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## ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL 10

In 1755, this date, S. C. F. Hahnemann  
founder of homeopathy was born.

In 1879 Louis II of France died.

In 1630 William, Earl of Pembroke  
died.

In 1952 John Howard Payne, author  
of "Home Sweet Home" died.

In 1716 United States bank rechartered  
for twenty years.

## AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

For the benefit of a large number of  
republicans who do not take the republican  
organ in this county, but who  
read the "Reliable," THE INDEPENDENT,  
we re-produce the names of those  
who desire political lightning to strike  
them at the coming republican conven-  
tions:

For Judge JOHN W. PARKS  
W. M. B. HESS.

State Senator MILLARD W. SIMONS

The above subject to the decision of  
the convention to be held at Rochester  
April 13th, 1896.

For Treasurer WM. J. RANKIN  
Recorder JAS. A. YOCKEY

Sheriff DAVID C. SMITH

Representative WM. W. RITCHIEY

All subject to the decision of the  
republican convention to be held June  
11th, 1896.

## No Homes.

Editor INDEPENDENT:—As a citizen  
I desire to thank you for the fearless  
utterance of truth found in yesterday's  
article. O, that the public press, that  
great educator, would be, indeed, "in-  
dependent"! When will the American  
people learn wisdom? The greatest  
menace to American liberty is the present  
practical and prospective homeless  
condition of the millions of her people,  
be that from any cause it may. This  
great fact stares us in the face with an  
awful reality. The past 30 years have  
been the great money-loaning period of  
this nation. Besides our national, state  
and municipal bonds, mortgages on  
private property have accumulated to  
an alarming extent. Capitalists have  
grown rapidly rich, and to invest their  
fast-increasing capital in first-class  
mortgages has been the highest of their  
ambitions. Bankers, private money  
loaners, newly fledged lawyers, real estate  
dealers, insurance men, etc., representing  
foreign capitalists, have flooded  
every town and village of our country  
with advertisements of money to loan.  
Under this incentive and temptation  
the people have become reckless. With  
a desire for a larger barn, a better  
house, elegant furniture, a fine equip-  
age, nice piano, or what not, we have  
responded to these advertisements,  
signed the mortgage, spent the money,  
until many of us have forever bar-  
gained away our birth-rights.

We used to sing, "Uncle Sam is rich  
enough to buy us all a farm." That  
day has passed away. Like an old man  
in his dotage lavishing all his affections  
and earthly substance on a second wife  
and neglecting his children, poor old  
Uncle Sam has taken to his embrace,  
monopolies, trusts, rich railroad cor-  
porations, foreign capitalists, to whom  
he has given his lands and is now bor-  
rowing money, a hundred million dol-  
lars at a time, to still further favor his  
pets. Thirty years ago our fathers left  
to us—their children—these lands and  
homes unencumbered that we might  
enter into and enjoy the fruit of their  
labors. But we have recklessly mort-  
gaged our rich inheritance beyond the  
hope of redemption. No America will  
ever again open its portals to free soil  
for our occupancy. We still make a  
faint attempt to revive the patriotism  
of former times in singing, as of old,

"My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing!"

Land where our fathers died;  
Land of the pilgrim's pride;  
From every mountain side,  
Let freedom ring!"

or say with Walter Scott in his "Lay of  
the Last Minstrel,"

"Is there a man with soul so dead  
Who never to himself has said,  
This is my own, my native land?"

when standing by our side is some old  
Shylock, with under jaw stiffly set,  
sharp angles protruding down from  
each corner of his mouth, and as he  
fixes his unfeeling, unsympathetic, un-  
patriotic cold, gray eyes upon us we  
hear the coarse, guttural tones of his  
voice in response to our sentiment,—

"Yes, subject to my mortgage! my mort-  
gage!"—

our patriotism dies out and we slink  
away from his presence like cringing  
cowards.

Can a person be inspired with the  
sweet spirit of American liberty and be

obliged to call any man his lord and  
master? People without homes will  
have no true liberty. In the language  
of Mr. Zimmerman, of the Bankers'  
association, whom you quote, they "will  
not quarrel with their rulers." To wor-  
ship God under his own vine and fig-  
tree, none daring to molest and make  
afraid, is a beautiful figure of Scripture,  
symbolic of the highest type of religious  
liberty. So the same figure of speech  
is equally emblematic of the highest  
type of civic liberty. The two are in-  
separably woven together. There can  
be no religious liberty without civic  
liberty, neither can there be civic liberty  
without religious liberty. The history  
of nations is abundant proof of this.  
These are not merely pessimistic words,  
but are cold, solid facts that cannot be  
denied and are staring us in the face.  
With the millions of mortgages on the  
homes of the people, many of them  
beyond the hope of redemption; with a  
debt to foreign capitalists, whose yearly  
interest—payable in gold—exceeds the  
surplus products exported; with  
\$1,200,000 of private mortgages on Mar-  
shall county; with \$1,000,000 expended  
by the people in intoxicants; with all this we, as a people, will have to  
be awakened to the fact or very soon  
be sunk to the condition of serfdom  
under the tyrannical rule of "Imperial  
Capital." Then, truly, we will be in a  
condition where we will not care, or  
at least, dare, to "quarrel with our  
rulers."

## A WIFE'S TYRANNY.

Some of the Awful Things She Does to  
Annoy Her Husband.

She contradicts him at the head of his  
own table, interrupts his anecdote to  
set him right on an utterly unin-  
important little detail—say the date of a trans-  
action, which he makes the 7th of Sep-  
tember and she asserts was the 8th;  
she interferes in all his arrangements,  
and questions his authority in the sta-  
bles, the field, the church, the consult-  
ing-room; she apportions his food and  
regulates the amount of wine he may  
take; should she dislike the smell of to-  
bacco she will not allow him the most  
transient whiff of the most refined ciga-  
rette, and, like her brother with his  
victim, she teaches the children to de-  
spise their father by the frank con-  
tempt with which she treats him and  
the way in which she flouts his opinion  
and denies his authority. If she is more  
affectionate than aggressive she re-  
ders him ridiculous by her effusiveness.  
Like the "Sammy, love," which roused  
Dean Alford's reprobation, she loads  
him with silly epithets of endearment  
before folk, oppresses him with person-  
al attention and treats him generally  
as a sick child next door to an idiot.

All out of love and its unreasoning  
tyranny she takes him into custody—  
in public as in private life—and allows  
him no kind of freedom. Robust and  
vigorous as he is, she worries over his  
health as though he were a confirmed  
invalid; in the hey-day of his maturity  
coddling him as if he were an octo-  
genarian bordering on the second child-  
hood. She continually uses the ex-  
pression, "I shall not allow my hus-  
band to do so and so," or, "I will make  
my husband do this or that." Never by  
any chance does she confess his right  
to free action, bound as he is in the  
chains of her tyrannous affection. In  
the end she makes him what she has  
long fancied him to be, a backboneless  
valetudinarian, whom the sun scorches  
to fever and the east wind chills to  
pneumonia—one who has lost the fruit  
of "fadding" about the flower.—Chicago  
Chronicle.

## THE LANDLORD'S ADVICE.

He Instructed the Drummer in the Art  
of Making a Sale.

He had arrived in a southwestern  
town with his patent washing machine  
—warranted to do the work of ten  
women and save three-fifths of the  
soap—but before doing any business  
he thought it might be a good thing to  
advise with the landlord of the hotel,  
says the Detroit Free Press.

"Jest a washing machine, is it?"  
queried the landlord, as he looked the  
thing over.

"Yes, a washing machine, but the  
best on earth."

"Orter be a wheel of fortune or sunth-  
in' of that kind to be a go, but mebbe  
you kin hit some of 'em. Thar's a dog  
fight and a horse race tomorrow, and it'll  
be a good day for you."

"Are there any peculiarities to look  
out for?" inquired the agent.

"Wall, yes, a few. You'd better be-  
gin business by callin' up all hands to  
take a drink."

"I see."

"If you hev to talk any more tell 'em  
tha's another drink ahead."

"I understand."

"If the old man Jones comes in with  
his boys thar'll be a row on the street.  
They ar' bad folks and shoot on sight.  
Keep your eye peeled, and if you see  
any signs of a row ask the hull crowd  
to drink."

"Yes, but—"

"Look out for dog fights. If one  
takes place on the street you can't hold  
the boys a minit. Keep your eye on  
the canines. If you see a yaller purp  
begin to bristle up to a bob-tailed  
brindle yell to the crowd to step over  
and moisten."

"Yes, but by that time the whole  
crowd will be half drunk," protested  
the agent.

"Sartin it will, and that's what you  
want, of course. That will give you a  
chance to skip out and take your life  
with you, and if you make a stop any-  
where within a hundred miles I'll send  
on the masheen—purvid that's any-  
thing left to send. Nothin' like knowin'  
how to handle one of these crowds, my  
friend. Did you ask me to take some-  
thin' in advance of tomorrow?"

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Edward Anderson and Naoma Pershing.  
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Nico Spatalo and Vitandonia D'rosa.

Decay of Russian Nobility.  
Some startling statistics of the decay  
of the Russian nobility are given  
in the list of mortgaged estates fur-  
nished by the British consul at St.  
Petersburg. At present more than  
100,000 estates, or 41 per cent of the  
entire area owned by nobles, are bur-  
dened by mortgages, and the amount  
of money advanced on them has  
reached \$632,500,000, of which \$586,000,  
000 remains unpaid. The Nobility Land  
bank, created by the government to  
make loans to stranded landlords, has  
advanced nearly its entire capital of  
\$250,000,000, and received but little in  
return.

## Mexico's Army and Navy.

The regular army of Mexico com-  
prises 27,000 men of all arms, including  
a police of about 2,000 men and a gen-  
darmerie of 250. The navy consists of  
two small unarmored vessels and three  
gunboats. The annual expenditure on  
account of army and navy is from \$12,-  
500,000 to \$15,000,000.

## Triplets 24 Years Old.

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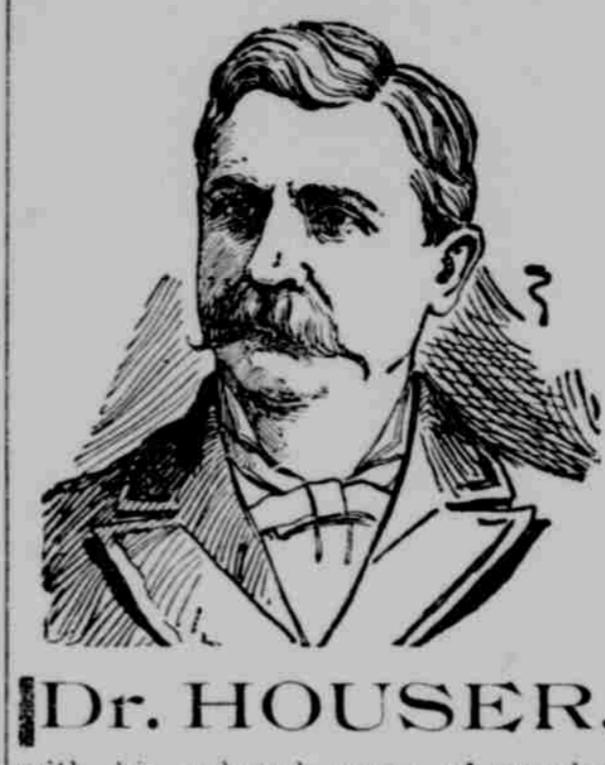
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