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THURSDAY, JAN. 2.

TODAY is the district meeting at Bluffton at which time and place a district chairman will be chosen who will represent the district on the state committee and have in his charge the district organization. It will be a harmonious meeting, a good time and the best man will get there.

DELAWARE county is destined to become the battle ground in the republican congressional fight now in progress in the eighth congressional district. In all probability the contest there will be settled in the primary, the candidate receiving the nomination will be privileged to name his own delegates.

GOVERNOR DURBIN has appointed Adam Heimberger of New Albany, as a member of the board of trustees of the Eastern Insane Hospital, Eli Marvin of Frankfort, at the Central Hospital for the Insane, Dale J. Crittenden of Anderson, at Indiana State Normal. The above are all democrats and excellent appointments.

NEWSPAPERS owned and editors hired by Boss McCullough are having a merry time among themselves, but they come as near catering to the will of the people as a hen does to chewing her dinner. Their sheets have the ring of being edited all from the same pen—that of the capitalist "Boss." Oh! the shame of it. —Red Key Times.

In Madison county a republican ex-treasurer has had to dig up some \$21,000 to make good a shortage he owed the county. It is hardly creditable that a God and morality republican should be thus accused, and we presume that the term is modified and the whole thing is defined as a little mistake in which no one is to blame and every one is an angel in disguise.

It is said that Admiral Schley will make no effort to secure a congressional investigation of his affair or of the affairs of the navy department, but that he will immediately prosecute Macay for criminal libel. There are, however, some members of congress who propose to have such an investigation, even if it has to be secured over the head of the committee on naval affairs.

DEMOCRATS of Indiana would do themselves proud by selecting the Hon. Hugh Dougherty of Bluffton, to preside over the state committee and direct the campaign of this year. First Mr. Dougherty is a thorough democrat and a man who realizes to the fullest extent the needs of the party to place it on a good fighting basis. Then he is a safe, conservative, keen-sighted man, just such a person as to make an admirable chairman. With Thomas Taggart at the head of the national democratic committee and Hugh Dougherty planning things for the state committee, the democracy of Indiana would surely be in excellent trim. The thirteenth district democrats will soon meet to select a chairman. The man should be competent and pledged to support the best man for chairman when the state committee meets at Indianapolis January 8. —Goshen Democrat.

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BIG STORE

Something Special.

THE decision of the Schley court has left the question of the Admiral's vindication still a matter to be sought after and it seems probable that congress will pass a resolution thanking Admiral Schley for the services he rendered to the country at Santiago and providing that he shall receive full pay instead of that of a retired admiral.

It will pay friends of Congressman Cromer in Adams county to waken up, and keep their weather eye on the enemy. There is some deep, dark, mysterious plot being hatched which broods no good to the welfare of the present congressman and will be the means of breaking the force of a solid Cromer delegation to the next republican congressional convention. The Cromerites want to get into the swim and sleep with both eyes open.

CONGRESSMAN GEORGE CROMER of the eighth district, who is now at home looking after his fences, is preparing to make heroic use of garden seeds in his campaign for re-election. Judging from the long mailing lists he has left with the department of agriculture the farmers in the doubtful parts of his district will hardly have time to plant the seeds. They will be kept busy going to and from their post-offices. —Washington Cor. Sentinel.

The editor of the Portland Commercial-Review prints a whole column editorial upon the beauties of civil service in the rural free delivery, as being inaugurated by the government. Wouldn't it jar you to hear such modest declarations from such a source. If George W. Cromer is defeated for congress, you may expect to hear this same journal defining civil service reform as a fraud and should not be tolerated in this land of political spoils and political spoilsmen.

THE teachers are discussing the question, "What shall be Indiana's next step in Educational Progress?" Maybe it would be a good thing to do a little side-stepping and back-stepping. At the risk of being considered presumptuous we would suggest to the teachers that the greatest possible good they could accomplish would be by a prayerful consideration of that quondam axiom. "There is no royal road to learning." It is an astonishing fact that although many teachers still admit the truth of this proposition, in an abstract way, there is a continual revival of the idea that in some way children can be made to absorb information without effort. They do absorb some things but not the artificial things which they ought to learn in schools. The principal exception to the rule is language. A child brought up in a family where good English is used, or even one that attends a school where good English is used, will be very apt to speak and write properly. If the language examples are bad, the child's speech will probably be hopelessly corrupted. But one cannot learn spelling in that way, or arithmetic, or geography. They call for effort and memory. And they are by all odds the most important things for children to learn in school, because if they do not learn them there they will never learn them at all. The large majority of children must of necessity have very limited schooling, and it is a common-sense principle that in what they have they should be learning what they will not acquire elsewhere. A teacher who sends out pupils that cannot spell and are not accurate in arithmetic is as culpable as if she amputated their fingers or toes. She has impaired their ability for effective work. And there is another consideration. Nothing is of more importance in life, from the practical standpoint, than a cultivated memory, and childhood is the time when the memory can best be cultivated. For that reason the studies that develop memories should be made prominent in the schools. The old memorizing methods were not the result of ignorance, but of experience. The child's progress must be slow and with effort —line upon line; precept upon precept; here a little and there a little. It may seem dry and tedious, but it counts. The attempt to take effort from the child and "make learning easy" is no kindness to the child. And it is probably safe to say that half the labor of teachers in "preparing work" is not only of no advantage, but is actually a detriment to the children. —Sentinel.

SENATORS FAIRBANKS and Beverage are at Indianapolis and Tuesday were big guns at what they are pleased to term a republican love feast. The "love" is somewhat synonymous and had no particular significance.

THE Foraker and Hanna political fight in the Ohio legislature is just now red hot. The Foraker forces are leaving nothing unturned to give the big republican boss a turning down. Ohio has more politicians to the square inch than any state in the Union.

THE issue of the New York Journal of Sunday, December 8, carried advertising to the extent of \$50,000. We trust this information will cause none of our readers heart disease. The Journal is one of Hearst's "yellow" papers. Wish the Sentinel was it for just one Sunday. —Rochester Sentinel.

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A look at these goods will convince you of our statement.

Duck Coats from \$1 to \$3.
Working Pants from 50cts to \$3.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.....

For the convenience of candidates before the Democratic Primary Election they may give their assessments at the office of the Decatur Democrat, who are authorized to receive for same. —Edward Haefling, Secy.

All candidates for committeemen before the Democratic Primary Election, must leave their names with the undersigned, at least twenty days before the day set for said primary election. —Edward Haefling, Secy.

REPRESENTATIVE.

We are authorized to announce the name of HENRY DURBIN, of Decatur, as a candidate for Representative, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election, to be held Friday, January 10, 1902.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY.

We are authorized to announce the name of J. H. VOGLEWEDDE, of Decatur, as a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election, to be held Friday, January 10, 1902.

TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce the name of JAMES P. HAPPLING, of Decatur, as a candidate for Clerk, subject to the decision of the Democratic Primary Election, to be held Friday, January 10, 1902.

CLERK.

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