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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.

The 20th Senatorial district is a peculiar one. It is composed of three counties—Livingston, Woodford and Marshall. Livingston, by her large republican vote, is apportioned a larger delegation than the combined delegations of Woodford and Marshall in the republican senatorial convention, therefore can dictate and control the action of the convention. Four years ago she consented to Marshall county having the Senatorship, and Capt. R. B. Fort was nominated and elected. The other counties each had a representative. According to reports there will be a change this year, Livingston is demanding the Senator, and if she presented a united delegation she can have it against the united forces of the other two counties and it is probable that she will do so. Senator Fort made a most satisfactory senator and his senatorial record gave very general satisfaction to the district. It is presumed he would accept a second term. As we have stated, it lies with Livingston county to say how this shall be. If Livingston, however, shall demand the senator, she will accord Woodford and Marshall the privilege of a representative each. Livingston county has an aspirant for the office of senator already announced and the papers of that county are clamoring for the senator, which indicates what she wants and what she will have. Republicans, are you ready for the question?—Henry Republican.

ONE OF LINCOLN'S EARLY CASES.

The Great Man Whittled a Little Windmill to Convince the Jury.

In the year 1848 there was a memorable lawsuit in Chicago between Parker and Hoyt over the infringement of a patent right of a water wheel. Adams Butterfield and others were attorneys for the plaintiff, and Abraham Lincoln for the defendant. During the progress of the suit John Brink, Esq., now of Crystal Lake, Ill., chanced to be in the city, and the following is his account of it:

The trial lasted thirteen days and excited an unusual amount of interest. When Mr. Brink reached the city he found every one talking about the suit and the great supreme court lawyer, Abraham Lincoln. Judge Drummond, of the United States district court, presided at the trial. He sustained Lincoln in all of his propositions and in all of his objections to the positions taken by the opposing counsel.

In the course of the trial a flume was made and water applied to the wheels for the purpose of demonstrating to the jurors the exact facts in the case. Indian meal was thrown into the water to show the jury more clearly the effect of the water on the wheels. Soon after this experiment had been made Lawyer Adams said to Mr. Brink, "Don't you think we have the



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best of the case?" Mr. Brink replied: "I do not know that I am a suitable judge, as I did not arrive here until the suit had been in progress two or three days. But this man Lincoln seems to hold you five fellows pretty snug."

Then Adams said, "I would rather fight every lawyer in the state of Illinois than Abe Lincoln, because he is a natural man, a natural lawyer, and natural mechanic—in fact, a natural anything—and he knows more about that water wheel than the man who made it, and I don't know anything about it."

While the attorneys for the plaintiff were making their pleas Lincoln sat there, and although listening attentively, whittled out a pine stick about half an inch square and a foot long. From that he cut off two pieces about three inches in length, and with these two pieces he made the wings of a windmill. He fastened them together by running a pin through the center of the two wings and that pin into the end of the other and longer stick. After having put it together he blew upon it, and when it worked to his satisfaction he took it apart and placed it in his pocket.

There were eighty-four witnesses on the two sides, and Mr. Brink thinks that Lincoln took no notes, but trusted wholly to memory.

He requested the witnesses to be present during his plea, and said if he made any mistakes in regard to their testimony he wished them to correct him. While presenting his side of the case he took out the above mentioned windmill from his pocket and putting it together blew upon it and explained it to the jury. He assured them that if any infringement had been made Parker had infringed upon the old time windmill, and that Hoyt had not infringed upon Parker. Adams was to make the closing plea, and in Lincoln's speech he anticipated what Adams would say, and by this means weakened the force of his plea. Lincoln won his case, and the jury were out only a little over two hours.—Chicago Tribune.

Does it Pay to Buy Cheap?

A cheap remedy for coughs and colds is all right, but you want something that will relieve and cure the more severe and dangerous results of throat and lung troubles. What shall you do? Go to a warmer and more regular climate? Yes, if possible; if not possible for you, then in either case take the only remedy that has been introduced in all civilized countries with success in severe throat and lung troubles, "Boschee's German Syrup." It not only heals and stimulates the tissues to destroy the germ disease but allays inflammation, causes easy expectoration, gives a good night's rest, and cures the patient. Try one bottle. Recommended many years by all druggists in the world. Sample bottles at A. K. Beltzhoover's.

A Misunderstanding.

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

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 said 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 which each county is entitled in said convention, on the basis aforesaid, is as follows: Bureau.....14 La Salle.....29 Livingston.....14 Woodford.....6

Total.....63

The committee recommends that the delegates to the district convention herein above called 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 constituted and appointed delegates to the district convention aforesaid. WRIGHT ADAMS, Chairman. B. E. ROBINSON, Secretary.

Call for Republican Convention.

Chas. S. Rennels, chairman, and Jas. R. B. VanCleave, Secretary, of the Republican Central Committee have called a convention to meet at Peoria, May 8, at 10 a. m. for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates to be voted for at the 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 to nominate two electors at large; one elector 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 delegates 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 primary 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 will be one delegate for every 400 votes cast for the republican electors in 1896, and one additional delegate for each additional fraction of 200 or more.

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

Attention.

The Dwight Camp S. of V. will attend services at the Congregational church on Sunday evening, Feb. 11. All members are requested to meet at the hall at 7 p. m. sharp on that evening. The W. R. C. and G. A. R. are cordially invited to join in this service. The service will be in memory of the nation's defender, Abraham Lincoln, and everyone should turn out.

OPERA AND CONCERTS.

Madame Sarah Barnhardt.

The first opera I went to see was Tannhauser by Wagner. The well-known overture was superbly played; I am sure no orchestra could have played it better than the Hof-opera orchestra of eighty musicians did. The great march, Elizabeth's greeting and prayer and the "Evening Star" are among the most important numbers.

2. Lucia di Lammermoor—I can highly recommend it; it is a great favorite with such coloratura singers as Patti, Melba, Nevada, Serbrich and Saville. In this opera Madame Francis Saville was the prima donna. The "Wiener Tagblatt" said: "Saville gave the title role in 'Lucia' with brilliant success. She rendered admirably her part, so richly equipped with staccatos, trills and neck-breaking intervals and gave the great mad scene with startling effect. Saville was greeted often with rich applause." I must say the date accompaniment to the voice, the sextet and the harp solo just before Lucia's entrance were remarkable performances.

"Lucia" is Donizetti's masterpiece and offers plenty of scope for the display of brilliant talent and Lucia in particular is a tragic heroine of the first rank.

3. Gounod's Romeo and Juliet is one of the most popular operas of today. Saville, I heard as Juliet; her rendering of the "Waltz Song" needs special mention.

The first act opens with a masked ball and the minutet is charmingly danced; the gorgeous costumes enhance the picture very much. The minutet is more beautiful than many of the dances of the present day. The second act represents the famous balcony scene between Romeo and Juliet; it would be hard to find more beautiful music than is in this act. Saville displayed several expensive costumes during the opera.

Wagner's Walkrie was conducted by the great Richter, who has returned from Bayreuth where he conducted at Wagner's own theater. Richter was an intimate friend of Wagner and received personal instruction from the great master in the conducting of his works. Richter to-day is undoubtedly the greatest Wagner conductor. The "Walkrie" is the second of the "Nibelungen" ring.

5. Norma. With this work Bellini won his fame and crowned his successes. It is richness of melody in which Bellini excels and it is this very richness of melody which makes him and especially his Norma, such a favorite in all theaters.

The title role is very dramatic. The music is particularly well suited to the human voice and Norma was always one of the most brilliant parts of the first dramatic singers. I heard Frau Lilli Lehman "als Gast" as "Norma". She indeed "Casta Diva" as only a great artist can. The duet in the second act was superb. Richter conducted.

6. Verdi's Aida is a masterpiece. It will be remembered this work was composed for the opening of the Opera in Cairo, and Verdi has caught the very atmosphere of the place and shows his greatest originality. The music all through is characteristic; the decorations gorgeous. Richter conducted.

THREE SYMPHONY CONCERTS.

By the "Royal Philharmonische Orchester" of ninety artists. There is no orchestra superior to this. Every seat is always sold a week before the concert; on the day of the concert standing room tickets are sold. The Austrians, Germans and French are "musicalkisch". The first concert was ausserordentlich.

PROGRAM.

Overture to Eurythmie..... Von Weber Overture in C dur (huge ending)..... Mozart 5th Symphony in C's minor..... Beethoven

The last named has been the favorite of the world for over ninety years. It is the greatest musical composition of the nineteenth century.

SECOND PROGRAM.

Symphony in F dur..... Brahms Symphony in G dur..... Dvorak "Die Weihe des Hauses"..... Beethoven

I consider Brahms the most difficult to understand of any composer. Only artists should attempt his works. One reason why Brahms is not appreciated is that his works are not properly performed; the same work should be heard many times then Brahms as a genius will be recognized.

The Dvorak composition was a novelty; it was also recently performed by the Thomas orchestra. I have seen the original score of the Beethoven.

THIRD PROGRAM.

Overture zur Oper "Jessonda"..... Spohr Violin Concerto (Josef Joachim gewidmet) vorgelesen von Frau Marie Soldat-Roger. Symphony No. 6 (Pastorale)..... Beethoven

Soldat-Roger was a favorite pupil of Joachim and plays beautifully. Bernhard Stravenhagen, a favorite pupil of Liszt, is a fascinating artist—"aussehing" exquisite. He played with orchestra:

Beethoven..... Concerto C moll Stravenhagen..... Concerto Liszt..... Ungarische Phantasie Chopin..... Polonaise-Phantasie d'Alber..... Impromptu F moll Strauss-Tausig..... Sberzo Nachtrailer Walter

One number of especial beauty was the B flat minor prelude in which the artist produced a fine singing tone.

JOACHIM QUARTETT.

Every seat and all the standing room tickets were sold days ahead for each of the three concerts. This is the finest string quartet to be heard anywhere.

The Hadyn number was a surprise and the lively Finale carried the audience off its feet. Every number was a gem.

MADAME SARAH BERNHARDT.

We went to hear this, the greatest of actresses, during her "Gastspiel" in the K. u. K. Theater in "La Tosca". In many respects madame is the most wonderful woman I ever saw. Her voice, carriage, looks and actions are like a girl's of 18. Such marvelous dramatic talent; whether in the lighter action of the play or at the height of the climax, she is truly great; of course it is in the climax she is astounding.

There is but one Bernhardt and her performance must be seen, it cannot be described.

At the same theater I saw Strauss' "Wiener Blutt". In no place except Austria and Germany does one hear that fascinating RHYTHM of the Strauss music; it cannot be written on paper. There is as much difference between the correct and incorrect rhythm as there is between the rhythm of a waltz and Mazurka. I doubt if more elegant costumes were ever seen on any stage than in "Wiener Blutt".

I will write later of the concerts of Melba, Rosenthal and Carreno. Sincerely yours, FRANK E. FORD. WIEN, den 8. Januar 1900.

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 10 Halls Family Pills are the best.

Bloom Fire.

Saturday evening Feb. 3, the home of S. Bloom caught fire, and the alarm was turned in from Dr. Broughton's house at about 6:30 p. m. Mr. Barnum discovered the fire. The damage to household goods is considerable, but loss is covered by insurance.

The fire started from a storeroom or clothes-dress on the west corner of the house, and adjoining the kitchen. The children playing with matches accidentally set fire to the contents of the clothes-dress. The kitchen and sitting room walls and ceiling were badly scorched and soiled, and it was feared that fire might have lodged between the ceiling and the roof. The department did effective work however, and it was decided not to rip open the ceiling to ascertain Mrs. Bloom was at home, but the fire started suddenly and while she was out of the house.

Questi on 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 Biliousness. 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.

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See the elegant costumes of the Yaw Opera Co., next Thursday evening.

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FOUND DEAD. A Well Known Farmer of Broughton Township is Found Dead.

Pontiac Leader.—Edward Hoss, a well known resident farmer of Broughton township, was found dead near the Hooper Aherns' farm early Tuesday morning. Mr. Hoss had been to Cardiff for coal and had secured a very large load. He left for home about 9 o'clock Monday night. During the evening the weather had turned quite cold, freezing the roads and making them quite slippery. While passing the Hooper Aherns' farm the front wheels of his wagon slipped from the traveled road into a large rut, pitching him off his seat to the ground just in front of the rear wheels of the wagon and immediately behind the horses, either killing him at once, or stunning him so that he died of exposure as he laid in the road for about 12 hours. The team was found standing in the road, evidently in the same position as when he fell.

Coroner Slyder held an inquest over the remains Tuesday. The verdict of the jury was that the deceased came to his death by being accidentally thrown from his wagon on his way from Cardiff. The jurors were: S. H. Boyer, foreman; Everett Morris, Wm. Beverly, G. T. Beatty, J. A. Redmond, George Kersey.

Mr. Hoss has been a resident of Broughton township for several years and leaves a family.

Little Ones Party.

Little Eleeta Dustin and her dollies were at home Saturday to twenty-four little girls and boys, from 3 to 5 p. m. It being the anniversary of her fourth birthday.

The following were present: Helen Bergman, Norma Bergman, Helen Keeley, Martha Morgan, Dwight Morgan, Helen Adams, Forest Adams, Gladys Morris, Hazel's Chaney, Ruth Baker, Dorothy Baker, Lottie Horton, Ida Orr, Myrtle Horton, Wayne Horton, Gertrude Ketcham, Harold Lewis, Kenneth Seibert, Mary Prime, Louise Flagler.

Mary Prime and Louise Flagler led the games and helped to amuse the little ones. Several of the mamma's dropped in and enjoyed the scenes. The little ones were served lunch, including sandwiches, cake, ice cream and fruits, seated with little Kindergarten table and chairs. Little souvenir cards with two dolls—one black and one white on the ends with the name in the center were at each plate and taken home. There were about fifty present including the dolls and all had their pictures taken.

To Be Prepared.

For war is the surest way for this nation to maintain peace. That is the opinion of the wisest statesmen. It is equally true that to be prepared for spring is the best way to avoid the peculiar dangers of the season. This is a lesson multitudes are learning, and at this time, when the blood is sure to be loaded with impurities and to be weak and sluggish, the millions begin to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, which purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, expels all disease germs, creates a good appetite, gives strength and energy and puts the whole system in a healthy condition, preventing pneumonia, fevers, and other dangerous diseases which are liable to attack a weakened system.

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A. BOWER.

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