

Republican Progress

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Mayor's Proclamation.

Having been adnominated both by Physicians and our State Board of Health, that the widespread cholera will probably occur in our country this summer, and that it will be difficult to restrain it, and such a terrible calamity, and that the healthfulness and cleanliness of the city of Bloomington may be preserved and her reputation for the same be maintained at home and abroad.

I, therefore, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, do recommend and command that the city rules and regulations in reference to cleaning up all ditch, the cleaning of all gutters, alleys, cellars, vaults, sewers, etc., be observed to the letter.

I further recommend and urge that the City Board of Health take immediate steps to find out and report to the marshal what not kept in proper order.

I further more urge that all the advice given by the Board of Health be strictly carried out, to avoid the necessity of their being enforced by law.

GEORGE F. DODDS,

Mayor.

—Miss Cleveland is said to be strong minded. She has a brother who resembles her somewhat in that respect.

—President Cleveland's course so far appears to be equally surprising to the Republicans and exasperating to the Democrats. The President, while anxious to turn the Republican rascals out, proposes to go slow enough to avoid so far as possible turning the Democrat rascals in.

—It was the Chicago Times, we believe, which informed its readers that Blaine's call upon the President had no political significance—that Blaine was not an applicant for any office, as the only position he cared for had been filled.

—Chicago is putting up buildings ten and twelve stories high. They have one advantage. The wants of the upper floors are not likely to eat their friends much for funeral expenses in case a fire breaks out in the building.

—Of course it would be too bad if England and Russia should go to war, but if they will fight, this country can be counted upon to do the fair thing by both sides in the way of furnishing anything that may be required to carry on the war. It is thus that we might be able to turn a great evil into a great blessing.

—The New York Sun thinks the reappointment of Pearson, Republican, postmaster of New York city, is a shock to the Democratic party that will work injury to it in that town. It is the one supreme thing that the Independent Republicans asked for and insisted upon. Considering that without them Mr. Cleveland could not have been elected, the Sun says their recompence is not very large.

—A copy of the *Brenham* (Tex.) Daily Banner of Saturday, March 21, says:

“The Houston Journal says that it is most certainly time that the political disabilities of Jefferson Davis were removed. The country generally will agree with the Journal, and now that we have a Democratic administration it should be done.”

—This, upon the heels of the honor paid to Jake Thompson, is not calculated to pacify the Northern soldier, or cause him to feel kindly toward the present administration. If there is one thing that the people of this country will not tolerate without serious protest, it is the elevation of Jeff. Davis to a position where he can be returned to the United States Senate.

—The Grant fund of \$250,000, the interest of which only goes to General Grant, can, by the terms of subscription, be devised by Grant to whomsoever of his heirs he may desire it to go. The supposition is that he has made a will bequeathing the money to his wife and family. It is virtually his property, it was collected for his benefit, and the only reason it was not given to him out and out was that his friends feared sharers might get it away from him. In view of his unfortunate experience with his friend and speculator, Ward, the subscribers to the fund were wise in the precaution they took to place the money beyond his control.

—In a private letter from Mexico, occur the following: One of the greatest affairs to be seen in Mexico is the common road wagon, the wheels of which are made from a single block or of several pieces crudely pinned together, and the circumference is far from being a true circle. The axle projects six or eight inches outside the wheel,

which is kept in place with a wooden lichenpin. The portion which passes through the wheel is soon worn, the result being a constant wobbling and swaying. A long pole is lashed at the axle, and the other to the yoke, which, passing behind the horns is fastened to them, all with bands of raw hide. The shrieking of the unlubricated axles is excruciating. It is asserted that the jar upon the heads of the cattle from hauling heavy loads over rough roads upon such a rig is so great that after a year or two their teeth drop out.

—They say that Cerro Gordo Williams, of Kentucky, who wanted to be minister to Mexico, was so mad when he heard the place had been given to another man that he pulled off his wig and threw it out of the window, split his wooden leg into splinters, smashed his ear trumpet with a ball bat, flung his spectacles into the fireplace, and swallowed his false teeth to give a proper demonstration of his rage. It is not expected that Williams will be sufficiently repaired to make the journey to Kentucky before the time for corn planting.

—It has been a long time since the world has been so shaken up by “war and rumor of war” as it is to-day. To begin with, England has a war with El Mabdi on her hands in Egypt, an insurrection in the midst of her North American possessions and a big quarrel with Russia threatening to break out into actual hostilities, to say nothing of Ireland, always turbulent and discontented. France is fighting China without having declared war, and meantime is trembling in her shoes because of the unsettled condition of matters at home. Italy is helping England out of her trouble in Egypt, and has a row of her own with Tripoli. Spain is sparring with Morocco. Corea and Japan are fighting over ancient quarrels. Chile and Peru have not got through their differences. Central America is bubbling over with internal troubles, and the several States are fighting each other the manner of Donnybrook fair. Even Uncle Sam is as far interested that he has sent marines to protect his flag and his people in that section.

—Thos. Buskirk of Paoli, passed through Bloomington on Sunday evening, on his way to Columbus, Ind., where he has purchased the Democrat office. Buskirk has been in the business, and will make it win.

—Latest advices were that Gen. Grant is resting comparatively easy, and that he may live several weeks. The danger is that blood poisoning may ensue, or that the cancer may eat into an artery, when he would of course bleed to death. —Sunday night engineer James Reeve, of the I. A. & C. & Co., who had just received his month's pay, was descending the stairs of the Oak street depot of the road, New Albany, and just as he reached the bottom he was struck a terrible blow in the face with a sling shot or brass knuckles and knocked insensible by a man who was secreted at the foot of the stairs. The villain was just in the act of robbing his prostrate victim when another man opened the door at the top of the stairs and started down, causing the would-be highwayman to flee. Mr. Reeve was terribly cut in the face from the eye to the lip.

—The following bill has been signed by the Governor and is now a law:

“Authorizing co. Commissioners to construct, in lieu of bridges, free turnpikes not more than five miles long, and when the cost of bridges in cities or towns shall be greater than \$500, to construct them at the expense of the county.”

—The following Soldiers have obtained pensions and increases this last week, through C. R. Worrall Atty. Andrew Parks \$4 a month and \$1200 arrears. Wm. Watson increase from \$4 to \$10. Wm. J. Becket \$2 a month, and \$600 arrears. Simon May \$6 a month, and \$300 arrears. Those soldiers are fortunate who have Mr. Worrall and then their claims, as his long experience and careful attention to the claims and having valuable help in Washington City enable him to push claims through.

—Patronize home merchants. They are the ones that pay the taxes, build up the town and keep the wheels of industry moving. You can buy just as good field and garden seeds, clothing, dry goods, groceries, hardware, boots and shoes, etc., from them as you can by sending away for them, and at a very little advance on Eastern retail prices. If they haven't got what you want ask them to send for it to you. Keep the money at home and times will not then be so hard.

—We can furnish repairs for any stove made in the last twenty years. McP. & Co.

—When the Crimean war broke out, Queen Victoria wrote in her diary, which she has given to the public on account of her high appreciation of its peculiar literary merits, that she regretted she had not a boy big enough to go forth to do battle. She has a few full-grown sons at this time, but not one of them has pushed himself into personal combat with the Arabs.

College Affairs.

Notre Dame and Purdue were refused admission to the State Oratorical Association.

Samuel Ramsey, of '84, has returned to Bloomington, to study dentistry under Dr. McGee.

Edwin Corr, Class '83 graduated from De Pauw Law School last week.

Chas. A. Harryman, a former student of the University, was in the city a few days the past week.

The full Bloomington Orchestra, eight pieces, will furnish music for the Preparatory Temperance Contest.

Could not Hon. Jas. E. McDonald be secured to address the Literary Societies, at Commencement. It will not hurt to try.

The Athenian Anniversary, which used to occur on the 12th of February, came off in the College Chapel last night, April 13. D. K. Goss, J. Wylie, E. A. Hall were the speakers.

A special car took our college delegation to the contest Thursday. The following ladies attended: Susan McCaughan, Grace Woodburn, Minnie Bryan, Maud Vandart, Misses Addie and Ella Wilson.

Mr. John B. Miller of last year's class has gone into the newspaper business, in partnership with Mr. O'Neiltree of the Indianapolis Herald. John has a host of friends in Bloomington, is a first rate fellow, and deserves success.

We believe that the abolition of the Oratorical Contests should be taken into serious consideration. If there are reasons for and against them let us hear them. The whole University is interested. What are their benefits? Does any college escape trouble over its primary contest? Do they engender envy, enmity, and hate? Do they develop character and manhood? Is there any gain in scholarship?

Unless there can be a large infusion of good sense and decency into the matter, the sooner “oratorical contests” are gone away with the better for all concerned. The young gentlemen of the several delegations are to be commended for their frank and honest manner, and the way they are being treated by the press and the public; and we can readily see how these annual bouts, conducted in a fair and gentlemanly way, would not be only pleasant episodes in college life, but would be greatly profitable in the development of the art of graceful and forcible public speech. But no one can have failed to observe that for the last two or three years the rivalry between the colleges has caused a general and noisy. It has descended to a level where the dignity of educational institutions, and the tendency, unless severely and parsimoniously checked, must work great damage to the colleges and to the students alike. Pending the last two or three contests the most serious charges were made, but nothing equal to the bitterness now displayed has ever been known. Committees and delegations from one or more universities have visited the newspaper offices for the purpose, on the one hand, of having published what they would blight the reputation of the contestants and bring the name of the college of which he was the representative, and, on the other, to secure the publication of defences against slanderous imputations openly and industriously circulated in the hope of prejudicing or forestalling the judgment of the judges upon the merit of a given performance. The extent to which this bitterness and envy has developed is alarming to the sincere friends of the institutions involved and to the well-wishers of the young gentlemen themselves. The condition of affairs in the college is to be regretted, but it is worse than useless, and it would be unwise to ignore it or to suppress it. The “contest” to-night will not be a fair, manly, generous emulation, but it will be attended with passion, with envy, with mean-spirited jealousy, and with methods that are simply disgraceful to those engaged in it.

Cal. J. W. Foster, lately re-appointed by Pres. Cleveland as U. S. Minister to Spain is well-known in Bloomington, and for a number of years has taken a lively interest in the welfare of Indiana University. He graduated with the class of 1855. He will sail for Spain on the 22d of this month. The Indianapolis Journal correspondent writes from Washington that the selection of Colonel Foster, who is a staunch Republican in politics, to return to Spain, in the interests of this government, by a Democratic President, is a compliment of unusual consequence single in the history of the government, but is well bestowed. He goes upon a special mission—that of negotiating a new treaty with Spain—and he will bring to the discharge of his duty diplomatic talents of a high order and large experience. His acquaintance with Spanish men and Spanish affairs is intimate, and just now is recognized as invaluable.

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We clip from the Indianapolis Journal report:

The fifth speaker introduced was Mr. M. M. Dunlap, of the State University at Bloomington, subject, “A Distempered Civilization.” From the beginning, Mr. Dunlap was impressive and perfectly at ease. He possessed the natural qualifications of an orator. His voice was strong and easily heard all over the house, but he evidently was suffering from hoarseness. One noticeable mannerism detracts from his delivery—a peculiar way of ending a period. His gesticulation was natural and unaffected, and for that reason very popular. Mr. Dunlap's speech was in some parts rich in pathos, and as a whole was a fortunate subject, dressed in good diction. A prolonged ovation ensued at the close of the speech.

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