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### Mass Convention.

THE REPUBLICANS of Monroe county will hold a Mass Convention at the Court House in Bloomington, on

SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH, 1888,

at 1 P.M., for the purpose of selecting delegates to represent Monroe county in the following conventions and for the transaction of such other business as may be agreed upon:

1st.—Nine delegates to a Convention to be held at Indianapolis, April 12th, to select two delegates and two alternates to the National Convention.

2d.—Four delegates to a Convention to be held at Indianapolis, May 3d, to select four delegates at large and four alternates to the National Convention.

3d.—Nine delegates and nine alternates to the State Convention at Indianapolis, to nominate candidates for State offices.

4th.—Nine delegates to the Congressional Convention to nominate a candidate for Congress.

5th.—Nine delegates to the Judicial Convention.

6th.—Nine delegates to Joint Representative Convention.

The delegates will be selected in such manner as may be agreed upon by the Convention.

Good speakers will be present and address the Convention.

By order of the Committee.

H. C. DUNCAN, Chairman.

The Democrats are by no means sanguine of success next fall. New York, Indiana, Connecticut and the two Virginias, they think, are as likely to go one way as the other. They begin to realize that after all it was an accident that made a Democratic President and that such accidents do not happen often.

Attorney-general Michener has given an opinion regarding the legality of county officials loaning money out of the public school fund placed in their hands. A few days ago, H. M. LaFollette, Superintendent of Public Instruction, received a communication from the auditor of Lagrange county asking if there was any way in which the county school funds with which the counties are instructed could be loaned at less than 8 per cent., and whether, if it could not be so loaned, it was competent for the Board of County Commissioners to agree with the auditor that, if he loaned the money at a certain lower rate of interest, they would make up the deficit out of the county revenues. In reply to this question, which was submitted to him by Mr. LaFollette, the Attorney-general held that the funds could not be loaned at a lower rate of interest than 8 per cent., and that it was incompetent for the auditor and Board of County Commissioners to make any such arrangement.

The case of Rev. M. E. McKillop, late pastor of the Presbyterian church, at Charlestown, is a sad one. Two years ago on returning home, he was welcomed boisterously by his little son, who leaped to kiss him and knocked against his father's chin, causing an abrasion. Cancer developed and Mr. McKillop is now dying of it at Greenburg.

What Progress is the Temperance Cause Making?

I have just received the Quarterly Report of the Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department, ending Sept. 30, 1887. There is in it a table of the consumption of distilled, viptuous and malt liquors, for the years from 1840 to 1887 inclusive. From it I compare the years 1880 and 1887:

Distilled spirits	Wines, Malt Liquors, Gallons.	Gallons.
1880—55,026,004	28,329,541	414,223,165
1887—45,064,733	33,325,041	717,748,554

Increase 6,036,677 4,995,560 303,525,000

I have deducted the amount of spirits consumed in the arts and manufacture. The table shows the amount drunk. On this great amount, the increase annually is about 8 per cent. This is a sad increase, and hence I may ask, whether political party temperance is accomplishing any good?

L. R.

A Story With a Moral. Juliet Republican-Star: Generally the clergy of the Methodist Episcopal Church are very ardent temperance apostles as well. They may and do differ as to ways and means, but as to the need of suppressing the traffic in alcoholic beverages there is but one mind.

Occasionally one spirit more daring than the rest rises to the exigencies of the time, and declares in favor of high license. Not, indeed, that he would have any intoxicating drink sold, but that there may be some way of controlling the traffic. Of this class is Bishop Foss. He was once assailed by a young preacher for his temperance notions, who said: "Why, brother, if there was a mad dog running up and down the streets, would you shoot it, or hedge it in?" To which the witty Bishop made quick reply: "If that mad dog had been running up and down the streets for thirty years, and I had been blazing away at it all that time without hitting it, I guess I'd try and hedge it in."

The moral of the story need not just anybody accept.

[For the Progress.]

The Timber Question Again.

BY CLEAR CREEK.

In my last article I gave some figures taken from the census, which L. B. says are erroneous and misleading, and for that reason he cannot refrain from taking part in the discussion, and asks us to look at plain facts.

"Where," he asks in Monroe co. is that abundance of cherry forest trees once here?" We were not discussing the timber question as relating to Monroe co. alone, we shot for bigger game, and my old friend L. B. simply lets his imagination go out over Monroe co., and his conclusions are that our figures are erroneous. So they are, if we embrace only Monroe county, but what when we take the 490,000,000 acres of land covered with timber in these United States?

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The speaker encouraged young men to be ambitious. It did not hurt any one to be ambitious. It was better to attempt to build a bridge to the moon than not to build any at all. Hence, a young man should never make up his mind that a common school education was as much as his abilities called for. The world always turned aside to let any man pass who knew whether he was going. While it was true that a \$2,000 education could not be put on a 50-cent boy, yet it was an experiment well worth trying; for better than that a 50-cent education should be put on a \$10,000 boy.

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Excursions to the West.

The inauguration of a series of excursions by the Ohio & Mississippi Railway to points in Texas and Arkansas having been so well received by the public, the management has decided to extend them to Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Dakota, and New Mexico.

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FEW ACTRESSES PRETTY IN PRIVATE LIFE.—There is Lotta, says a writer in the New York Press, fascinating as a white kitten on the stage, but who would recognize her in the red-headed, freckled-faced little woman blackberrying in a calico dress, tin pail in hand, that you meet in the woods about Lake George? Ellen Terry? One would know her anywhere, to be sure. Still, a tall figure with a bounding step might brush by on Oxford street before you realized that the rough Newmarket and somewhat battered hat was worn by a woman whose beauty was forgotten to question, and who leaves her paint box in the theater dressing room.

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