

REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Senator Sabin Elected Chairman of the Republican National Committee, Which Decides Upon Chicago, June 3, as the Place and Date of the National Convention.

The Republican National Committee met at Washington on Wednesday. All the states and territories were represented.

First in the order of proceedings was the election of chairman to succeed the late Gov. Jewell, and this subject was disposed of shortly after the committee was called together. It was shown that he was the only man whom it seemed possible to hit upon as absolutely free from old factional agreements, and the only committee who could be elected to the place without a contest, which it was desired to avoid.

While deeply sensible to the distinguished courtesy you have conferred, I am doubtless, as much surprised as the country at large will be at the announcement of your choice, but being pressed by all parties in the interest and claim of peace and harmony I accept what is rather a distasteful position this time.

The place for holding the convention excited a good deal of interest. Gentlemen were heard in favor of Philadelphia, Indianapolis, New York, Chicago, etc., but Chicago won on the first ballot as follows:

- Chicago.....23 Saratoga.....1 Cincinnati.....18 Philadelphia.....1 Chicago was declared the place of the next Republican convention.

The following was adopted: A Republican national convention will meet in Chicago, Ill., Tuesday, June 3, 1884, at 10 o'clock noon, for the nomination of candidates to be supported for president and vice-president at the next election.

The call is signed by all the members of the convention. Mr. Chandler offered the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the committee views with regret and indignation the recent attempts to suppress human rights, destroy free suffrage and honest counting of ballots in various States, by methods foreign to humanity and civilization.

The committee at 11 o'clock adjourned to meet at the Grand Pacific hotel, Chicago, the 31st of May, 1884.

Mr. Frye of Maine then submitted his proposition for the new basis of representation in the next convention which was discussed at great length by various members.

Washington Special:—The election of Senator Sabin as chairman gives universal satisfaction, owing to the confidence felt by all in his personal fairness and his business-like politics.

1880 favored Blaine, although obliged to cast the Minnesota vote at Chicago for Widdon.

Painting the Sky Red.

Another surprising sunset spectacle was witnessed in St. Paul late yesterday afternoon, the phenomenon presenting all the characteristics of the bright red atmospheric picture of a week or ten days ago. Shortly before 5 o'clock the red glow began to light up the western horizon, gradually spreading until a huge area of sky was marked by the blood-red coloring.

EASTERN INVESTIGATION.

New York Sun: A remarkable observation was made by Prof. Brooks, an industrial astronomer of Western New York on Wednesday evening. While searching with his telescope for comets, he saw what he describes as a shower of telescopic meteors "near the sun."

It is well known that the earth is daily and nightly pelted with millions of meteors, the vast majority of which are almost instantly consumed by the intense heat developed as they dash into our atmosphere.

Frank James Not Yet Clear.

Kansas City Special: There was a gathering here recently of old time confederates and companions of Quantrell and other rough riders of the "Lost Cause," in order to assist Frank James, the noted outlaw, in obtaining bail for his many crimes.

his old quarters at Gallatin. It is not known whether he will be allowed bail in that case.

A Sad Tale of City Life.

C. P. Pease forged checks in New York for \$43, being driven to it by hunger. When caught he was so weak that it was with difficulty that he was led to a restaurant, where a hearty meal enabled him to tell his story.

Pine Land Classification and Sale.

Mr. Strait also introduced a bill to provide for the classification and disposition of the pine timber lands belonging to the public domain. It withdraws these lands from sale or other disposal and provides that:

A Southern Tragedy.

Millidgeville (Ga.) Special: Twelve years ago Robert Humphreys of Barlow county grew jealous of the attention paid his wife by other men.

Gen. Longstreet made a speech at Woodstock, Ill., last summer, and was visibly overpowered according to the papers, by his feelings on the new friendship of north and south.

Mrs. Mary Penfield of Rockford, Ill., and her daughter, were arrested in Berlin, Germany, recently on suspicion of being nihilists.

The postmaster general has called on the attorney general for an interpretation of the act of March 3, 1883, providing a readjustment of salaries of postmasters in accordance with the act of June 12, 1866.

A meeting of members of the Vanderlicke family was held at Philadelphia to prosecute their claim to the property of Jacob Vanderlicke, who died in Dept. Holland, in 1824, leaving an estate now valued at \$500,000.

The wife of John Horrie of Homersville, New Brunswick, gave birth to four boys on the afternoon of the 13th inst.

One of the largest cattle sales on record was consummated at Denver, D. H. and J. W. Snyder & Co., of Denver, bought of Snyder Bros., of Georgetown, Tex., over 29,000 head of cattle and 400 horses; consideration, \$700,000 cash.

At Indianapolis Dr. Edward Griffiths, whose daughter, Mrs. E. T. Johnson, died recently from the effects of a pistol shot wound, supposed to have been inflicted by herself, has brought suit to set aside a deed executed by her the night before the tragedy.

Tyler & Frost, shoe manufacturers, of Lynn, Mass., and Joseph Mullet of East Brookfield, have failed. Liabilities not stated.

A CLOSE CALL.

A Storm of Bullets—An Incident of the Battle of Fredericksburg.

"Did you ever have a very 'close call' during the war?" asked a Star reporter of a prominent clerk in the Postoffice department, who served in Hancock's old division of the 2d corps.

"Close call?"—yes, several. We had them nearly every day from '61 to '65; but the closest call I ever had was at Fredericksburg, when Gen. Burnside ordered the attack on Marye's Heights.

"I will tell you the story of my experience that day," continued the veteran. "Directly after we left the streets to make the attack, I felt a tug at the haversack by my side, but was too busy, looking ahead, to investigate the cause.

"Just at this time a new danger appeared in our rear. A green regiment, over whose backs we marched into the fight that morning, opened fire on the enemy, as they thought, but their range was too low, and the bullets from their guns were striking along our position and finishing the work of destruction.

"When darkness came on the few who had strength enough to move crawled down to the city. A tall old veteran, who had followed Gen. Scott through Mexico and who was then a member of my company, was the only man in my immediate neighborhood whom I could recognize as belonging to the regiment of 218 men who faced the heights that morning.

"That is the story of one day's life in the army of the Potomac," added the veteran. "The experience is not exclusively mine. Hundreds can tell a similar story; and for that reason you are not to use my name. All you want is some more light on the events of a

day that will never be effaced from my memory if I live to the age of Methuseah."

Miscellaneous.

Some San Francisco fishermen recently caught a singular marine monster, which they call an elephant fish, in their net, after a struggle of several hours, during which the creature dragged the smack a long distance.

The value of the willow crop of Wyoming county, N. Y., is estimated at \$12,000. The heaviest crops are found in the towns of Perry, Gainville and Warsaw, and the willows are shipped to Syracuse, Buffalo and New York to German basket-makers, where they command from \$1 to \$24 per ton.

Among the Oriental rugs on exhibition at the Boston Fair there are two which are so fine that photographs have been made of them for exhibition, and they are some of the finest ever seen in this country.

Some views on cholera, based on a successful practical experience with the disease in Madrid and the Philippines, have been expressed to the Paris Academy of Sciences by Mons. Raouin de Luna. He believes that the cause of cholera is always to be found in the atmosphere; that it exerts its action exclusively through the respiratory organs; that its incubation is most likely to take place during a passive condition of the individual, particularly during sleep.

The Dashaway Society, a noted temperance organization of San Francisco, had a peculiar origin. One night in the early history of the city a party of men were winding up a spree in a saloon, when one of the members dashed the liquor from the glass, and said: "I dash it away forever!" From this incident the society was formed.

The New Orleans Times-Democrat claims that, according to the census report, although the southern states possess only one-eighteenth of the wealth of the country, they contribute one-sixth of all the money expended for school purposes—contributing to their schools three times as liberally as the north or west, while they furnish one-fourth of all the scholars in the public schools. In the south, too, there is no distinction in the pay of male and female teachers—both are paid alike. The census also shows that children are much more numerous in the south than in the north and west, in proportion to the population, and the number of children to the family greater.

One of the best stories of the season comes from Wrightsville, S. C., and is thus told by the Recorder: "A lady while engaged in the pursuit of her domestic duties, encountered a mouse in the flour barrel. Now most ladies, under such circumstances, would have uttered a genuine shriek and then sought safety in the garret; but this one possessed more than the ordinary degree of genuine courage.

New York spent for education last year, \$3,626,328.

How "The Scarlet Letter" Was Written.

An intimate friend of Hawthorne's has related the following charming little anecdote, showing the circumstances under which one of his best novels was written: One wintry day Hawthorne received at the office notification that his service would no longer be required. With heaviness of heart he repaired to his humble home. His young wife recognized the change and stood watching for the silence to be broken. At length she faltered: "I am removed from office." She left the room; soon returned with fuel and kindled a bright fire with her own hands; next she brought pen, paper, ink, and set them before him. Then she touched the sad man on the shoulder, and, as he turned to the beaming face, said: "Now you can write your book." The cloud cleared away. The lost office looked like a cage from which he had escaped. "The Scarlet Letter" was written, and a marvelous success rewarded the author and his stout-hearted wife.—N. Y. Home Journal.