, Ed Mitchell, Marion.

GOLEBY'S ACCEPTANCE.

During the session of the convention Gov. Goleby appeared on the platform and was received with cheers, the members rising and

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West Virginia Democratic.

Ex-United States Senator Herford was made Chairman of the State Central Committee of the Democratic Convention, which met at Charleston. Over 400 delegates were present. The convention adopted the following resolution:

Resolved, That Samuel J. Tilden is our first choice for the Democratic nomination for President.

The following delegates-at-large were chosen to the Chicago Convention:

First District, Lewis Baker; Second, ex-State Senator Joe Van Meter; Third, B. F. Harlow; Fourth, D. C. McDonald; Fifth, W. E. Livley and Ed McDonald; Second, Frank Herford and Wesley Molopan; Fourth, C. T. Beall and George Thompson.

No alternates were chosen, and the delegates were instructed to vote for Tilden.

Oregon Democratic.

The Democratic State Convention of Oregon met at Dallas and adopted a platform declaring in favor of the forfeiture of unclaimed land and the regulation of interstate commerce, and a tariff of revenue limited to the necessities of Government. The delegates from the national convention were: L. L. McLean, of Portland; W. E. L. Ladd, of Salem; C. Cook, P. F. Hogan, V. R. Strode, A. E. Waite, T. L. Porter. The Presidential Electors are: B. L. Isom, W. D. Fenton, A. C. Jones, ex-Gov. W. T. Thompson, and George W. Clack, of Portland, who was nominated for Supreme Judge, and John Myers or Clackamas, for Congress. Resolutions were adopted favoring Tilden and Hendricks as the choice of the Democrats of Oregon for President and Vice President, respectively.

District of Columbia Democratic.

At the Democratic Convention held in Washington, the colored delegates to the District of Columbia, a colored ex-Senator, made a speech, in which he said: "We should put a ticket in the box in every election and make the fight, and, even if it martyr seal our cause, we'll die for it."

The following delegates to the national convention from the State at large were selected: E. M. Brayton, Internal Revenue Collector of the district of South Carolina; W. N. Taft, Postmaster of Charleston; Senator Robert E. Bonner, of South Carolina (contested); and an unpronounced Arthur men. The several Congressional conventions having failed, as required by the rules of the national convention, to meet in their respective districts and elect delegates to the national convention fifteen days before the date of the national convention, the entire delegation was made up of Arthur men.

Resolutions were adopted in favor of revenue reform and home rule for the District to the extent of giving the important District offices to residents.

THE IROQUOIS CLUB.

Letter from Samuel J. Tilden.

The Iroquois Club of Chicago, composed of gentlemen prominent in the Democratic party, gathered in the hall of the Club, on the corner of State and Dearborn Streets, to hear the speech of the colored ex-Senator, in which he said: "We should put a ticket in the box in every election and make the fight, and, even if it martyr seal our cause, we'll die for it."

The following delegates to the Administration of Arthur, and the Democratic party of Tennessee, for the repudiation of the bonds of the State at large, and the selling of the railroads of the State at low prices for bonds; they had previously branded as fraudulent, charges the Democratic party with being traitors, and yet making taxes higher and offices more numerous; denounces the leases of penitentiary labor so as to bring it into competition with free skilled labor, and condemns the Democratic tariff policy as calculated to injure the American labor in damaging conflict with the convict and pauper labor of Europe and all the world.

The delegates chosen to the National Convention were uninstructed, and are as follows:

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Congressional Districts—A. H. Pettibone, John W. Brown, W. C. Chandler, W. C. Chumla, H. F. Griscom, F. V. Brown, B. W. Burford, John C. Elliott, William Ekin, H. L. W. Echols, W. H. Farnsworth, W. M. Farnsworth, Jr., Richard Harris, S. W. Hawkins, L. C. Watson, Carter Harris, J. H. Smith.

According to the most authentic information attainable the choice of the delegation stands 17 for Arthur, 3 for Blaine, 1 for Logan, 1 for Edmunds, 2 doubtful.

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THE BAD BOY.

"It's pretty tough when a feller once gets a reputation for being mean," said the bad boy to the grocery man. "Don't you find it so in your business?" and the boy held up his elbow as though he expected to be hit in the ear.

"I never had a reputation for being mean," said the grocery man, "so I don't know anything about it. I can see, however, that it must be very trying on you. What was you kicking the tomato out of that boy's hand down in the alley? If I was that boy's father I would wallop you till you would see stars."

"No, you wouldn't. If you was that boy's father you would come and thank me and say I was the best friend the boy had," and the bad boy pulled a half-bushel measure up to the stove and sat down. "You see, that boy is a good boy, one of your sweet little angels that never does anything wrong at home. His parents are very high-toned, and they wouldn't let him play with a bad boy like me for anything, or he would be spoiled. He is polite to his parents, and wouldn't say 'darn' before his folks for anything, but he is meaner than pusley away from home. About a week ago I heard that he and three other boys were in the habit of going to a low saloon and buying stale beer and taking it to the loft of a barn, and drinking it on the sly, and getting full, and having headaches, and their parents thought the boys were sickly and petted them. The boys wanted me to go in with them and have fun drinking beer, but I delivered them a regular temperance lecture, and I went to the saloon-keeper and told him he was doing his best to ruin those boys, but he said it was none of my business, and I left. They boys laughed at me and said I was an old maid, and didn't know the first principles of having fun. I tried my best to convince them that they were in danger of going to the bad, but they hooted at me; and this morning when I saw them going to the barn with a tomato can full of beer, I thought it was time something was done, so I kicked the tomato out of the boy's hand and spilled the beer, and broke up that drunk, sure. But several nice people who saw me kick the can said I was an old maid, and didn't know the first principles of having fun. I will put a stop to those boys drinking stale beer if I get knocked gall-well. They boys wanted me to go in with them and have fun drinking beer, but I delivered them a regular temperance lecture, and I went to the saloon-keeper and told him he was doing his best to ruin those boys, but he said it was none of my business, and I left. They boys laughed at me and said I was an old maid, and didn't know the first principles of having fun. I will put a stop to those boys drinking stale beer if I get knocked gall-well. They boys wanted me to go in with them and have fun drinking beer, but I delivered them a regular temperance lecture, and I went to the saloon-keeper and told him he was doing his best to ruin those boys, but he said it was none of my business, and I left. They boys laughed at me and said I was an old maid, and didn't know the first principles of having fun. I will put a stop to those boys drinking stale beer if I get knocked gall-well. They boys wanted me to go in with them and have fun drinking beer, but I delivered them a regular temperance lecture, and I went to the saloon-keeper and told him he was doing his best to ruin those boys, but he said it was none of my business, and I left. They boys laughed at me and said I was an old maid, and didn't know the first principles of having fun. I will put a stop to those boys drinking stale beer if I get knocked gall-well. They boys wanted me to go in with them and have fun drinking beer, but I delivered them