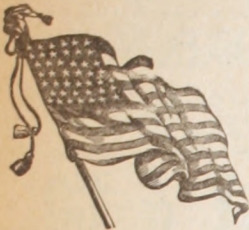


One Year.....\$1.50
Six Months......75
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The flag symbolizes our purposes and our aspirations; it represents what we believe and what we mean to maintain, and wherever it floats it is the flag of the free, the hope of the oppressed; and wherever it is 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 26th 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.

STATES ATTORNEY.

Ray Bissell, of Pontiac, herewith announces himself a candidate for re-nomination for States Attorney before the republican convention of Livingston County.

The STAR and HERALD is authorized to announce Joseph D. Mitchell as a candidate for the office of States Attorney, subject to the republican nominating convention.

A. C. Ball, of Pontiac, herewith announces his candidacy for state attorney of Livingston county, subject to the decision of the republican county convention.

It was certainly agonizing at the recent state convention to see some of the counties try to land with the winner.

Fort's plurality was 1,722 in 1896, and he ran behind the head of the ticket. Does that look as if no one but him could be elected.

There is nothing the matter with Major M. R. Keeley, morally, mentally or financially. He is deserving of the united support of his home county.

The democratic nominee for state senator will be from Livingston county and of course the republican candidate should be. It is not only good politics but good sense.

Every republican who has an interest in his home county should go to the republican caucuses and see to it that the delegates from his town support the home candidate for senator—Major M. R. Keeley.

The Wenona Index speaks of all the republicans newspapers in Livingston county as being for Fort except the STAR and HERALD. We cheerfully acknowledge that Bob has bought some of them, but there are some he hasn't got money enough to buy.

The old state machine didn't do a thing to Clokey, the candidate for state treasurer. They used him to pull chestnuts out of the fire in Jackson and other counties and then tossed him high in the air and he fell with a dull thud.

Is their any reason or common sense in the statement being made that Fort can carry more votes in the district than Keeley? There is not one argument to back up such a statement. But on the other hand Livingston County must

furnish the republican majority and the common sense view of the situation is that a Livingston county man could get a larger vote than an outsider.

The senatorial business has resolved itself into a question of whether an outsider can come into Livingston county and buy it away from a home candidate. Will the people allow it? Never! The republicans of Livingston county are not for sale.

Judge Yates' nomination for governor seems to meet with the approbation of all classes of republicans. Even those newspapers which made fun of Mr. Yates at the start now see the error of their ways and have found out he is a bigger man than they thought for and have lined up. All is harmony in the party of Dick Yates, Sr., Dick Oglesby and Dick Yates, Jr.

The Wenona Index calls Fort's flagrant use of money in politics as "liberality". Of course Bob is separating himself from some of his big roll on account of his liberal state of mind. He don't care to go to the senate. He's just helping out a few newspapers and giving the boys a little spending money on account of his extreme generosity just at this time.

Congressman Walter Reeves stands before the people of the nation to-day, although defeated in his aspirations for governor, as he man who placed the state of Illinois unqualifiedly on record for the national administration. The national administration has never been popular with the old state machine, and President McKinley and Senator Cullom have Walter Reeves to thank for the hearty endorsement they received in the recent state convention. Without his efforts and his candidacy for governor it never would have been done, neither would Judge Yates have been the nominee for governor.

The old state "organization" united with Dick Yates' Cullom delegates and nominated Yates. It was not because they loved Yates more but Reeves less. They charge up to Reeves that he busted the "organization" wide open and sent the pieces flying all over the state, and they used every effort to defeat him. Yates is a clean, able man, and during his campaign was surrounded and advised by such men as Hon. Andrew Russell, of Jacksonville, able, cool, honorable gentlemen, who fully realize that it was no particular love for them that made the nomination of Yates possible.

The claim that Fort's name on the ticket would add strength to it is all nonsense. Following are the official figures of the district in 1896:

	McKinley	Fort
Livingston County.....	5,436	5,418
Woodford County.....	2,447	2,437
Marshall County.....	2,216	2,243
Total.....	10,099	10,098

The above is official and it is well-known that even the above result was only obtained after the expenditure of thousands of dollars by Fort. It will be seen that he ran behind the head of the ticket in both Livingston and Woodford counties twenty-eight votes, and only twenty-seven ahead in his home county. Major Keeley will run four times as much ahead in his own city alone if nominated.

The Pontiac Leader writes a whole column of nonsense about the Keeley Company wanting a law sending all drunkards to a Keeley Institute to be cured at the expense of saloons or the people. The truth is that such a law was passed in Wisconsin at the instance of the managers of the Institutes in that state several years ago and the courts declared it unconstitutional. The law also included cigarettes. Shankland undoubtedly knew the facts but maybe he was afraid such a law might catch some of his friends who are apparently valuable to

him at the present time. Bye the way Major Keeley does not own a dollar's worth of stock in the Keeley company.

Things have come to a pretty pass in Livingston county, one of the grandest counties in Illinois, when an outsider can come in here and deliberately "fix" newspapers so that a home candidate cannot get a word in them in his favor. A friend of Major Keeley's called on a republican newspaper in Pontiac and asked them to publish an article relative to Keeley's candidacy, and the editor not only refused to put anything in but inferred that Keeley couldn't get one line in his paper for love or money. There is only one proposition to meet and that is simply that it was bought outright, and that paper was the Pontiac Sentinel, The STAR and HERALD sees no reason why any candidate should not pay for advertising himself before a nomination the same as a merchant pays, but each candidate should have the same rights. But the Sentinel and Leader, after practically giving Keeley support,



all of a sudden refused to print one word in his favor, even at regular advertising rates. The voters of Livingston county should understand these facts and act accordingly. Such so called newspapers are not responsible politically and the republicans of the county should deal with them as they deserve.

If Bob Fort and his henchmen can come into Livingston county and deliberately buy it for his own use we mistake the honor and patriotism of our people. The use of money by Fort has become so flagrant in the county that the democratic papers are picking it up and last week the Free Trader and Observer had the following:

Four years ago Hannaism became a feature in politics. It is generally believed, and probably could be successfully demonstrated, that Hanna purchased the election of McKinley in 1896. Since that time Hannaism has been prevalent throughout the country, but no one could have been found who would have said that Livingston could have Hannaism so prominently displayed in it as it is now. The contest for the nomination of state senator by the republicans of this county has assumed a phase which not only concerns republicans, but all good citizens who have the interests of pure government at heart. Some two months ago Major Keeley, of Dwight, was brought out as a candidate for state senator in opposition to Bob Fort. For several weeks the matter was discussed by the newspapers of the county as well as of the district. During all this time the republican papers of this city virtually indorsed the turning down of Senator Fort. When the senatorial committee met in Minonk it was freely given out that Livingston county would demand the nomination, and still those newspapers did not enter a protest, but gave at least a quiet indorsement of the scheme. Within the past two weeks, however, there has come a sudden change. This change, it is freely asserted is due to the lavish use of money. The editorial columns of the Sentinel and Leader are teeming with articles praising Senator Fort and it is a common remark that the "space" has been bought.

Had these newspapers not given by their silence a support to the scheme to nominate the Dwight man, there would be some reason in their opposition now. It is reported that Senator Fort is spending lots of money in this county. These reports may not be true, but the sudden avidity with which newspapers champion the nomination of Senator Fort indicates Hannaism. It is asserted, too, that Senator Fort is attempting to get delegations through the use of money. Now Senator Fort owes it to himself and the G. O. P. that he en-

ter a denial of these assertions and show that he is not resorting to Hanna methods to secure a re-nomination. The masses of the republican party do not believe in the buying and selling of votes, even in conventions, to secure nominations. The people of this county republicans, democrats, prohibitionists or what nots, do not believe in the purchasing business to secure office. They do not believe either in the ring methods adopted by the bosses. But will they repudiate it? A little coterie of bosses have dictated the nomination of Major Keeley for senator. Another set are showing they have been "seen." Reputable newspapers have suddenly branched out as supporters of Senator Fort and it all smacks of the Mark Hanna methods.

Livingston county, a county supposed to be as honest as any in the state, is having a fair illustration of the methods of the great republican boss. Is it any wonder, therefore, that the trusts and monopolies can thrive throughout the country when such things are possible right here in our midst? Senator Fort has a record against hoodlum. Now he ought to arise and tell the people whether he has bought the support of these newspapers, whether he is spending thousands or even hundreds of dollars to secure a nomination. It is to be hoped he will refute these stories which are being freely circulated that he has bought up the Pontiac republican papers, or that his emissaries have offered money for delegations to the county convention.

While the republican fight is none of our funeral, yet the methods employed do concern democrats as well as republicans.

The district has to depend upon Livingston county for republican votes to elect the representative ticket in this district and the only hope for a senator, after the actions of Fort, is to nominate a clean, able man like Keeley to get the home vote. While the STAR and HERALD always lines up after nominations are made and supports the tickets, the people don't always line up and can't be made to when they find out a nomination has been deliberately bought. Bob Fort, if nominated would run 500 votes behind his ticket in Livingston county, and he has brought about these conditions himself by the flagrant use of money.

Poor old "Grandma" Shankland, of the Leader, is afraid Major Keeley wants to go to the state senate to make laws to cure all the drunkards in the land, and says the democrats are talking about it, but he don't say that the democrats are talking about his foreign candidate buying up newspapers. "Grandma" supported Keeley for awhile and then quit all of a sudden after a visit to his candidate's room in the Phoenix in Pontiac, and after that "Grandma" couldn't possibly put anything in except under the head of "Communicated." Can anyone tell why Shankland changed? Was it through Bob's persuasive powers which he carries in his inside pocket.

FORT FOR CIGARETTES.

Everyone well posted knows that the use of cigarettes is one of the greatest evils of the age and has wrecked more minds in proportion to their use than whisky, but still when the anti cigarette bill was up prohibiting their sale to minors under sixteen years of age, Fort not only voted but worked against it. He uses cigarettes himself, and of course his sympathies are with those who use them and the manufacturers.

Some of Captain Fort's zealous prevaricators are trying to make the public believe that Major Keeley had some intention of withdrawing from the senatorial contest. It is a lie pure and simple and if anyone withdraws it will be Captain Fort. Major Keeley is willing to submit his candidacy to the people and abide by their action.

J. C. Kennedy, Roanoke, Tenn., says, "I cannot say too much for DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. One box of it cured what the doctors called an incurable ulcer on my jaw." Cures piles and all skin diseases. Look out for worthless imitations. A. K. Leitz-hoover, druglist.

The Pontiac High School field day last Saturday was attended by quite a number of our High School pupils, who report an excellent time.

Gordon Brothers.

WE Will have a special sale, commencing SATURDAY, MAY 12th and continuing for 10 DAYS only, until TUESDAY, MAY 22. Do not miss these Great Bargains.

Following are a few of the specially low Prices

Best Amoskeg gingham	for 5c. per yard,
6 and 7 cent calico	5c. "
6 cent good heavy muslin	5c. "
8 cent " " "	6c. "
10 " " "	8c. "

WASH GOODS.

Nice Fine Lawns to be sold at 5c. per yard 15 cent " " " 12 1-2c. " 10c. and 12 1-2c. and 15c. dress gingham for 7 1-2c, 10 and 12 1-2c per yard. Extra fine Organdie and Fine Lawns for 15c and 25 cents per yard.

A Fine Line of White Goods

For White Waists and Children's gresses for 8c, 10c, 12 1-2c 15c, 20c and 25c per yard.

Black Dress Goods.

Crepone at 85c, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50 per yard. Henrietta Serge in Black, Blue, Grey, Red, Fancies in all the new Patterns for 20c, 35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00 per yard.

Special prices in all lines Summer Underwear

Ladies nice ribbed vest for 8c: 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c each. Ladies nice Fns Muslin Night Gowns, worth 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 for 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Ladies White Shirts worth 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 for only 38c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, and \$1.50. Corset Covers 20c, 25c, 35c, and 65c goods for 12c, 19c, 25c and 45c. Muslin Drawers, 36c, 50c, and 75c kind for 25c, 35c and 50c a pair.

Corsets and Corset Waists.

We have the best Corset in Dwight. Every inch of it fits. 35c Summer Corset for the next ten days at only 25c. 50c kind for 40c, a pair. \$1.00 kind for 90c, a pair.

Ladies Capes & Jackets for Spring & Summer.

A nice Ladies Jacket worth \$5.00 to close \$3.50, " " " " 6.50 " " 4.75, " " " " 7.50 and 7.50 for \$5 and 5.50. Ladies Spring Capes for \$2.00, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.50 and \$5.00, Worth \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$7.00.

Ladies Shirt Waists, white, lawn and fancy special for 50c., 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00 each

Special Bargains in Shirtings, Table Linen, Towels, Ben Spreads, Hosiery, Gloves and Mitts, Laces and all over, Lace and Embroidery, Lace Curtains, Window Shades, Table Oil Cloth, Carpets and Rugs, at Special prices for this sale.

Clothing.

For Men, Boys and Children. We are showing the greatest line of Suits and Pants ever shown in any store at prices within the reach of all. Our particular aim in this announcement is to emphasize the fact that there is no better CLOTHING made than our stock this spring. It fits the best and is made of the best materials and patterns. It is made to wear and held its shape. We guarantee every Suit bought of us to give satisfaction. Suits for \$4.25, \$7.50, \$10, \$12 and \$15. Worth \$8, \$10, \$13, \$15 and \$20. We will give extra special bargains for the next ten days.

Shoes.

Ladies Fine Shoes, We have a large stock in all sizes. Fine Dongola worth

\$1.75	for only the lowest price, \$1.25 a pair.
2.00	" " " " 1.50 "
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Men's \$1.75	kind for only 1.25 "
" 2.50	" " " " 2.00 "

Children's Shoes, size 1 to 5 and from 5 to 8, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00 kinds for 35c, 55c and 85c a pair. Good school shoes, sizes 8 to 11 and 11 1/2 to 2 for only 90c, \$1.00 \$1.25 and \$1.50 a pair.

Shirts.

We carry a large stock of all kinds of Shirts. Good heavy working Shirts for Men and Boys for 25c, 35c, 45c, 50c and 65c.

Hats, Caps and Straw Hats for Spring and Summer, the latest styles and largest variety. We carry nothing but the best goods for the lowest prices.

Gordon Bros.,

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