

# Republican Progress

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—There is much natural apprehension as to the probable ravages of cholera during the summer season. We doubt if it will amount to much in this country until next year. But it will probably prevail more or less in Europe, north of the Alps and the Pyrenees. Interesting experiments have been made in Spain to see if inoculation by modified cholera germs would not prove a safe-guard against Asiatic cholera caught in the usual way. The microbes are manipulated by being passed through animal tissue. Inoculation gives immunity from the contagion for three months, at least so the doctors say. All the symptoms of true cholera are present, but the issue of the induced disease is never fatal. It will be remembered that before vaccination was discovered a preventative of smallpox, that healthy persons were often inoculated with the modified form of that disease. If cholera inoculation is what is claimed for it, then will that dreaded pestilence be robbed of many of its terrors.

—The first coin ever issued in this country was the old fashioned cent wheel cent. The first was issued in 1793, and there were three dies made. With the single exception of the year 1815, there has been no break in the issue of cents from that time to the present. It was in 1895 that the Liberty cap was changed to the helmet head, and these were issued regularly for thirteen years, when the Goddess of Liberty appeared on the coin, with thirteen stars surrounding it. A cent of the issue of 1799, in good condition, is worth \$40 or \$50.

—Loreas Snow, one of the dignitaries of the Mormon Church at Salt Lake, recently decided to have a family reunion. Considering that he had a No. 1 wife, with two daughters; No. 2, with one daughter and two sons; No. 3, with two daughters and three sons; No. 4, with three daughters and two sons; No. 5, with two daughters and six sons; No. 6, with two daughters and one son; No. 7, with three daughters and three sons; No. 8, with two daughters and three sons; No. 9, with two daughters and one son, making in all thirty-three daughters and three sons, he had a good sized family to assemble about him. There were in all 162 immediate descendants to sit around the family board, and to give them all a dinner it took three days.

—It really seems as if the effort to control the progress of cholera in Spain has been at least partially successful. Dr. Farran, in Valencia, was the first to try inoculation so as to induce a mild type of cholera which would check the progress of the disease. Yellow-fever epidemics have been successfully treated in the same way in Brazil. Small-pox, as we all know, has been robbed of its terrors by vaccination, and so, as years pass by, one after another of the scourges of the race have been rendered less terrible. Indeed, so much progress has been made that we may reasonably hope the time may come when they will be practically banished from this planet. But there is a vast deal to do yet to bring about this much-to-be-desired consummation.

The hopeful feature of the problem is that pestilences are propagated by germs which can either be destroyed or so manipulated as to become practically innocuous. The ravages of cholera and typhoid fevers are very severe even in the most civilized countries, and yet it is known that these fatal disorders come from the propagation of poisonously insect forms that can be destroyed. The town of Plymouth, Penn., has suffered severely recently from a fatal disorder of a typhoid character which was regarded for a time as a mysterious dispensation of Providence, but it was finally discovered that the disease came from one sick man whose excreta infected a stream which emptied into swampy ground where the germs were propagated that poisoned the water-supply of the community. We will never be insured against foul-air and foul-water diseases until both the water and air liable to be drunk or inhaled by human beings is carefully manipulated and strained or filtered so that all poisonous germs are removed. When that is accomplished all contagions and pestilences will be banished from the earth.

—The Western Union Telegraph Co. of New York is putting into operation a number of pneumatic tubes for the transportation of messages to the different parts of the city. This is simply a tube or pipe through which is propelled a small car containing letters and papers; the motor being compressed air. The Western Union Central Office

is now connected with the newspaper establishments, the Post office, the Grand Central Depot, and will soon extend its service to branch offices in every part of the metropolis. The system will be economical, efficient and of great value to the public. Pneumatic tubes have long been in use in London and Paris, and have been so successful that a plan has recently been formulated to run a tube between London and Paris under the British channel. The intention would be to finally carry all the mails between the two great cities. Not only would it be available for messages, letters and newspapers, but for parcels of all kinds. The time between the two capitals would be only one hour. The compressed air to give the carriages motive power to be generated by a thirty-horse-power engine.

—Contaminated drinking water is the cause of so much sickness that every grown man and woman should know good water when they see it, and have the means to test it. Water may to all appearances be clear and sparkling and yet contain the germs of foul diseases. The presence of chlorine tells the story. This substance is never found in the soil, and when discovered in water must have come from the human system. In our daily food we use salt the chlorid of sodium. After passing from the human body it becomes separated, and the chlorine makes its appearance in the contaminated water. As much as thirty or forty grains to the gallon is often found in water drawn from wells near where people live. Let it be understood—the more chlorine in the water the more danger, and also that no water is really fit to drink which has any of this foreign substance. This is not a pleasant subject to discuss, but people who are too dainty to pay attention to it endanger their health and that of the community they live in.

## Ellettsville Items.

From Ellettsville Citizens. Dan Gillaspy was taken to the home of his father at Hindostan last week.

Ed. Snook informs us that on land which he tiled this spring he has the best prospect for corn he ever had.

The G. A. R. Supper last Saturday evening was fairly well attended, the amount taken being \$17.00.

Last week word was received by the family of M. M. Wingfield that a sister of Mrs. Wingfield, whose residence was in Virginia, died on the 11th inst.

The post graduate class, assisted by other pupils, will give an entertainment at the Baptist church, under the supervision of Mrs. Farabee for the benefit of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson Mendenhall, of Indianapolis, are visiting at this place.

—The London Lancet claims that the human race would sleep more comfortably if it would make more general use of hammocks. They are very easy to get into after one has taken a course of lessons, and to get out of without any instruction. The proper way to get into a hammock—for there is a proper way—is first to sit down on it, and then throw the leg up and the back down, wrapping yourself up in its soft, elastic and ample depth. The best way to lie is cross ways. The position can be varied in three or four ways. Of course if your room is not from twenty to thirty feet square you had better recline upon a bed.

—Many thousand people from many neighboring villages, will come to Bloomington to see the grand demonstration, Saturday.

—Under the Mexican law a creditor can have a debtor arrested on the day when the debt falls due. The prisoner is chained to a post five days, guarded by an officer. At the end of the time, if the money is not forthcoming, the man's labor is sold to the government for 40 cents a day for as many days as will be necessary to discharge the obligation. The miserable debtor is sent to the silver mines, where he is chained to a gang of felons and compelled to work under ground. He sleeps under ground and never sees daylight again until he is restored to freedom.

—May Fever. This is the period for hay fever, a malady from which many suffer, and which admits of few methods of relief not embodying change of latitude or climate. Dr. W. T. Phillips, of Andover, recommends belladonna—one and one-fourth minims of the siccus every hour until relieved (30 m. to 3 ounces of water, teaspoonful dose). Dr. G. E. Dobson, in the Lancet, has had satisfactory success by the inhalation of the vapor of camphor and steam, made to come in contact with the outer surface of the face about the nose by means of a paper cone, placed with the large end downward in a vessel containing hot water and a drachm of coarsely powdered or shredded camphor. He asserts most positively that if this procedure

is continued for 20 minutes, and repeated 3 to 4 times in as many hours, great and usually permanent relief follows.

—Wm. Hall, near White Hall, who was helping Jas. Cooper shear his sheep, came very near getting his neck broken. He had caught one and was preparing to put it on the scaffold when another sheep gave him a jolt behind the ear which laid him out for awhile.

—A new swindler is being perpetrated upon innocent people in this State by sharpers. The scheme, as it has been operated on several unsuspecting farmers, is as follows: A venerable gentleman approaches the farmer and talks of the laboring men and tillers of the soil having so much tax to pay. The farmer is told by the venerable gentleman that he is getting up a petition that he wishes every farmer to sign. The petition, he claims, is to one of the local members of the Legislature asking him to work in the interest of the over-burdened tax-payer, and soliciting them to correct any evils that may exist if it is so in their power to do. The reader glibly gabbles off a lot of stuff to the farmer from two or three pages of manuscript and then asks the farmer's signature. The result is the same as of old—the farmer is sold, and in a few days a note is presented to the farmer, and in nine cases out of ten the swindler gets off with the money. There is no doubt but that the petition scheme is successfully worked on a good many unsuspecting men who are ashamed to complain after they realize what an astounding advantage has been taken of their simplicity.

—New while there is a lull in trade go to Henry Hewson and have him make you a stylish but comfortable pair of shoes. Hewson uses the best material money can buy, and is entirely reliable.

—“Pardon me for troubling you, sir, but did you drop a \$20 gold piece?” asked a man with an earnest look on his face and a memorandum book in his hand, of a well dressed individual on the corner of Jefferson and Woodward Avenues.

The man addressed ran his hand nervously into various pockets and replied:

“Well, now, I declare! Can it be possible that I was so careless as to drop that coin? Yes, it's gone. I must have lost it right here, near where we stand.”

The man opened his memorandum book, took from his vest pocket the stub of a lead pencil and said:

“Will you favor me with your name and address?”

They were given, and the questioner started on, when the well dressed man cried:

“Hi, there. Where's the money? Give me my gold piece.”

—“Oh, I didn't find any money. I took a notion this morning that in a city like this where thousands and thousands and thousands of dollars are handled every hour, there must be great losses and started out to investigate the matter. Between here and the depot I found seven men that lost twenty-dollar gold pieces, and I expect to run the list up to 200 before I reach the postoffice. Good-day, sir.”

He buyeth a watch-dog, and when he cometh home the watch-dog teetheth him and sitteth upon him until rosy morn.

He goeth to the trot, and betteth his money on the brown mare, and then the bay gelding with the blaze face winneth.

He marrieth a red-headed heiress with a wart on her nose, and the next day her paternal ancestor goeth under with few assets and great liabilities, and cometh home to live with his beloved son-in-law.

—Lorenzo Delmonico, the great New York caterer, died a few months ago from the effects of smoking thirty or forty extra strong Havana cigars a day. His brother Siro, who was an equally reckless consumer of cigarettes, using at least fifty or sixty daily, has just followed him as a martyr to nicotine. The habit brought on what is known as emphysema of the lungs, and he finally died from the bursting of an aneurism at the base of the larynx. As he had reached the age of fifty-seven years, the chief wonder is that he survived his excesses so long.

—PROGRAM FOR THE FOURTH.

Sunrise—Salute.

10 a. m.—Exercises at the Stand in Court-house Park.

1. Music by Brazil Cornet Band.

2. Song by Glee Club.

3. Prayer by Chaplain.

4. I. O. R. M. address, by C. R. Worrell.

5. Song by Glee Club.

6. Short address by distinguished speakers.

7. Song by Glee Club.

8. Music by Brazil Cornet Band.

Adjournment for Dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Grand Parade:

Brazil Cornet Band.

Mounted Indian Chiefs.

Imp. Order of Red Men.

Tableau Car.

Odd Fellows.

Martial Band.

Knights of Pythias.

2:30 p. m.—Parade and Exhibition of Fire Department.

3:00 p. m.—Grand Display of Daylight Fireworks.

3:30 p. m.—Premium to best Bicycle rider. Sack Racing, \$2 to first, \$1 to second. Distance of one square.

4:00 p. m.—Indian Chase, around the Public Square.

4:30 p. m.—Averding of premium of all kinds to handsomest hand under two years old, also premium to handsomest country boy. Babus competing for the premium must be in the Court-house at 4 p. m.

4:30 p. m.—Grand Parade of “Komical Karacters.”

5:00 p. m.—Balloon Ascensions, including Animal Balloons.

7:00 p. m.—Concert in Court-house Park, by Brazil Cornet Band.

8:15 p. m.—Grand Display of Fireworks, Tableaux, Fireworks Bals., &c.

8:30 p. m.—Game of Base Ball will be played on the College Campus at 2 p. m.

By Order of Committee of Red Men.

THE DAY WE CELEBRATE.—

The Ohio & Mississippi Railway will make special low excursion rates between all stations on the line for distances of one hundred miles, to July 3d and 4th. Good return to include July 6th.

The road law is changed from 10 hours to 8 hours per day and instead of \$3.75 per day for a man and team, it is \$2.50.

Come out and enjoy yourself.

# OUR 4TH IN BLOOMINGTON.

One of the grandest celebrations of the 19th century will be held in the City of Bloomington on Saturday, July 4th.

The affair will be managed by the Red Men, and all the details will be perfect.

There will be

## A GRAND DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS,

Both by Day and by Night!!!

There will be Bicycle Races, Grand Tableaux, Foot Races, a Dazzling Display by the Steam Fire Department, a

Balloon Ascension,

and premiums will be given to the handsomest girl from the country, and to the prettiest baby.

Two prizes will be paid to the organizations making the best display, \$10 and \$5.

There will be a GRAND PROCESSION OF

## BRASS BANDS, MILITARY Companies,

## KNIGHTS of PYTHIAS,

## ODD FELLOWS,

## RED MEN,

## KNIGHTS OF HONOR,

And a Battalion of

## BUG-A-BOOS FROM JACKSON CO.

Half-fare will be charged on all railroads to and from Bloomington.

—Every man who has done any building is aware that he cannot put up a respectable woodhouse for much less than a hundred dollars, and this fact must be taken into consideration when figuring on those four rooms and porch (the old Mershon house) on the east side of the square. They must be sold at next Monday, to make room for another structure.

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