



JIM C – QUIZ OF THE WEEK

MONDAY – 09/01/08

Horace Greeley christened the Republican Party name in 1854, and the Republican National Convention was created in 1856.

HOW DID THE “REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION” ORIGINATE?

***Definition:* A series of presidential nominating conventions held every four years by the Republican Party in the United States.**

***Origin (Wikipedia):* The first Republican National Convention was held at Lafayette Hall in Pittsburgh, PA, on Feb 22-23, 1856, when the Republican Party was formally organized on a national basis, and the first Republican National Committee was elected.**

- 1860 – The convention nominated the first successful Republican presidential candidate, Abraham Lincoln of Illinois**
- Nov 1874 - Thomas Nast, a cartoonist for Harper's Weekly, first used the elephant as a symbol for the Republican party**
- 1875 – The Republican National Committee says the acronym G.O.P. originally meant "Gallant Old Party"**
- 1876 – The nickname for party changed to "Grand Old Party"**
- 1912 – The convention supported William Taft; Teddy Roosevelt ran on the Progressive Party ticket, which split the party vote**

C W: Republican National Convention = 2008 in Saint Paul, MN

M of Z: Get Out & Push is still a good alternative for G.O.P.