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TURN on the lights.

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SINCE the republicans have contented themselves for the present with legislation on the tariff question, they must look to the tariff law, and to that alone, for such aid as political action can give.—William J. Bryan.

THE electric lights are now off, thanks to a council who would rather avenge their personal spleen than protect the citizens whom they officially represent. In some respects they must feel bigger and better than the Almighty himself.

W. B. SINCLAIR of Knox, Star county, was a visitor in the city a few minutes last Friday, and during that short time introduced his candidacy for superintendent of public instructions. He was one of the defeated nominees last year and is a hustling political worker.

WE may be no prophet but we predict that if the farmers will hold back their wheat for \$1 they can get it—Journal.

No time being stated makes the above prophecy somewhat insecure. We advise the farmers when they can get a fair profitable price for their wheat, to sell it.

THE trusts are all doing well. The sugar trust has advanced its price $\frac{1}{2}$ cent altogether since the Dingley tariff bill was passed. The state law against trusts is not being enforced. The goober and the attorney-general are the officials specially charged by law to see that it is enforced.—Sentinel.

STILL after many months of weary waiting, no statement of the city's indebtedness has been made public. The statement of one member of the finance committee that it would be done and the dismal silence that has followed ever since, is an indication the public don't understand. An explanation now will abbreviate anything unpleasant.

SOME of our opponents have insisted that silver at \$1.29 an ounce would make a silver dollar as hard to obtain as a gold dollar is now, but they ignore the fact that the increased volume of standard money will lessen the purchasing power of the dollar, whether it be silver or gold, and thus restore prices to the bimetallic level.—William J. Bryan.

WHY did the G. A. R. banqueters at Buffalo cheer Mark Hanna when he entered the hall? In what regiment did he fight for the preservation of the Union, and how many times and where was he wounded? The mighty boss must get somebody to prepare his war record so the country can be informed of the valor which entitles him to G. A. R. cheers.—Frankfort Crescent.

WHAT has the republican party done to bring prosperity to the American people? It cannot be said that the mere election of a republican president upon a republican platform brought prosperity, because business failures and bank failures increased after the election. International bimetallism cannot bring prosperity until an international agreement becomes more probable than it is now.—William J. Bryan.

THE secret session held by the county commissioners Tuesday to consider the subject of purchasing bridges should call for a flaming article in the DEMOCRAT denouncing such star chamber methods. Come, now don't be partial.—Journal.

Without the least desire to be partial we deny the above in whole and in part. The commissioners transact their business in regular and open session. They don't believe in granting franchises by a concocted arrangement, without giving the public a breath of information upon the subject. That is not their method of business.

I. P. WATTS of Winchester is again announcing himself as a candidate for congress, to succeed C. L. Henry.

WITH a dull thud William L. Harrity was fired from committee representation with the democrats of Pennsylvania. After betraying his party he still hung on to the party machine, but the democrats openly and above board said nit.

THE streets of this city should be lighted. Every one acknowledges this fact but a few members of the city council who are trying to satisfy their gnawing appetite for avenge. Give us light and fight your personal differences and dislikes in the back alley. The public is not interested in them.

SEPTEMBER 30 will be a grand and interesting day for the many staunch supporters of the deserving cause of free silver, at Monroeville. A love feast will be held there on that day, and all the big political lights of Ohio and Indiana have been invited and many will be present. From this city the Hons. J. T. France and Richard K. Erwin are on the list for speeches, and that means that Decatur oratory will be well represented. It is safe to say that Adams county enthusiasts will be well represented at this meeting.

THE fact that silver and wheat have parted company will cause no dismay to those who understand that the law of supply and demand regulates the price of both. It is the contention of bimetallists that the opening of our mints to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 will fix the mint price for silver, just as the mint price is now fixed for gold. They further contend that the demand thus created by law will be sufficient to utilize all the silver presented, and thus the bullion value will be.—William J. Bryan.

ISN'T it strange that the republican party and prosperity always seem to keep company. The democracy may be as good looking but it doesn't seem to be "in it" with that little coquette.—Journal.

DO you mean the present "prosperity" of national treasury deficits, striking and starving miners, curtailment of railway employees and the reduction in wages of others, or do you mean the "prosperity" of ninety cent wheat, made so by demands of foreign countries? Such "coquettes" as these won't fool any body or cause them to worship the golden calf of Mark Hanna's republican party.

AS a revenue-producing measure the Dingley tariff bill has not begun to fulfill the hopes of its authors, and the deficit which embarrassed Cleveland continues to grow. The monthly treasury statement, completed today, shows that for the two months since the first of the fiscal year, the receipts have been \$58,108,718 and the expenditures \$83,688,956. The comparison with the same period of last year is interesting. Then the receipts amounted to \$54,591,805, and the expenditures to \$77,790,144. The deficit for last month was kept down as much as possible by the refusal to pay warrants at the end of the month that could be staved over until the new month began. The new month starts badly. The receipts yesterday were but \$800,611, while the expenditures amounted to \$2,813,138, and there were three big items, war, navy and interest, against which there was not a warrant drawn. The deficit for the fiscal year to date (two months and one day) is \$27,592,627.—Cincinnati Post, Sept. 2.

FOR many years the price of wheat kept company with the price of silver. I do not mean to say that fluctuations were always simultaneous, but they were measurably so. This relation between silver and wheat was commented upon by Mr. Rusk, secretary of agriculture. In his report of 1890, Page 8, he said: "Recent legislation looking to restoration of the bimetallic standard of our currency and the consequent enhancement of the value of silver has unquestionably advanced the price of wheat in Russia and India, and in the same degree reduced their power of competition. English gold was formerly exchanged for cheap silver, and wheat purchased with the cheaper metal was sold in Great Britain for gold. Much of this advantage is lost by the appreciation of silver in those countries. It is reasonable, therefore, to expect much higher prices for wheat than have been received in recent years." The above quotation explains why wheat and silver kept together and also supports the proposition that legislation can raise the price of silver by increasing the demand for it. When Mr. Rusk made this comment India had free coinage, and the wheat growers of the United States had to meet competition by reducing the price of wheat as the price of silver fell.—William J. Bryan.

OLD SETTLERS.

THE PIONEERS OF THE EARLY DAYS IN ADAMS COUNTY.

They Meet in Social Conflict and Again Read the Dusty Pages of History.

The old settlers of Adams and adjoining counties held their third annual picnic at Kern's grove in St. Mary's township, Thursday, September 2nd. The threatening weather in the morning kept a great many away, but as it was there was a large crowd present. The early morning was spent by the old settlers in renewing acquaintances and explaining to the younger generation present the uses of some of the old fashioned machinery used for the manufacture of flax and wool. Mrs. Wm. Comer explained the use of the back, the wool combs, the spinning wheel and the reel, while an old-fashioned corn mill attracted the curiosity of the men and boys. At eleven o'clock Judge David Studabaker called the meeting to order in a few well-chosen remarks, in the course of which he called attention to the fact that another year had rolled away, and that while a few had been called from association with us, that while time had despoiled some, we had reasons to be thankful for blessings bestowed, and announced that Esquire William Comer, of Pleasant Mills, would express our thanks in a word of prayer. In his prayer he asked that the Lord would bless the meeting, the old settlers present and especially those who from sickness or infirmities incident to old age, could not be with us on this occasion, and asked that these meetings might grow in interest to those of the rising generation, who should follow in the footsteps of the pioneers.

After prayer the M. E. choir of Decatur, sang a song appropriate to the occasion. The president then introduced R. K. Erwin, the orator of the day, who delivered the principle address of the occasion. He recounted the hardships of the pioneers, and of the courage and bravery required to push away from the older settlements, and plant the banner of progress on the outskirts of civilization. How amid the hardships of pioneer life friendship and equality was taught; how they practiced the commandment, "As you would that others should do unto you, do ye even so to them," and charged the rising generations, that if they wished to prevent the tread of the strangers on the fatherland they should observe the commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother, for in its observance thy days shall be long in the land which thy Lord thy God giveth thee." At the close of the address the choir sang another song, and on motion of N. Blackburn a committee was appointed to recommend names for the officers of the association for the ensuing year. The president then announced an adjournment for dinner.

AFTERNOON SERVICES.

At 1:30 the president called the meeting to order. The committee appointed to recommend officers for the ensuing year then made their report which was adopted as read. The officers are: President, David Studabaker; secretary, N. Blackburn; treasurer, David Dailley. The president then announced that Dr. Harper, who had been with us a year ago, was unable to attend on account of sickness. He stated that they would devote the afternoon to experiences of the old settlers, and introduced William Hoagland. He told of the early struggles among the swale and forests, and was followed by a song from the choir, after which a number of short talks were made by Henry Steele, Jonathan Fleming, Jacob S. Hart and others. Dr. J. Q. Neptune, Doc Grandstaff and Jonathan Fleming sang songs appropriate to the occasion, and then the hour growing late the assembly adjourned. It was altogether a very enjoyable occasion and one long to be remembered by those fortunate enough to be present.

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TAX LEVIES.

The township trustees and city school board have made their levies for the coming year, as follows:

Union—Township 10c, tuition 5c, special school 40, road 10, special road 10, poor 1. Total 76.

Root—Township 20c, tuition 7c, special school 12, road 26, special road 10, poor 1. Total 65.

Preble—Township 15c, special school 10, road 30, township bridge 10. Total 65.

Kirkland—Township 10c, tuition 10c, special 15, road 10, special road 10, poor 1. Total 65.

Washington—Township 25c, tuition 5c, special school 8, road 15, special road 10, poor 7.

St. Mary's—Township 6c, road 15, special school 20, tuition 20, bridge 6, poor 2. Total 68.

Blue Creek—Township 10c, tuition 10c, special school 15, road 10, special road 10, poor 2. Total 56.

Monroe—Township 10c, special school 10, road 10, special road and bridge 5, poor 3. Total 38.

French—Township 12c, tuition 7c, special school 15, road 10, special road 5, poor 1. Total 48.

Hartford—Township 10c, tuition 10c, special school 25, road 10, poor 2. Total 67.

Wabash—Township 15c, tuition 5c, special school 15, road 10, special road and bridge 8, poor 2. Total 55.

Jefferson—Township 20c, road 10, special school 40, tuition 5c, bridge 10, poor 2. Total 87.

Decatur—Tuition 35c, special school 32, library 3. Total 70.

THOSE fanatical gold bugs who daily pray for the absolute annihilation of the free silver cause, will please take notice that on Thursday, September 30, in this year of our Lord 1897, there will be a general outpouring of the free silver faithful at Monroeville. The fat-tail calf will be slain and served to the mighty hosts who stand faithful to the cause of the people, as enunciated by that grand and mighty leader, the William Jennings Bryan. This meeting in question is being held at a time when no political campaign is taking the people's time or attention, and its object is purely for the cause of the white metal, which has been tabooed and depreciated by legislative action, as well as being held in contempt by the officials who represent the government and administration. Discussions of the subject will be made by the Hon. A. J. Warner of Ohio, Hons. Claude Matthews, Tom Marshall, A. N. Martin, Levi Mook, Judge Snook, R. C. Bell, O. P. Eversole, Henry Colerick, R. K. Erwin, John T. France, Dr. S. R. Robinson, Judge Edward O'Rourke and B. A. Robinson. Six large and juicy veal will be served after being properly salted down and seasoned. The Fort Wayne City Band and the famous Bluffton Glee Club will be the attractions. J. A. Connelly and B. A. McIntosh of Monroeville, were in the city Tuesday evening spreading the good word. It is safe to predict that Adams county democrats will be there with both feet.

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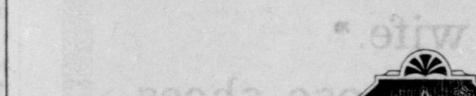
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