

Republican Progress

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For President,
The Man Nominated at Indianapolis
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The Democrats of the House, it is understood, favor the admission of Arizona and New Mexico to Statehood, but desire to keep Oklahoma out. Their attitude on this question is determined altogether by partisanship. New Mexico and Arizona are Democratic, while Oklahoma is Republican. The average intelligent, unbiased person will concede that Oklahoma has at least as good claims to admission as New Mexico has, and infinitely better than Arizona possesses. Moreover, the chances are that Oklahoma will come in as early as either of these.

The bill now pending in the Democratic House which provides for cutting down pensions twenty-five per cent. does not apply to all soldiers, but to certain classes. It is intended merely as an entering wedge. If successful in this, cuts bigger than twenty-five per cent. and applying to all classes of soldiers will be in order.

Some Remarkable Facts.

A conspicuous fact in the political history of this country is, that no man ever stepped from the Senate chamber to the White House. And another, equally true, is that great political gifts furnish no assurance that he who possesses them may by reason of them reach the presidency. The New York Sun illustrates this by many examples. In 1840 the sentiment of his party was decidedly in favor of the nomination of Henry Clay. He was an active politician, yet he could not secure the nomination, and it went to a man who was no politician whatever—Gen. William H. Harrison. In 1840 Cass, Van Buren and Buchanan, able and active politicians, were set aside and Mr. Polk nominated. In 1848 the whigs passed over Webster and Clay, the leaders of the party, and chose Zachary Taylor. In 1852 the leading candidates for the democratic nomination were Douglass, Cass and Franklin Pierce was selected, a man so obscure that many of the Democrats had never heard his name. In 1856 Mr. Buchanan was selected, but he had been several years in England and almost completely cut off from political activity. In 1860 Seward was looked upon as the inevitable candidate of his party; and if political management ever should have brought the presidential nomination to any man, he should have received it; but a man who was not esteemed a politician in the sense in which the word is used was nominated—Mr. Lincoln. In 1868 the candidate of the politicians was Mr. Pendleton, but it went to Horatio Seymour. In 1876, politicians like Blaine, Morton and Conkling were thrust aside and Hayes nominated. In 1880 Garfield, with no reputation as a political leader, was nominated. In 1884 Bayard, Thurman and Hendricks were passed over and Cleveland selected. These examples emphasize the fact and make it the almost invariable rule that great political gifts are no assurance of securing a nomination for the presidency, but are rather a disqualification.

Congressman Dickerson's bill for a reduction of the rate of pensions to certain classes of soldiers is not the first measure of the kind proposed in the present Democratic House. Several other bills for that purpose were introduced ahead of Dickerson's, but his will make the heaviest cut in pensions.

Statistics just made public show that in a single day forty-seven banks in New York City loaned over \$297,000,000 on city real estate and other securities. In Chicago in one day twenty-one banks loaned \$87,000,000. Nine banks in St. Louis loaned in one day \$27,000,000. These figures show what great borrowers the merchants and manufacturers living in cities are, and they prove also that they are doing a big business. Otherwise they could have no use for these large sums and would not borrow them. A vast amount of business is done by men who, lacking sufficient means of their own, have to work with borrowed capital. Farmers also borrow, but not to the same extent as city people, and as a rule they use their credit to much greater advantage. Official reports show that over 80 per cent. of the farm mortgages which have been examined were incurred for the purchase of additional real estate and nearly all of the remaining 20 per cent. was to make improvements, buy live stock, or invest in some form. The money was borrowed because the farmer believed they could make more out of it than they would have to pay in interest. The amount borrowed and spent for living expenses is insignificant.

About 11 o'clock Tuesday night all of Southern California was shaken up by a shock of earthquake severe enough to rattle crockery, crack plastering in some places, stop clocks and scare people who were awakened by the tremble.

ODD FELLOWS' TEMPLE, CHICAGO.—The new temple soon to be built in Chicago by the Odd Fellows of the State of Illinois is to be one of the most imposing structures of its kind in the United States, and the tallest building in the world. Rising to a height of 556 feet, the tower will be visible at a distance of sixty miles, and every available foot of space will be utilized. Upon the ground floor the area covered will be 43,000 square feet, and the total area enclosed by the various floors, exclusive of walls, partitions, corridors, etc., will be something over 356,000 square feet. Twenty stories of the building will be included in the main structure, while the tower is to be fourteen stories high, and like most of the rest of the building, will be devoted to offices, eighteen elevators and four stairways giving access to the topmost floor. Five floors of the building are to be devoted to lodges rooms and public halls, among the latter being a drill hall, with an area of 8,000 square feet.—The Graphic.

THE VALUE OF SNOW.—A good sized snow storm in a large city means many an additional pair of shoes, a prescription for the sick child or material addition to the frugal meal, even when it does not represent the difference between some sort of a meal and none at all. It follows, therefore, that a failure of snow or a delay in its coming has a direct effect upon the volume of trade, for the poor spend their money as soon as they get it, of sheer necessity, and their small sums swelled into a large total, help to keep the machinery of business in motion. In warmer climates, where no snow falls, life demands fewer necessities, and neither rich nor poor understand the economic value of the snow shovel, but in the North, where cold bites and hunger pinches a heavy snow fall brings many blessings with it.

A Topsy-Turvy Country. [From the New York Ledger.] Everybody knows that the Japanese have queer ways of doing things, but few appreciate in how many directions and how completely they reverse our customs. For example, we should think it highly improper to receive visitors while we are taking a bath. Such a reception is, however, the acme of conventional propriety among the Four Hundred of Japan. We never eat fish until it is cooked. The Japanese prefer to eat it raw. If we take wine at all, we like to sip it after dinner. Wine is drunk before a meal in Japan. With us sweets are placed upon the table after meats and vegetables. In Japan they precede the principal dishes. When we enter a friend's house, politeness prompts us to remove our hats. The Japanese, who are quite as ceremonious, take off their shoes.

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HE WANTED BISCUIT.

TRACT OR BISCUIT.—Just after the termination of the late unpleasantness a lady with a basket on her arm walked through one of the wards of a certain soldiers' hospital. She stopped beside the bed of one of the sufferers, a German, and asked:

"Were you a Union man or Confederate?"

"Union," he replied. Whereupon she passed on to the next cot and repeated the question to its occupant.

"Confederate," was answered and then she opened her basket and handed the man some nice fresh biscuit. The German watched the proceedings, not in the best humor.

A few days later another lady going through stopped at the German's cot and asked which side he was on.

"Confederate," was the prompt reply.

"Poor man," she said; "here's a tract for you," and passed on, and the unfortunate's state of mind was not improved.

Again, a third visitor in passing stopped at the German's side and asked the same old question: which side he was on.

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University Notes.

BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.]

Prof. Hoffman has let the contract for his new house, on third street.

Mrs. Mabel Inman is visiting her sister Miss Grace Perry.

Get a wheel, and be in the fashion.

Good exercise for ladies and gentlemen.

Rev. Chas. Filmore, the evangelist, visited 1. U. in company with Judge Cunningham.

Ernest Lindley will be absent from school for two weeks, on account of his services being needed in the Lindley drug store.

Hereafter the Y. M. C. A. meetings will be held on Thursday evening from 6:15 to 7 o'clock.

The Sigma Chi State convention will be held in Indianapolis during the State Convention.

Prof. J. E. Wiley, of the class of '85, delivered his lecture, "A Ramble Among Words," at Paoli, Friday night.

Two essays on different authors are now being read in Prof. Henry's classes. They have proven to be of a high order.

Students who feel the want of exercise should make it a point to secure a bicycle this spring. T. J. Louden is agent for the best machines made.

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CITY ORDINANCE.

An ordinance changing, modifying, and enlarging the present boundaries of existing wards and repealing all conflicting ordinances.

Be it enacted by the Mayor, and common council of the city of Bloomington, Indiana, two-thirds of the members thereof concurring therein, that the present boundaries of existing wards be so changed, modified and enlarged, so that each ward of said city shall contain the following described territory respectively:

FIRST WARD.

The First Ward of said city shall contain the following described territory to wit: commencing at a point where the center line of the alley north and south between College Avenue and Walnut street crosses the center line of Fourth street in said city, running thence west to the western boundary line of said city, thence north to the center of Kirkwood Avenue, thence west to the center of Kirkwood Avenue, thence west to a point directly north of the Southwest corner of Lot Number Twenty-two (23) in Cron's second addition to said city, thence North to the place of beginning, which shall be known as Precinct Number One, and the voting place shall be at Bracken's shoe shop, now located on Lot Number 226 in said city.

SECOND WARD.

The Second Ward of said city shall contain the following described territory to wit: commencing at a point where the center line of the alley running north and south between College Avenue and Walnut street crosses the center line of Fourth street in said city, running thence east to the eastern boundary line of said city, thence north to the northern boundary line of said city, thence west to the center of the alley running North and South between College Avenue and Walnut street, thence North to the corporation line, thence West to the center of Madison street, thence north to the center of the alley running North and South between College Avenue and Walnut street, thence North to the corporation line, thence West to the center of Seventh street, thence North to the center of the alley running North and South between College Avenue and Walnut street, thence North to the corporation line, thence West to the center of Madison street, thence north to the center of the alley running North and South between College Avenue and Walnut street, thence North to the corporation line, thence West to the center of Seventh street, thence North to the center of the alley running North and South between College Avenue and Walnut street, thence North to the corporation line, thence West to the center of Madison street, thence north to the center of the alley running North and South between College Avenue and Walnut street, thence North to the corporation line, thence West to the center of Seventh street, thence North to the center of the alley running North and South between College Avenue and Walnut street, thence North to the corporation line, thence West to the center of Madison street, thence north to the center of the alley running North and South between College Avenue and Walnut street, thence North to the corporation line