

PUBLIC MEETING.

All citizens of Jasper County, who have opinions upon the subject of removing artificial obstructions to the flow of water in the Iroquois 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 "Pium d Knigh" don't want any more Belmonts after him. The intrigues scored too deeply to be agreeable.

A large number of candidates are being announced whose names will be presented before the State Convention nomination to the State offices to be voted for at the election this fall.

In a saw mill in Texas one reads the following information: "Don't mink with the buzz saw when in motion." Mr. Blaine should profit by this warning if he means young Perry Belmont in the future.

The President has granted a full respite to the continuing penalty in Gen. Eitz John Porters case. This leaves it in the power of Congress to re-instate him to the position from which he was removed by self-lubed loyal patriots and radical parisans.

Every shirt on the back of a laboring man, every tool in his hand, his sugar, his meat, his clothing, his sugar, his salt, have all been taxed beyond any limit, or the only possible system of taxation. If a working man pays on an average 50 per cent, more than he should pay upon nearly all the necessities of life it is his own fault. He makes the bed he lies on. He has the sort of government he provides for himself, and the only desire to change it he can do is—Philadelphia Record.

So far, we have only considered the system of taxation that robs one class to enrich another. The people, when once they fully understand the workings of the present unjust and oppressive system of protection will rise in their might and crush it out.

DE MOTTE had a majority of less than 1,100 votes when he was elected to Congress in 1880. A change of less than 550 votes will defeat him next fall. Can that change be effected? Only the other day Demotte voted in the House to shift the responsibility of tariff reform to the shoulders of a commission. It is only a dodge to carry the subject beyond the approaching campaign. During the year, was Mr. D. will insist before his hearers that he is only awaiting the action and report of the commission in order to do something for their relief. It may be safely set down as a miserable subterfuge. If elected he will be found working in the interests of protectionists, and against the people. His cowardice, in voting for a paid commission, to perform certain official duties which of right devolve upon him, should of itself work a change of many more than 550, and leave Demotte at home.

A special correspondent of the "Press" and Dakotan," "Yankton," writes up "A Week's Observation—What We Saw during a Week's Ramble Along the W. & St. P. R. R., etc., from which we clip the following paragraph referring to a prominent citizen of Rensselaer:

West of Tracy, in the afternoon, we fell in with a company of Hoosiers who were going to Dakota "to shoot tree claims," as they put it. The ear was crowded and a fellow was mighty lucky to get even half a seat. In front of us and right near the stove, sat one of the Hoosiers—G. E. Marshall, editor of a paper at Rensselaer, Indiana. By his side sat a two hundred and fifty pound German girl, who was holding down a homestead near Goodwin. Above the din and rattle, of the train we caught bits of their conversation, which was in substance that he was looking for a lady with deeded property. It was about the warmest conversation we have heard for some time. Marshall happens to be a bachelor, chuck full of serious intentions.

John W. Holcombe is the coming man for Superintendent of Public Instruction. It gives us much pleasure to say that Mr. Holcombe is one of the very few native Hoosiers who is so capable and worthy of the office of State Superintendent. Mr. H. was born in Laporte, and spent his boyhood school days in the Public Schools at that place. He then attended Harvard University several years and graduated there, returning and engaged for a season as a teacher in Valparaiso. After accumulating some funds in that capacity he took a full course in the law Department of Iowa University and graduated there. He then became deputy in the office of Sup't Public Instruction, and for a few years past very efficiently discharged the duties of the office under Professors Smart and Bliss, until a short time ago when he gave up his position, and again returned to Valparaiso. His masterful ability, his gentlemanly manners, his scholarly attainments, and his practical knowledge of the administrative and executive duties of the office he seeks all combine to make him the most fitting candidate and one which the democracy of this district should congratulate itself, that it is able to put such a desirable man. He's a tried and true Jeffersonian Democrat, and if nominated and elected, his constituents will no doubt be pleased to nominate him.

Our county convention can not do better than give him its entire support.

White and colored shirts from 65¢ to \$2.00 at Honig's.

From Eighteen Sixty-One to Eighteen Eighty-One.

[From the Plymouth Democrat.] "Can such things be and not our special wonder?"

The management of the money affairs of this country by the Republican officials has been such that an honest man is dazed with astonishment when he attempts to look over the facts and figures as they exist. It discloses such a mass of corrupt bribery and robbery as to challenge belief, and has no equal even in Turkey, where there is no pretension to honesty in public affairs. Could the voters know and comprehend the facts as they exist, they would never return another republican to a public office we would naturally think.

Let the readers of the Democrat take time to look over a few figures and fix them in the memory; facts taken from good Republican authority—the librarian of the Republican Congress. July 1, 1881, the total public debt was only about nine and a half millions—in round numbers (\$90,580,874). There was cash on hand nearly three millions (\$2,562,213) leaving the debt, less cash, about eighty-eight millions (\$87,718,663). January 1, 1886, the debt was over two thousand seven hundred millions of dollars (\$27,732,266,173). The Republicans had increased the debt in four and a half years over two thousand and six hundred millions. From July 1, 1862, to July 1, 1881, they collected from ordinary sources, besides loans about six thousand five hundred millions of dollars; and up to 1864, they had put out interest bearing obligations to over two thousand millions of dollars. January 1, 1866, the debt was \$2,773,235,173; July 1, 1881, the debt was \$2,069,013,569, bearing a reduction of only \$794,222,004. What became of all the balance of the immense sums they received from net revenues, besides what they borrowed in shape of bonds, greenbacks, interest notes and in various ways? They have never told you and never will.

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Chicago Times: There is an enacted law of Illinois which is commonly known as the "stolen property" law. There is a popular notion that said law contains prescriptions and limitations of the powers of the different branches of the provincial government. It is supposed, for instance, that people who are in the loose habit of accepting as true any absurd notion in which has received general acclimation, that the legislature shall not pass a certain kind of law, or upon a certain subject matter shall be governed by certain expressively defined conditions, that the legislative power of Illinois shall be limited, and boundaries thus prescribed, and not power to overstep them. For example, the law says that the provincial legislature, upon the taking of ever decennial census, shall partition the province by geographical lines into fifty-one constituencies for the election of provincial senators and representatives, and that such constituencies shall be formed of contiguous and compact territory, bounded by county lines, etc. It is the popular notion that this provision of what is sometimes called the fundamental law was made and intended for the government of the legislature, and that it is a mere a general amendment of the legislative power of Illinois, people cannot overrule by any enactment of its own a law made for its government by the said people themselves.

This is a popular delusion. It is a delusion which has sprung out of the popular habit of mistaking what is only a legal section of a legal fact. The fiction is that a written law formulated by a delegated parliament of the electors a "constitutional convention" and approved by the electors for the purpose of higher authority and efficacy than a written law enactment by a delegated parliament of the electors called the legislature or a general assembly. This fact is that the one is no less, and no more than the other. The fiction is that the former is a law proceeding from a source different to that of the latter. The fact is that both proceed from the same source. The fiction is that one is constitutional and the other statutory law. The fact is that the one is no less, and no more than the other. The fiction is that the former is a law proceeding from a source different to that of the latter. The fact is that both proceed from the same source. 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