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THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

The Democrat congratulates Chairman Moran and the Democratic organization in Adams county, and we likewise congratulate every candidate that contested for honors in that election. It was the most decent and orderly primary election ever held in Adams county. As one dealer in intoxicants expressed it, it was the driest campaign ever indulged in by any political party. This is a compliment to the Democrats of the county and one, too, that is right in line with the signs of the times.

It is also highly creditable to the sense of fairness and honesty displayed, when but thirty-nine votes separates three candidates for the treasurership, the winner having but twelve plurality over his closet opponent, and yet not one word is spoken of any unfair advantage. This is the best testimony on earth of the wholesomeness and vitality of the party.

In a contest of this kind, all cannot win. The ticket as nominated represents all that good public service requires. They are clean, honest and uncorruptible and when elected will serve with honor and distinction to themselves and the political party they represent.

The Philadelphia North American says: "The institutions that are in trouble owe their troubles not to any incidents or accidents of legitimate banking, but to gambling. The disclosures of the last few months are not of new-found evil practices. Wall street assumes the virtuous pose of being shocked by the traction scandal and the use of a chain of banks as an adjunct of stock jobbing. These practices, known now by the public, have been known for years by Wall street and by well-informed bankers throughout the country. The cover is off now, or at least partly lifted. But the malodorous mess that has long been stewing beneath is not of new mixing." Then why not a concerted movement by men of all parties toward the abolition of this great gambling game that traffics in the property of the people?—Commoner.

Mr. E. G. Hoffman, of Fort Wayne, is not a candidate for congress in the twelfth district. His published statement that he will first be true to himself and his profession, before accepting political preferment, is but another evidence of his complete soundness and safety as a man and a leader whom it is safe to follow. If we mistake not, high honor awaits the brilliant Fort Wayne lawyer, and when it comes, he will be broad enough and great enough to make the most of such an opportunity.

Chicago has won the National republican convention for 1908; and ought also to have the national democratic convention. It is pre-eminently a convention city. It is accessible more so than any other city—being centrally located between east and west. It has the accommodations. So both big conventions will likely be held there.—Anderson Bulletin.

Chairman Moran has issued a call for the newly elected Democratic County Central Committee to meet in this city on Saturday, December 28th, for organization. After that date the Adams county Democrats will be ready for the triumphant battle of 1908.

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pension bills, both of vital interest to the old soldier and the soldier's widow. This is but another evidence that Congressman Adair will be favorably heard from at Washington.

The primary plan of nominations has spread to St. Marys township, and the Republicans there will follow this method for nominating a candidate for township trustee and assessor. The date for the event is Friday, December 27th.

Judge Erwin was one of the speakers at the Laporte harmony banquet and it is but safe to say that northwestern Indiana is looking up to him and his candidacy for governor.

THE OSBORN CASE

Will Be Taken up by the Board of Pardons on Wednesday.

MORAN SUMMONED

Will Appear Before the Board on that Date—Petition Strong One.

Attorney John C. Moran has been summoned to appear before the Indiana board of pardons, which meets at Indianapolis on Wednesday. On that date it is understood the matter of discussing the merits of the petition for a pardon for Joseph Osborn, sentenced from this county for life, for murder in the second degree will be taken up and it is presumed that Mr. Moran's summons is in connection with that case, as he was the prosecuting attorney at the time of Osborn's conviction. Attorney Amsden, of Marion, has charge of the effort to free Joe and is doing his utmost. The petition recently filed is perhaps among the strongest ever filed in the state asking liberty for a man convicted of so serious a crime. Scarcely a person who knows the facts in the case but hopes for favorable action by the pardon board.

MRS. TAFT IS DAED

Mother of Secretary of War and Wife of Former Secretary of War.

HER SON ABROAD

Not Informed of Her Serious Condition, Will Not Arrive Until Next Week.

Milbury, Mass., Dec. 9.—Mrs. Louisa M. Taft, mother of Secretary of War William H. Taft, died Sunday. Her death had been hourly expected for a week past, having suffered since last July from acute indigestion and a general breakdown of her vigorous constitution. Her husband was Alphonso Taft, secretary of war under President Grant, and later minister to Austria and Russia. Her son, William Taft, who has been touring the world for several months, sailed from Cuxhaven, Saturday, and will arrive at New York December 18th. An incident that seems rather queer to many is the fact that he was not informed of the serious illness of his aged mother, in time to reach her bedside before her death occurred.

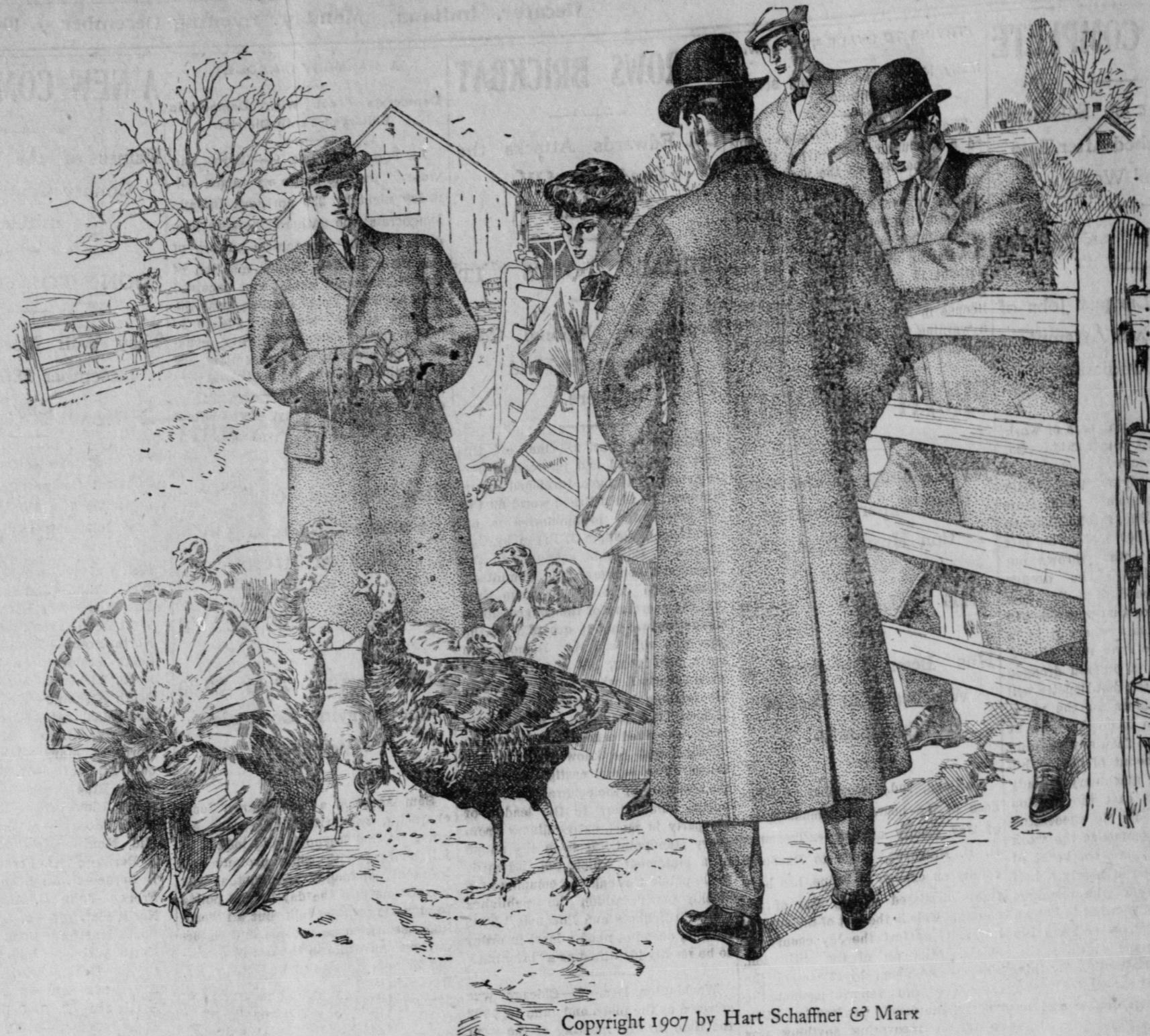
THROWS BRICKBAT

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enty Kansas City and Denver boomers declared that they would "come back after it again in 1912 and would be sure to get it at that time." The selection of the time for the convention was a compromise between the first of June and the last of June, and all were satisfied on that point also.

TO ST. MARYS TP. VOTERS.

To the legal voters of St. Marys township:—This is to certify that the trustee of St. Marys township has redivided the township into two road districts, and that part of the township north of the St. Marys river will be known as District No. 1, while that portion south of the river will be known as District No. 2. The north district will vote at the Bobo school house and the south district at Pleasant Mills school house. W. H. Teeple, trustee.

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