

Democrat, Central Committee.
RENSSELAER, Ind., April 14th, 1882.
Notice is hereby given to the members of the Democratic Central Committee of Jasper County that there will be a meeting of the Committee held at the Court House, Rensselaer on Saturday, May 6th, 1882, at 1 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of determining the time and manner of nominating candidates for the county ticket at the next election.

HENRY A. BARKLEY
Chairman Democratic Central Committee.
D. B. L. LEE, Secretary.

PUBLIC MEETING.

All citizens of Jasper County, who have opinions upon the subject of removing artificial obstructions to the flow of water in the Neosho River, are requested to meet at the Court House in Rensselaer, on Saturday, May 13th, A. D., 1882, at 1 P. M. to take action.

'MANY CITIZENS'

The grand jury at Columbus, indicted Representatives Bloch and Wright for accepting bribes, as also a lobbyist named Watson, and all are in jail.

"George M. Robinson is to have no opposition in the Republican party for nomination to the office of Auditor of Jasper County," said a member of the radical ring recently. How does he know? or is it dictatorial? There is many a slip 'twix the cup and the lip."

James H. Rice, of Frankfort, will be a candidate before the Democratic State Convention, for nomination to the office of Auditor of State. He is worthy and capable, and we should like to see him the Democratic nominee for that position.

Some people say the laboring people do not have to pay any taxes. They overlook the fact that all the benefits derived are what they get from labor, and in the end it is labor that pays all; that is ever paid on a National debt; and in the end the laboring classes pay all the bills of Nations and individuals.

The German population of Cincinnati is so large that it supports three daily papers printed in German. Two of these have always been reliable Republican. They both now invite their patrons to follow them not only out of the Republican but into the Democratic camp. The effect upon the vote of Ohio may be imagined.

By the way, a few months ago several leading Republican newspapers announced at brief intervals, that the Morey letter would be traced beyond doubt to a prominent National Democratic committeeman. The trail must have come too fresh to suit the political hounds who did the scenting. It is rumored that the author of the Morey letter is positively known in Washington and that he is not a Democrat. Now, honest Indian Messieurs Republicans, who did write the Morey letter?

In the Louisville election of 1872 a certificate was given to the republican candidate for congress in the Shreveport district, and the democratic candidate entered notice of contest. The Republican died before taking his seat, and Governor Kellogg ordered a new election, which went Republican by default, the Democrats relying upon their claim to the original election. Before the house—a republican house—that democratic claimant was declared to have no status because the second election had supervened and was not contested. A precisely similar case comes up in the republican house of the present congress. A democrat received the certificate of election in South Carolina, and died. A special election was ordered by the governor, and the seat being already claimed by the republican candidate, the election went by default. Now a republican committee recommends to a republican house a reversal of the republican precedent of ten years ago, and that the South Carolina democrat be summarily bounced from his seat because the South Carolina republican claimant has a status which the house must respect. The case is the same; but, the political considerations involved being different, precedent is not to govern the decision.

As the Republican denounced the "queries" put to Mr. Porter before the recent election, and the contrast made between his administration of the office of trustee and that of Mr. Strong, Democrat, of Newton township, as "cowardly and mean," we have done our utmost to have that organ examine the records and give the public the result, but have entirely failed. An examination shows a voucher received by Mr. Porter Jan. 3d, 1881, \$650, for ridding 11 school houses which amount to \$59.09 per house. This voucher should have been put in settlement with the Commissioners at December term, 1881. The voucher filed in settlement by Mr. Strong, December, 1881, bears date Nov. 5, 1880 \$126.00, for ridding 5 school houses, amount to \$25.20 per house. Every "tax-payer" is interested in these matters, and it is "cowardly and mean" to inquire about them, then it was "cowardly and mean."

The vote did not answer the "queries" it simply showed that many Republicans did not investigate the matter, but accepted the mouthings of certain aspirants and went in blind. We regret that Mr. Porter has not shown himself as successful in the practice of economy as Mr. Strong. But then economy is not one of the virtues of the Republican party.

Attorney General.
(Rensselaer Courier.)

It is announced by authority that Hon. David Turpie, of Indianapolis, will accept the nomination for the office of Attorney General. The State of Indiana has risen before now to do honor to this distinguished citizen. His party once nominated him for Lieutenant Governor, and although he was not elected, defeat brought no discredit to his name, for he only shared the fate of the others on the Democratic ticket. Subsequently he was chosen by the Legislature to fill the unexpired term of Jesse D. Bright in the United States Senate. Although his time in the Senate was short, he left an impression upon that body that he was never forgotten. Since then Judge Turpie has devoted himself exclusively to the practice of the law, in which profession he occupies a prominent place in the foremost rank of Indiana jurists. In the winter of 1879 he was appointed by Governor W. H. Lewis as one of the three Commissioners to control the law of the State, and his scholarly efforts in this important work have become a part of the history of Indiana. No man is better qualified to perform the duties of Attorney General. As an advocate he has no superior; as a scholar in law and literature few men are as widely known. He would interpret the laws with an intelligence that has rarely adorned our department of justice, and the Courier believes that the Democratic Convention will show its appreciation of his great services to the State and to the party by giving him the nomination in which he has consented to accept.

(Indiana Democrat.)

Out of the Democratic have set their eyes upon the Judge for our next Attorney General, and they expect not only to see him nominated, but elected.

(Michigan City Dispatch.)

Mr. Turpie is known and respected by the whole Democracy of the State; he is a politician of singular clearness of thought, and a speaker of extreme force and elegance. While he would run well everywhere, he would meet an enthusiastic reception in the North Western Counties, where the people have often voted for him in the gallant contests that he made victory possible for that position.

(South Bend Times.)

The name of Hon. David Turpie, of Indianapolis, is very favorably mentioned by the Democratic Press of Indiana for the position of Attorney General on the Democratic ticket at the approaching State Convention. Mr. Turpie is well known to the readers of Hoosier as a lawyer of fine accomplishments and as a politician who has devoted much hard labor on the stump to the advancement of Democratic ideas in Indiana. He would be a strong card date, and has a large and enthusiastic following among the gallant Democrats of Northern Indiana.

(Port Wayne Sentinel.)

Hon. David Turpie, aspires to the position of Attorney General of Indiana. Politically there is no man in the Democratic party better qualified to fill the position he seeks than is Mr. Turpie, and professionally he would do honor to and elevate to its proper sphere the office of Attorney General.

(Ligonier Pharos.)

David Turpie is to day one of the strongest men intellectually in the State, and the Democrats could not secure a stronger candidate for Attorney General.

(Penn Sentinel.)

Hon. David Turpie, of Indianapolis, will be a candidate before the next Democratic State Convention for Attorney General. Mr. Turpie is well known, not only to the citizens of Miami County, but throughout the State, as an able attorney and a consistent Democrat. His nomination should be acceptable to the people of the State, as there are none more capable and none more thoroughly conversant with the duties of the office.

Our old friend Judge Turpie is receiving a boom for the office of Attorney General. As the nominee he would make it decidedly hot for his opponent in the canvass. And if elected will give to the position a dignity it does not now possess. As a lawyer he has no superior in the State. If he will accept, it is to the interest of the State and the Democratic party that he be placed in nomination.

Mr. Hewitt in his speech favoring a reduction of the present oppressive system of protection, said "that it was dangerous to delay action on the tariff. We are now prosperous, but our prosperity will continue only so long as there is an adequate market for our products. At present we have a foreign market chiefly for raw materials such as food products, cotton, petroleum, and tobacco. For our manufacturers produce the markets of the world are perpetually closed against us. We tax food, of which we are the great exporters; we tax wool which is the great foundation of a vast industry; we tax bituminous coal, iron ore, scrap iron, which lies at the base of the great iron and steel industry; we tax co. per ore, alcohol, and oils, and numerous chemicals, without which many branches of industry cannot exist. Having thus created an artificial system, we find it impossible to compete with Great Britain and France and Germany, whose industry stand up the firm and national basis of tree raw material. This defect in our revenue system could be remedied by a joint resolution in one week, and the Committee on Ways and Means could then take as much time as might be needed to consider and adjust the infinite detail involved in the reconstruction of a tariff covering 2,500 articles. Unless a remedy be speedily applied, the industry of this country will be surfeited by the excess of products for which it can find no market. If good harvests should be secured abroad, we shall have a great surplus of food upon our hands and the price will fall. Wages will go down with the fall in prices. The reduction of wages will be resisted by strikes and lockouts. The conflict between capital and labor will be reopened, and indeed having already begun. The prosperity of the country will be arrested. Railroad transportation will fail off. New railroads will cease to be constructed. Our shops will lack work; there will be a dearth of employment all over the country. The volume of immigration will fall

off, and the career of expansion and general development will be brought to a disastrous conclusion. The sad experience of 1873-76 will be repeated until through the gate of suffering poverty, and want, we shall establish a lower rate of wages, and the products of the country, weighed as they are with obstructive taxes, which must be deducted from the wages of labor will force their way into the open markets of the world in spite of the tariff."

If protection is a good thing, protection is a better one; and the best of all would be to close all our ports against foreign nations, and surround ourselves with an impassable wall, like China and Japan. Commerce is the exchange between nations of their surplus commodities, and there must be some reciprocity or there can be no foreign trade. Whatever shuts out imports shuts in exports. If we would sell we must also buy, or there is an end of trade. Trade cannot be kept up long where the cash is all on one side.

The friends of protection do not state the issue fairly. They try to force it between protection and absolute free trade. Nobody is for free trade just now. The wants of the Government are so great that all agree a very large amount of revenue must be raised from the customs, and the proposed Park shall be opened and planted in shade trees.

This matter addresses itself to the good sense of the resident capitalists and town authorities whose interests will thus be affected. Will the proposed donation be accepted? Those who have means and possessions refined tastes should do all that can be done to secure this donation on the terms proposed. Let those who feel an interest in the future of our beautiful and promising town do all that can be done to secure a permanent Park. General Van Rensselaer's home is with the people, and in gratitude to the memory of his father, whose ashes rest in the midst of the town he founded, and in honor of son, who makes this liberal offer, let us accept it and the near future dedicate an institution to attract our neighbors and toward which we can all point with pride and satisfaction—

"VAN RENSSALAER PARK!"

BENNSALAER PUBLIC PARK.

This town has no public Park and will need one for beauty and ornament. The people will one day long for the pleasure and recreation afforded by a common play-ground in the heart of our town. The land between Van Rensselaer and Cullen Streets extended northwest is contiguous to the public school site and central for the whole town. This land is now owned by John C. Van Rensselaer. He has generously transferred it at a moderate consideration, grounds for public use and now makes a liberal offer to donate a tract 300 x 307 feet on the high rolling ground west of the drain and between Van Rensselaer and Cullen Street, conditional that the town will make the following improvements:

1. That the open drain known as the main-m self shall be covered and a street opened and improved between said streets at a point 200 feet Northly of Susan street.

2. That the proposed Park shall be ficed and planted in shade trees.

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SIMON P. THOMPSON.

TO THE LADIES.

Mrs. E. P. Honan is now prepared to supply the ladies of Rensselaer and vicinity with Hats and Bonnets, beautiful and cheap. Please give her a call. Room opposite Kannan's Drug Store.

YOUNG MEN ON THE MATRIMONIAL MARKET.

Mr. Editor: As none of your correspondents have given the marriageable young men of Goshen a few worthy but bad ones. Oscar Dunn is better late than never. He is a man that is able to support and protect a maid, or widow, if she would only pick him up.

Elmer Rathfon, I'll try. Elmer has not made a choice yet. Look out girls.

JOHN RANDLE. When my turn comes, Girls are a gentle boy who will protect and a good boy, who would not object to his rural makeup.

AUSTIN RATHFON. Try again. That killing smile, combined with perseverance, will win a lady worthy of his love.

DAN PREWITT. Look before you leap. Watch him girls, and when his mother is laid to rest, let him be a good boy.

FRANK HANLEY. Well done. Frank is fond of fashion and a fashionable marriage, combined with his motto, Girls, here is your chance.

AMOS LANE. Honest labor. Amos has a new buggy, and when the roads get good that buggy without the good motto. Will cause more than one good girl to sigh.

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