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Dennis B. Haungs, Editor and Prop.

EDITORIAL.

VALENTINE.

It was thirty-two years ago last May that the undersigned purchased and took possession of the Republican Progress office, and without intermission the paper has been printed by him up to and including last week. Not many persons remain in business so long and very few care to. Business grows monotonous in that time; and as a rule it becomes unprofitable for one man or set of men to follow in the same rut so long. There are exceptions, however, and the printing business is one of them, as a man becomes wedded to it in time. Our experience, while full of hard work and constant care, has been a pleasant one, and our contact with the people of Monroe county has been full of pleasant experiences. We now step down and out to make way for a younger, more active and aggressive—and we trust a better man in every way for the place than ourself. Mr. Dennis B. Haungs, our successor, we believe to be better fitted for the times than myself—he is younger, has modern notions of business and will not hesitate to put them in practice. We earnestly bespeak for him the patronage of all business men, and trust that he will be shown the consideration and given the hearty patronage he deserves. Asking everything for our successor and reserving nothing for ourself, we subscribe ourself the public's servant.

W. A. GAGE.

REPUBLICAN PROGRESS.

SALUTATORY.

With this issue the Republican Progress appears under new management, and for the first time in 32 years without the venerable hand of William A. Gage to guide us.

Mr. Gage's health made it compulsory for him to seek a change of climate, so he disposed of this property to us, and in this greeting to the people of Monroe county we hope to be extended the same courtesy and patronage given our predeces- sor. It is no easy matter to fill the place held in this community by such a man as Mr. Gage. We will, however, give our best efforts to make this publication bright, new, interesting and worthy of the praise and good will of the people of this city and county. We do not mean to tear down but to build up, not to ridicule but to encourage. With an earnest endeavor to do right and with a desire to please you we enter upon this career. In politics this paper will be Republican—aggressively so—we are as opposed to everything that is not Republican, and will uphold and work for everything that is Republican. We believe Republican principles better suited for national, state and municipal government than any other and will do our best to promote them. We have no quarrel with any individual contrary opinion, and personally hope to merit your friendship and regard. Our patrons will find us always on the alert for their best interests and the welfare of the community.

The loss of Mr. Gage will be seriously felt, and we trust and hope he will return to the scene of his labors much improved in health and spirits. Our thanks are publicly due him for his kindness and consideration covering the trial of negotiation for this property. There may be changes made in the near future but none that will not be for the betterment of the patrons and contributors. Personally we are a stranger to you, but quite desirous of taking your acquaintance.

Hoping for a continuation of our esteemed patronage and trust, and trusting we may be able to serve you, we commend to your judgment the Republican Progress, remaining on every occasion and at all times.

Yours to command,
Dennis B. Haungs,
Editor.

MR. G. CLEVELAND, private citizen, has been offered the chair of Politics at Princeton University. If he accepts he will probably instruct his classes how to fill offices with Democrats and then make civil service laws to keep them there.

HOTEL FIRE PANIC.
Joe Leiter Throws Hand Grenades at Flames and Five-Dollar Bills at the Firemen.

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO INTER-OCEAN.
Joe Leiter, the ex-Chicago wheat plunger, was the hero of a big fire at Coney Island. The fire did little damage, but Leiter threw hand grenades at the fire and \$5 bills right and left to men who aided in extinguishing the flames. The hotel is an immense affair, not far from the water's edge, and was recently furnished by the Brooklyn Heights railroad company, at a cost of \$600,000.

The guests who were in their rooms had trouble in getting out of the building. Some of them tied wet towels around their heads and groped their way down the main stairway. Others climbed down the fire-escapes. Among these were eight women, who had retired for the night, and who made their escape clad only in their night clothes. Several women coolly made their children precede them on the fire escape.

At this juncture a man who wore a blue serge suit and a straw hat, and who was recognized to be Joseph Leiter, climbed up on the roof of the pantry and began shouting to attract the attention of the fire-fighters. Both hands were full of money and he waved them in the air.

"Five dollars to every man who pulls a burning plank out of this building," he shouted. "That's the only way to put this fire out. Tear her down."

The crowd made a rush, and within a few moments there was nothing left of the kitchen. The demolition was accomplished so quickly that the man who proposed it had trouble to get off the roof in time. He was as good as his word, and paid \$5 to every man who brought him a burning piece of wood. The loss by water to the rich furnishings of the hotel was \$2,500. The fire loss was less. It is said, however, that the great electric light plant, which cost \$25,000 was seriously damaged.

The situation in the Philippines is still very serious. Late dispatches announce that General Joe Wheeler has been ordered there and Gen. Miles will most likely start for Manila shortly. By virtue of his higher rank he will be in command of the American forces on his arrival there and it is to be hoped he will soon be put to good use. Mr. Aguinaldo and his cohorts. The intense heat is playing havoc in our ranks and the rebels are more dangerous than was supposed. They are speedily learning the art of

the scientists of Europe have struggled for years with the problem of divine interference in the affairs of men, it remains for the devout clergymen of Eau Claire, Wis., to settle the question for good and all by declaring that the New Richmond cyclone was a dispensation of Providence. One rabid episcopalian brother thought that the God of the Christians ought not to be held accountable, but that the storm was the work of some unknown devil. We are being treated as an example of the influences which govern the manufacture of theology. But probably the dispensation of Providence idea would have been more plausible even to the Eau Claire brethren if the cyclone had swept down on some part of New York or Chicago, rather than a quiet Wisconsin village.

WANTED!
Correspondents.
We desire to have every township represented in the columns of this paper, and to that end want correspondents who will send local happenings to us for each issue. Write the *Progress* for particulars.

OFFER TO BUY IRELAND.

Unnamed New York Financier Inquires if Britain Would Sell.

Special Dispatch to Inter-Ocean.

The Central News says an Irish member of Parliament has received a letter from "an eminent financier in New York" offering to promote and organize a movement for the purchase of Ireland.

The writer declares that many hundred millions of dollars could be raised for the purpose, but the whole question must hinge on the desire of Great Britain to dispose of the property. He adds: "All things are possible in this age, and nothing is too big for us to undertake on this side of the water."

The Central News says it is pledged not to disclose the names of the writer and receiver of the letter.

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Reflections of an Editor in Passing Through the Cemetery.

The graveyard editor of an exchange has taken up his quill and wrote:

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blast of winter and the blistering rays of the summer sun, are stretched the remains of the editor, while the broken bones of the man who refused to pay for his paper are pitted in the corner of the fence.

Thus Miles Refers to the Philippine Situation.

NEW YORK, June 20.—"The situation in the Philippines is very serious," said Nelson A. Miles, Monday.

"I know nothing concerning the story that the war department is suppressing the news from Manila. But everybody knows that things are very serious there. The question of issuing a call for volunteers has not, I believe, been decided. I do not care to discuss the Philippine matter. I am here on private business."

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