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[Communicated.]

A Birthday Celebration.

Quite a surprise was given to Mr. Wm. J. Brown, Saturday, May 28th, it being his 62d birthday.

His daughter, Mrs. Howard and husband, went on Friday night, May 27th, pretending to pay them a visit, and next day Mr. Howard having business in town persuaded Mr. Brown to go with him. In a short time after they were gone his children began gathering in with baskets well filled. They returned about one o'clock to find a table filled with all the good things of the season. When they saw them coming they all gathered in the dining room and he knew nothing of it till he opened the door. He could do nothing but shake hands. After congratulations were over they were invited to take their places at the table where another surprise was given to both father and mother. A pair of gold frame spectacles were placed under each one's plate. It was their family reunion, no one being present but the family and a brother and wife of Mrs. Brown, and a sister of Mr. Brown. All enjoyed the day as a family circle should. The parents were happy to see their children together again, but sorry to think of their daughter in Washington, D. C., who could not be present that happy day. The children left wishing their parents many birthdays as pleasant as that one.

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A Lively Body.

A COUNCIL THAT COUNSELS.

A Working Organization that Isn't Afraid to Vote Its Sentiments.

There was no circus in town last week, but the city council gave an interesting entertainment Thursday night, at which considerable business of importance was transacted. The councilmen were in their places at an early hour and His Honor presided as usual. The first number on the program was the consideration of Mr. Foster's resolution asking that the city tax duplicate be prepared by the county auditor and the city tax be collected by the county treasurer. After discussion the resolution was passed it being necessary for Mayor Boskirk to cast the 7th vote. The city board of health, the attorney stated, was composed of the council and it was its right and duty to enforce sanitary rules. Mr. Foster insisted that the city should be renovated, and he was ably seconded by other members. A sidewalk was talked of on Walnut street from 1st to 2d, and some action taken.

A secretary of the board of health was chosen, in the person of Dr. Maxwell, his term to expire Jan. 1, '93. The vote stood: Dr. Harris, 2; Dr. Maxwell, 4.

The improvement of gutters was ordered on 5th st., from Washington to Lincoln. Mr. Campbell favored the building of a walk on the south side of 2d street from Duane to Walnut. Mr. Fess opposed. Action deferred.

The branch that runs through the school house grounds was ordered to be cleaned out.

The improvement of Kirkwood Avenue was called up by Mr. Brannock, the improvement to be carried to the old corporation line from Jackson street. Mr. Waldron said that in the petition a majority of feet was not represented as is required by law, and that at the present time it is impossible to sell street improvement bonds. While he said he was in favor of improvements he thought that it was asking too much to place sidewalks, etc., on both sides to the old corporation line at present. To this Mr. Brannock responded that justice to the property owners demanded that the improvements should be ordered at once. It was finally referred to the city engineer on the motion of Robert C. Foster.

The ordinance providing for salaries was then taken up for consideration, it having been discussed in caucus. The ordinance was adopted by sections as read:

The Mayor's salary was raised from \$350 to \$450, with fees; Campbell and Fess voted against it.

The salary of the City Clerk was reduced from \$500 to \$400; Campbell voted no.

The office of street commissioner, held by Ren. C. Smith, was abolished. Ayes—Campbell, Brannock and Graves; Noes—Smith, Foster and Fess. The Mayor voted yes.

The Marshal was then given the duty of cleaning streets and alleys and his salary increased from \$425 to \$500 with fees. Fess voted no.

The salary of chief of fire department is still \$40, firemen \$25, night police \$30 per month, councilmen \$30 and fees; Secretary of school board \$40, and other two members \$30. The secretary of the board of health will receive \$40 per year.

It was provided that the city engineer be required to superintend all of the public improvements, with salary raised from \$300 to \$375. Ayes—Brannock, Campbell, Graves, Nays—Smith, Foster, Fess. The Mayor voted yes.

It was twenty minutes till 12 o'clock when the council adjourned, and no allusion was made to the water works question. The regular session of the council will be held to night (Tuesday).

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THE ADVOCATES OF LOW PRICES.

County Convention

Saturday Next,

AT 10:30 A. M.

Bloomington Township Convention.

The convention was called to order by Chairman Duncan, and after reading the call, on motion of Dr. Axtell, Mr. Duncan was made permanent Chairman. On motion of Enoch Fuller W. A. Gabe was chosen Secretary, and business begun. Dr. Axtell moved that the 24 delegates to be chosen be selected: one from each school district of the township, 6 from the first ward of the city, 6 from the 2d ward and 4 from the 3d ward. The motion was carried and the following delegates chosen:

Dist. No. 1, Robert Hendrickson.

" " 2, Clinton Stanger.

" " 3, John Row.

" " 4, Thomas Arney.

" " 5, Thomas Baugh.

" " 6, James Skirvin.

" " 7, Marcellus Headley.

" " 8, George W. Thornton.

It was then moved that names be placed in nomination and those receiving the highest number of votes be declared the delegates. For the 1st ward 13 names were presented; for the 2d ward 21 names; for the 3d ward 7 names. The result of the balloting in each ward was as follows:

1st Ward—W. B. Hughes, Geo. D. Thornton, H. J. Brannock, W. A. Gabe, Henry Marston, Samuel Hanna.

2d Ward—Jas. D. Shover, Dr. Axtell, Chas. Sears, Dr. Gaston, Anderson Johnson, Wesley Walker.

3d Ward—M. D. Griffy, Joseph Kirby, Harry Imes, Jonathan May.

The convention was largely attended and the greatest harmony prevailed.

Richland township—D. M. Woodall, Wm. T. Mason, Sam Brown, John A. Reeves, Jas. R. Ridge, Ben. Hall, Geo. P. Sharp, E. T. Gillispay, Simp. Sharp, O. L. Buchanan, J. W. Ray, instructed for J. F. Robertson for Treasurer, Woodall withdrawing.

Indian Creek tp.—John H. Koon, George East, Commodore Ferguson. The delegates were instructed on Sheriff as follows: Pedigo 1 vote; Harrel, 1 vote; Butler 1 vote. Instructed for J. F. Robertson for Treasurer, Woodall withdrawing.

Benton tp.—T. J. Peterson, Samuel Kerr, J. W. Adams. No instructions.

Van Buren tp.—Wilbur Cron, Elmer Buzzard, Melvin Sanford, Elmer Bunker, J. F. Carter, Freeman Land, instructions for Blair for Auditor. Votes cast: Cron 1 vote; Buzzard 1 vote; Sanford 1 vote; Carter 1 vote; Land 1 vote. Instructed for J. F. Robertson for Treasurer, Woodall withdrawing.

Beaumont tp.—James Davis, W. P. Lifford, Thos. Wampler, Jeff. Smith, Lilo May, D. F. McHenry.

Smithville precinct, Clear Creek tp.—Isaac Mitchell, Jesse Fox, James R. Burkart.

Harrodsburg precinct of Clear Creek tp.—Judson Bridwell and E. W. Hainer.

Ferry tp.—Robert Henry, Dick Maxwell, Wm. Weimer, Jr., J. B. Mathers, Thos. Kilpatrick, Dugan Baruff, J. L. May, Jr., Mac. Wylie, Ren. Smith, Dr. McGee, Ezra Ferring, Fred. Fess.

Salt Creek tp.—J. U. Miller, Blavin Floreid.

Folk tp.—John Carson, Jas. A. Sexton, Thomas Geiger. No instructions.

—Alleys and streets should be cleaned up. The extraordinary rain fall and the hot weather to follow will breed death among the garbage.

—Some of the grocers have brought on a new brand of coal oil that is the color of circus lemonade.

—The Progress has been promising you a dromedary. It has begun.

BLAINE RESIGNS.

—The letters that passed between Blaine and Harrison, Saturday afternoon, will become historical. They were as follows:

Washington, June 4.—The following correspondence explains itself:

Washington, June 4, 1892.

To the President:

I respectfully beg leave to submit my resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States, to which I was appointed by you on the 5th of March, 1889.

The condition of public business in the Department of State justifies me in requesting that my resignation may be accepted immediately. I have the honor to be very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JAMES G. BLAINE.

Washington, June 4, 1892.

To the Secretary of State:

Your letter of this date tendering your resignation of the office of Secretary of State of the United States has been received. The terms in which you state your desire are such as to leave me no choice but to accede to your wishes at once. Your resignation is therefore accepted. Very respectfully yours,

BENJAMIN HARRISON.

—While T. H. Sudbury was visiting in Newark, O., last week, he met E. M. Burt, a former invariable dealer of this place. Burt is engaged in the sale of patent rights and real estate.