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FIGHT FOR CONVENTION

Much interest has been attached to the meeting today of the republican national committee, not only on account of its political importance, but because it will decide the time and place of holding the next national convention which will nominate candidates for president and vice president. As to the time there will probably not be much discussion. Congressmen and senators are not anxious for a long session, and will adjourn as early as possible, and the convention will probably be held not later than June.

That, however, is not so interesting just now as the question of where the convention shall be held. The canvass by various cities has been going on quietly for some time, and as the time for a decision draws near the contest is becoming more active. The principal contestants, from present indications, are likely to be Chicago, St. Louis and Milwaukee, with the first two in the lead. Chicago refers to its past record as a convention city and offers inducements, including a guarantee fund of \$50,000 and the use of the Coliseum building, to be equipped by the city at a cost of \$30,000. The guarantee fund, however, is required of all cities desiring the convention, and in that respect all the applicants are on the same footing. The other offers of Chicago, together with the hotel and telegraphic facilities, make that city a strong candidate.

St. Louis, as well as Chicago, wants both national conventions, and a leading inducement held out is the fact that the world's fair will be in progress and that everybody will want to see it, a circumstance that will enable people to kill two birds with one stone. The prestige of the exposition, however, is being used as an argument against holding the convention there, it being alleged that the combination of hot weather and crowded hotels will outweigh other advantages. Milwaukee is making a quieter fight and promises to entertain the convention handsomely if it should go there.

In addition to these cities, Pittsburg, Detroit and San Francisco are also making bids, Pittsburg presenting the argument that as the first republican convention was held there more than half a century ago it would be a matter of historic interest to hold next year's meeting there also. Chicago, St. Louis and Milwaukee, however, apparently have the call, with the chances probably in the order named.

WILL CONTINUE TO COME.

The Southern Pacific announces that it has brought out from 5,000 to 10,000 homeseekers from the east who have established themselves in Oregon. It is the result of offering low rates of transportation, and, if the policy is adhered to, there will be a notable increase in Oregon's population every year.

The northern roads have brought thousands to the northwest by establishing homeseeker's rates, and a good part of the increase in this state's population during the past few years has been made up of those who have given up homes in the east and middle west for the more attractive surroundings of the Pacific coast, says the Spokesman-Review. There is hardly a section in the state that has not welcomed newcomers in large numbers, and the Inland Empire has been particularly fortunate in receiving a good share of homeseekers of the best class.

There is no reason to expect that this western movement will sensibly fall off so long as the railroads offer fair rates to those who desire to make a new home in this part of the country. There is still room for thousands, and, as the character of the country and its re-

sources become better known, the stream of newcomers will increase rather than diminish. While there are always inconveniences and discomforts incident to changing homes, the most of those who have settled in Washington have found themselves pleasantly located and have sent back good reports of the Pacific northwest. It is generally regarded as a favored section, and the influx of new people is likely to continue for many years to come.

A writer in the Rural New Yorker, one of the oldest of agricultural papers, calls attention to the advertisement now being published in so many papers asking readers to send for spawn from which to grow mushrooms in cellars. While all that they represent may be true, an old and successful grower says that while large prices are, sometimes obtained, 50 cents a pound is a good average price. As to growing it in cellars, it is of course, possible, but as fresh dressing from the stable is one of the first essentials of culture, the odor rising into the living rooms is hardly agreeable. Neither is the handling of the material work particularly adapted for women and girls, as often represented. It is simply another scheme for getting money from those who are trying to "get rich quick," and it is believed that a large amount of money has been realized by the promoters of this and the ginseng scheme.

The San Francisco Examiner says: "First of all, a baby is democratic." In view of the fact that the first thing a baby does is to holler, we agree with the Examiner.

THE TRAVELS OF MERIWETHER LEWIS.

Thomas Wexford Jones, late of Belfast, Ireland, but now assistant sporting editor of the Oregonian, presides over the destinies of the Note and Comment Column. He has lately undertaken a historical resume, entitled "The Travels of Meriwether Lewis." The second chapter, appearing Thursday, is of special interest to Astorian, and is herewith reproduced:

"On our way down the river, Clark was very anxious to go up the Willamette, but I remembered that gambling was open in Portland, and I was afraid that our stock of beads would be depleted too much if he got spo'tin'. We kept on, passing Bugby, where we saw dead oodles of rocks.

"Finally we reached Astoria, and saw the Pacific. A number of the crew became seasick, and we were forced to land. The chief of police demanded a fee of \$0 beads a day, as he said we must be show people, pointing to the Portland exposition as a proof. We had to pay this amount until Fort Clatsop was built, when I told the chief to go to Skamokawa.

"On the second day of our arrival I lectured to the Commercial Club on making Astoria a common point. I have been informed that similar lectures are still delivered.

"Winter set in while we were in Fort Clatsop, but I whiled away the time counting the raindrops. I never kept up with them, as they came so fast that we had to renew our roof twice. I expect Mr. Himes to have some trouble in locating the site of the Fort, as York refused to work at laying down concrete foundations."

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