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Governor Deneen announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for governor last week, and will canvass every county in the state.

John J. Brown is sending out letters to the effect that he is a candidate for governor and asks the support of all republicans at the primaries April 9.

There was a great scramble for places on the state ticket at Springfield last Friday. It is generally supposed that the place at the head of the list of the different offices is worth thousands of votes.

John R. Thompson, of Chicago, who is a former county treasurer and candidate for the nomination for mayor last year, is against Deneen, and out for Wayman for governor. He has resigned as colonel on the governor's staff.

Springfield News: The way candidates are coming forward for republican nominations throughout the state does not indicate any serious fear in their minds, at least, that Illinois is going to the democratic bowdows next November.

Yorkville Record: The Lorimer investigation is still occupying the congressional committee in Washington. Cui bono? The friends of Mr. Lorimer will still believe that Mr. Lorimer is guiltless of wrongdoing and his opponents will continue to believe he is guilty, whichever way the committee or the United States senate decides. It is one of those cases where men take sides from personal predilection and evidence or argument is useless.

Canton Register: Senator La Follette will find plenty of progressive republicans in Illinois. The woods are full of them. The prairies swarm with them. There are more

than half a million of republicans in Illinois, and they are all progressive. All republicans are progressive—and none more so than the Illinois republicans. But Senator La Follette will find few of his kind of "progressives" here. Illinois republicans believe in progress straight ahead—and not at socialist angles. They are Lincoln, McKinley and Taft progressives—not progressives of the Pinchot and La Follette type.

LEW SHANK FOR GOVERNOR!
A dispatch from Indianapolis says that Mayor Lew Shank, the one and only Lew, the seller of turkeys and potatoes to the people at cut prices, the defier of the middlemen, is a candidate for the republican nomination for governor of Indiana, says the Inter Ocean.

The announcement does not surprise us. When word came that Mayor Shank had imported several thousand fat turkeys and was selling them to the free and unbought citizenship of Indiana at reduced prices, we somehow felt that he would soon seek a wider sphere of usefulness.

And when, a little later, came the news that Lew Shank's constituents were being given the opportunity to buy several carloads of potatoes at wholesale prices we were confirmed in the opinion that such procedure did not indicate a keen desire to retire from politics at an early date.

That Lew Shank—how crisp and practical and democratic and pleasing is the name of this distinguished man!—that Lew Shank will have a platform calculated to appeal powerfully to the people of Indiana can hardly be denied. "Vote for Lew Shank and get your turkeys at cost!" "A vote for Lew Shank is a blow at the high cost of living!" Could anything more popular be imagined?

Many republicans in Indiana will probably hail Lew Shank as the Moses of the party, the one destined to lead them out of the wilderness in which they have been wandering for the last few years. They will feel that if Beveridge and insurgency put them where they are, Lew Shank and cheap provisions may restore them to their former prosperous state.

As for the democrats, they will no doubt cease party discord and unite in the presence of the most formidable enemy that could possibly arise. It was well enough to dispute when the enemy lacked leadership. But with Lew Shank thundering at the gates with turkeys, potatoes and other provisions at cost, the situation is likely to grow desperate at any moment.

We are all impatient for Lew Shank to begin his campaign. It should prove by long odds the most

interesting, instructive and unique of all those to be made during the present year. It is even possible that it will throw the national contest into the shade and make the two presidential candidates look like perormers in a side show.

So on with the campaign—let Lew Shank be unconfined! He has struck out in a new direction in American politics and there is no telling how far his original genius may carry him. He has shown Mr. Bryan and Senator La Follette and other anxious searchers what a really popular issue is.

E. E. Davis to Build Forty-two Story Building.

Elmer E. Davis, a former Dwight boy, who was raised on a farm here, has been awarded the contract for the construction of a forty-two story building at Seattle, Washington. The structure will be one of the tallest and largest buildings in the world. It will be 480 feet in height and will contain 5,000 tons of steel.

Elmer has been in charge of the erection of bridges for the American Bridge Co. He had charge of the work on the bridge through the Uganda pass in Africa and he is now erecting a bridge a mile long for the Canadian Pacific in Ontario, Canada. He also built one hundred forty-eight buildings in San Francisco after the earthquake disaster.

Mr. Davis was a former resident of Joliet and about a year ago was united in marriage to Miss Ella Pelz, a Lockport girl.

Progressive Leap Year Party.

Wednesday evening seven young girls of this city surprised seven boys by giving them a four-course progressive leap year party.

First the girls took the boys to the home of Miss Dorothy Baker, where the first course was given. The party were then taken for a walk, and when they arrived at Miss Agnes Korsgaard's home the second course was served. After passing several toasts and eating a hearty supper they again went for a walk. This time after a long walk they arrived at the home of Miss Alta Moloney, where the third course was waiting. They were then ushered to the home of Miss Hazel Morris, where the last course was served. Then the party adjourned to the home of Miss Gertrude Diefenbach, where the rest of the evening was spent in a social way.

The girls deserve lots of credit for getting up a party like this as everything was prepared in the finest manner.

ADVERTISING IN THIS PAPER PAYS

THAT REMINDS US

That the following is pretty good and a horse on someone: Gov. Yates attended an inauguration in Washington with his staff. They packed their uniforms, but concluded to ship no horses, relying on the stables of the capital. While waiting to get in line an orderly would dash up to the Governor at intervals with a message and was invariably accompanied by Louis Halle. After a while Yates said to Halle, "Colonel, it isn't necessary for you to accompany the orderly on his errands." "I know it, Governor," returned Halle, "but this horse is the other half of the team."

That it seems to be a fact that some wives handle all the stuff, as the following shows: "The time will come," thundered the suffragette orator, "when women will get man's wages!" "Yes," sadly muttered a man on the rear seat, "next Saturday night."

That there are some people who are more interested in the people across the way than they are in themselves: A woman asked, "What does the family across the street do?" "The wife is writing poems that nobody will read, the daughter is painting pictures that nobody will buy, the son is writing plays that nobody will put on the stage, and the husband is writing checks that nobody will cash."

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ROAD ITEMS.

A dragged road will not keep itself in good condition.

The users of a dragged road must use care in driving over a dragged road.

Don't drive in one track—avoid making ruts.

If all use one track all the wear will be in one place, and make a rut.

If you use a little care and do not drive exactly where the last wagon did the wear will be distributed, which will keep the surface smooth.

When roads are soft keep off of them as much as possible.

Use wide tires.

We read in the good book that the Celestial City is paved with gold. How we wish that our streets were paved with bricks. However it takes gold to pave with bricks.

Of all the roads put in by Illinois Highway Commission in 1908-09, the mile on Mazon cost the least per square yard finished macadam, 346c, except one piece of road at Lockport which cost 134c per square yard finished macadam. In that piece of road there was no freight, stone was hauled direct from crusher at Joliet Penitentiary. The next lowest was .402 per square yard finished macadam. The highest was .816 per square yard finished macadam.

Cost of mile of macadam road on Mazon Avenue:
Length of road, 5,280 feet.
Width of macadam, 12 feet.
Amount of macadam laid, 7050 square yards.

Amount of stone in road, 2400 cubic feet.
Average haul of stone, 1 mile.
Superintendence \$ 89.75
Shaping road bed 22.20
Unloading stone 14.00
Hauling stone 1139.00
Spreading stone 207.00
Trimming shoulders and side roads 36.50
Rolling and sprinkling 131.00
Watchman and miscellaneous labor 9.00
Freight of stone 720.00

Total \$2369.75
Cost of one mile of macadam road in Madison county:
Length of road, 5,280 feet.
Width of macadam, 12 feet.
Amount of macadam laid, 7040 square yards.
Average haul of stone, 1/4 mile.

Rate of pay—men 17 1/2c; man and team, 35c.

Superintendence \$ 46.00
Excavation 600.00
Shaping road bed 163.33
Unloading stone 36.75
Hauling stone 537.50
Spreading stone 114.00
Trimming shoulders and side road 79.36
Rolling and sprinkling 69.30
Coal, oil and supplies 56.30
Freight on stone 2195.21

Total \$3898.95
[Taken from Third Report of Illinois Highway Commission for 1908-1909.]

Continued Another Week.

Evangelistic services at the First Methodist Episcopal church.

The Sabbath School service will be held in the audience room of the church at 9:30 a. m.

A special meeting for men and boys at 3 p. m., addressed by Dr. J. H. Ryan, of Pontiac. Come and hear his message.

Epworth League devotional service at 6:45 p. m.

Morning and evening church services at the usual hours, 10:45 a. m., and 7:30 p. m., respectively.

There will be special meetings each evening next week, song service commencing at 7:15 p. m., in charge of Evangelist J. W. Henderson.

You are missing much by not attending these meetings; the talks by Pastor Brown are plain, pure and practical. We urge you to attend. This week will be given to Great Things.

The following subjects will be discussed by the pastor during the week: Sunday morning, "The Great Commission."

Sunday evening, "The Great Exchange."

Monday evening, "The Great Regret."

Tuesday evening, "The Great Peril."

Wednesday evening, "The Great Curse."

Thursday evening, "The Great Word."

Friday evening, "The Great Alternative."

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