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ELECTION OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS.

Candidates Have Appeared Against Frenzel and Bamberger.

An increased interest has been manifested the past few days in the election of school commissioners which occurs to-day in the First, Second, Tenth and Eleventh districts. There will be no opposition to the election of Conner and Greenstreet, but candidates have been developed against Frenzel in the First and Bamberger in Second districts. The candidate against the former is Frederick Thoms, of the firm of Spiegel, Thoms & Co., furniture manufacturers, and he is strongly supported by many of the leading citizens in the district. Mr. Bamberger's competitor will be Theo. F. Haughey, president of the Indianapolis National Bank, and his friends are also making an active canvass in his behalf. Although both Messrs. Thoms and Haughey were announced rather late in the canvass, after it had been thought no opposition would appear to any of the present commissioners, the contest in the districts having two candidates has become so acute as to make it probable that there will be a change in the board. Friends of the four competing candidates are pushing things with enough force to make the contest in the First and Second districts interesting.

The polls will be open at the usual hour. The voting places are as follows: First district, public school building No. 1, corner Vermont and New Jersey streets; second district, public school building No. 2, corner Delaware and Walnut streets; tenth district, public school building No. 10, corner Home avenue and Ash street; eleventh district, public school building No. 11, corner Tennessee and Fourth streets.

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APPEALING FOR PENSIONS

Indiana Soldiers Asking for the Restoration of the Act in Regard to Arrears.

Some of Them Threaten to Make It a Question of Veto, but Others Favor Conservative and Persuasive Methods of Influence.

About 200 old soldiers responded to the call for a meeting of the Indiana Arrears Pension Association in the Criminal Court room. Possibly one-third of the number were from Marion county, and the others came as delegates from the various county organizations that have been formed during the past few weeks. The meeting was purely business in character, and did not continue in session long. It was called for 9 o'clock, but as only a few delegates had arrived at that hour the meeting was postponed until 10 o'clock, when it got to business with Jos. A. Sims, of Delphi, as chairman, while Gerritt W. Walrad, editor of the Indiana Tribune, acted as secretary. The chairman stated that the paramount object was to form a permanent organization, which was to do active work in securing a restoration of arrears of pensions. He mentioned the fact that since the first meeting, several weeks ago, a bill had been introduced in Congress providing for the restoration of the act. The bill was no doubt the result of the agitation among the old soldiers of Indiana. The only way the soldiers could demonstrate their earnestness in this matter was to handle their suffrages correctly. If the votes of all old soldiers were utilized as they should be, there was no doubt that legislators would respond to all demands made upon them. A permanent organization should be effected with headquarters in Indianapolis, and thresholds be organized in every county in the State. The county organization should be formed with special reference to the coming election. If that plan was followed, the present Congress would have to do something before it adjourned, or, at any rate, the old soldiers would find out who were their friends.

Col. Robert E. Smith, of Indianapolis, offered the following, which he asked to have telegraphed to Washington:

To the Chairman of the Invalid Pension Committee, of Congress, Washington, D. C.:

In the name of the fifteen thousand invalid pensioners of Indiana, we, their representatives in convention assembled, demand that immediate action be taken on the bill recently introduced by the invalid pension committee of the House of Representatives, restoring the arrears of pensions. We demand that a vote be taken immediately. We want something done.

In presenting the above, Captain Smith said it would have more weight with Congress than any other action that could be taken. More than that it would compel the Indiana representatives to either urge the bill to a vote, or back down. Several delegates said Colonel Dresser, of Lafayette, ought to be delegated to go to Washington and urge the passage of the bill, but the majority of those present thought that would be too expensive, and perhaps result in little or no good. The communication of Captain Smith was finally introduced, and the subject of the meeting directed the telegram to be sent.

Colonel Dresser then offered the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Resolved, That the sympathy of this convention of old soldiers is tendered to the gallant Col. Sherman, in his present heroic struggle with the enemy, death, and that we sincerely hope he may win a signal victory as he did at Winchester.

The resolution was ordered telegraphed to the General.

The business of the meeting having been completed, Colonel Gleason, of Lafayette, and several others made brief speeches. An old soldier, Colonel Gleason said he desired to have it understood there was no politics in the movement. The restoration of the arrears act was simply a matter of business and justice. An old soldier, Colonel Gleason said he desired to have it understood there was no politics in the movement. The men who were demanding its restoration were only wishing fair treatment. He believed all pensions should date back to the date of disability. He also believed the Government should be obliged to equalize their pay. They received greenbacks that were worth but 40 cents on the dollar, when they should have had a dollar in gold. In conclusion, he urged the men to stand firm for their rights, organize in every county, and it would be only a short time until they would be justly recognized. The other speakers endorsed what the Colonel said. The association adjourned to meet on the call of the president.

Amos Statter, a delegate to the meeting from Frankfort, has always been a Democrat, but he has become so disgusted with his party's actions that he announces he will support the Republican ticket hereafter. "I never voted for but one Republican in my life," said he to a local reporter yesterday, "and that was Oliver P. Morton, but from this on I propose to support the party that favors a protective tariff. I will never vote for any reduction of the tariff, and the soldiers are only compensated for their services. The soldiers are a unit on this question in Indiana. Mason has no interest in the soldiers of Indiana. He introduced the bill in Congress for the purpose of getting votes, but he will not get them. It is his intention to simply allow his bill to rest in the committee until his term in Congress expires, and then to stand by the Republican party, and for no reason there is going to be a concerted movement against the Democratic party all over the country."

UNDEMONSTRATIVE DEMOCRATS.

Indiana Partisans of Gray Are Doing Little to Boom the Choice of the Convention.

The Democratic State central committee held a meeting yesterday under circumstances that were not suggestive of enthusiastic zeal on behalf of the ticket. Si Sheerin, who has been made a national committeeman, after persistently declining to take the chairmanship of the State committee because he had too much business, is retaining an interest in the campaign on account of his having no regrets over the defeat of Governor Gray. Charles L. Jewett, a Gray boomer of high degree, will hereafter be found at the committee's headquarters in charge of the Democratic party as chairman of the central committee. It was he who sought to ally the effect of the defeat of the Governor on Indiana partisans by calling a meeting of the committee at once so as to give a show of activity on behalf of Cleveland and Thurman. But yesterday afternoon while the committee was in session there seemed to be no more interest felt in and outside of the executive room than that which is observable on ordinary political occasions. Mr. Jewett, however, gave out that the committee regarded the ticket the strongest that could be made, except one composed of Cleveland and Gray. While four or five loungers waited outside the committee room prolonged their session in a room which was not intended for that purpose, and it was represented. It was an application of the rules under the new organization, which gives the State central committee the authority to settle all matters of dispute arising in county and congressional district organizations. None of the matters considered, however, as to disrupt the party. The only business transacted was the selection of a secretary. Chairman Jewett preferred to have Ephraim Marsh, of Greenfield, for that position, and he was accordingly appointed. J. B. Harlow and N. T. Stokes were candidates, but the former withdrew and the appointment of Marsh was unanimously confirmed. The finance and executive committees are to be announced hereafter.

In reference to the perfunctory manner in which the Democrats are going into the campaign, the leading lawyer remarked yesterday: "There has never been such a lamentable lack of enthusiasm over the action of a national convention as there has over this. St. Louis affair. The sole demonstrations have been the resolutions on the court-house, run up there by

John Sullivan over Gray's defeat more than a week ago. There were a few badges on the street. Not a gun has been fired, not even a shooting cracker exploded, not a speech made or the slightest show of any enthusiasm. If this country were a democracy, the election of November 11 will be a surprise to me. Another thing. Now that Gray has been defeated a great deal of opposition to him here in Indiana is being developed. It is a great many fellows are saying, since the administration seems to have decided against the Governor, that it was a good thing he was defeated; he couldn't have carried the State. The same the Republicans of Indiana know that Thurman's nomination means nothing here and that Gray's would have made things considerably harder for them."

THE STREET-RAILWAY Muddle.

While Two Companies Contend for Them the Third Has Possession of the Streets.

There were no new developments yesterday in the fight between the three street-railway companies. The Citizens' company is pushing its track-laying with an increased force of men, and the Dudley and McNeal people stand by and sit idly down without having any recourse at law. The Council committee on railroads and judiciary were in joint session again yesterday afternoon, but nothing of any importance was accomplished. In accordance with the request from the Citizens' company, its ordinance for the extension of the track was returned. The action relieved the committee from the consideration of any legislation pertaining to that company, and the ordinances of the Dudley and McNeal companies were taken up and discussed. J. C. Bruah appeared before the committee in behalf of the McNeal company. He stated that the company was acting in good faith, as its guarantee of a certified check for \$1,000 showed. He thought the company should be given precedence over the one represented by Colonel Dudley, which did not contemplate building an electric road until after the McNeal company had applied for a charter for such purpose. He stated positively that it was the intention of the McNeal company to operate an electric road just as soon as its tracks settled. It asked to be given the right to use horses for a short time.

Col. Farr, of the Dudley company, repeated his statement to the committee that the electric railway would be constructed if the Council would amend the charter as desired. Only a few minutes of the arguments in favor of the two companies the committee went into executive session, but there was such a variance of opinion that no conclusion was reached. The Dudley company favored drawing up an ordinance for an electric road and then giving it to the company that would pay most for it. Others favored recommending that the ordinance be drawn up with some amendments, and then let the companies battle for the possession of the streets. The committee will have a final meeting Monday afternoon. "It may be that the ordinance will be a matter of a report to submit at Monday night's meeting of the Council," said Chairman Darrell, after the adjournment of the meeting.

In case either the Dudley or McNeal company, or both, are granted franchises, the fight will be transferred to the courts. The two companies claim that the ordinance is in violation of the Citizens' company's franchise, and that the Citizens' company will have to allow the newcomers to use their tracks and will only be permitted to collect a small rental.

The Dudley company is digging up long stretches of streets without putting down tracks, and think the Council should not permit such work. The representatives of the Citizens' company, on the other hand, claim that their rails have been delayed, and that the track will be put down as rapidly as they come. "We are being compelled to our own expense," said a representative of the company yesterday, "but we propose to show the people that we deserve their approbation. We have \$1,000,000 to expend in improving the system in Indianapolis, and we propose to use it. We will have to see more summer cars here the first of next week."

CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE SCHOOLS.

The Classical' Pupils in Their Annual Exercises.

The closing exercises of the Classical Schools were held last evening at the Grand Opera-house. Prayer was read by Rev. N. A. Hyatt, and Prof. John M. Coniter, of Washab College, made an address on "Practical Education." He said a practical education was not that of the common or popular idea of a practical education, when a pupil is to study only those branches which he will directly apply in his or her chosen life work, but that it meant a broad basis of education in many branches for a good foundation, to carry on the life work, and gave many illustrations emphasizing his idea. His remarks were warmly commended by the audience.

Miss Miller's oration recited at intervals during the evening. Great interest was evinced in the award of prizes. The prizes are given by different friends of the school for high scholarship in the different classes. The first prize for the highest general average, classics, mathematics, French and German, Frank Dorsey, first prize in upper classes, and the prize for the highest general average in lower classes, English, French and German, Fred Ayres, second prize in French and German, and Deborah Rowe, first prize in English. Of the girls, Josephine Holman secured first prize for highest general average, for the classics, French and German, orthography and etymology in the lower classes. The first prize to Deborah Moore, in the upper classes in classics, English history, orthography and etymology. Miss Lucille Ballard secured first prize in mathematics in the upper classes, and Marion Rondthaler in the lower; Mary Taylor first prize in French, German and science; Florence Baker first in English in lower classes; Julia E. Baker, first in history in lower classes; Ethel Rondthaler science, lower classes. The honor scholarship, awarded by the Indiana University for the highest rank in the senior class was won by Mary Lewis Taylor. Prizes for declamation were presented to Mary Galvin and Maud Clay, and for gymnastics, a gold dumb-bell, to Carrie Atkins, and a gold medal to Mary M. Barnes. Mrs. Sewell gave the prizes from the proscenium box. Certificates or diplomas were given to the senior class, all of whom were present except Miss Lucy Claypool, who has been deservingly of all the exercises by tickets, and Gertrude Lynch, who is at Bryn Mawr College. The school is preparatory for colleges and universities, and the motto is "Not the end, but the beginning."

The Indianapolis Institute.

The second annual closing exercises of the Indianapolis Institute for Young Ladies occurred last night in the chapel-room of the school at St. Joe and Pennsylvania streets. At last night's performance Misses Pearl Schmuck and Anna Metford read essays, the subject of the former being "Les Reves," and of the latter "Manners." Miss Myrtle Parks, of Martinsville, a student in the most graduate department, delivered a declamation entitled "Auntie." Other recitations were by Miss Carrie Fleming, Miss Frieda Christman, Miss Julia E. Baker, Miss Bessie Beck, Miss Flora Anderson. All of the young ladies acquitted themselves with great credit. A piano duet was rendered by Miss Lyon and Miss "The" The exercises were for the most part work during the past year were then awarded by Bishop Kleiberbacker, with a few remarks. Miss Pearl Schmuck received the prize for the best general work in the senior department; Miss Angie Trayer, in the junior department, and Miss Edith Bingham, in the preparatory department. Miss Lucille Ballard received the prize for the most regular attendance; Miss Leida Bell, for the nearest perfection in writing, and Miss Frieda Christman, for work in the primary department. Bishop Kleiberbacker made a short address at the conclusion of the exercises. He complimented Professor Lyon, the principal, upon the advancement the school had evidently made during the year, both in number and character. After the Bishop had taken his seat, Miss Kate Edmunds, a member of the senior department, appeared before him, and upon behalf of the school wished him a happy journey and safe return on the occasion of his approaching visit to England.

Concert by the Blind.

The commencement concert of the Indiana Institute for the Blind occurred last night in the little chapel connected with that institution. The attendance was said to be the largest ever present at a performance at the institution. The accommodations are very insufficient for a large crowd, and many were turned away last night, who were of the most interesting looking on from the hallways around the chapel. Prof. Newland, of the music department, and Miss Hawley, the vocal instructor, had charge of the concert. The most interesting feature was the singing many difficult classical selections. There were two regular choirs—the senior and the junior. The former sang "The Land of the Trumpet," and the latter "The Land of the Trumpet." The junior choir sang "Thro' the

Wood." "The Sleigh-ride," and "Children's Chorus." There were also choruses of male and female voices and a band of brass pieces. A quartet consisting of Deiana Butcher, Belle Smith, Charles Burkhardt and Chas. F. Elmer sang "With the Tide," and Frank Topmiller and Frank Reese gave a piano duet. One of the best pieces of the evening was a march upon the piano and organ solo, and participated in a vocal duet with Miss Mattie Reed. An overture upon the piano was given by Frank Smith, Clarence Roberts and John McMillin. The entertainment closed very acceptably with a chorus of choir and band, rendering "Home in the Wood."

Butler University.

The public performances of commencement week at Butler University were ushered in last night by the Athenian Literary Society. This is the senior young ladies' society of the institution, and closed a year of prosperity with an exceedingly creditable performance. The stage, which stretches across the college chapel, was lavishly decorated with flowers and the pink and white insignia of the society. The attendance was even a little in excess of the customary crush as the first evening exercises of the closing week of college. A number from the city and most were there to swell the full attendance of students.

The society graduated two members in the class of '88, Misses Kate B. Hadley, of Danville, and Mary Padock, of Irvington. The literary portion of the programme included two declamations, an essay, and an oration. Miss Gertrude Johnson, one of the prize-winners in the recent declamation contest, spoke first. She recited, "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep." Miss Hadley delivered an oration on "The Novel." Miss Blanche Wilson, the last declaimer, recited the "Legend of Bregenda." Miss Laura Bennett was the essayist of the evening, and her theme was "The Low Sun Makes the Color." The musical part of the programme was extremely fine, and the most interesting literary exercises closed with a distribution of diplomas, which was followed by a beautiful series of tableaux from Longfellow's "Blind Girl of Castile." Dr. Benson will deliver his baccalaureate sermon at 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

Thinks He Was Drugged.

Last evening George Little, a plumber, who came here from Pittsburg three days ago, to work on the gas-pipe lines, was found in an unconscious condition in front of No. 715 South Meridian street, and evidently suffering from poisoning. He was removed to the City Hospital, and by the use of emetics his life was saved. He says he took a drink at a saloon somewhere in the southern part of the city late in the afternoon, and remembers nothing that occurred after that. He thinks he was drugged.

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