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"TOWN" WIPED OUT

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 24.—Complete extermination of what was considered one of the largest prairie dog "towns" in the west has been reported to the predatory animal inspector's office here by the Chiricahua Cattle company of Cochise county, southeastern Arizona. More than 1,000,000 prairie dogs were estimated to have lived on the company's ranch of more than 30,000 acres until the management started an offensive campaign against them. Now their vast honeycombs of underground burrows are utterly deserted, the company reported.

AIREDALE SWIMS WELL

OAKLAND, Cal., May 24.—Children playing on the east side of Lake Merritt, in the heart of Oakland, were recently attracted by an Airedale dog swimming across the lake on an average of three or four times a week. A park attendant said the dog apparently would rather swim across the lake than trot three miles ground to reach his home.

If there were but one potato left in the world, a careful cultivator might produce 10,000,000,000 from it in ten years, and thus supply the world with seed again.

G. O. P. TO MEET NEAR PARTY'S BIRTH PLACE

CHICAGO, Ill., May 24.—In assembling at Chicago in June the Republican national convention will be sitting in the section where the Republican party was first named and within 200 miles of where the first recorded Republican meeting was held 66 years ago. The approach of the convention recalls this early history, though with the passing of the years and the development of new issues the first steps of the party have passed from common view.

"It will probably not be possible to trace to the earliest date the first positive meeting which led to the formation of the new party," writes Francis Curtis, in his history of the Republican party. "It is quite likely that there was no considerable gathering of men, nor discussion of plans and policies, until A. E. Bovay, a Whig of Ripon, Wis., together with a Mr. Bowen, a Democrat, and a Mr. Baker, a Free-Soiler, issued a call for a public meeting to consider the now alarming situation."

The great issue of the hour was the extension of slavery. Of the political situation prefacing the formation of the Republican party, Mr. Curtis says, "no political party was able to elect enough members of congress to override the united will of the slaveholders, and until the anti-slavery sentiment of the north should be so welded together, and its exponents should be so united in one party as to be able to send to Washington enough men to outvote the representatives of the slave power, there was no hope that its advance could be checked."

Reference was made to the Ripon meeting by Henry Wilson, when vice president of the United States, in his book "Rise and Fall of the slave power," published in 1874. "One of the earliest, if not the earliest, of the movements," he said, "that contemplated definite action and the formation of a new party was made in Ripon, Fond du Lac county, Wis., in the early months of 1854, in consequence of a very thorough canvass, conference and general comparison of views inaugurated by A. E. Bovay, a prominent member of the Whig party, among the Whigs, Free Soilers and Democrats of that town. A call was issued for a public meeting to consider the grave issues which were assuming an aspect of such alarming proportions."

The meeting thus called, wrote Charles M. Harvey in the Chautauquan, September, 1897, "was held in the Congregational church at Ripon, February 28, 1854. A resolution was adopted in the meeting that if the bill then pending in the senate to throw open to slavery the territories of Kansas and Nebraska should pass, the old party organization in Ripon should be cast off, and a new party, to be called the Republican, formed on the sole issue of opposition to slavery extension."

"The bill passed the senate, in which body it originated, on March 3, 1854, and on March 29, the second meeting, participated in by men of all parties, was held, this time in a schoolhouse at which Bovay was the leading spirit."

"By a vote of the assemblage, the town committees of the Whig and Free Soil parties were dissolved, and a committee of five, three Whigs, one Democrat and one Free-Soiler, was chosen to begin the task of forming a new party."

"At these two meetings was started the earliest systematic work begun anywhere in the country to bring about the coalition of the enemies of slavery extension, who were eventually fused into a homogeneous and aggressive party, adopting the name Republican."

Mr. Harvey quoted a letter Bovay wrote to him about this meeting, in which he said:

"I went from house to house and from shop to shop and halted men on the streets to get their names for the meeting of March 20, 1854. At that time there were not more than a hundred voters in Ripon, and by a vast deal of earnest talking I obtained 53 of them. . . . We went into a little meeting, Whigs, Free Soilers and Democrats. We came out of it Republicans and we were the first Republicans in the Union. . . . I had one great advantage in this work. I was an intimate friend of Horace Greeley's and he would always listen to me on political matters. . . . He did not always assent to my propositions, but in the end he did to most of them, and he did to this one after a

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GOOD DEAL OF NAGGING

It was not the letter that I wrote to him, but many, before he displayed the Republican flag in the Tribune's columns.

Mr. Harvey, in his article quoted in Mr. Curtis' book, concludes:

"It is not claimed here that Bovay is the creator of the Republican party. The spirit was active in 1854, in every village and city in the free states, which would have created that party even if Bovay and Greeley had never been born. Bovay, however, was the first person who set out in a resolute, persistent and practical way to form the party; he was the first to suggest the name, and Greeley, through his paper, which had the largest circulation and influence of any journal in the country at that time, gave his valuable aid in making the party project and name known to the country."

The first national Republican convention was held in Philadelphia two years later.

John Galsworthy, the famous novelist and dramatist, was once a keen sportsman, but for many years he has never touched a gun. Watching a dying bird one day, he suddenly found sport ugly, and gave it up forever.

GOLF LINKS ON SITE OF OLD BATTLE GROUNDS

DENVER, Colo., May 24.—Trees which were a hazard to civilization when the stealthy aborigines secreted themselves in their protection and indulged in pot shots with arrows at the invading pale-face are to become a hazard again—this time to golf players.

The old "Jim Baker Place" has been sold to a new country club which is forming among the 400 of this city. Near the spot where the five half-breed children of the scout, trapper, Indian fighter and pal of Buffalo Bill are buried, a modern country club will be erected. The name of the new club has not been decided upon. Among its organizers is Dr. Charles C. Reid of Denver.

The Baker farm includes one hundred acres. In addition, the acres of the old Iperlach links will be purchased. Another plot of ten acres at Inspiration point will be added, making 180 acres in the course.

T. P. O'Connor, the brilliant journalist and politician, is now the oldest member of the House of Commons in point of service.

WEATHER RECORD

Hereafter the Herald will publish the mean and maximum temperatures and precipitation record as taken by the U. S. Reclamation service station. Publication will cover the day previous to the paper's issue, up to 5 o'clock of that day.

	Max.	Min.	Precipitation
May 1.....	55	30	—
May 2.....	60	24	—
May 3.....	63	29	—
May 4.....	65	33	—
May 5.....	69	39	—
May 6.....	75	29	—
May 7.....	77	45	—
May 8.....	72	39	—
May 9.....	63	44	.33
May 10.....	62	30	—
May 11.....	65	32	—
May 12.....	64	41	—
May 13.....	70	43	—
May 14.....	70	38	—
May 15.....	71	35	—
May 16.....	80	43	—
May 17.....	68	46	—
May 18.....	73	35	—
May 19.....	72	40	—
May 20.....	74	38	—
May 21.....	62	39	—
May 22.....	68	32	—
May 23.....	63	43	—

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