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THE STATE
CHAIRMANSHIP

The endorsement of Judge Richard K. Erwin for chairman of the Democratic state committee, was a compliment to one of the best known Democrats in the state. He has the ability to fill any place of trust and as state director. The joke is not confined to the chairman would be a tower of strength to the organization. He is plain, outspoken and conscientious and could rally to his support all the Democrats of the state. Any state chairman that can accomplish this one thing can carry the state for the Democrats. It is high time that good politics should be played in the organization of the state committee. It is time that party success should cut some ice in choosing those who stand for the organization.

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The Indianapolis News is industriously engaged in misrepresenting the feeling in the democratic party in Indiana when it is not booming its part owner, Fairbanks, for the republican presidential nomination. The News' misrepresentations are more effective than those of the out-and-out republican papers. The News poses as an independent newspaper. Its independence will not bear analysis because it is working for the success of the republican party all the time. It gives a false color to every report of democratic doings. It even colors the stories sent in by its correspondents and encourages its correspondents to lie about democrats. All political news in the Indianapolis News is unreliable. Even republicans cannot believe what they see in the News for everything is distorted so as to favor Fairbanks.—Hartford City News.

THE PICTORIUM TONIGHT

Wrecking of Limited Express.
The Tenderfoot.

SONG.

"Bright Eyes Goodbye."

Open every afternoon and evening this week.

J. B. STONEBURNER, Prop.

The late William H. Knisely had a peculiar faculty for forecasting political events, especially in his own party. During the Spanish-American war he predicted the future of Theodore Roosevelt with the utmost accuracy, going five years into the future to do it. He was also very accurate in sizing up situations in the days preceding presidential conventions, and invariably had the result correctly figured out in advance.

He kept well posted in the movements of leaders in his party and was able to see the characteristics which commanded them to the public. Few men were keener political observers than he.

The latest political joke comes in the announcement of Senator Hawkins as a candidate for the Republican Democrats in the state. He has the ability to fill any place of trust and as state director. The joke is not confined to the chairman would be a tower of strength to the organization. He is plain, outspoken and conscientious and could rally to his support all the Democrats of the state. Any state chairman that can accomplish this one thing can carry the state for the Democrats. It is high time that good politics should be played in the organization of the state committee. It is time that party success should cut some ice in choosing those who stand for the organization.

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It looks like the law requiring that banks shall bid for public funds deposits, like bridge companies and book and stationery houses must bid for county work, has resulted as usual—combine and divide. But even at that it is better than the old way of letting the officers have all the interest on the people's money.—Rochester Sentinel.

MRS. GILBERT DEAD

Hemorrhages of the Nose
Cause Death of Well
Known Lady.

WAS IN POOR HEALTH
Suffered from Tubercular
Condition Several Years
—Died Today.

Mrs. Viola Gilbert, wife of Jonas Gilbert, living in Monroe township, eight miles southwest of Decatur, died early this morning. She had been in poor health for five years, suffering from a tubercular condition, but seemed to be holding her own until a few days ago, when she began suffering from hemorrhages of the nose. This so weakened her that death relieved her this morning. She was a well known and highly respected lady and has numerous relatives and friends in this city. Besides the husband, she is survived by two sons and two daughters, ranging in age from six to sixteen. So far as we could ascertain, the funeral arrangements have not been completed.

FIRST OF THIS YEAR

Martin Laughlin Again
President of Board of
Commissioners.

FOR MACADAM ROADS

County Council in Session—
Liquor License
Granted.

The first meeting of the year of the board of commissioners began at their room in the court house and will be a short session, owing to the fact that they were in session several days last week, closing up the business for the old year. Martin Laughlin, presented his certificate of election and began his second term representing the third district. In the organization he was again elected president and will serve in this capacity the coming year. The present board has a good record behind them, showing a business administration of the affairs of Adams county.

Macadam roads is still a familiar topic, and many people asked the commissioners to consider favorably their petition for a crushed stone road. The last several months it has been difficult to dispose of bonds for any kind of an improvement, and if the lid continues to be screwed on tight, it will put a crimp on road improvement in this county. The board will later investigate the probability of sale of bonds and if they can be sold, several roads will be built.

William E. Byrd, of Geneva, was granted a license to retail liquors.

The county council were in session making the usual year-end appropriations. The surplus in all the funds is converted to the county fund and used to pay those funds which were exhausted before the close of the year.

Noah A. Pusey was appointed a justice of the peace in Hartford township.

As another evidence of the good business management of the commissioners, there was a balance of \$4,705.49 left after the county council had appropriated all fund balances to the general fund, and all bills were paid.

THE HAIR FLEW
Mrs. Charley Dutcher and
Mrs. McDaniels Mixed
It Up.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. McDaniels Was Knocked
Down—Affidavits Filed
Against Both Women.

The troubles of the Charley Dutcher family continue to multiply. For several months they have been traveling a rough path, finally culminating in a divorce suit, which is now on trial. The charges on each side are sensational. Sunday afternoon Charles was talking to a lady, Mrs. McDaniels, near the opera house, when Mrs. Dutcher happened along. In a second the women had clinched and a free for all, scratch, bite, hair pulling and knock-down fight occurred. Mrs. Dutcher finally landed one on her opponent's jaw and she fell, then Charley managed to separate the infuriated pair. Both women were badly bruised, their faces scratched and bleeding and Mrs. McDaniels is said to have lost considerable hair. The scrap occurred just after dinner Sunday and was witnessed by quite a number of people. Both women were arrested today on affidavits filed today by Marshal Bohne. There is a persistent rumor that Mrs. Dutcher has made several attempts to commit suicide during the past few days, but these stories could not be confirmed. Mrs. Dutcher appeared before Mayor Coffee, plead guilty and was fined one dollar and costs amounting to \$9.30. She stayed the docket.

One game was played Saturday evening in the DeWitt smoke house tournament, the contestants being DeVoss and Elzey, the former winning by a score of 100 to 99. The game was close and exciting throughout and was practically any one's game until the last billiard was made.

The men were evenly matched and some very pretty shots were made during the contest. The management of the tournament expect to close the same this week and all games will be played as fast as possible. The tournament has been a success to date.

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