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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SENATOR.

Dr. M. R. Keeley, of Dwight, herewith announces his candidacy for the republican nomination for state senator from the 20th senatorial district, subject to the decision of the county convention of Livingston county and the senatorial district convention, composed of the counties of Livingston, Woodford and Marshall.

FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

Hon. M. C. Eignus, of Forrest, herewith announces his candidacy for the re-nomination for representative from the 20th senatorial district, subject to the decision of the Livingston county republican convention.

COLLECTOR.

A. Rhode hereby announces himself as a candidate for the office of Collector of Dwight township, subject to the decision of the republican primary.

H. Spellman hereby announces himself a candidate for the office of Collector for Dwight township, subject to the decision of the republican primary.

J. K. Dunlap wishes to announce to the public that he will be a candidate for the nomination for the office of Collector of Dwight Township, subject to the decision of the republican primary.

Governor Tanner's health is in a very precarious condition. It is sincerely hoped that his recovery will be speedy and lasting.

The democratic national convention is called for July 4, at Kansas City. The ratification of Wm. J. Bryan's nomination will take place and a candidate for vice president chosen.

Congressman Reeves is showing his strength in the country districts, as he is capturing delegates all over the state. Present indications are that the tide is in favor of Hon. Walter Reeves for governor.--Henry Republican.

The result of the recent republican primaries in Ogle county, where Reeves got over 800 majority over all the other candidates for governor, and had over nine tenths of all the delegates, shows who the people are for, and will have a good effect all over the state.

It is the exception to find a republican who knows the man who does not acknowledge privately or publicly that Walter Reeves stands head and shoulders above all the candidates as a statesman and their peer in every way. When the grand round up comes that sentiment will nominate Reeves.

The result of the recent primaries and convention in Ogle county is a thorough evidence of how the people feel. Reeves ran several hundred votes ahead of all the other candidates combined and got the thirteen delegates. The people are for Walter Reeves for Governor and it's time some of the politicians who have been trying to beat him unfairly saw the hand writing on the wall.

The result at the republican primaries in Kankakee county was settled in Kankakee by democratic votes. The vote polled at the primaries was several hundred greater than for President McKinley. Small voted the hospital solid, about 250 votes, and then enough democrats to win. The same thing was done in Lincoln, Ill., but the balance of the county controlled the convention and

sent Reeves men to the state convention. The delegates from Kankakee county are uninstructed and some of them are for Reeves.

The democratic state central committee was in session at Springfield Wednesday, and set the date of the state convention for June 12, at Springfield. Among the men talked of for candidates for the nomination for governor, are Mayor Carter H. Harrison, of Chicago; Hon. C. K. Ladd, of Ke-wance; Hon. Alfred Orendorf, of Springfield, and Representative Alschuler, of Aurora.

Secretary Wilson was one of the most pleased men in Washington when President McKinley declined to pardon the Philadelphia merchants, who are serving a term in prison for violating the oleomargarine laws, as he had fought the application for a pardon from the first, claiming that to pardon them would encourage violations of those laws, which were enacted for the protection of the dairy interests of the country as well as that of the consumers of butter.

The idea that some people have that the uninstructed delegates to the republican state convention are against Reeves for governor is all nonsense. A large share of them are for him and are not instructed simply because Mr. Reeves has not insisted upon it in any case and for local reasons. Mr. Reeves has more both instructed and uninstructed delegates than any other candidate and it is the judgment of a large majority of close political observers that he will be nominated and elected governor of Illinois.

Haney's star as a gubernatorial candidate is virtually set. This is evidenced in the fact that the Tanner managers have called a halt on instructions in behalf of the Chicago candidate, and will hereafter send uninstructed delegates to the convention as far as possible. The fact that they are unwilling to have any more delegates tied to Haney is the best possible evidence that they do not regard him as a winner, and such strength as they can command will hereafter be "uninstructed," and therefore unhampered for trading purposes. Haney is a "dead one," and instead of getting the solid Cook county delegation which Billy Lorimer promised him, he will be fortunate if he comes out of that county with three hundred delegates. Where he is going to get an even hundred in the state at large is a question that the most astute politicians of the Tanner camp are not at present prepared to answer.--Paris Beacon.

DECLINED.

Owing to business reasons Col. Frank L. Smith, of Dwight, has decided not to be a candidate for the republican nomination for state senator for the 20th senatorial district, of which he was practically assured. His many friends throughout the district will be dis-



COL. F. L. SMITH.

appointed to learn of his decision but it is final. Mr. Smith wishes to return his sincere thanks to his many friends for the interest they have manifested in his preliminary canvass. Mr. Smith would have made an active, able, senator and have accomplished as much for the district as anyone could. He does not intend to retire from politics but will take an active interest. He is one of the rising



FOR GOVERNOR, WALTER REEVES, M. C.

young men of the state and will be heard from in the future. Col. Smith is a hearty supporter of the candidacy of Dr. M. R. Keeley, for the same office.

FOR STATE SENATOR.

In this issue of the DWIGHT STAR AND HERALD appears the announcement of Dr. Milton R. Keeley, of Dwight, a comparatively young man, being 36 years of age. He has been a resident of Dwight for many years and has always been a consistent working republican. He has been an assistant at the Keeley institute at Dwight for about ten years, and of late has had charge of the personal business affairs of Dr. Leslie E. Keeley. He is a splendid, careful, business man, is well read, keeps pace with the times, is a strict par-



MAJOR M. R. KEELEY.

tisan, though broad enough to represent the whole district if nominated and elected. He appreciates the fact that the district represents diversified interests, such as agricultural, mining, manufacturing, etc., and also that each interest has its rights which must be respected by all and be looked after in a broad, intelligent manner.

Dr. Keeley reached the rank of major in the late war with Spain in the medical department of the service, having served as surgeon of the 5th Illinois Volunteer Infantry. So much were his services appreciated that he was detailed as brigade surgeon.

Major Keeley stands unequally for the re-election of Senator Shelby M. Cullom to the United States senate, and is an enthusiastic Reeves man for governor, and he's always for the ticket.

While Major Keeley labors under the disadvantage of not having as extensive acquaintance as he desires, owing to his close confinement to his profession, the STAR AND HERALD knows that as soon as the people meet him and know him, they can but acknowledge his ability and fitness for the position he desires.

LITERARY NOTES.

A remembrance of our own youthful mistakes and follies will lead us to judge those of others with sympathy and indulgence, and the recognition that we have reached the time of life when gen-

of them, and they include many countries which the opposition had called conventions in early because they thought they were sure of them.

A Pleasant Evening.

Those who are fortunate enough to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Halse are sure to have a good time. This was the verdict of about twenty young people who accepted an invitation to spend last Thursday evening at the Halse home. The entertainment provided was varied, and interest never flagged from the moment conversation began with "Madame Yaw" as a subject, through the changes of "March Weather", "Bobsleds and Other Sleds", "Parlor Matches", etc., until the next class was called, which was one in geography, and the writer will state here that it is well for the social standing of some of the guests that the Halse library contains an atlas. An imaginary dinner was served, the viands being numerous and far-fetched, as all could appreciate who saw some delinquents examining the map to learn the location of "Onion" River, "Vinegar" Hill, etc. Some thought it not "good form" for the hostess to serve, even in imagination, that which would keep her guests "guessing." However, when the merriment was at its height, a more substantial repast was announced, and to this you may believe all did full justice. Next Misses Fenn and Stewart delighted their hearers with some good music, which rather soothed the nerves for what was to follow. What shall be said of the other songs, namely "Three Old Maids of Lee," and Miss Harris' solo. Both efforts beggar description, and the singers should have been seen as well as heard to be appreciated. It was nothing new that the Misses Barr and Trunnell should sing, but it was a surprise to most of those present to have Miss Harris appear in the role of a soloist, and it cannot be denied that she rendered "My Country, 'Tis of Thee," in a feeling not to say "harrowing" manner. The only justification she offered an exasperated audience was that she was helping give a charade in which her last name played a prominent part. Other numbers not down on the program were as thoroughly appreciated as they were impromptu, and about these we will keep other people guessing.

MARCH AND THE LION.

Something Better Than the Old Saw. The saying about the lion and the lamb in March often proves false, but there is another and a better one which is literally true. When March comes in and finds you taking Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify, enrich and vitalize your blood, you may expect, when it goes out, that it will leave you free from that tired feeling and with none of the boils, pimples and eruptions which manifest themselves because of impure blood in the spring. If you have not already begun taking Hood's Sarsaparilla for your spring medicine, we advise you to begin today. We assure you it will make you feel better all through the coming summer.

New Version of "Bred in Old Kentucky."

He was shot in old Kentucky, where they make the mountain dew, and the mothers feed their babies on hot revolver stew; where you can wake up in the morning shot full of bullet holes, and find your sole companions are disembodied souls.

He was shot in old Kentucky, where their aim is always true, and the principal amusement is shooting people through; where the doctors use a medicine, for all the human ills, a dose or two of bullets instead of giving pills.

He was shot in old Kentucky, where the "fueds" grow on the trees, and the bullets from the rifles buzz through the air like bees; where the instruments they play on, when they give a dance or hop, are their musical revolvers, and they "call off" with a pop.

I have heard that old Kentucky is a fine old commonwealth, that the women are all noted for their beauty and their health; but I'll stay in Illinois, where the women cut less figure, and the men are not so starchy nor quick to pull the trigger.

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.

Here it is.

I have many patterns of the best wall paper. Wall, ceiling, and border to match, and in beautifully graduated shades.--JOHN SEYMOUR, with A. Bower, seed store.

School News.

HIGH SCHOOL.

The Sophomore class is now reading Hiawatha. The English Literature class have finished "Paradise Lost." The Glee Club is going to Gardner to sing at an entertainment soon.

The High School reporter being absent last week, no news was published. A fresh supply of chemicals and apparatus for the chemistry and physics classes arrived one day last week.

The English History class has finished the text, taken its final examination and are now reading "Burke's Conciliation and the American Colonies."

The exhibit in drawing, etc., by the 7th and 8th grades recently witnessed by the public were pronounced excellent and is a great encouragement to the pupils.

The pins for the senior class have arrived at last and are said to be the most beautiful design ever chosen by any senior class. The motto chosen is "We live in deeds, not years."

The maps of the world and England with Ireland drawn by Wm. Lister and David Leach respectively are excellent and may be seen at any time in the High School room.

The social given by the High School Feb. 23, despite the weather, proved a financial success. The program rendered was very good and enjoyed by all. During this part of the evening standing room was at a premium. Refreshments were served in the lower hall while the reception committee were royally entertaining the people in the office. One of the principal attractions was the guest book in which over 400 names were registered. The flower and candy booths did a rushing business while they lasted, but the supply was soon exhausted. It is hoped that the good work shall continue.

GRADES.

Pupils on roll of honor in East Primary Dept. for the month of February are Christine Hahn, Mamie Hahn, Chester Pierce, Joseph Dieffenbach, Ray Hobenshell.

Railroad News.

Engineer Watkins was in town visiting his friends. He is on 214.

Ed. Welch was laid up this week. Conover is running his engine 193.

Freeman Spencer was taken sick and Neil Trippner is working in his place.

Engineer Jones of 94 is laid up with a severe cold. He came to Dwight on No. 2, Saturday.

The new engines 400 and 401, Brooks ten wheelers of the west end, went through here Saturday to Bloomington.

S. D. Reeves is appointed assistant superintendent of Eastern Division with headquarters at Bloomington. He was formerly superintendent terminal.

According to an exchange there are sidetracked in Kankakee a lot of cars of cotton shipped via the L. C., and to be transferred by the 3-I, but the 3-I is so crowded by the transfer of meat cars that the cotton has been delayed in shipment for some time. This shows that the 3-I is doing an immense business.

The Mazon.

We wish to announce the dedication of the new ball room and amusement hall on March 12th. It will be open for inspection from 7 p. m. to 12 p. m. to anyone who desires to view it. A musical program will be given by Johnny Hand's orchestra, of Chicago. Admission free. Everybody cordially invited. ROMBERGER & SMITH, Dwight, Ill.

The Appetite of a Goat.

Is envied by all poor dyspeptics whose Stomach and Liver are out of order. All such should know that Dr King's New Life Pills, the wonderful Stomach and Liver Remedy, gives a splendid appetite, sound digestion and a regular bodily habit that insures perfect health and great energy. Only 25 cents at A. K. Beltzhoover's Dwight; W. J. Bradley, Braceville.

Death of Mrs. Frank Ford.

A cablegram brought the sad news of the death of Mrs. Frank Ford of Vienna, Austria, to Mr. Frank Ford Thursday. Mrs. Ford had been ill for some time but not dangerously ill, until a short while before her decease. Her death was a sad surprise to her relatives and her many friends. The obituary and particulars will be published later.

Grain-O! Grain-O!

Remember that name when you want a delicious, appetizing, nourishing food drink to take the place of coffee. Sold by all grocers and liked by all who have used it. Grain-O! is made of pure grain, it aids digestion and strengthens the nerves. It is not a stimulant but a health builder and the children as well as the adults can drink it with great benefit. Costs about 1/4 as much as coffee. 15c. and 25c. per package. Ask your grocer for Grain-O.