

however, even by some of his friends, that he is crowding matters a little too fast; that the party's recognition of himself and his services has so far been ample, and that he should not, by reason of his prominence and opportunities, undertake to set aside the proprieties, and have himself made the national nominee by means of wire-pulling.

The New York State convention to elect delegates to the Chicago gathering is set for the 22nd of this month, and this, it is also claimed, shows the direct handiwork of Senator Hill, who realizes that his best chance for securing the delegation rests on an early convention. All those opposed to his aspirations and some few who are not, deprecate this piece of finesse, and show that the best interests of the party demand deliberation and a careful survey of the field. They would like to have it impressed upon the Democratic mind that, while the ex-governor is a "truly great man" of the self-made pattern, there are several others who constitute available timber, and all should be considered together, not one to the exclusion of the others.

A few days ago it was given out that ex-President Cleveland had decided upon withdrawing from the contest. This was followed by a statement on the part of some of his friends that while it was not altogether correct, and that he would run if the party desired him to do so, he was still somewhat wearied with having his name constantly bandied in connection with the nomination only to be overshadowed now and then with the Hill boom. An earnest conference—perhaps more than one—of Mr. Cleveland's supporters has lately been held and a disposition which promises to grow is manifest, to thwart the scheme to have the Senator capture the prize from an uncontested field. It is not what might properly be termed a very pretty quarrel as it stands; on the contrary it is a very awkward one for our friends the Democracy, and one that they would do well to settle as early as they can.

#### IRRIGATION IN MONTANA.

The census bulletin pertaining to irrigation in Montana shows that out of a total number of 5,664 farms, 3,706 are irrigated. The total area of land upon which crops were raised by irrigation in the census year ending May 31, 1890, was 350,582 acres, in addition to which there were approximately 217,000 acres irrigated for grazing purposes. The average size of the irrigated farms on which crops were raised was 95 acres.

The average first cost of water right is \$4.63 per acre, and the average cost of preparing the soil for cultivation, including the purchase of land, is \$9.54 per acre. The average present value of the irrigated land of the State, including buildings, etc., is reported as \$49.50 per acre, showing an apparent profit, less cost of buildings, of \$35.53 per acre. The average annual cost of water is ninety-five cents per acre, which, deducted from the average annual value of products per acre, leaves an average annual return of \$12.01 per acre.

The total irrigated acreage in crop in Montana is 350,582 acres, in Utah 263,473 acres, in Wyoming 229,676 acres, in New Mexico 91,745 acres, and in Arizona 65,821 acres. In the number of irrigators Utah stands first with 9,724, Montana next with 3,700, New Mexico 3,085, Wyoming 1,917 and Arizona 1075. In the average annual value of products per acre Utah also stands first with \$18.03, Arizona next with \$13.92, Montana third with \$12.96, New Mexico fourth with \$12.80, and Wyoming \$8.25.

#### THE "LIBERAL" BURRO.

"If the *Deseret News* would only take the trouble to learn enough about the politics of the city to understand that the candidates for Councilors are not nominated in the city convention, but chosen in precinct meetings, each precinct selecting and nominating its own quota, it might possibly prevent that sheet from advertising itself as a gigantic burro every evening."

The foregoing is from the "Liberal" organ, apologist and dictator, of this morning. The *DESERET NEWS* has never intimated that the candidates for Councilors were nominated in the city convention. That intimation is sheer invention on the part of the *Tribune*. As to the precinct meetings, nearly everybody understands how they are manipulated under "Liberal" boss rule. The "slate" is made up for each, and the tools of the paid "boss" pull the strings to work it; that is all there is to that.

But as to "gigantic burros," what kind of a long-eared animal does the *Tribune* appear? Sunday and Tuesday it proclaimed to the world that the whole "Liberal ticket was so perfect that take it from top to bottom it could not be improved if the whole city was searched over for candidates. On Monday it called for the resignation of Olson, candidate for Councilman for the First Precinct, on Wednesday it dropped the name of Karrick as Councilman for the Fifth precinct. Today it carries neither name on the ticket which it has been declaring was immaculate as originally framed.

How many more names will it kick out before election day, all the time declaring that the ticket from top to bottom is perfection itself? It is exposing its ears as well as its heels every day, and might with propriety, if it ever had any, say to the "Liberal" boss what its ancestor said to the other Balaam. — See Numbers, xxii; 30.

#### JUSTICE TO ALL.

THE Republicans of this city are without an organ to represent their views and give them a chance with the public. We therefore give place to a communication from the Republican Committee, as we desire to deal fairly with all parties. For the expression of views over the signature of that Committee this paper is not responsible. It is independent in political matters as to party and will endeavor to be equally fair to all parties. The fight is on, and while we would be glad to see the best men win, we hope both candidates and voters will be both fair and consistent. We are for justice and equity, and believe in giving every person and party a chance to speak for itself, providing it is said with due regard for the rights of others.

#### PROPOSED TO "SCRATCH."

THE following is part of a communication from Dr. Iliff, which appeared in the "Liberal" organ this morning:

"I see the *Tribune* has dropped two names from the list of Liberal nominees for the City Council. It is well; and let it be kept up until some others disappear, and then let the very best men in the precincts be substituted. If the Liberal Council ticket stands as originally named, and should be elected, we can hope for no improvement on the present Council. Personally, I have a kindly feeling toward each of the nominees, but it will be my duty to 'scratch,' and honorably strive to defeat any candidate whose name and record are not a reliable guarantee for the vigorous enforcement of the law."

The two names referred to by Dr. Iliff are those of Karrick and Olson. The "some others" which the reverend gentleman thinks should also disappear are a matter of conjecture. As to the number the word "some" is intended to cover is also left as a matter of speculation, but it is presumable that it signifies not a few, seeing that Dr. Iliff's desire is to have the very best men in the precincts substituted for those who are or ought to be kicked out. It looks very much as if he is of opinion that the change, so far as the precinct candidates are concerned, should be so radical as to lead virtually to the selection of a new ticket for members of the council. He exclaims, in ineffable dia-