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NOW IS THE TIME TO WORK.

The enumeration just completed gives 7,627 voters in this city. There was a total of 4,556 votes cast in Terre Haute at the township election, considerably less than two-thirds of the whole vote. A two-thirds vote at a township election, however, ought to mean almost a full vote at a municipal election. It has been a number of years since as much interest was manifested in the spring elections as is at present indicated. From appearances nothing will prevent a full vote but two poor tickets. Whether we have such tickets or not depends largely upon the people themselves. Each ward has several men who have by common consent or otherwise assumed the leadership of that ward. Let these men understand that candidates must not be put upon the ticket for political purposes only. The people have reached a point where they do not propose to be sold out. They are tired of paying the fiddler for somebody else to dance. To quote the language of the Chicago News, "The citizens have learned an important lesson from the ill success of undrilled and unification decency in assailing vice's well ordered battalions." Our people seem to be fully determined to act together in the interests of good government provided suitable candidates are presented for their suffrages.

The political parties seemed so thoroughly alive to the demand for clean, capable tickets that the independent, movement, which was assuming large proportions, was abandoned. It is fully believed that one or both of the two parties will present a list of candidates that will be as acceptable as any which could have been selected by the large element which is determined upon municipal reform. The News has been urged by the most substantial business men in the city to advocate an independent ticket but we have considered that to do this would be simply to divide the respectable vote and leave a clear field to the disreputable element. The two parties certainly understand the feeling of the tax payers and business men upon this subject. There is little doubt but that one of the two parties will give us an acceptable ticket. Should there be an attempt to ring in one or two "trucksters," it may be possible to substitute a candidate on the other ticket for these names.

The News is not ready to attribute the present financial muddle entirely to one party. It is true that the enforced purchase of the aerial truck, from its conception to its conclusion, has been a Democratic measure. It is also equally true that the passage of a liquor license, which would have afforded great financial relief, could have been secured if the two Republican members, Shor and Thomas, had voted with the Big Four in the council. The fact is that both parties have allowed an unprincipled gang to control the nominations for several years, and neither ticket, with a few notable exceptions, has been worthy the votes of honest men. There is evidence that our first-class business men are going to take a hand in this election and exert very decided influence in the nominations. The News believes that it will have a large following in its determination to support the candidates who will give us the best administration, regardless of the politics of the party which names them. The first primaries, the Republican, will be held next Monday night. There are only a few days left for effective work. Let them be fully employed in every ward. After Monday night it will be too late to enter any protest.

The President is said to be appalled at the number of bills for public buildings that have been presented for his signature. He has sent a clerk to the Capital to find out how many of these bills are still pending in the two houses of Congress and will probably be referred to him for approval, as it seems to be understood that every one is to be passed that is introduced. He does not exactly want to illustrate the statement made by his predecessor that "there will be an Allentown for every Sowden," but he realizes, as do all sensible people, that there must be a half on this reckless expenditure of money. If the people of a district can not be made "solid" for the party without being bought up by a public building they can not be trusted after they have got their building. Congressmen should remember that there are several ways of reducing a surplus and government buildings are only one of the methods. They should also assure themselves that the surplus needs reducing. Just now there is considerable talk of a deficit in several departments.

Mrs. L. M. BARRY, one of the most talented speakers who ever took the platform in be-

half of the labor question, was married a few days ago to O. R. Lake, Master Workman of the District Assembly of the Knights of Labor at St. Louis, which will be their home. A few years ago Mrs. Barry was left a widow with two children to support which she tried to do by working in a factory. Becoming greatly interested in the labor problems which are agitating the country she finally took the platform and has since been in full charge of the woman's branch of the Knights of Labor, organizing lodges and speaking throughout the country. At the great National Council of Women held in Washington two years ago, which was addressed by the most talented speakers of this and other countries, Mrs. Barry's speech was one of the most popular delivered and attracted the attention of the country. If she follows the example of most women who marry the world will hear of her no more.

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Yes, and those who get out an evening paper and myriads of clerks in stores and offices and poor sewing women and a very large majority of the laboring people will continue to toil from ten to eighteen hours a day and glad and thankful to get the work to do. This is a hard world but perhaps it will grow easier after awhile. And surely all these toilers will rejoice that the light is breaking for some of their number. Even those to whom an eight hour day seems a hope never to be realized will be glad to know that it seems very near to others of their fellow workers, and when the principle is once established and the leaven begins to work, emancipation will dawn for a class which knows much more of the darkness than the light of life.

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An old bachelor who died in Connecticut a few days ago said he would be perfectly happy if he could swallow every dollar of the \$100,000 he had accumulated in his lifetime. This is not singular. We know men who swallow every dollar as fast as they make it and seem to find a great deal of pleasure in the process.

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THE PEOPLES' COLUMN.

TERRE HAUTE, April 23d, 1890.
To the Editor of The News:

In guessing on the attendance of the opening game of ball with Evansville, must the guess be handed in before the game or not? Please answer in to-day's paper. Respectfully, T.

I intended making this so plain that no one could misunderstand, but it seems our meaning is somewhat clouded. We meant to say that all guesses must be in our possession prior to the opening of the game next Tuesday. Another thing that seems misty to quite a number, ANYONE can make these guesses, it is not limited to the subscribers of The News, but is open to the public. You can make just as many guesses as you may desire, provided they are made upon the blank cut from THE NEWS.—ED.

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AN OLD MAN'S REVERIE.

The lights are dim and the fire burns low, The flickering shadows come and go; My furrow'd cheek is bedew'd with tears, As mem'ry travels back through the years. Scenes that are past come gilding along, Bringing with them sweet mosaics of song; Tendrils low tones of voice now still, Pierce through my soul with a joyous thrill. Flashes of freight, gleaming red, Tint a fair tree on a graceful head; Beautiful eyes, so fond and so true, Look into mine as they used to do.

Kisses so lightly yet fervently given, Bevel into me a glimpse of her 'n' Dear little hands I was wont to kiss, Gently fondle and sweetly caress.

Hover about me, touching my hair, Filling me with the old time glow, Causing my pulses to leap again With feelings of mingled joy and pain.

The love's my form and hair snow white, Memories sleep deeply to-night, While lights are dim and the fire burns low, And flickering shadows come and go.

—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

THE TRAIN DISPATCHER.

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Dick to find you. We will treat you right if you behave yourself. Come make your ante, you keep the game waiting.

I was fond of poker, but the game was as far from my thoughts as the stars from my present position. I played mechanically; luck smiled in every jack pot. I could not lose. I grew immensely in the estimation of my captors. Every moment was an agony, for I could see what the result of neglected duty would be. I continued to play, the stakes were in my hands.

Rough applause followed every lucky turn of the game. I called for four cards, my opponent did likewise; their hot whisky breaths were on my face. I threw down my hand, four aces, and ended the game.

"Young chap, the money is yours by right, you cleaned us all out; but we will make a haul to-night that will be worth something."

I sat upright, the whole truth flashed through my mind. I was a train robber. I located the very spot; what a fearful sacrifice of life, oh, what horror numbed me!

"Young chap, you can find your way back the best you can; for the damage has been done by this time." As he spoke he drew a watch from his pocket and stared fixedly at the face. I stole a glance, his time was fast. I scarcely breathed; it might not be too late.

I stood alone in the deserted street, a horse moved slowly by. I sprang to the seat and thrust five dollar bill into the driver's hand. "Drive for your life to the depot." He cast one glance at the money, the horses were in a mad gallop as we whirled by corners with a recklessness that was dangerous. The hack drew up at the entrance. I sprang from the seat and flew to my room.

The fire had gone out; the room was chilly; I awoke with a start, and with a horror-stricken face I noted the time, twenty minutes to 12; cold beads of perspiration stood upon my forehead. Just twenty minutes to avert a disastrous accident.

I staggered to the instrument; but one station between mangled limb and safety. If I can hold No. 4—if I can hold No. 4. I sounded the call with an eagerness that was startling; with my eyes on the clock I pressed the button down with a hopeless despair, and yet no answer. The time was almost up—five minutes more and it would be too late.

I closed my eyes to see visions of two trains that were masses of torn and shattered splinters. I could even hear the groans of the wounded and dying. My heart gave a fierce beat of joy—"Hello, what is the matter?" "Side track No. 4 quick, for God's sake," and none too like a whining express swept by like a whirlwind.

I looked into the glass, my hair was as white as a snow bank. I never touched the key again.—Junius L. Hempstead in New Orleans Picayune.

Was It Murder?

Precedent in China is followed so strictly that a provincial governor was put in a desperate quandary recently because he could find no previous authority for judging a case which came before him. A young man who had been brutally treated by his uncle and aunt determined to kill the latter, as the more cruel of the two. However, in shooting at the wife he killed the husband by accident. The governor studied all the law books within reach, and he then informed the Pekin government that he could find no account of the proper way to deal with a case of murdering one's elder relative by mistake for another. While awaiting further instructions, accordingly, he sentenced the criminal to undergo the penalty for murdering an uncle—death by slow degrees.—London Graphic.

Come in.

A rough looking figure stood by my side. The broad brimmed slouch hat half concealed the fierce look that made me feel uncomfortable as his wild looking eyes stared steadily into mine. Was the man a lunatic just escaped from the asylum? Insanity was evidently stamped upon the neglected face.

Are you the operator?"

"Yes; what do you want?" "Here is a note for you. You dare not refuse the request contained in the letter. You recognize the handwriting?" I hurriedly glanced along the lines to catch the import. My heart stood still. "Go! I will be at the appointed place."

"I was instructed to see that you did come. I will show you the way."

I glanced at the face, upon which a frigid, determined look had settled with a savagery that made me tremble. The letter was before me. Without noticing the remark, I read every line that burned into my brain.

"Wait. I will come."

I arose from my seat, glanced sharply at the clock, noted the time, which was propitious, for I could spare an hour without danger; drew on my overcoat and followed the strange man, who seemed entirely oblivious to surroundings; he strode forward with an energy that made walking anything but a pleasure.

I halted and dropped behind a corner; in a moment his clammy, bony fingers were around my throat. I was powerless to resist. A choking sensation made me weak and timid. With a movement that he seemed to understand the strong grip of my neck was relaxed. Again we strode forward to turn byways which were unknown to me.

I was betrayed; what was the terrible danger that made my duty a culpable neglect? Already the moments were flying, a chilly sensation swept through every nerve as I thought of the helpless limbs intrusted to my keeping; but onward he strode. I could feel the baslik charm of the bloodshot eyes that resembled coals of fire as they cast watchful glances behind. We halted at a remote house on the gibbous; with a heavy rap he stood waiting for an entrance, while his inhuman expression was intensified by the sickly glare of a single tall dip, whose dull rays struggled through the dingy panes.

A shuffling gait from within and a cautious turn of the key opened the door to reveal the outlines of a bent figure that shaded the candle with one hand, while a suspicious, cunning stare was fixed upon the newcomers.

Without a remonstrance I followed my guide through the rickety passage that ended at a low, wide portal, which was securely closed. Quietly the limping figure drew from the faded cloak a bunch of keys and with extreme deliberation pushed open the door.

The subdued hum of voices reached us faintly as we passed along a narrow, dark way to stand at the