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REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION.

ATCHISON, Kas., Nov. 7.—Colonel John A. Martin, secretary of the national Republican committee, to-day sent out the following call: "A meeting of the Republican national committee is to be held at the Arlington house, Washington, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1883, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of deciding upon the date and place for holding the next national Republican convention. The committee will also elect a chairman, vice Governor Marshall Jewell, deceased. At a meeting of the committee, held in Washington on the 17th of January last, the following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, That the call for the next Republican national convention shall be so broad and liberal as to invite co-operation, without imposing any other tests of fealty, of all citizens who are in favor of elevating and dignifying American labor, protecting and extending home industries, giving free popular education to the masses of the people, securing free suffrage and the honest counting of ballots, and effectually protecting all human rights in every section of our common country, and who are willing to support the nominees of the convention."

The committee also fixed the basis of representation in the next national convention and the manner of electing delegates, by adopting the following order: The Republican national convention of 1884 shall consist of four delegates at large from each state, and two delegates from each congressional district. Delegates at large shall be chosen by conventions called on not less than twenty days published notice, and held not more than sixty days before the time fixed for the meeting of the national convention. Republicans of various congressional districts shall have option of electing their delegates at a separate popular delegates' convention, called on a similar notice and held in the districts, at any time within the fifteen days next prior to the meeting of the state convention, or by sub-divisions of state conventions into district conventions, and such delegates shall be chosen in the latter method. If not elected previous to the meeting of the state convention, all district delegates are to be added by the officers of such district conventions. Two delegates shall be allowed from each territory, and from the District of Columbia, similarly chosen.

Overton's Fate.

The following story of the fate of John Overton, who sold the land on which the city of Portland, Oregon, now stands, has been handed down by the Indians: "After Overton left Oregon he next appeared as a trader between the Mexicans and Indians on the frontier of Mexico. But having outrageously cheated both parties, the Indians 'shook' him, and the Mexican government, for some crime not recorded, set a price upon his head. He disappeared for a long time, but one day a party of Comanches came across him in Texas, and immediately gave chase. Overton was mounted on a powerful mustang, and for a time distanced his pursuers; but coming to a deep chasm, which was about twenty-five feet wide, was suddenly checked in his escape. His horse was now too exhausted to make the leap, and the Indians being out of sight behind a hill, he resolved to resort to strategy. Dismounting, he pricked his horse with his knife, causing the animal to leap over the precipice. A large hollow log lay a short distance from the edge of the chasm, into which he crept unperceived, as he thought, by his enemies. The Indians, however, had reached the top of the hill and saw his last movements. They rode up to the log and commenced, for his benefit, a narration of the tortures which they intended to inflict when they should catch him, and finally one of the party pro-

posed having dinner on the spot. Overton's feelings may be imagined when they proceeded to light a fire within a few inches of him, beside the log. His position, of course became untenable, and he slid out, preferring to be shot rather than roasted to death. His persecutors opened fire on him, and, desperate as the chance was, he made a dash at the chasm. To the amazement of the Indians he cleared it by a foot. Unfortunately for him, however, one foot alighted on a loose stone; he lost his balance, staggered backward, and rolled to the bottom of the chasm, where his mangled body was found beside that of his horse. The chasm bears the name to this day of "Overton's Leap."

Bombastic Ben.

On the evening of election day the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette telegraphed to B. F. Butler for his views on the result in Massachusetts, and asking for his programme for the future. The following reply was received: "Boston, Nov. 7.—9 P. M.—To the editors of the Pittsburg Commercial Gazette: An answer to your question as to the cause of the result in Massachusetts is easy. Last year I had 134,000 votes. The largest vote ever polled was in the Garfield election in 1880. Garfield had 165,000 and Hancock 112,000, total, 277,000. This year the vote is 313,000 of which I have 152,000. This enormous increase has been caused by the free use of money, fraud and corruption of my opponents. More votes have been cast than will be in the next presidential year. The \$,000 or 9,000 plurality of my opponent was more than last in the city of Boston. Massachusetts is therefore surely Democratic. When a man increases the Democratic vote from 112,000 to 152,000 in three years there any need of an answer to your question of what my programme will be. I am pleased with the result, and would rather have my vote than be elected by 135,000. In that case it would be said that Massachusetts is a Republican state. She has a large reserve vote, which in presidential elections will come out. Now we have had them all out and measured them, and in the next presidential election, with a judicious platform and popular nomination, at least we should be to keep Republican men and money at home to take care of Butler, instead of sending both into Ohio and Indiana, to corrupt those states.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

Already, says the Port Townsend Argus, the completion of the Northern Pacific railroad is revolutionizing the channels of trade. There was received at the custom house here this week the invoice of 400 tons of coal oil to be shipped through to Victoria from Philadelphia. Information is also received to the effect that a large amount of salmon and other native products will soon be shipped from Victoria to Canada, via the new transcontinental route. At a meeting of the Irish National League in Dublin, on the 7th, Michael Davitt denounced the proposed system of expatriation, and urged that the league organize vigilance committees to frustrate it, and send delegates to the United States and Canada, if necessary. A motion to that effect was adopted. The treasure searchers at Port Jefferson, L. I., are somewhat mixed in their dates. They have found a jar, we are informed, "containing \$200 in gold and silver coins dated from 1756 to 1812." The jar was buried during the Revolutionary war. It was rather a clever thing to bury money during the Revolutionary war that was not coined until 1812. The British steamer Iris, from Cardiff to Port Said, has been lost off Cape Villano, Spain. Of the crew of thirty-six all but one were drowned.

The following description of Charles Benson Finlayson, who is charged with murdering his stepmother near Albany a few days since, is published in hopes that he may be recognized and arrested: Finlayson is 16 years old, height 5 feet 7 inches, weight about 130 pounds, dark brown hair, considerably freckled, front teeth considerably decayed, which is noticeable in talking. When last seen, wore dark clothes, black hat with broad brim, new chin-chilla overcoat of brownish blue color, with black velvet collar, pair of stoga shoes, No. 8, with small black buckle on the side, carries a small silver watch with nickel chain. He was in Portland on Monday, and it is thought left for The Dalles next morning.

That proportion of Dakota territory south of the forty-sixth parallel voted last Tuesday on the ratification of the constitution adopted at Sioux Falls in September. A complete constitution was made from the best portions of various state constitutions. The proposition is to present it to congress this winter, and ask the admission of the south half of Dakota as a state.

The Paris Telegraph says that Premier Ferry has in his possession a document showing that an attack on Sontag and Bacchini must lead to war with China.

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