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MAYOR TAGGART was inducted into office on last Thursday.

THE democratic state committee of this state, will be organized the first of December.

THE legislative apportionment suit will be considered by the supreme court in a few weeks.

GOVERNOR MATTHEWS goes to Ohio next week to help Candidate Campbell sling hot torpedoes into the republican corruption camp, which has been flourishing with a high hand for a few years. Hill of New York, will also speak there.

FORT WAYNE officials have captured the murderers of George M. Singer, postmaster at Dunfee, Ind. James Cunningham, Charles Yetter and William Thompson stand charged with the crime. The former had made a confession, stating that Singer was clubbed to death.

GOVERNOR MCKINLEY has quit the tariff issue and began on state financial issues. At present writing he is trying to extricate himself from a wholesale lot of bungle-some figures, that seem to have the best of the gentleman. He seems to know as little about state issues as he does about the tariff.

WONDER what those loud mouthed criterians think of Mayor Taggart's "wide open" policy, which they predicted for him. You can rest assured that the statutory laws will be enforced. Besides this, there isn't a saloon man in Indianapolis who wants an official to break the law. True, they may want a law repealed, but they won't ask anybody to over step the bounds of any law for their accommodation.

EVEN John Sherman says times are better, and he didn't say the election of a republican congress made them better, either. If the truth was known the new tariff law is entitled to considerable credit in this direction. The provision for raw materials has stirred the manufacturing industry, besides it gives the consumer cheaper goods. The people of this country will never again submit to a high protective tariff. They've had 'nough.

AUDITOR BRANDYBERRY has filed with the auditor of state a tabulated statement showing the number of voters in Adams county. His report by townships show Union township 270 voters, Root 295, Preble 265, Kirkland 226, Washington 1342, St. Mary's 281, Blue Creek 246, Monroe 664, French 258, Hartford 320, Wabash 717, and Jefferson 263, making a total of 5,147 voters in the county. The auditor of state's report shows 613,750 white and 13,322 colored voters in the state. The total number is 627,072.

BONDS WERE PRINTED.

The Harrison Administration Had Plates Made for a Bond Issue.

The PRESS readers have heard many rumblings from the republican cat bag, about the present administration being a bond issue, extravagant maladministration. You have also heard, protruding from this same catnip bag, many bewildering words of praise for the economic business administration of General Harrison. This fact is true if you want to call an administration economic that received in surplus \$180,000,000, and in less than four years, have plates made, and bonds printed ready for execution, the money to be used in paying the running expenses of the government. That is economy with vengeance. October 31, 1894, Mr. Fred S. Caldwell, of Winchester, and a bosom friend of ye PRESS editor, wrote Charles Foster, the secretary of the treasury under Harrison, and propounded to him these questions:

1. While secretary of the treasury under Mr. Harrison's administration, did you at any time, advise or advocate, publicly or privately, that this government borrow money and issue bonds for the same?

2. Was the state of the treasury such, or were circumstances such, at any time during said administration, as to cause you to conclude at said time, that it would be advisable and wise for this government to contract a temporary loan and issue bonds covering the same?

3. Did you during said administration, take any steps leading towards such a loan?

4. Did you within said administration, order prepared or have prepared, plates for printing such bonds?

Under date of November 5, the ex-secretary answered as follows:

Some explanation is necessary to enable me to answer your questions intelligently. In February 1893, gold exports were large. I feared we might reach a point when the gold reserve of \$100,000,000 might be encroached upon. I believed then as I do now, that this reserve ought to be maintained. To be ready in case the emergency came. I talked over with prominent bankers, the methods by which, including rates of interest, gold could be had for bonds, that could be issued for this purpose, under the authority of the resumption act. I found I could get gold for bonds on a three per cent. basis. The resumption act did not authorize the issue of a three per cent. bond, but did authorize the issue of four, four and a half and five per cent. bonds. For them the plates had been prepared in Mr. Harrison's time, and there was on hand quite a quantity of the bonds, printed ready for execution. About the 20th of March, the senate passed an act as an amendment to an appropriation bill, authorizing the issue of a three per cent. bond. It was no doubt, a better bond for all purposes then desired, than those already authorized, as stated above. I gave an order to commence the preparation of plates, stating that the authority had not been enacted into law. I did this to have these bonds ready in case the reserve should be encroached upon in my time, and to have them ready for my successor, whom I had advised then to share my views as to the maintenance of the gold reserve. We received from Mr. Cleveland's former administration \$180,000,000, and I turned over to my successor, Mr. Carlisle, \$25,000,000.

Last week the Fort Wayne Sentinel devoted a column in telling how L. C. Hunter, the treasurer of Allen county, had invented and arranged a system of book-keeping that is superior to any yet in use, and recommends it to the treasurers over the state. The Adams county treasurer is a farmer by occupation—that is he uses to work at it when a kid—yet this very system of keeping his books, making out receipts, etc., has been in use by him for nearly two years, so we advise the Sentinel to spring something new. The new arrangement is a double stub system of receipts which are made out in advance with perfect safety and it matters not whether the party paying pays before or after they become delinquent as the same receipt is used, and thus much valuable time is saved in preparing the delinquent list for the collectors, as no delinquent books are required to be written. His system enables him at all times to have a complete check up on every department of his office, and his collectors, on the outside as well. Any error made can be easily traced to its source and no false entries or shortages can occur without being quickly detected by the treasurer.

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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND and cabinet will visit the Atlanta exposition next Tuesday and Wednesday.

INDIANA republicans now openly say they can never carry Indiana without Harrison at the head of the ticket. Their story is a sad one.

BYNUM is slated for a position as one of the United States appraisers of customs. This board is located in New York and pays \$7,500 a year.

THE Journal is trying to make its readers believe that Harrison is a statesman. We'll take the matter under statistical consideration. However, we are inclined to think right now that he is a man in a very bad state of mind.

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We were disposed last week to nominate Mayor Taggart for governor, but since the law has been sprung on us we will recall said nomination. The office of mayor is considered to be a judicial office, and the law says that a judicial officer can not resign his office to be elected to any other but a judicial office. This being true Mayor Taggart will have to stand back and help elect some other good democrat to the governor's office.

THE democratic victory in Indianapolis last week, has had its effects all over the state. The democratic party never was in better condition for a campaign official scramble than right now. This happy frame of mind and conditions will exist until next year, and will very materially aid in a successful victory for the democrats. There are no dissensions within the party, and will be none that can not be successfully healed. While this is true of the democrats, the poor, pitied and forlorn republicans are in a sad plight. Dissension is rampant. Every sardine in the box is trying to collide with every other sardine. There are loud, clamorous demands for harmony, which at present writing can be dug up in large, gigantic chunks. Its simply awful.

THE supreme court holds that every township trustee elected last November could have taken office at once by qualifying and filing his bond. Had the township trustees then elected so acted they could have proceeded to the election of county superintendents, and the bill passed by the last legislature changing the time for electing county superintendents, which was declared unconstitutional by the supreme court, would have been an entirely unnecessary proceeding. Forty county superintendents who are now serving as democrats would have been succeeded by republicans last June, and the township trustees elected as republicans in seventy-five counties in the state would have increased their terms of office by nine months, as their successors, under the decision of the supreme court handed down last Friday, will demand office the day after election.

REPUBLICAN causes for the defeat of their hosts at Indianapolis last week are numerous and varied. First and foremost they post the opposition of Trussler, the republican candidate for mayor, to Harrison when the latter was a candidate for the presidency. But if they intend to relegate Trussler to the hen-roost for this depredation, their charity should extend to many others who did the same thing. Secondly they mention the odiousness of the Nicholson law. True it is that there are many features of this law that are decidedly distasteful to those engaged in the liquor business, but it was fully demonstrated that the law was never enforced at the capital city. Especially during the campaign, the saloons there were run on the "wide open" plan, and Trussler catered to the element engaged in this business whenever he had an opportunity. It was votes that defeated Trussler, and it wasn't votes coming from the saloon element that did the work, either. It was the demand for an honest, business administration and a rebuke to the lying calamity assumptions in these times of peace, plenty and prosperity.



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Mayor Taggart.

It is a victory which will encourage every honest democrat throughout the country to stand by his colors and battle for victory next year.—Elkhart Truth (dem.)

The results of Tuesday's Indianapolis election is the beginning of the end of republican domination in this state. The rooster goes today.—Washington Democrat (dem.).

"As goes Indianapolis in this election so goes Indiana in 1896," shouted the republican organs at Indianapolis before the city election. Just so, just so. Consent.—New Albany Ledger (dem.).

The minority cannot always rule. This was demonstrated in the Indianapolis election, and will be proven at the election to be held at Ft. Wayne next spring.—Ft. Wayne Times Post (silver).

We believe Mr. Taggart will make a good mayor. He pledged himself to faithfully enforce the law and we believe he will do so. He received votes from all parties because they thought he would be the best man for the position and would act for the best interests of the city.—Ft. Wayne Sentinel (dem.).

The election Tuesday of Thomas Taggart to the position of mayor of Indianapolis evidences the rare judgment and discretion of the voters of that city. Perhaps in all Indiana there is no man more popular than Mr. Taggart, and his popularity is certainly deserved. His election means a good, business, common-sense government for Indianapolis, and the Leader congratulates both Mr. Taggart and the capital city.—Marion Leader (dem.).

"Tammas" Taggart has been duly elected mayor of Indianapolis. Mr. Barrie has written a very interesting tale to show how "Tammas" became a humorist, and it is fair to say that quite an interesting story could be published to demonstrate how "Tammas" became mayor of the capital city of Indiana. "Tammas," it seems, has the gravity characteristic of all truly great humorists, and in his new capacity of mayor it is hardly likely that he will laugh at his own little joke which he has played upon his opponents, not excepting his esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. Harrison.—Grand Rapids Herald (rep.).

One of the republican orators who saw something beyond the mere local effect of a democratic victory in Indianapolis declared that his party must carry the city or it would be impossible to save the state. He was not only right in this but might well have gone still farther and shown, as have several leading papers of the country, that the outcome of the municipal contest had a direct and important bearing upon the national struggle in which Gen. Harrison is a principal. It was a matter of general concession that the result of the municipal election involved the realization of his hopes as a presidential aspirant in '96, and also foreshadowed success in the state of the party that carried the capital.—Detroit Free Press (dem.).

There were, in the present instance, an unusual number of circumstances contributing to republican defeat. In the first place, the republican nominee for mayor was an open bolter in the last campaign. Such old-time republicans as Rhody Shiel were fighting him. On the other hand, Tom Taggart's popularity is not to be questioned. He is "one of the boys," he pushed himself up from a humble station in life, and in some way has gained the friendship of the colored people, hundreds of whom voted for him yesterday. Then, again, the present city administration at Indianapolis has been one in which extensive public improvements have been made, and there has been the same sort of a howl which drove Boss Shepherd out of the national capital. These causes in themselves are enough to account for a change of 2,500 republican votes to the democratic column.—Terre Haute Tribune (mag.).

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