

Republican Progress

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Dear President,
The Man Nominated at Indianapolis
10 JUNE, 1862.

Republican Mass Convention.

In compliance with instructions from the Republican State Committee, a mass convention of the Republicans of Monroe county will be held at the court house in Bloomington on

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9TH, AT 1:30 P. M.

- To select county central committee.
- To select delegates and alternates to the district convention to be held Saturday, January 9th, at Indianapolis.
- To direct delegations to the various district conventions. Monroe county is entitled to 16 delegates to each convention.

A. T. MASTY, Chairman.

College Avenue, M. E. church, Epworth League have arranged for a course of lectures. The object is to familiarize the public with church history. Tickets for the course have been placed at the low price of 75c, or 10c, for single admission. The following is the program:

"The Early Church," Dr. Geo. L. Curtis, Prof. of Historical Theology, DePauw University, Feb. 9.
"The Medieval Church," Dean Hilary A. Gobin, DePauw University, Feb. 26.

"The Reformation," Dr. H. A. Buechel, pastor Central Avenue church, Indianapolis, March 8th.

Concert for March 18th, details to be announced later.

"The Rise of Methodism," Prof. H. L. Besler, A. M., Prof. of Systematic Theology, DePauw University, March 26th.

"Early American Methodism," Dr. W. E. Halstead, pastor of Methodist church, Bloomington, April 1st.

"Methodism of To-day," Rev. W. D. Parr, pastor of the M. E. church, Elkhart, Ind., April 15th.

Look to Your Colors.—It is stated that the death of William J. Florence was due to the neglecting of a cold. At this season such neglect is always dangerous and often fatal. But, at the same time, the indiscriminate taking of new remedies without an intelligent idea of their use is something that should not be attempted. The New York Sun sounds a warning against antipyretic, which has recently attained a great popularity for headaches and colds. The Sun says of it: "It is an exceedingly dangerous remedy for two reasons; One that it is a powerful heart depressant, and in the case of an unsuspected weak heart, may do a fatal mischief without warning. The other reason is that doctors themselves are very much in the dark as to the real action of antipyretic. Sometimes its curative powers are marvelous, and at other times it seems to have no effect at all. So let the sufferer from cold drink hot lemonade and bathe his feet in sand and warm water, and get his doctor to give him quinine or eough mixture, but, if he is wise, let him not play with antipyretic." Cases illustrating its effects could easily be cited. But the same is true with many other drugs. For instance, the young man who had to be taken to a Baltimore hospital the other evening after dosing himself with antifebrin gave a warning to others who take medicines ignorantly. There is a disposition nowadays in people to try to cure themselves quickly by all sorts of concoctions that have an immediate effect. It is risky business and there ought to be more prudence. A regular physician is always the safest counselor in sickness of all kinds.

Months of Service on the War.

[January Forum.] While the health of some men has been improved by their military service during the war, even to the preservation of lives that would have been lost had the owners remained exclusively in civil life, the health of the average veteran has been deteriorated by his service; so that he suffers more from illness and has a somewhat less expectation of life than other men of his age. This conclusion, based as it is upon an examination of the census data for a small part of the country, is a provisional one only, and we must wait for more complete compilations to give definite and reliable figures.

—Let a person get into your debt if you would make him your enemy. It is an unpleasant truth that this is the often the case. Some men appear to avoid you and dislike you because they are in your debt, though before you were prospering enough to accommodate them their friendship bordered on wanton intimacy. —Salem Dem.

—During the year just passed the manufacturing establishments of Columbus, Ind., consumed coal to the amount of seventy thousand dollars' worth. When this fact became known they were greatly surprised. Two of the most wealthy men days ago set about to procure, if possible, cheaper fuel. They have investigated the Harris process of manufacturing fuel-gas, are much pleased with it, and will put in a plant at once. Hope this fuel can be extended to every town of 1,000 inhabitants.

—There would seem to be no reason why the cigarette is as injurious as its enemies say it is. A Georgia chemist who has carefully analyzed eighty samples finds nothing objectionable in them but nicotine, oil of tobacco, bitter extractive, gum, chlorophyll, cellulose, potash, nitric acid, phosphoric acid, lime, iron, and magnesia. Wherefore he remarks that the cigarette is "not necessarily harmful."

—Pauli Republican: Capt. A. T. Gilmore, who died last week at his home in Louisville, was one of the well known firm of Ourbacher, Gilmore & Co. Gilmore once lived in Peoli and carried the "brick" which went into the court house and afterward married a woman who worked in one of the hotels here.

—A society editor says that ladies who call on brides for the first time, and wish to do the proper thing, will not forget to turn down the upper corners of their calling cards, which signifies best wishes and congratulations. But guard against making the mistake of turning down the upper corners. That means sympathy and gladness.

—The process of whitening sugar was never known till a hen walked through a clay puddle, and then strayed into the sugar house. Her tracks were, of course, left in the piles of sugar, and when it was noticed that the spots where she had stepped were whiter than the rest, the process of bleaching sugar with clay was adopted.

—General Slocum, in an article on pensions in the January Forum, records a protest. General Jackson made in his message of 1834, as follows:

I recommend that an actual inspection should be made in each State into the circumstances and claims of every person now drawing a pension. The honest veteran has nothing to fear from such scrutiny, while the fraudulent claimant will be detected and the public treasury relieved to an amount I have reason to believe far greater than has heretofore been suspected.

—A lively rate war is in progress between the boats running on the Ohio river. Twenty-five cents is now the fare from Madison, Ind., to Louisville, Ky., and freight 5 cents per one hundred pounds.

—People do draw the most ridiculous distinctions sometimes. For instance, if a friend asks you for a postage stamp, and you give it to him, he becomes indignant when you demand to accept the two cents in payment. He assumes a highly virtuous air, and insists that he is always very careful in small matters, so you take the two cents. Yet, offer him a cigar, or ask him to take a drink with you, and he exhibits no scruples, but accepts at once. It is entirely possible, too, that if he borrowed \$5 from you he would forget to return it, but when it is a question of two cents, he is punctilious to a degree.

—Miss Paris of Greencastle is the ghost of Mort. Whitaker, on west 6th street.

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—The Democrats met in the court room Saturday afternoon and selected a central committee as follows: Chas. Walker, T. W. Logan, W. H. Creager Jas. King, Thos. Maggiani, Isaac Cliftwood, J. O. Riley, J. G. Harris, J. W. Shoemaker, F. M. Rogers, Ed. Jackson, Fred Matthews, Samuel Blevins, Jonathan Rogers, Thos. Sparks, J. L. Dowdow, D. O. Spencer, Thos. Huntington, Henry S. Hays, N. P. Drake, J. C. Sulitz. It is possible that John W. Clevens will be elected Chairman of the com-

—Now that the appraisement of real estate is bringing property on the public square into prominence, it will be interesting to some persons to know what this now valuable ground sold for in 1818. Persons who did like to read these rusty old reminiscences can turn to the love story on the outside pages.

First Sale of Lots in Bloomington.

A Big Crowd and Plenty of "Whiskey."

In the old county records we find that the first sale of town lots was advertised for June 22d, 1818. It was largely attended, both by speculators and citizens, who recorded that many debts to non-residents. The sale held in the refreshment shade about the public square, on the "old jail lot." The Agent had cut out the order of the board—the "lot" was on the ground, and John Rogers appointed to distribute it according to the custom of the day—"a draw to the next bidder." It is probable that there was spirited bidding, and a lively demand for "jiggers" for wine from an account allowed by the buyer at the next session, to the County monies paid by him for the sale, the following items:

Paul John Whisland, for the sale, \$32.50; paid for the delivery of wine, \$1.00; Robertson, Graham, Chas. Aquilla, Rogers, Chain, John Owens, Chain Cards, John T. Tocin and W. Noel, for carrying wine, \$1.00, \$1.00.

We also find in the report of the Treasurer, that he paid John and the additional amount of \$10.50, "Whiskey," making a total of \$45.00, pending on that account. It was no doubt a wise stroke of policy in the Commissioners, for the increased price paid for the town lots, probably, greatly exceeded the amount paid for whiskey.

The sale continued for two days, and of the 200 lots then laid out, 164 lots were sold at a price ranging from \$10.50 to \$60 per lot, and the aggregate amount of these sales was \$14,328.65, being an average of \$87.36 per lot.

At this sale some of what are now our most valuable lots, sold at the following rates:

Lot No. 104, (Hunter corner) to Robertson, Graham at \$27.50.

No. 183 to Wm. McCollough, at \$22.50 (West Side Block) to John Matlock and John Cutler at \$21.50 (corner clothing) to Samuel Coleman at \$20.

No. 129, (Howe's corner) to Robert- son, Graham at \$20.

No. 128 (Bank corner) to Wm. Har- din at \$21.

No. 127 to Edward Maxwell at \$20.

No. 126, to Wm. McCollough at \$20.

No. 125, (Masonic corner) to Ebenezer McDonald at \$20.

No. 124, (Groves corner) to John W. Lett at \$20.

No. 161, (Durand corner) to Cole- man Fuss at \$20.

No. 162 to Thos. Smith at \$20.

No. 129, (Second Colman at \$20.

No. 191, (Faulkner House) to Wm. McCollough at \$20.

At the next sale which was on the Monday and Tuesday of November, 1818, the lots north of the public square sold at \$20.

No. 229, (The Dr. McPheeters cor- ner) to Wm. Higgin at \$32.50.

No. 228, (Opposite corner) to Roderick Rawlins at \$20.

No. 227 to Capt. Robert Hamilton at \$20.

No. 226 to Alexander and Jno. Ow- ens at \$20.

No. 225, (Fee corner) to Alexan- der and John Owens at \$20.

No. 224, (Progress corner) to Capt. Robert Hamilton at \$20.

It appears that at this second sale of 142 lots were sold at prices from \$12 (lot No. 247) to \$60 per lot—total amount of \$81,747.50, at an average price of \$57.82 per lot.

Later the two lots now occupied by the depot were sold for \$600, and the two lots where a turntable was sold for \$1000 by Ellis Stone, to the railroad company.

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