

GREETING.

It is with the greatest of complacency mingled with unfeigned kindness, that we assume the management of THE DEMOCRATIC PRESS. We shall at all times and under all circumstances endeavor to treat the good people of Decatur and surrounding country in such a manner as will insure their hearty approval and liberal support. We will dip our pen in the milk of human kindness and endeavor to contribute our mite to the upbuilding of our beautiful city and our delightful country. There are many things that we possess that we can justly be proud of as a people. Our city is handsomely located and handsomely built, our streets are well cleaned and our people are prosperous, healthy and contented.

Our paper will be democratic, as its name implies. We have our political views and shall at all times defend them to the best of our abilities, believing that the great democratic idea is the only true and practical principle of our great republic. With these ideas incased within our mind, it will give us pleasure to do battle in behalf of this grand and glorious party, as well as those who represent the same in the various channels of public life.

The principal feature of THE DEMOCRATIC PRESS will be its news columns, which will be filled with choice and readable news concerning the people of this city and vicinity.

We extend an invitation to all to drop into the office and make our acquaintance. The latch string always hangs out and you will be welcomed. Wishing every one lots of prosperity we remain,
Yours for success,
THE EDITOR.

GOVERNOR MATTHEWS will be in Decatur November 1, and our readers should paste this date in their hats and furnish their presence upon this occasion. But few public men in Indiana stand nearer the people than does our present governor, whose official career as chief executive has been eminently pleasing to the party he represents. Come out and hear him upon this occasion.

It is strange that we hear nothing in these days from our republican friends concerning democratic administration of state matters. What has become of the "infamous democratic gerrymander," the "infamous and unfair democratic tax law," the "infamous fee and salary law," the "infamous school book law," that was to ruin our schools, the "infamous election law," and a host of others? Shall it be taken as confessed that the experience of the people under all these laws have taught them that the democratic party was and is right on these questions, and that the republican party dare not attack them?

It is decidedly amusing to hear the expressions of holy horror with which our republican friends greet the small concessions to the sugar trust, contained in the democratic law, in the face of the fact that under their various laws concessions to the trust have been from four to sixteen times that of the present law, and in face of the additional fact that their law built up and fostered the sugar trust as well as many other trusts, among which may be mentioned the hat trust, the tin trust, the brass trust, the collar and cuff trust, the linen trust, the wall paper trust, the woolen trust, the copper trust, the iron trust, the steel trust, the cordage trust, the coal trust, the pearl button trust, the shoe trust, the silk trust, and others too numerous to mention in one day. They will please give us a rest on the trust business.

ANY voter moving from one precinct to another will lose his vote. This fact should not slip the memory of any democrat. Paste it good and hard in your mind and postpone any idea of moving until after November 6.

Republican Methods.

We clip the following from the Ft. Wayne Journal, which shows the corrupt and dark-lantern methods indulged in by the republicans. Democrats, beware! "More of the dark and secret political methods of the republican party in Allen county have come to light. Not only do their candidates go about from house to house whispering a different tale to each voter, and are afraid to hold public meetings for the discussion of political issues but they have established a secret political bureau composed of 'reporters' and 'spies' in every block and neighborhood, who are known only by some mysterious number, and the voter to be spied upon is designated by some particular letter of the alphabet. The following letter and report, several of which have been seen by the editor of the Journal, will shock every lover of pure politics:

C. E. Everett, Chairman.
James Lige, Vice Chairman.
Executive Committee:—Martin Deter, William Geake, C. R. Higgins, W. J. Vesey, Chas. F. Halber.
Office of Allen County Republican Committee, 1
Fort Wayne, Ind., 1894.

DEAR SIR—I thank you for the interest you have manifested in the success of the republican party by becoming one of our reporters. You will confer a great favor if you will report each Saturday, beginning September 15, instead of the 8th. If you learn of other voters than those heretofore given us, name them opposite the next letter on your list from time to time, so we can record them. Date your letter only. Do not give the postoffice address.

Your number is —
Thanking you in advance for the good work I know you will do, I remain
Yours truly,
C. E. EVERETT,
Chairman.

Others of these letters have been added as a postscript the positive injunction to "sign by number only," which, with each letter, is enclosed the following alphabetical report:

Charles E. Everett, Chairman Republican County Committee:
DEAR SIR—
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By means of a particular letter in the above blank the voters are graded for the purposes of the committee.

The "worker," or "spy," having learned the condition of the men in his block, gives the political managers a cue and they apply the "soap" supplied by Fairbanks and the railroad corporations to corrupt the voters, and in that way accomplish not only republican success, but the repeal of the railroad tax law and other measures for the relief of the people.

The letters reproduced above fell into the hands of democrats whose names got them mixed with the secret republican police, some of whom are on the pay roll of the city for doing political Pinkerton work for the republican bootleggers. The publication of the letters in the Sentinel and Staats Zeitung last night created a profound sensation for the rascality of the scheme is apparent to all. This accounts for the dark-lantern campaign methods of the republicans. It accounts for the rage of the republicans when a demand was made for the names of the city detectives. A foul plot has been concocted to debauch the elections and disgrace again the fair name of the state.

THE late arrival of the engine which will furnish power for the presses in this office, causes our first publication to be a week late. The delay has greatly inconvenienced and disappointed us, but now that we have everything in working order the readers of THE DEMOCRATIC PRESS may expect us regularly every Thursday. It might not be out of place to also add that our specialty on news will make the paper a valuable annex to every household. Only twenty-five cents from now to January 1.

REPUBLICAN newspapers in this district say nothing in defense of their candidate for congress, further than that he will be elected by a majority of a million or more. This is great argument, the only kind republicans have in stock now days, but it won't elect a congressman. Hon. A. N. Martin's majority this year will exceed that of any former election in which he came out victorious. Stick a pin here.

THE Journal announces that Benjamin Harrison will speak here on October 18th. We understand that this address will be delivered from the tail end of a Pullman palace car donated free of charge by the railroad corporation for service rendered. The train may stop twenty minutes.



A VOTE for the democratic ticket this fall means a vote in behalf of economic government. Since the inauguration of the present democratic government \$710,000 of the state debt has been paid, and before the ides of the last month of this year the total amount paid on this debt will have reached \$1,000,000. This is evidence of the fact that the democratic state officials are financing in behalf of the people. Vote the democratic ticket.

In the issue of the Journal of last week Judge Heller's act allowing certain attorneys fees for defending young Bumby, was impugned. The writer showed his ignorance of the constitution of Indiana, and also of the records of the circuit court. In the first place the county has no salaried attorney to defend poor people charged with a felony. The county however, has an attorney who, for a salary, defends all poor people not able to employ counsel who are charged with a misdemeanor. The constitution of Indiana guarantees the right to every person charged with a crime to be defended by competent counsel, and when a party charged with crime shows Judge Heller that he is not able to employ counsel the Judge is compelled to furnish one or more for him and pay their services out of the county treasury. If the amount allowed is a reasonable compensation for the services rendered, then Judge Heller has performed his duty faithfully. The amount allowed was \$310 and the value of such services is \$500, so the people can see whether or not the allowance is unreasonable. Judge Heller's opponent has more than once received "pap" from the public crib in the same way, and if he were elected he would be compelled to make such allowances whenever occasion required it. Judge Heller's honesty and integrity is well known and he will compare favorably with his opponent. Democrats cannot afford to be led into an error by voting for the republican candidate, who has not practiced law for six years, hence is not qualified for the position.

It is quite the usual thing these days for the average republican to stand around on the street corners and between squirts of tobacco, proclaim that the late congress did not do anything. The facts are that no congress in the last ten years has done more. In addition to many minor bills enacted into laws by this congress there were many laws enacted of great and far reaching importance to the American people, many of which the average republican speaker and paper will no more think of attacking than the many beneficial laws passed by recent democratic legislatures of this state. Among these great measures may be mentioned the repeal of the federal election laws, which ostensibly were enacted to secure fair elections in the south, but which in reality were intended to be and were a cloak for all kinds of election frauds, north and south, carried out through the instrumentality of hordes of unnecessary and expensive deputy marshals. Also the greenback tax law, which empowers the states to tax the millions of dollars of greenbacks in circulation. This law will make it impossible for the banks and wealthy men of this country to evade the tax on money under the claim that their cash on hand is in greenbacks and non-taxable. Will the republican press dare attack this law? Then there is the repeal of the Sherman silver purchasing law which even Sherman himself admitted was a failure, and should be repealed. Also the repeal of the McKinley law and the enactment of the new tariff law which, although not entirely satisfactory to the democratic party, is nevertheless the best tariff law that has been in the statutes, for it makes an average cut in tariff rates of thirty per cent. and will result in an annual saving to the American people of millions of dollars. In connection with the tariff law is the repeal of the bounty system which saves to the United States more than ten millions of dollars per year. Last, but not least, is the income tax law by which accumulated wealth will be required to bear some of the expenses of this government, and what republican paper or speaker will dare denounce it. In the face of all of this valuable legislation, our republican friends say the late congress did nothing.

Democratic Candidates.

This week we present our readers a few well timed pointers regarding the men whom the democratic party have honored by places upon the congressional, senatorial, judicial, and county tickets. They are all men who stand on the top round of the ladder of morality and intelligence. Many of them have been tried and in no case have they been found wanting. They will each and every one fill the positions to which they aspire with honor to themselves and the constituents whom they represent. This being true every democrat within the borders of Adams county should work and vote for the ticket named, in which event their astounding majorities will put to shame those who differ politically.

AUGUSTUS N. MARTIN was first elected to congress from this district in 1888, since which time he has very ably represented us within the halls of our national congress. His voice and personal efforts have always been in behalf of the masses he there represents. For the past two years or longer he has been chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, and his record in that capacity was always one of honor to those who defended the nation in those dark days of peril. The soldiers of this district have learned to know that Congressman Martin is their friend.

CLINTON P. COLE, the senator-elect for the counties of Adams, Jay and Blackford, hails from Dunkirk, Jay county, and is a clever, educated and practical gentleman, and will be a valuable member of the upper house of our state legislature.

JOHN T. KELLEY of this county, and J. P. McGEATH of Blackford, compose our representative members of the lower branch of our state legislature. The former is one of our bright and intelligent democrats, while the latter bears the same distinguished reputation.

DANIEL D. HELLER, the present judge of this twenty-sixth judicial circuit comprising the counties of Adams and Jay, is now serving on his first term, and, for his exceptional ability displayed on the bench, has been honored by the nomination for another term. His knowledge of law enables him to decide all conflicting points in a precise and satisfactory way. The Judge is a gentleman any place or at any time you may find him.

RICHARD H. HARTFORD, the genial young statesman of Portland, and the present incumbent of the prosecutor's office, is on the ticket for re-election. His official career has been highly satisfactory to all concerned, and his election will be pleasing to a score of his friends in both this and Jay counties.

W. H. H. FRANCE, the present auditor and candidate for re-election, is well and favorably known to all the people and voters of Adams county. His official career has been such as to commend him to the voters for another term, and it is a pleasure to mention his excellent qualifications. He has mingled in politics for several years and always worked for the upbuilding of the democratic party.

JOHN H. LENHART is the candidate for county clerk, and a better qualified official couldn't be found the world over. He is clever, accommodating and understands the ins and outs of the office to a queen's finish. To vote for a man who possesses such excellent qualifications is an honor to any person casting such a ballot.

DANIEL P. BOLD, is on the ticket for county treasurer, and a genial whole souled fellow he is too. He is a native of Hartford township—and later a resident of Geneva where he was engaged in mercantile and other pursuits for many years, until he was elected to the office he now so ably fills. He makes friends with whom ever he comes in contact with, and is a hard and faithful worker in the ranks of the political party he affiliates with.

HARVEY HARUFF, the recorder elect, hails from Berne where he is now engaged in manufacturing. He was reared and raised in that locality and counts his personal friends by the score, and his inauguration into the office of recorder will please a vast multitude of his friends. He is competent, upright, honest and everything else that goes to make a man a true specimen of humanity.

PETER P. ASHBAUCHER is another inhabitant of the bustling little town of Berne, but after the sixth of November next will officiate in the capacity of sheriff of this county. He numbers his years at about thirty-eight, has always been a hard-working, industrious man, and counts his friends by the hundreds. That he will fill the sheriff's shoes with eminent satisfaction to all concerned, no one dare dispute.

S. G. CLARK is a genial young physician of this city, and is on the ticket for coroner. He was a bright student and scholar and is making a glowing progress in the practice of his profession.

W. E. FULK comes fresh from Kirkland township, and is a level-headed, bright and industrious young democrat. He is the party's nominee for surveyor, and a good one he will make too. He is now assisting Surveyor Tyndall, getting his hand in for business later on. His elevation to this office is only a just tribute to his ambition and ability, and we now wish him abundant success in all avocations of life, which he may assume.

CONRAD BRAKE is what can justly be termed the "war horse" of Adams county politics and official business. He has filled the commissioner's office a number of years, and very promptly, fairly and economically has he assisted in transacting the business of the county. The people's interests were always carefully weighed and protected, and in Conrad Brake they always looked to as their friend. No "skulduggery" can be found to his credit, the public records being free for inspection by any one who may care to inspect the same.

DAVID ECKROTE hails from Hartford township and is No. 2 on the ticket for coroner. The writer's personal acquaintance with Eckrote gives us no hesitancy in saying that his qualifications are simply first class. He has engineered his own business until success in all its variations has crowned his efforts, and this is evidence in our mind that his same careful eye will guide him while transacting the business for the people of Adams county.

With all these stalwarts upon the ticket the democrats of Adams county will roll up their usual majority for democracy and the men who seek public recognition to the various offices mentioned. The only thing required to bring about this result is for every democrat to pull off his coat and work for the success of the ticket.

THE republican howlers talk everything but the issues in this campaign, and the only thing for a voter to do is to stamp the square that encircles the rooster, the tried and true emblem of democracy.

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