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THE DEMOCRAT and Sentinel both
papers one year for one dollar.

DUNDEE was the scene of a frightful
explosion Tuesday which ended the
life of one man and seriously injured
two others.

SHOULD McLean be elected governor
of Ohio, it will still make brighter the
chances of Bryan and a victory in the
nation in 1900.

GOVERNOR MOUNT will spend a week
in the Ohio campaign, during which
time he will uphold Hannaism, Cox-
ism and the frailties of the g. o. p.

THE formation of trusts proceeds
without fear or favor, all of which is
due to a protective tariff and an ad-
ministration who fails and refuses to
do its plain duty by the people.

ELWOOD'S Labor Day celebration
Monday was the biggest thing that
ever happened. Excursion trains
without number carried thousands
and thousands of people there, where
a fitting celebration was given.

MAYOR JONES of Toledo, starts upon
his campaign this week, traveling via
automobile. He will be accompanied
by a singer of some renown and be-
tween the two not much regard will
be shown to suffering humanity.

SENATOR BEVERAGE is home after a
lengthy absence in the Orient, where
he has been making a special study
of the country, its condition and its
possibilities. He comes back with
sealed lips and a positive refusal to
submit himself to a newspaper inter-
view.

THE Hon. Samuel M. Ralston says
he is not a candidate for governor
next year. That is modest. Any
gentleman with the high attainments
of Mr. Ralston would say the same
thing. The democratic party in Indi-
ana should not permit such general-
ship, wisdom and eloquence to retro-
grade. It is a matter in which per-
sonal gratification is not entitled to
an audience. Therein lies a duty for
the party and they should perform it
without fear or favor.

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Sentinel—two papers for one dollar a
year.

That the newspaper readers of Ad-
ams county appreciate a good thing
was never better explained than by
the large number who have either
subscribed or renewed their subscrip-
tion to the DEMOCRAT within the past
two weeks. The number is counted
by the hundreds and the end is not
yet. Call in soon and get the Demo-
crat and Sentinel, both papers for one
dollar a year.

AFTER so long a time the Indianapo-
lis Sentinel and other leading Indiana
newspapers have caught the inspira-
tion and kindly mentioned and com-
mented upon the recognized ability of
the Hon. Samuel M. Ralston as well
as the political good sense in nomina-
ting him for governor. Tis well.
Those who have thus far failed to get
into the band wagon should do so
without delay. The democratic party
recognizes the necessity of the occa-
sion, and always in a necessity they do
their duty without fear or favor. Ral-
ston is the man of the hour and will be
so considered.

That clear-headed thinker and vigor-
ous political writer, Major George E.
Finney, is not distressed over existing
dissensions in the democratic camp.
On the contrary, he regards this as
wholesome and in the main beneficial.
The major reasons thus: "There has
never been a time within our knowl-
edge in the history of the democracy,
when there hasn't been diversity of
opinion up to the time of the holding
of the national conventions as to what
the policy to be enunciated should be,
and the discussions on various points
have been quite as ultra and emphatic
as they are today. That the members
of the party do differ upon these ques-
tions is a healthful sign. It shows
political health and vigor, and it is a
usual thing that those who contend
strongest for their individual ideas
are the strongest fighters for general
policies put forth by the party as a
whole. It shows the individual inter-
est in public matter, and an independ-
ence of thought and expression whole-
some to the party and the country.
We have an abiding faith that we
shall 'get together' after the struggle
sure to come in the national conven-
tion. Meanwhile let us not be dis-
tressed over the bogie of the brain
that looks formidable and terocious
only to see eyes that are themselves
turned away. Let us accord to each
other a freedom of speech guaranteed
by the tenets of our party, and let us
not be frightened by the ogre of dis-
trust conjured mostly by the republi-
can press and those who are interested
in creating an ill feeling in our camp
—the camp of their political enemy." There is both sense and philosophy in these observations.—South Bend Times.

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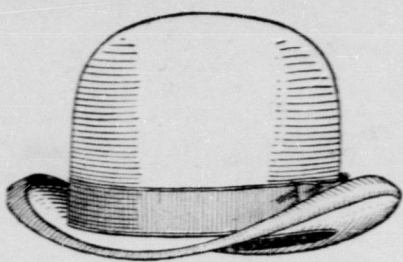
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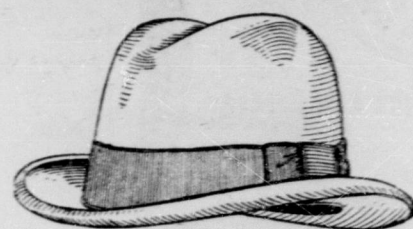
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It is more important that good taste be exhibited in the selection of a hat than any other article of wearing apparel. A man may be richly dressed, but no one will appreciate the fact unless he is attired in a stylish hat.

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FIFTH ANNUAL PICNIC.

The Adams County Pioneers Enjoy an Outing
in Steele's Park.

The old settlers of Adams county held their fifth annual picnic in Steele's grove, east of this city, last Saturday and a large number of the pioneers of this great district were present. The first old settlers meeting was held in this county in 1894 and took place at the grove near Bobo. At that time officers were elected and suitable preparations made for a permanent organization. David Studabaker was elected president and each year since has been re-elected. Last Saturday's program should have begun at ten o'clock, but owing to the grounds not being prepared a delay of nearly two hours was incurred and it was about noon before President Studabaker called the audience to order and announced that owing to the delay the morning exercises would be postponed until after dinner. Accordingly after music had been rendered by Prof. Falk's Juvenile Orchestra and prayer offered by Rev. W. H. Daniel the crowd was dismissed until one o'clock. Then followed the principal event of the day—dinner—and the way the delicacies and tempting displays of food disappeared was a sight. Everybody eat and enjoyed themselves, strangers and neighbors were all supplied and for a solid hour the old settlers, as well as the younger generation, devoted themselves to satisfying their hungry desires. Dinner finished the gathering was again called to order and the minutes of last year's meeting read by Secretary Blackburn. The following committee was then appointed by the president, for the purpose of selecting officers for next year: Samuel Schaffer, N. Blackburn, Jonathan Fleming, John Rupright and George H. Martz. After due deliberation this committee reported the following names which were heartily endorsed and who will occupy their respective positions during the coming year: President, David Studabaker; vice-president, Jeremiah Archbold; treasurer, Jonathan Fleming; secretary, Geo. H. Martz. Board of directors, Samuel Schaffer, William Hoagland, Joshua Bright, Sylvester Campbell, Barney Meibers, Leonard Johnson and Henry Steele. Hon. John T. France, speaker of the day, was then introduced and entertained the people for an hour with one of his brilliant and witty orations. He informed his hearers that he had taken dinner with Mrs. David Studabaker and was two full of utterance, and that had it not been that he was seated between a Methodist minister and a reporter for the DEMOCRAT, he would undoubtedly have foundered, but as it was he felt very full indeed. That fact, however, did not keep him from delivering an eloquent and interesting address. He described the hardships and trials of the pioneers of this and other states, their rude manner of living, their troubles and their happiness. He told of heroism and brave deeds, of the many fathers who had left home to defend their nation with their blood if necessary. Along with all the sorrows were many joys, however, and the pioneer was happier at nightfall than the tired and careworn business man of today. His talk was much enjoyed by all and was a most fitting one for the occasion. Following the oration of the day the old settlers love feast, in which many participated and told their experiences of forty years ago. The president of the organization, Judge Studabaker, opened this part of the program with a short talk in which he stated that he had been a resident of Adams county over sixty-

five years, having removed here with his parents in March, 1834. He remembers when the Miami and Wyndore Indians were plentiful in this section and roamed at will through the forests. He told several interesting stories, among them being one concerning Ex-Governor Root, of New York, which was once told before the Adams county commissioners and was the cause of Root township receiving its name. Harlo Mann followed in an interesting description of pioneer days in the county, he having resided here since 1836. He said he was glad of the improved conditions of all the surroundings and that he expected to spend the remainder of his life in Old Adams. Joseph Haviland, a resident since 1852, told of the rapid strides which have been made during the half century of his citizenship. L. N. Grandstaff, better known as "Doc", then sang "The Old Homestead". Dr. Engle, of Allen county, told of his adventures in the early days. He was born in 1821, and had lived in Allen county nearly seventy-five years. Mrs. Plants, of Blue Creek township, was the next to entertain the audience and she certainly did so. She is a fluent speaker for an old lady and her talk was a most interesting one. She has lived in Adams county sixty-five years and visited Decatur when there were but three houses here. She has seen the village grow into a beautiful and flourishing city, and she is indeed proud of the county and of the people. William Hoagland, who came here in 1847, told of incidents and scenes of that time. Elias Coverdale described his boyhood life, he having lived in either Adams or Allen county since 1853. He has endured many of the hardships and privations of the pioneers life and his stories were indeed interesting. John Schaffer, of Allen county, who has been known in this section of the state for nearly sixty years, closed the afternoon's program with a short talk and invited every one to meet with the old settlers of Allen county at their annual picnic to be held near Boston, Allen county, September 21. This closed the exercises and the meeting adjourned to meet again next September, and it is to be hoped that every member will be able to answer the roll call at that time. The picnic was a good, old fashioned success and every one enjoyed the reunion of the fathers and mothers of the best county on earth. May they all live to enjoy many more such occasions.

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Takes Advantage of Our Excursion
Rates.

The third week of our combination offer of the DEMOCRAT and Sentinel, both one year for one dollar, if paid in advance, shows a greater interest than at any former period. In the list below, consisting of one hundred and twelve names, the new subscribers strongly predominate. Call early and have your name written there.

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County Board of Education.

A meeting of the county board of education was held at the office of Superintendent Brandyberry last Saturday. Those in attendance were Trustees Nidlinger, Fruchte, Steele, Smith, Stuckey, Hall, Brown of Wash, Brown of Kirkland, Schug, Wechter, and S. W. Hale and F. G. Eichenberger. The county superintendent, by virtue of his office, presided, while S. W. Hale was chosen secretary. Among the resolutions passed at this and previous meetings were the following:

RESOLVED—That after this year applicants for teachers' license who have completed the course of study in the common branches shall take a two years' course in the common graded schools with a special course of study.

RESOLVED—That music be made a branch of study in the common schools of Adams county, and that teachers be required to pass examination in such branch.

RESOLVED—That no teacher be employed in the schools of Adams county who shall absent himself from, and is not a member of the Annual County Institute; unless such absence is caused by sickness.

RESOLVED—That we, the school trustees of Adams county, do hereby make it a rule, not to allow our school houses to be used by traveling shows or theatricals of any kind, after May 1, 1899.

RESOLVED—That hereafter, all applicants for schools in Adams county who have taught one or more terms, be required to have a grade in success of at least ninety per cent. Otherwise their application will not be considered.

RESOLVED—That we the school trustees of Adams county, do not deem it advisable for the county superintendent to issue a renewal of exemption license to any teacher in said county, who has not at the time of application, a grade in success, equal to or better than the grade given in the license of which said applicant desires renewal.

RESOLVED—That teachers shall attend to the safe keeping and protection of all property belonging to the school and they shall maintain the strictest cleanliness in school house and outbuildings.

Some of the above resolutions, notably the one requiring a township graded school with a special course of study and the one requiring the teaching of music, denotes progress in our public schools. The object is to establish graded schools in each township, with a special course higher than the common branches. Such progress in our school system is certainly pleasing to every one interested in education, and shows that the officers having same in charge are fully up to the times.

The county council appropriated \$15,000 for new buildings at the county farm. It is thought that the amount stipulated will be sufficient for present emergencies, and that the board of commissioners will have same erected. The old buildings are dangerous and many objections are being made to their use in the present condition.

The Ohio campaign bids fair to be full of ginger. Candidate McLean will personally conduct his campaign from Columbus. He has rented a house and will move his family there during his canvass. This means that his personal attention will be devoted to the supremacy of democracy.

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Golf Plaids,
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