

THE PLYMOUTH DEMOCRAT.

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There's one among us who is not, and that is the truth.

METING OF THE DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The members of the Marshall County Democratic Central Committee are hereby most urgently requested to meet at the court house on Saturday, the 16th day of January, at 1 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of attending to business of importance. It is the duty of every member of the committee to be present. A. C. THOMPSON.

Plymouth, Jan. 7. '69. Chrmn.

This mark X means time expired and when found opposite a man's name is suggestive of the fact that money is what's wanted.

PARTIES sociable of the S. Thomas' parish, this evening at the residence of Mrs. Cummins, north of C. H. Reeve's.

The members of the "hop" are expected to hop again one week from to-morrow evening. Every hopist and hopper is requested to be present at the usual hopping place.

OUR carrier boy, Master Hulfield Hulsey, extends a thousand thanks to patrons for their liberality on New Year day. By your conduct you have incurred the pleasure of the "devil."

FOR SALE, or exchange for real estate in Marshall County, 80 acres of land in Tama Co. Iowa, near Chicago & North-western railroad. For particulars inquire of S. L. Harvey, at the Buckeye Livery stable.

A MORE RESPECTABLE DAY & NIGHT.—On New Year day we noticed one real genuine dog fight, but the combatants were more gentlemanly about it than those other dogs who had the walks blockaded most of the afternoon; they went out into the middle of the street, and there settled the matter. Most of the dogs in the country are nuisances, but they are more tolerable than those other worthless pups who, through our side walks on every public occasion, and render theseus' ridiculous, and disgrace the species to which they belong.

A second grand masquerade ball for the benefit of the Hebrew ladies' aid society, will be held at Corbin & Ben son's hall on the evening of Feb. 31. Prof. J. Lifel's full orchestra will be in attendance. Masquers may be obtained a few days before the ball.

BITING THE ICE.—On New Year eve rain fell in sufficient quantity, freezing as fast as it fell, to make the whole face of creation hereabouts very slippery and uncertain for pedestrians. We have heard of many falls, but the most serious was that received by Mr. Thomas J. Patterson, who, while attempting to carry two pails of water from the well into the house, fell upon his face cutting both lips and mashing his nose to such an extent that he was confined to the house for several days.

NEW YEAR DAY AND ROWDINESS.—New Year day was very quiet in our town, so far as business was concerned, but the usual amount of drinking, fighting, blackguarding and looting was attended to by a worthless portion of the citizens of our town and county, whose ambition seems to be to make the greatest possible exhibition of their brutality; and we regret to see so many of our business men, and other respectable (so called) citizens, so encourage these rowdies as to stand by, and even run across the streets and the length of a block or two, to listen to their bawling vulgarity and profanity.

On Friday last, in the afternoon, Michigan street was so blockaded at one time, that it was imprudent, if not impossible, for a lady to pass either way on the walk, and several ladies were compelled to go into the street to get by the miserable brutes who were quarreling, and the crowd that had gathered around them.

It is a disgrace and outrage upon our town to have such drunken blackguards give the place such a name as it has. During the whole of New Year day there was no marshall on the streets and the place was run entirely by rowdies.

We are in favor of a city charter, believing that it will give the decent people of our community an opportunity to protect themselves against these ruffians, who are a nuisance and should be shamed, and the most effectual and speedy way of doing it is the way we are in favor of, and believing that the condition of affairs cannot be made worse, we shall favor any experiment hoping that it may be made better. Let some one who knows how, take the first steps in the matter, and see if our good citizens really desire anything better.

MASONIC BANQUET.

One of the most pleasant affairs of the season came off on Monday evening, Dec 28, under the auspices of Plymouth Chapter, No. 49, Royal Arch Masons. The occasion was the installation of the officers elect of the chapter for the ensuing year. The programme consisted of the installation ceremonies, at Masonic hall, varied with songs and an excellent oration by companion Rev. Wm. Lusk. Companion M. H. Rice officiated as Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and was assisted by Companion D. McDonald, as Grand Master of Ceremonies. At the conclusion of the exercises, which were witnessed by an appreciative concourse of companions, brethren and invited guests, the company adjourned to the Parker house where a magnificent banquet, prepared by "mine host," Bro. U. S. Dodge, awaited. The tables groaned with the good things which "mine host" and his excellent lady know so well how to prepare, and that their endeavors to please were duly appreciated by the banqueters, was evidenced by the industrious manner in which they caused the edibles and drinkables to disappear.

When the company had eaten their fill, and expressed themselves satisfied, the following regular toasts were given and the felicitous manner in which the responses were made by the various companions, renders comment superfluous.

1st toast.—THE DAY WE CELEBRATE.—Response by H. P. Bailey.

2nd toast.—The retiring officers of Plymouth Chapter; for their fidelity while at the post of duty, their have our heartfelt thanks, and into their retirement they carry with them our best wishes. Response by M. H. Rice.

3rd toast.—The officers elect of Plymouth Chapter; may they ever prove faithful to their trust. Response by J. J. Vinall.

4th toast.—Our deceased companions; their labors are ended, but their works do follow them. Response by Rev. Wm. Lusk.

5th toast.—Masonry: it is never perfect until firmly laid in the cement of brotherly love. Response by D. McDonald.

6th toast.—Ancient Craft Masonry; the only institution organized by man that has withstood the test of time. Companion J. G. Osborne was to have responded to this toast, but owing to indisposition he could not be present, and as no companion present felt competent to fill the place of the absent one, no response was made.

7th toast.—Masonry in the days of our fathers. Their zeal and fidelity should ever be held up as a bright example for us to follow. Response by John C. Cushman.

8th toast.—The ladies. Their encouragement and approval, in the dark as well as the brighter days of Masonry, has been one of the most powerful agencies in preserving its purity and maintaining its growth. Response by H. B. Dickson.

Without wishing to detract from the efforts of others, nor yet to nil the blushing honors too thickly on the Col's laureled brow, we cannot suffer to pass without some recognition, companion Dickson's response to the 8th regular toast, "THE LADIES." The bright smiles and brighter eyes of the ladies, as the Col. with a noble enthusiasm worthy of all emulation, proceeded to glorify the toasted, and the then 'ers of applause, which greeted the conclusion of his remarks, will long be remembered.

"Auld Lang Syne," by the entire assembly, reminded one that, although in the older time our ancestors were "trusty frens, and true," and their "worf" was as good as their bond," the era of good feeling and friendship had not yet passed away, and that the "cup of kindness" would be drank by companions and brethren until the green acacia should mark the spot of their last resting place.

Volunteer toasts and remarks were next in order, and those who were called upon added their mite to the festivities of the occasion.

Companions and brethren from Warsaw, Bremen and Rochester were in attendance, among whom we were happy to meet our old friend, companion A. J. Holmes, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of this state.

Too much praise cannot be awarded to the committee of arrangements,—companions H. G. Thayer, J. C. Cushman and W. W. Hill, to whose indefatigable industry and adaptation to the work intrusted to their care, the success of the banquet is in a great measure attributable.

At low 12 the festivities ended, each one feeling in his heart the sentiment of the old Masonic toast:

"Happy to meet, sorry to part; happy to meet again."

AN AGED STUMBLING BLOCK.—Old Johnny Westervelt continues to be a stumbling block to the progress of the Presbyterian church of this place, and he is such a large one that they have not yet been able to get over or around him, but we understand that vigorous efforts are to be made to remove the hindrance. So far as the prosperity and respectability of the church is concerned, it would be well for it if he was excommunicated, but as one of the large class generally denominates "the world," we enter our protest against the church "castin' him out" among us. We already have enough of dead-weights to carry, and therefore we hope for a reconciliation of this master.

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BUSINESS IS BUSINESS.

One or two of our subscribers who received their papers with an X opposite their names, have called in, paid up, and ordered their papers to be discontinued.

All the apology we have to offer is that we cannot afford to publish a paper for nothing, and that we have passed that age when we were induced to do so to accommodate our political and personal friends. We have learned from sad experience, that "business is business, and that our best friends don us very promptly for that which we are owing them, and the best we can do is to return the compliment to those who are in arrears for their paper. We say compliment, because it is a compliment to be dunned these times when money is so scarce that very few are so fortunate as to have it.

We are not publishing a paper with the expectation of getting wealthy, neither do we intend "busting up" at it again, as the writer of this once did.

W. H. BAILEY, W. D. BAILEY & REYNOLDS,

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