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The flag symbolizes our purposes and our aspirations; it represents what we believe and what we mean to maintain, and wherever it floats it is the flag of the free, the hope of the oppressed; and wherever it is assailed, at any sacrifice it will be carried to a triumphant peace.—Wm. McKinley.

Judge Tuley, of Chicago, is talked of for democratic candidate for governor.

Judge Haney hasn't a ghost of a show of being governor of Illinois and would save himself much trouble by quitting.

The newspaper men along the Illinois river are evidently keeping tab on each individual bacteria that goes to St. Louis.

Gen. Buller, or Bullhead, as one Chicago paper calls him, went up the hill and then went down again, and has been going ever since. The Boers didn't do a thing to him.

The first republican county convention was that of Richland, in southern Illinois, Friday, a Tanner stronghold. The result was that Reeves got three out of four delegates. First blood.

The Boers are fighting for their homes and their rights. There seems to be better generalship among them also. They lay traps for the English and the latter seem to put both feet in them every time.

There is said to be a tacit alliance between the friends of Senator Cullom and those of Congressman Reeves. Livingston county, however, from present appearances, is solid for both, and such an alliance is neither difficult nor necessary.—Leader.

Candidate Haney is quoted as having said after the recent Richland county convention that he was "perfectly satisfied." There are only four delegates to the state convention and as Reeves has three and Yates one, the same Haney is a very easily satisfied man. If he continues to get more and more satisfied as he hears from other localities he will be chock full of it about May 8.

The Freeport Journal, edited by Gen. Smith D. Atkins, evidently has no love for or confidence in the Chicago politicians. It says: "The gang politicians of Cook county may scheme and combine and trade, but after all it is the plain republican voters of Illinois, who are republicans from principle and not for office, who should control, and who are able to control, the next republican state convention in Illinois."

If a girl prefer not to accept a young man's she may freely exercise her privilege of rejection, and nobody will dream of flouting her as an old maid, nor would she be disturbed if anyone did. She would simply walk on, holding her dainty head high and setting her capable hands at whatever task invited them. The girl knows and we all know, that spinsters are as honorable and as essential in modern society as are the most admired of matrons.—February Ladies' Home Journal.



FOR GOVERNOR, WALTER REEVES, M. C.

Judge Haney, in a speech at Paris, took occasion to criticize Hon. Chas. P. Hitch, because Edgar county proposes to hold caucuses instead of primaries. This from the man who claimed in a public speech in Springfield to have 560 delegates in his inside pocket because Billie Lorrimer said so. The judge is not very consistent about what he terms "bossism." He is the representative of the worst "bossism" ever known in America, and seems to realize his defeat by being ugly.

The Livingston county republicans have no particular criticism to make on Senator Bob Fort, but claim they have good material and are entitled to the senator and want it. In several districts in the state where the senator has changed from one part of the district to another for political causes the retiring senator has taken the nomination for the house. If Marshall county would present Bob for their candidate for the house, the STAR AND HERALD knows of no reason why he would not be unanimously endorsed by the district.

If a newspaper man desires to know how generally his effusions are read, let him print something that is regarded as objectionable to persons who never take his paper nor pay him a cent. He will wonder how they know these things were in the paper, but will wonder in vain. There is evidently a vast amount of sponging done. It might be added that he may say nice things about a man for ten years, without a word from him, but make an uncomplimentary notice of one of his wife's aunt's second cousins and he will come in with a club to have the slander corrected.

The final result of the shooting in Kentucky of Senator Goebel, who was defeated for governor, is a disgrace to the state and nation. The election was an exciting one and the democratic election board declared Taylor, republican, elected and he was inaugurated, but the scheme of the Goebelites was to unseat him, by not accepting the returns, by the state senate, of which Goebel was a member. The excitement caused was great and people from all parts of the state gathered at Frankfort, the capital. The excitement ran high and that coupled with bourbon, probably caused the shooting of Goebel. It is a disgraceful affair all around.

Governor Tanner, with what is generally termed unseemly indiscretion, has publicly denounced Senator Cullom as a "political tramp." Such an undignified and untimely tirade upon our senior senator will certainly operate in diametrically opposite directions, namely, to injure Tanner and help Cullom. What the Governor's motives are may develop later. It is believed he aspires to Cullom's seat in the senate and will be a candidate before the next legislature. It is indeed poor poli-

tics to seek one's own advancement by assailing an opponent. If it prove true that Tanner proposes contesting Cullom's senatorial toga, he may find later on that the brick thrown at his rival will fall upon himself. As he is credited with being the shrewdest politician in the state, his friends are mystified and chagrined at his precipitous declaration of opposition.—Ex.

The lines have been drawn in republican politics in Kankakee county. The machine rule there is said to have reached absolute dictation on the part of Len Small, the superintendent of the insane asylum, supervisor, state central committee man, township committeeman, distributor of all patronage and general boss. The side headed by Small is termed the "regulars." The other element is headed by Mr. Hunter, the leading attorney of the county. He represents the element which is dissatisfied with boss rule and just wants simple fairness and justice. The Hunter faction are termed "antis." Small and Hunter are both candidates for the republican nomination for state senator. Small and his crowd are for Haney for governor and Tanner for senator and Hunter and his crowd are for Reeves and Cullom. The lines are closely drawn and the fight is on. Hunter is a strong, honorable man and a fighter, and Small has the machinery of the county and state. The prospects, however, are that Hunter will win, as the people are heartily sick of having an absolute dictator at the head of the party. The county has adopted the new primary law and every voter has the privilege of expressing himself at the primaries, and there will be no packed caucuses.

SENSELESS SENSE.

A recent periodical announces the perfecting of a Kentucky farmer of a variety of "cobless corn," the substitute for a cob being represented to be "a pithy substance." We have borne in tolerable patience and mournful silence with hullless oats, lifeless nursery stock, blightless pears, factless newspapers and brainless contributors, but we arise to protest against cobless corn. Is the roasting ear of the future to be eaten with a spoon? How are we to stop the molasses jug with "a pithy substance?" And where will shall the hired girl kindle the fire? We consider this a peculiarly aggravated step backwards, and if this thing goes on we may expect grainless corn, wool-less sheep and harmless hogs. We suggest that if the gentleman from Kentucky is ambitious to distinguish himself he will try his hand propagating talkless agents, bloodless feuds or fraudless elections.

PROGRESS OF RURAL DELIVERY.

Charles Linn, special agent of the United States Postal Department, in charge of the rural mail delivery routes in Illinois and

Kansas, in Peoria Journal.—The only real objection urged against rural mail delivery is that of expense, but when that is sifted down I question very much if it will hold water. You see, the rural carrier gets only \$400 per year. He ought to get more. He's overworked and underpaid, in my judgment, but anyway he gets just \$400 per year. Now the first effect of rural delivery is the lopping off of a number of small postoffices because the farmers get their mail at their farms and those offices will die a natural death. This saves money to be set against the expense in making rural deliveries.

Another thing, rural delivery stimulates postoffice business. Now I established the route in Kansas near the city of Topeka, the carrier distributed 15,000 pieces of mail during the first month. The second month he carried 17,000 pieces, and that one man will deliver over 200,000 pieces of mail the first year. The mail carrier takes stamps and money order blanks, and is provided for registering letters, and this will undoubtedly stimulate business, and increase the postal receipts of the government. Last year there was \$300,000 set aside in the appropriation for rural delivery, but it was described as in the experimental stage. This time it is hoped to get a much larger appropriation and eliminate the word experimental altogether. The system is no longer an experiment. It is a practical success.

Personally, I desire to see Illinois get a fair share of the appropriation. Kansas is ahead of us in this respect. Many of the farmers do not know how to go to secure rural delivery. The plan is simple. The farmers in the district get up a petition addressed to Perry S. Heath, the first assistant postmaster general. This petition is endorsed by the congressman of the district or the United States Senators, and then the special agent is sent out to go over the proposed route. If the agent reports favorably, the new route is at once established.

WHY CANNON OPPOSES REEVES.

As the time for holding the State convention approaches, politicians throughout the state are aggressively electioneering for their favorite to succeed Tanner as governor. Friendship, obligation for favors rendered, personal relations, geographical concessions, all tend to influence a preference for a certain candidate.

Congressman Cannon is unfriendly to his fellow Congressman—Reeves, and through the agency of the select few permitted to enter the inner circle of his contracted favoritism, is combating Mr. Reeves in the interest of Judge Haney.

To the benighted voter there may appear a well founded motive for this enmity. As far as we can learn, Mr. Cannon has been piqued at Mr. Reeves for the earnest and successful support which he accorded Mr. Hopkins in his aspirations to succeed Thomas B. Reed as Speaker of the House of Representatives. Mr. Reeves was personally pledged to assist Mr. Hopkins, and through his fidelity and perseverance united the Illinois Republican Congressman into a unanimous endorsement of his candidacy. Mr. Cannon, with just ambition, had hoped for this distinction, and attributed the cause of his blasted hopes to Mr. Reeves. That he should have such animosity against Mr. Reeves who had only faithfully and fearlessly fulfilled an obligation of honor, seems manifestly unjust, and his personal cudgel should not be taken up by the public to flail an innocent man.—Joliet Signal.

LITERARY NOTES.

The February issue of Conkey's Home Journal inaugurates a new era. This handsome magazine, which has been such a welcome visitor in a large number of homes will in the future be a much more

popular family magazine than ever before. A number of changes and improvements have been made. Short stories by well-known authors will take the place of some of the special departments and the pages will be solid instead so that nearly twice as much material will be published.

Deafness Cannot be Cured

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound of imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Halls Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars; free F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by druggists, 75c per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Wedding Bells.

Edmund Hemmingway and Miss Sarah Webb were united in the holy bonds of matrimony at the home of Judge Shepland on Thursday, January 4, 1900, Judge Shepland officiating.

Miss Webb has resided for some time in the east part of Wheeler county. She is an old friend of Mr. and Mrs. Shepland, having been acquainted with them in their old home in Illinois, and is a lady of very pleasant disposition and pleasing manner.

Mr. Hemmingway is quite an old settler here, an industrious farmer and highly respected citizen. Their many friends heartily congratulate them on this happy event, and the Independent joins in wishing them every happiness. The young people "serenaded" them Thursday evening after the manner approved by long custom, but were interrupted in the midst of the first selection by the appearance of the happy couple, who treated them generously all around.—Wheeler County Independent, Bartlett, Neb.

The many friends of the bride in Dwight and vicinity extend congratulations and best wishes.

Question Answered.

Yes, August Flower still has the largest sale of any medicine in the civilized world. Your mothers and grandmothers never thought of using anything else for Indigestion or Biliaryness. Doctors were scarce, and they seldom heard of Appendicitis, Nervous Prostration or Heart failure, etc. They used August Flower to clean out the system and stop fermentation of undigested food, regulate the action of the liver, stimulate the nervous and organic action of the system, and that is all they took when feeling dull and bad with headaches and other aches. You only need a few doses of Green's August Flower, in liquid form, to make you satisfied there is nothing serious the matter with you. Sample bottles at A. K. Beltzhoover's.

Eastern Star Installation.

At a regular meeting of Dwight Chapter No. 166, Order of Eastern Star, the following officers were installed for the year: Miss M. F. Pettett, Worthy Matron; John Leach, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Estella Baker, Associate Matron; Mrs. S. C. Wilkinson, Secretary; Mrs. John Leach, Treasurer; Miss Lillian Pierce, Associate Conductor; Mrs. Margaret Smith, Cond.; Mrs. Emma Taylor, Adas; Miss Florence Wright, Ruth; Miss Lucy Crandall, Esther; Mrs. Cora B. Horton, Martha; Mrs. Emma Chamberlain, Electa; Mrs. G. W. Horton, Warden; John A. Pettett, Sentinel. John Leach kindly filled the chair in place of the installing officer, who was ill. Mrs. Chas. Lee, of Carlinville Chapter, was grand marshal. Refreshments, very dainty and elaborate, were served, and several guests were present. The Dwight Chapter starts the new year well officered and in good working order.

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expect something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. EDWARDS, Publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by A. K. Beltzhoover, Dwight.

To Stop A Cold

After exposure or when you feel a cold coming on, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails to stop a cold if taken in time. Take nothing else. C. V. Green, Braceville and A. K. Beltzhoover, Dwight.

Richer in Quality than most

LEWIS' SINGLE BINDER STRAIGHT 5¢ CIGAR

Compare them with other Cigars and you find good reasons for their costing the dealer more than other brands. OVER ONE MILLION AND A HALF smoked in 98 testify to Quality.

District Convention.

FAIRBURY, ILL., Feb. 1, 1900. By direction of the Republican District Committee of the Eleventh Congressional District the Republican voters of the several counties of said district are requested to send delegates to the district convention to be held at Peoria, Illinois, May 8, 1900, at 9 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of appointing two delegates and two alternates to the National Republican Convention to be held at Philadelphia, Penn., June 19, 1900, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before such district convention.

The basis of representation for the several counties of said district in such district convention shall be one delegate for every four hundred votes cast for the republican electors in 1896 and one delegate for each additional fraction of two hundred or more.

The number of delegates to such convention entitled in said convention, on the basis aforesaid, is as follows:

Table with delegate counts: Bureau 14, La Salle 29, Livingston 14, Woodford 6.

Total 63

The committee recommends that the delegates to the district convention herein abovesaid be appointed at the county convention called to select delegates to the republican state convention to be held at Peoria, May 8, 1900, and that the delegates to the state convention be entitled and appointed delegates to the district convention aforesaid. WRIGHT ADAMS, Chairman. B. E. ROBINS, Secretary.

A Misperception.

Misunderstand symptoms of disease lead doctors treat something else when the keys are out of order. Foley's Kidney Cure will bring you health when your medicines have failed. C. V. Green, Braceville and A. K. Beltzhoover, Dwight.

Call for Republican Convention.

Chas. S. Reilly, chairman, and Jas. R. B. VanClef, Secretary, of the Republican Central Committee have called a conven to meet at Peoria, May 8, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates to be voted for at 1 November election, 1900, for the following offices:

- Governor. Lieutenant Governor. Secretary of State. Auditor of Public Accounts. State Treasurer. Attorney General.

Three Trustees of the University of Illinois. Also nominate two electors at large; one elect from each Congressional District which district elector shall be selected by the delegates to the said state convention from each district; four delegates at large to the National Republican Convention; a republican state committee consisting of one member from each congressional district.

The State Convention will be composed of deleg from the several counties of the state to be chosen by republican county conventions to be held for that purpose, except in counties where the party election law is in force, in such counties they shall be chosen in accordance with said law.

The basis of representation for the several counties to be one delegate for every 400 votes for the republican electors in 1896, one additional delegate for each fractional fraction of 200 or more.

The delegates from Cook county will be selected by primary election districts of wards and town accordance with law, and be called wards and committee men's districts on the roll in the state convention. Livingston Cy has 14 delegates.

Frost Bited Chilblains

quickly cured by Chamberlain's Salve, the most healing ointment in the world. C. V. Green, Braceville and A. K. Beltzhoover, Dwight.

Just Place.

J. V. Farwell, of Chicago, are anxious to locate factory in some country place, told strikes, which would employ 4500 women. There is no better place in Illinois than Dwight for such a factory. The railroad facilities are excellent and our city is a high-toned town, as everyone knows. If the B's are really desirous of a good location, they should come to Dwight.