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THURSDAY, MARCH 9TH.

EVERY BODY favoring the holding of a County Fair should attend the meeting at the Court House on next Thursday afternoon. This meeting will be held for the purpose of organizing and electing officers. The Commissioners will also be in regular session at this time, and with their assistance the foundation for the Adams County Fair Association will be laid. The Democrat has always encouraged enterprises that would be beneficial to the people of Adams County. We have been urging the people of our City and County in the Fair organization and hope that a general coming together will take place at the Court House on Thursday next, March 9. Do not let this day and date be given a mere thought by any reader of the Democrat, as it will require the united "push" of our people to make it a success. Are you ready to "push"?

The 52d Congress will have to take Time by the fore-lock if they expect to get a "mark."

The Adams County Fair Association wouldn't sound bad when our people get ready for a christening, on Thursday, March 9!

The opportunity for organizing a County Fair were never more favorable than Thursday, March 9th will be. Let every body remember this:

The Princess Kalulani is willing to be placed under the protecting guardianship of Uncle Sam. Most girls prefer annexation out and out.

Mr. CLEVELAND on going into office to-morrow will use the same set of emotions and mental attitudes worn by Mr. Harrison four years ago.

ADAMS County's progressive farmers, business men and mechanics will be very conspicuous in Decatur, on Thursday, March 9th, in the interest of organizing a County Fair!

MANY hands make work light, is a good maxim to follow in the organization of our County Fair. Let every resident of Adams County consider himself a committee of one to help this undertaking along to a successful beginning.

MCKINLEY had faith enough in his bill to indorse the paper on an Ohio manufacturer who has now failed in spite of being heavily protected.

IT NOW turns out that the great believer in the theory that heavy taxation creates wealth, has lost everything but the theory.

THERE should be a general coming together of our people at the Court House on Thursday, March 9th. Adams County can not afford to be without a Fair Association and therefore let us devote this one day for that purpose. Let every township in the County be represented!

AS some of our saw mills will soon be a thing of the past on account of timber becoming scarce, a furniture factory can be operated on a small quantity of timber, and can be made to pay a better per cent on the investment than any other business in that line. The quantity of timber left can be utilized for that purpose can be bought cheap and our shipping facilities are as good as they can be. Our business men should give this matter their careful thought and see if a stock company formed and operated by them would not be a good investment.

WHILE Napoleon McLeod has been re-aching out and buying all the railroads that "joined" him and snubbing employees who belong to labor organizations, salaries have become overdue. It is now kindly announced that those wages will at once be paid.

LET Thursday March 9th be set apart by the people of our County for the purpose of organizing a Fair Association. We must not depend upon the idea that "some one else will do the work without my being present." This is a matter that interests us all, and we must all be present to do our part in the work. Remember the day, March 9.

WITH this week closes the 58th session of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana. That the session will close is not all that can be said of our law-makers. If they had closed the session the next day after they had passed the general appropriation bill and drawn their salaries, some of them would have been held in higher esteem by their constituents, than they will be by closing the session Saturday or Monday next. The people will have to bear the affliction.

BEFORE long the warm sunshine will arouse nature's dormant powers. She will arise, throw off her winter garment and clothe herself in verdure of Spring. The warm sunshine can arouse the latent energies of Nature, but what can arouse the business enterprises of our people? It will not be long before our farmers will begin to till the soil. They will work hard all summer, raise their crops and then in the fall they will go to some other County to see what other people have been doing, and to tell them that Adams County has not enough energy to show her sister Counties that she has a farmer within her limits. We must not plod along this way unless there is nothing better to do. The Democrat intends to call together the leading farmers and business men of the County and take steps toward the organization or toward formulating some plan for holding a County Fair.

THE people gladly note the era of good feeling between the outgoing and the incoming administration. Cleveland will ride in President Harrison's carriage, and will, at the close of the inaugural services, sit down to a banquet tendered by ex-President Harrison in the banqueting-room at the White House. In the meantime the old Secretaries have been instructing the new-comers in all the intricacies of their work. This is just as it should be.

TOMORROW an event will take place at Washington the like of which was never known in our history. Never before have the people of the United States called to the Presidential chair a man who had filled it once before and who at their request had retired to private life. The great majority of the people through their electors said to Mr. Grover Cleveland last Fall by our permission you have the privilege of filling that coveted seat once more. Last year you will remember was a "record breaker."

THE new law extending the time of city officers to four years was passed for the benefit of Ft. Wayne and a few other towns where they were afraid to face the people again. While we favor a four-year term of office, the constitution should be changed to make all county and state offices for that term. These cities and towns would frame their ordinances accordingly and an election every four years would be a saving of the people's money, but in the enactment of the present law the legislators had no view the catering of the will of the few. Such legislation is vicious.

THE address of the Association of Democratic clubs is interesting at this time, for it shows that the Association made no campaign pledges which it did not expect to redeem. It shows that the Democratic party is just as aggressive in the effort to secure tariff reform after election as it was previous thereto. It shows that the Government has fallen into the hands of an honest, sincere party, with the interest of the people at heart, and not into those of an aggregation of demagogic office-seekers whose sole desire is to get power at no matter what expenditure of violated promises.

Boon the County Fair!

The Pension Appropriation Bill Passes.

On last Monday the Pension appropriation bill was taken up in the Senate and passed without any amendment. It appropriates for army and navy pensions (including widows and minor children) \$165,000,000, and about \$1,500,000, in addition for fees for examining surgeons, clerk hire at pension agencies and some small items. Mr. Gorman commented upon the magnitude of pension appropriations and gave it as his opinion that it would be necessary to appropriate \$200,000,000 for pensions next session. There was a general expression of opinion in the discussion which took place that no material reduction could be effected except through repeal or modification of some of the laws on the subject, and that there was no probability of such a thing.

The following is taken from the Philadelphia Ledger. There is such a valuable lesson in it that we give it to our readers:

J. Sterling Morton, Mr. Cleveland's Agricultural Secretary, had inscribed upon his deceased wife's tombstone;

"CAROLINE FRENCH, wife of J. Sterling Morton, and mother of Joy, Paul and Mark Morton."

He then took the lads to the cemetery, showed them the inscription and said: "If one of you ever does anything dishonorable, or of which your mother would be ashamed if she were alive, I will chisel your name from her tombstone." All three names are still there.

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SPEAKING of the distribution of the executive power, Alexander Hamilton said, "the sole and undivided responsibility of one man will naturally beget a livelier sense of duty and a more exact regard to reputation." That is the true principle of the executive department of popular government surely stated. The people are much "nearer" to their government when they make one man responsible than when they make fifteen men responsible.

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WITH the accession of Judge Gresham the Democratic party can spare twenty Democratic leaders of the Hill type.

THE State House is going to have a new roof. While repairs are being made why not fit up some sleeping apartments in the big building for Statesmen like Jim Flippy.

THE appointment of Hon. Wilson S. Bissell to be Postmaster General undoubtedly means that Mr. Cleveland intends to oust Lieutenant Governor Sherman from the position of chief boss of the party machine in New York.

JUDGE BAKER of the United States District Court has evidently accepted as his model Judge Woods of perennial infamy. But the imitation is a very feeble one for however obtuse, his moral character nobody has ever questioned Judge Woods' ability.

THE Democratic municipal convention of Chicago nominated Carter Harrison for the mayoralty by an overwhelming majority. The first ballot stood: Harrison, 531; Creiger, 93; Hessing, 57. The ticket was completed by the nomination of M. J. Bransford for treasurer, Charles Gastfield for city clerk and George A. Trade for city attorney.

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Let Us Hope So.

The Democrats of Alabama in legislative caucus assembled voted to exclude every one from the caucus who voted other than for the straight Democratic ticket, whereupon four State Senators and twenty-two members of the lower House were led to the door of the Democratic citadel and booted, while the band played "The Conqueror Rules." Had our legislature been kicked out before the session began the people would have been saved money and lots of bad feeling.

MR. CLEVELAND is reported to have stated that he believes in letting Postmasters and other Federal officials serve out their time and that as a rule he shall not remove Republicans from office until commissions expire. This will be sad news to very many eager seekers of places now filled by those whose positions have yet some time to run. But if Mr. Cleveland holds to his alleged views as here expressed it is not easy to see how there is to be any help for it. He is the man who gives out all of the offices worth having.

THE House killed the obnoxious Haggard gas bill Monday and buried it beyond resurrection. How Representative Erwin, of Adams County, can explain his championship of that bill to his constituents is one of the unsolved problems of the day. Mr. Erwin will find the people thoroughly aroused when he gets home. Fort Wayne Daily Journal, March 1.

The Journal in this matter is like it is in a great many others, wherein they fix things to suit themselves, and then say every body else is that way. Mr. Erwin has had honor enough to vote his convictions, and his constituents have all confidence in his acts. While like all others, he may be mistaken, yet he is honestly so, if mistaken at all. He is not of the kind that sells out to get a pet measure through the house. To the Journal we would suggest that you look after your own Representatives, and Adams and Jay Counties well ask Mr. Erwin to explain his actions when they feel that there is a necessity for an explanation.

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