

## Republican Progress

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FOR PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE,  
GEN. JOHN A. LOGAN.

The Republican Senators should be petitioned by Republicans everywhere to elect Gen. John A. Logan to the Presidency of that body. No more fitting selection could be made. His fight was a gallant one, and that he does not now occupy the exalted position of Vice-President is no fault of his. We believe that the people generally would be gratified at the selection of Logan, and no one will question his ability to fill the position with honor and credit to the Nation.

Let us have a silver dollar with 100 cents in it. False dollars and business prosperity are not in accord. The business of this country never boomed ahead as it did just after the resumption of specie payments. The Republican party must stand up for honest finance, and honest money. It can not afford to dally with repudiators at any time or anywhere.

At least every disabled soldier who has ably defended his country is entitled to a pension from the date of his honorable discharge, and the nation should not wait, as in Grant's case, until the soldiers are tottering in their graves before doing them this act of justice. The Republican party, which ought to be the natural and steadfast friends of the soldiers, should hasten to put itself upon this ground.

The Montreal scourge does not seem to be abating, but on the contrary increases in violence. The wires bring reports of bitter hostility between the French Press and the Mayor, who has caused the arrest of the editors of two journals for alleged personal and seditious libel. The anti-vaccination feeling is great among the lower classes, and the progress of the scourge is due in a great measure to their refusal to submit to vaccination. The celebrated Doctor Ross has led a crusade against the use of vaccine, and to the influence of his writings supported by the prestige of his name can be attributed much, if not the larger share of the horrors of the scourge. If reports are true the learned Doctor does not practice what he preaches, as an examination shows two marks of recent vaccination on his arm. If this be true, a rope and a lamp post ought to be brought into use against the rascally Doctor, who to support a theory, misleads thousands, and brings desolation and death to whole families, while adopting for his own safety the very means he professionally and personally condemns. If the report is true, it only proves that he is not the first reformer whose actions belie his words.

Ind. News: Said a well-known politician this morning: "The Republicans are almost sure to nominate Ex-Governor Porter for Governor, in 1888, because he is the only man they have who will stand a chance of carrying the state. There will be a number of democratic candidates, among whom are Judge Hard, Judge Turpie, and probably Jim Rice and Charlie Jewett. The latter is young and ambitious and has a strong following in the southern part of the state. Turpie will be urged by the older members of the party, and I think he is stronger with the democracy to-day than ever before."

Crawfordsville Review (Dem.): It seems that the country is to be afflicted this winter with long-winded speeches from congressmen on the money, currency and bi-metallic questions. If some of these gas and wind congressmen were compelled to get out and perform hard manual or mental labor for their pay, perhaps they would not be so anxious to disturb the present existing state of finances. It is somewhat strange that no great financial crisis has come to the surface in this country during the last decade whose labor and opinions in money matters would command the respect and influence of the people. Yet it is a fact that there has not, and financial management in the affairs of this government is in not much better shape than heretofore.

The Midland: In the city of Brooklyn there are scarcely more than two hundred churches of all kinds, big and little. To match these there are nearly or quite three thousand licensed liquor shops. The churches are mostly closed

and hermetically sealed six days in the week; the drug-shops are open six days and nights in the week, and not hermetically sealed on the seventh, and yet there is no great alarm felt by the churches, or any particular concern manifested by Christians in this godly city over this matter.

The Indianapolis Saturday Herald is enjoying a remarkable boom in circulation. The proprietors are giving away to every subscriber, Dr. Stout's celebrated medical work, "Our Family Physician," a book of 544 pages, indorsed by leading physicians of the allopathic, homoeopathic, eclectic and other schools. The work has been selling at \$3.00 a copy, and is said to be superior in many respects to the work of Dr. Gunn whose son was one of its compilers. The Herald is \$2.00 a year, and only asks an additional 15 cents to pay the postage on the book.

New Orleans Exposition, '88-8. The approaching grand display at New Orleans, to be known as the "Exposition of the Three Americas," (Central, North and South), aside from its general object—the promotion of the welfare of this entire Continent—presents to the individual American and particularly those in this latitude much to interest, instruct and amuse. The management this year not having to contend with the many difficulties which materially affected the success of the Exposition of 1884-5, promise an exhibition which will surpass any display of the kind ever held on this Continent. The increased facilities for getting to and from the grounds in New Orleans as well as the efforts of the railroad companies throughout the country to provide the most complete and satisfactory arrangements for those desiring to attend the Exposition will have their weight. Not the least among the latter is the Ohio & Mississippi Railway having recently put two new sleeping cars on their line which leave Cincinnati at 7:30 p. m. every day in the week, and run through to New Orleans without change, arriving there in time for breakfast the second morning. These cars are fitted up in the highest style of the art, and lack nothing that modern invention and improvements have offered for the comfort of travelers. The route is via Olin, Ills., and the Illinois Central Railroad. The Northerner will find this trip a most agreeable one; the month of the Ohio where it joins the "Great Father of Waters," Cairo the Diked City, Milan, Jackson, Tenn., Jackson, Miss., on down with the warmth of a southern sun stealing into one's veins making all nature seem a land of bliss which culminates only when the Crescent City bursts upon the view from a land of ever blooming flowers.

The Presidential Succession. Under the Constitution and laws of the United States there is no person now designated to act as President in case of the death of Mr. Cleveland. "The Congress may by law," says the Constitution, "provide for the case of removal, death, resignation, or inability both of the President and Vice-President, declaring what officer shall act as President; and such officer shall act according to law, until the disability be removed or a President shall be elected." Congress exercised this constitutional power as early as 1792 by the passage of an act which now constitutes section 146 of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and is in these words: "In case of removal, death, resignation, or inability both of the President and Vice-President of the United States, or if there is none, then the Speaker of the House of Representatives for the time being, shall act as President until the disability is removed or a President shall be elected."

At this time there is no President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives. Vice-President Hendricks presided over the Senate at the extra or special session held in the spring for the confirmation of President Cleveland's nominations. The Senate adjourned without choosing any Senator President pro tempore to preside in the absence of the Vice-President. The term of the present House of Representatives began on the fourth of March last, and there has been no session of that body as yet, so that no speaker has been chosen.

Both officers will be elected at the opening of the regular session of Congress December 7th, and the possibility that the President will die or become disabled in the interval is, happily, too vague to cause a moment's serious apprehension. Nevertheless it is evident that the law requires the President to designate some one to succeed him in the event of his death or removal.

It is interesting to know that Mr. Evans regards the existing law as unconstitutional. The New York Tribune reports him as follows: "It has always been my opinion that the present law was unconstitutional, and I so contended in the impeachment trial of President Johnson. In the first place the Constitution does not give to Congress the power to declare who shall be in the line of succession, but only what officer shall fill the vacancy, and moreover, it forbids members of Congress from holding any office under the Government. But of course there was a great deal of uncertainty about the matter when it was under discussion originally."

Coming from so able a lawyer, these views are well worthy of consideration. The Constitution certainly provides that "no person holding office under the United States shall be a member of either House during his continuance in office," and there is much probability, to say the least, in the argument that this prohibits the Speaker of the Senate or the speaker of the House of Representatives from acting as President.

Senator Evans expresses the opinion that the bill "preserving the succession from the Secretary of State down through the Cabinet" is probably the best arrangement that can be devised, and adds that this measure is undoubtedly constitutional.

Re-opening of the Schools. The danger from scarlet fever having in a measure subsided, the Public Schools were re-opened Monday, Nov. 30th. Every precaution will be taken to prevent the spread of the disease. Children belonging to families where cases of scarlet fever have recently occurred will not be admitted till the beginning of next term, and then only upon presentation to the Superintendent of a statement from the attending physician, certified to by the Secretary of the City Board of Health, that dequamation is complete, that the premises from which they come, including bedding, carpets, etc., and also all clothing worn by the pupil, have been thoroughly disinfected. By order of the Board of Trustees, R. M. WEIR, Sec.

In figuring up the expense of the civil service accounts, First Auditor Chenoweth, finds that the Commission indulged very largely in what is mildly denominated "lemonade" and "ginger ale." If a Kentuckian had been on the Commission it would have been easy to interpret these apparently harmless beverages. At all events the First Auditor is disposed not to allow such items under the head of necessary expenses. The Commissioners would have stood better before the world had they boldly charged their eccentricities to Southern Bourbon.

The Cincinnati Musical Festival, to recur next May for the seventh time, is already under way with promise of great success, the chorus which forms the basis of these festivals being undertaken this time with the determination to make it more complete than ever, affording indeed, a model for the trainings of large bodies of singers. There will be five evening concerts beginning with Tuesday, May 13, and in the course two afternoon concerts. The general musical director will be Theodore Thomas. Mr. Arthur Mees will conduct the chorus. There will be distinguished soloists, an orchestra of one hundred musicians and the musical forces will comprise six hundred voices.

A Correct Estimate. That level-headed newspaper, the Cincinnati Gazette, has the following sensible remarks with reference to the Hendricks literature, that is now flooding the country:

The usual indiscriminate eulogy that attends the death of eminent men is already begun in the case of Vice President Hendricks. He is pronounced by one of the poetous deponents "one of the foremost men and statesmen of the century," or words to that effect.

The fact is, Mr. Hendricks was a thrifty, successful politician, and an individual of a pure and honest life, but the evidences of his statesmanship are not profuse. In the Senate he opposed the war measures of the Government, and he certainly did nothing in his own State to encourage the enlistment of soldiers, nor did he give his voice and influence to a vigorous prosecution of the war. He opposed the amendments to the Constitution and the policy of reconstruction adopted by Congress. He favored inflation of the greenback currency and denounced the specie resumption act. He was a sincere spoils Democrat, and took no stock in Cleveland's theory of civil service reform. In his early career he voted for the repeal of the Missouri Compromise, and which nothing so helped to create commotion throughout the country, and made the conflict of the States inevitable. He was a party politician in politics. If he took the initiative in any great public measure, our memory fails to recall it.

And for the past twenty years his record has been thus ventilated, and will be at each succeeding canvass, and by the men who now talk of his statesmanship and patriotism.

The First Steel Pen Makers. The word Pen, in Holy Scriptures, refers to either an iron style, or to a reed; the latter being the earliest form of pen used for writing on papyrus.

One of the earliest attempts to make pens is attributed to Wm. Gadsbury, Englishman, who, for his own use, constructed a clumsy Steel Pen from the main spring of a watch. Steel Pens were first brought into use about the year 1803. James Peary, of London, commenced to manufacture pens in 1824, and was the founder of the firm named Peary & Co., who are now the largest pen makers in the world. Their celebrated "U" and "P" pens for correspondents, and fine points No. A. O. 4 and 1073 for schools, are, without doubt the CHEAPEST PERFECT PENS in use—they can be had from all stationers. Sole agents for the United States, Messrs. Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., New York.

FOR EVERY HOME.—The Youth's Companion was the delight of our childhood, and has been for years the weekly treasure of our children. It is the best child's paper we have ever seen. We say this advisedly, after having tried the various high-priced magazines for children. The variety, beauty, and entertainment of the articles that appear in the Youth's Companion excite our constant wonder and delight. In our home the day of its arrival is known as "Youth's Companion day," and the only bad effect we have ever known to arise from its coming is that all the children, and the older folks too, for that matter, wait it at the same time. The publishers are out with a new announcement showing increased attractions for the new year. If \$1.75 is sent now, it will pay for the Companion to January, 1887.

There are in the United States 17,000 dentists who use in the aggregate one ton of gold and about five tons of other metals and make four million artificial teeth each. Almost all Americans have unsound teeth and probably one-third are artificial teeth.

Says a citizen of the capital: "Probably no man has ever lived in Indianapolis who was so intimately known and so generally beloved by her citizens, rich and poor alike, as Thomas A. Hendricks. One of his chief characteristics, perhaps that which was the foundation of his political success and personal popularity, was that to every one, without reference to race or quality, he was always approachable. No one ever failed to gain at his hands a courteous and even cordial reception, and no matter whether the coveted service or favor was yielded or refused, there was almost an equal sense of obligation on the part of such as had the good fortune to be brought in contact with him."

Though Mr. Hendricks had been slightly ill during Wednesday, no serious results were apprehended. For several days he had been actively engaged attending to affairs and arranging his business preparatory to leaving for Washington to assume his duties in the coming session of congress, and he only left before his illness attended a brilliant reception at the residence of Treasurer Cooper, where he seemed to enjoy himself, appeared to be in unusual health and spirits, and said he was feeling well and happy. Upon returning home he complained of feeling chilly, and Wednesday morning he was slightly ill and the doctor was called who gave him some simple remedies, and pronounced his illness only a slight indisposition. 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