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On to Anderson is the cry.

The democratic congressional campaign committee will have their headquarters in Washington, while their executive committee will look after business from Chicago.

The strike conditions in the coal fields do not seem to improve, and are being watched with great interest by the politicians of both parties, because of the effect it will have on fall elections.

Meat still rises in price. The suggestion made some time ago that the people stop eating meat, to spite the trusts, is likely soon to be carried out from the sheer inability to pay. Prices have approached the absolutely prohibitive point for the poorer people.

Not noticing the handsome profile of Congressman Robinson and not even seeing any complimentary mention of him, we are led to believe that the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette is thinking about running Judge Hench again.

The new Commissioner of Pensions, Ware, has entered upon the duties of his office. If he succeeds in administering the affairs of that office without friction for twelve months, he will have accomplished more than any of his predecessors.

MAYOR BEATTY'S appointment of council committees are a meritorious selection. It places the burden of responsibility upon the political majority, thus in no way interfering with their plans.

SENATOR GORMAN advises the democrats in congress to quit making imprudent and fiery speeches about the Philippines and to press the beef trust issue to the front. As usual, Arthur Pue Gorman reveals himself a very level-headed man.—South Bend Times.

THE state convention June 4, promises to be a red hot affair, republican predictions to the contrary notwithstanding. Candidates are bobbing at a lively gait, and politics looks mighty good from a democratic point of view. Party harmony is getting to be of the kind that mixes and in all democracy is in the swim.

THE senate is expected to reach a vote on the Philippine bill next week. But before that is had we may look for floods of oratory from Spooner, Hoar and Bacon. Of course there will be talk galore—for publication—but should they so far forget themselves as to talk about the bill itself the record will be broken.

DURING the administration of the democrats who were retired from the management of city affairs, the city debt was reduced nearly \$30,000, a record that they as well as the democratic party may well be proud of. Should this rate of reduction continue it will not be many years until the city debt will be reduced until it will not be burdensome.

A PRESIDENTIAL boom for Congressman Miers of Indiana, has been started by some of his friends in Washington. Several correspondents of outside papers have taken it up and placed him in the list of "eligibles" owing to his location in a pivotal state, his popularity by his recent renomination and his standing among the leaders in congress. He is also being mentioned for United States senator to succeed Senator Fairbanks, and if all this honor is conferred upon him, he will certainly be a happy man.

INDIANAPOLIS democrats have the steam on, and now boldly assert that sufficient membership has already been pledged to assure the capital city with what will later be known as the Indiana Democratic Club. Unlike our mossback neighbor the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, we welcome the Indiana Club to their place in hoosier politics. Such a club will prove an innovation to state politics, and deserves encouragement from the rank and file all over the state. Come on Andy. Forget you live in Allen county, a place where the pork trust has a working rival.

THE fact that a congressman is working overtime in an effort to have rural routes established in his district does not necessarily signify that it is entirely for the convenience of the farmer that such energy is displayed. The congressman may be putting the finishing touches on a district machine and the carriers may be the cogs.—Hartford City Gazette, rep.

PERHAPS the most wonderful political convention that has ever taken place in Indiana is the Wabash convention which began yesterday morning. It is the eleventh district convention in which Congressman Steele is trying to be returned to congress. After 921 ballots were cast and not a single vote changed, an adjournment was taken at 2:35 this morning until eleven o'clock.

THE press reports from Nebraska say that the farmers of Cedar county, that state, have heard "low rumblings" and are much worried lest Mount Iona, supposed to be of volcanic origin, belch forth fire and brimstone. We need not be surprised if some of our "annexed" volcanoes become active—say in Hawaii or the Philippines. We have acquired quite a collection of them in the last few years.

MUCH speculation has been indulged in as to how long it will be before Cuba will be included in the Union. Many statesmen are openly in favor of annexation, but, of course, believe it will come about through the request of her own people. The Cincinnati Enquirer said recently: "President Palma will in all probability be the first and last president of the Republic of Cuba. But, if he makes a good showing, he will be in line to be the first governor of Cuba."

WITH the sailing of the cruiser Dixie on the 14th inst., freighted with the charity of our country to relieve the sufferings of the people of Martinique, was given another demonstration of our ability to sink politics in the interest of sentiment. It is true there was a small—very small opposition to the proposed response to the cry for help. No one envies the position of these would-be obstructionists, who were deaf to the appeals of humanity and mercy.


DEMOCRATIC mayors were elected in thirty-eight Indiana cities as follows: Anderson, Auburn, Bluffton, Bloomington, Columbia City, Decatur, Elwood, Elkhart, Frankfort, Goshen, Greencastle, Greensburg, Gas City, Hartford City, Laporte, Logansport, Linton, Lawrenceburg, Martinsville, Marion, Montpelier, Mishawaka, New Albany, Michigan City, Princeton, Portland, Peru, R. Chester, Seymour, South Bend, Shelbyville, Terre Haute, Tipton, Union City, Valparaiso, Vincennes, Vevay and Washington.

THOUGH not yet sixty years of age, David B. Hill has been in public life a good many years. He was a member of the New York legislature (from Chemung county) in 1871; presided over the democratic state conventions of 1877, 1881 and 1884; alderman for Elmira, 1880 and 1881; mayor of Elmira, 1882; lieutenant-governor, 1882 to 1885; governor from 1885 to 1891; candidate for governor in 1894; United States senator from 1891 to 1897; prominent candidate for the presidential nomination in the democratic national convention of 1892, and quite likely to again be a candidate in 1904.—South Bend Times.

THERE is some talk over the state of grooming Judge Daniel D. Heller of this city, for the nomination of appellate judge at the Indianapolis convention June 4. Should the judge consent and his candidacy become a reality it would be pleasing news to his many friends here, who would embrace the opportunity of taking Indianapolis during convention week and pull the wires in favor of his nomination. Judge Heller's career upon the bench has made for him a state reputation, and if he but says the word all northern Indiana will rally to his support. His nomination would add material strength to the ticket, and in Adams county we would pile them up three deep.


"PEOPLE in all ages have manifested as we do today, their appreciation of the services of their illustrious dead who died for Fatherland. War, in any aspect, is horrible. When waged for territorial aggrandizement, for wealth, for plunder, it is organized savagery. When for the territorial dismemberment of a country, and the transfer of its people to a new allegiance, like the partition of Poland, it is an unspeakable outrage. When waged to gain gold and destroy small and weak republics it is the climax of crime. When prosecuted to preserve the unity of a nation and bequeath the blessings of free government to posterity, it is, right in the sight of God and man."—Major Menzies at monument dedication.

ARRANGEMENTS are now under way for sending the largest Adams county delegation to the Anderson congressional convention, that ever left the county on a similar mission. They will travel in their own cars which will be profusely decorated, carry their own band and before returning home, will convince the natives of Madison county that the democratic end of the district are all wool and a yard wide. In the meantime let the good work go on. Every township in the county should send a good delegation, and if the central committeemen will take the matter up, hold a meeting or two, the result will be gratifying. The arrangements are now in the hands of committees who give promise of doing well their work. It is not a matter of politics but Adams county pride.



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Of all the defenses that have been offered for torture and cruelty in the Philippines the worst is that of citing our civil war as a precedent. It is an unjustifiable and un-called-for assault on the character of the men who went out to fight for the union as well as on the authorities of the United States at that time. It has no foundation in fact. War has necessary hardships, but the distinction between them and unnecessary hardships is very plain. Sherman's march to the sea was a legitimate war measure. There was a devastation of the country entered in the sense of removing it as a source of supply for the confederate troops, and that was striking a blow at armies in the field. But it did not involve torturing people by the "water cure" or anything of a like nature, and it did not involve the indiscriminate slaughter of children over ten years of age. Moreover there was never any encouragement of individual acts of cruelty or destruction by the army authorities. It is a matter of notoriety, to all old soldiers, that, outside of the special measures of destroying possible army supplies, there was general repression of any seizure or destruction of private property. Indeed, it was not uncommon for soldiers to complain, when rations were short, that Uncle Sam seemed to be more careful for the property of rebels than for the comfort of the soldiers. And, furthermore, it was our boast at the North that our prisoners were as well cared for as our troops—that they were treated with kindness and humanity. Such a thing as torturing any of them wantonly was never heard of, so far as we are aware. The defenders of Gen. Smith's order will have to look somewhere else for precedents than in the record of the union soldiers in the civil war. To charge them with systematic and wholesale cruelty and torture is base slander.—Sentinel.

Call For Congressional Convention.

The Democrats of the eighth congressional district of Indiana will meet in delegate convention in Anderson on June 18, 1902, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of nominating a candidate for congress for said district. The basis of representation to this convention will be one delegate and one alternate for each 100 votes and one for each fraction over 50 or more votes cast for the Hon. John W. Kern for governor at the election of 1900. On this basis each county will be entitled to the following number of votes, Adams 32, Madison 83, Delaware 46, Jay 34, Randolph 24, Well 35, Total 254. Number to a choice 178.

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CONGRESSMAN MIERS of Indiana, by hard effort has succeeded in inducing the house committee on invalid pensions, of which he is a member, to report favorably a senate bill providing for important changes in the pension laws which will rebound to the benefit of the old soldiers. Under the act of 1900 every veteran of the civil war who is utterly helpless, requiring an attendant, is entitled to a pension of \$12 a month upon proof of his disability, whether it be contracted in the service or not. The bill which the committee has agreed to report increases this amount to \$30 a month. It is estimated by the committee that there are 3,000 such disabled veterans in the country and the increase provided for will require an annual expenditure of about \$848,000. The bill also gives to every soldier who lost a hand or a foot a pension of \$10 a month and to every one who lost an arm above the elbow or a leg above the knee, provided these losses were in the performance of duty in the war, a pension of \$45 a month. It is estimated that there are 7,000 limbless veterans and that the bill would increase the pension rolls on their account in the sum of \$840,000. The bill also provides that soldiers who lost both hands or feet in the performance

of military duty shall be paid a pension of \$100 a month. The bill applies only to soldiers of the civil war. It is probable that this bill after passing the senate would have died in the house committee on invalid pensions had not Mr. Miers kept pegging away persistently for a report. He estimates that it will do away largely with the necessity for special pension bills. The Indiana democratic congressmen are among the very best friends the old soldier has in congress and they work together harmoniously and effectively for legislation in his behalf.

EVERYBODY should carefully preserve the article in the Indianapolis Sentinel showing that the bill for the soldiers' monument was introduced by a democrat, passed by a democratic legislature, and not only signed by a democratic governor, but also saved by him from the efforts of the republican speaker of the house of representatives. It was a fitting climax that the monument should be turned over to the state by a democratic president of the board of regents, and that the democrat who introduced the bill should at the same time be elected senior vice-commander of the G. A. R.—Sentinel.

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