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Republican Editorial Association.

The annual meeting of the Republican Editorial Association of Indiana will be held on Friday, Feb. 24, at the Denison Hotel parlors, Indianapolis. Officers will be elected and other business will be transacted.

By order of the executive committee.

R. A. BROWN, President.

It is not likely that the Governor will veto the bill giving him the appointing power.

GRESHAM'S motto: "Under two flags, first the stars and stripes, then the bandanna."

MR. CLEVELAND'S idea of a business administration seems to be to have a Cabinet composed exclusively of lawyers.

Now that the Cleveland mosaic is completed, Republicans may safely venture out of doors after night without a watchdog.

ALTHOUGH Governor McKinley has been made poor in pocket, he never was richer in the respect of his countrymen than he is to-day.

The editor pro tem. of the Sentinel was not brilliantly successful in his raid against the Governor. He went shearing and came back shorn.

SEVEN lawyers out of the eight members of Cleveland's Cabinet, and two or three of them corporation lawyers at that! The plain people do not seem to be "in it."

WITHOUT doubt the Governor made a mistake in permitting the McHugh bill to become a law without his signature. It is never wise for a public man to dodge responsibility.

PRESIDENT HARRISON has not lost his gift of making happy speeches. His little speech on raising the flag over the steamer New York was exceedingly graceful and appropriate.

MR. CLEVELAND has his own way of doing things. This is the first time in the history of the government that the Cabinet of the President-elect has been officially announced ten days before his inauguration.

It is announced that the sum to be paid by Mr. Cleveland for family apartments at the Arlington will be \$475 a day. This is at the rate of \$173,375 a year, while his salary is only \$50,000 a year. There is not much Democratic simplicity about this.

THERE was some surprise and comment because in his recent great speech on the home-rule bill Mr. Gladstone did not allude to the land question. The omission is now explained by the statement that he accidentally turned over two sheets of notes together. Grand old men sometimes make mistakes.

ANOTHER substantial triumph is added to the achievements of President Harrison's administration in the complete surrender of Canada in the matter of placing discriminating tolls on all freights passing through the Welland canal and destined for any American port. The practice had prevailed for quite a long time and no way had been found to put a stop to it. As freights destined for Canadian ports were exempt from this toll the effect was very injurious to American railroads, depriving them of an immense amount of traffic from the Northwest by way of the Welland canal and giving it to Canadian roads. All efforts to induce Canada to act fairly in the matter having failed, President Harrison determined to try the virtue of retaliation. Accordingly, in August, 1892, he issued a proclamation directing that from and after Sept. 1 all freights passing through the St. Mary's Falls canals destined for any port in Canada should pay a toll of 20 cents per ton, this being the Canadian toll on American freights. This was tit for tat. The Canadian government squirmed, protested and blustered, but Uncle Sam stood firm. Now, after less than six months' experience of the retaliatory order, the Canadian order has been revoked, and the President has also revoked his order. The victory is complete, and the result will be very advantageous to American railroads and shipping ports.

The President yesterday nominated B. Hanchett, of Michigan, for United States Circuit judge, in place of Judge Jackson, promoted to the Supreme Bench. Mr. Hanchett is not known here, but no doubt he is a good lawyer or the President would not have nominated him. There has been some talk to the effect that the Senate would not confirm any nomination by President Harrison for this position, and that it would be left for Mr. Cleveland and fill.

This would be exceedingly discourteous to the President, and without any justification whatever. It is as much his right and duty to fill this position as it

was to nominate a Supreme judge, and the Senate would do itself no credit by refusing to confirm the nomination for any other reason than the unfitness of the nominee. The nomination disposes of the foolish story, at no time credible, that the President, in order to secure the confirmation of Judge Jackson, had virtually agreed not to nominate his successor. President Harrison is not the man to trifle with a constitutional duty in that manner.

THE Journal regrets that eleven Republican members were wheeled into voting yesterday for the natural-gas bill giving companies the right to cut off such consumers as they please. There is no politics in the measure, of course, but the Journal appeals to Republican members because it knows they are open to reason and want to vote for the right. This measure, for which such a powerful corporation lobby is working incessantly, is wrong. It is not so bad as it was, but it is still bad, and no man who has the interest of the people at heart will vote for it with a full understanding of its effect. It is the purpose of the gas crowd to get a reconsideration of the bill this morning, and if they succeed the Journal sincerely hopes that these eleven Republicans will also reconsider their position and get on what it believes to be the side of right and the people.

ACCORDING to Chicago advices Judge Gresham has given it out flat-footed that he is not helping anybody to secure political office. He says he will pay no attention whatever to applications made to him at this time, and that it will be absolutely a waste of energy for any one to call or write to him on such business. This pronouncement will make Indiana Democrats feel good all over again, just as they did when he heard of the Judge's appointment. What they will like particularly is the gall of a man who changes his party to get an office and then sneers at other men who lack his agility and grasping powers.

If the Hawaiian annexation treaty is not ratified before Mr. Cleveland comes into office he can, if he chooses, put a speedy end to the negotiations by withdrawing the treaty. He did this when he was elected before in the case of two important commercial treaties which had been negotiated in the latter part of President Arthur's administration. These were treaties with Santo Domingo and Spain relative to trade with Cuba and Porto Rico. They had been negotiated with great pains, but before they were ratified by the Senate Mr. Cleveland withdrew them, declaring them inexpedient.

INDIANA is not likely to need the services of the Red Cross Society, but it has remained for a citizen of this State to give practical recognition of its existence by the organization with a home Dr. Gardner not only proves his generosity, but shows a breadth of benevolence and an appreciation of a great philanthropic work not common among those to whom fortune has granted the power to bestow gifts. Miss Clara Barton and her society will be warmly welcomed to the new Indiana home.

THE news about the Citizens' Street-railway Company is of a sort to make patrons of the lines groan in spirit. According to latest advices, matters are to run along as they are for the present, with the probability that, when the transfer of property is completed, Mr. Frenzel will continue in control as president.

For affairs to remain as they are means an indefinite continuation of the indifferent service that has been the rule all winter, and the entire disregard of the interests of the public. Mr. Frenzel, as manager of the new company's business, may give better satisfaction to the patrons than now, but it will be necessary for him to change his tactics entirely. With his fitness for the position from the company's point of view the public has nothing to do, but it does seem a reasonable business proposition that a system of transportation, operated with no consideration for the general convenience, is not being made as profitable to the men who invest their cash as it might be under other conditions.

HON. GEORGE A. JENKS, of Brookville, Pa., is in a position to certify that there is many a ship "twixt cup and lip. Three days ago his appointment as Attorney-general in the Cleveland Cabinet was deemed so certain that a dispatch was sent out from his home stating the fact, the circumstances of the appointment, and a biographical sketch of the appointee. "As soon as the final telegram was received," said the account, "Mr. Jenks, loyal Presbyterian as he is, sent for his pastor, told him of the situation, and put to him the question, 'What shall I do?' The pastor said in a moment, 'Go.' The prompt answer of Mr. Jenks was 'I will.' But Mr. Jenks will not go. Being a loyal Presbyterian, he will probably conclude that he was not predestinated and foreordained to be Attorney-general.

The establishment of an American steamship line between New York and Liverpool is a matter for national congratulation. The two steamers which now ply the American flag will be followed in due time by others, and it will not be long till we shall have a full outfit of ocean liners equal to any abroad. There are twenty-four foreign steamship lines running to and from New York. Each line averages a trip a week between its terminal points of travel. It is estimated that each line makes \$100,000 gross earnings for every round trip, and as each will average one round trip a week, the average annual gross receipts of each line are not far from \$5,200,000, or \$124,800,000 for the twenty-four lines.

The city of Detroit is considering the question of establishing and operating an electric-light plant. Carefully prepared estimates by competent electricians show that the cost of operating a 600,000 plant, with a capacity of 1,500 lamps, would be \$187,355 a year. The city has a bid from a responsible company for a 1,500-lamp service as follows:

For a 3-year contract, 1,500 lamps, \$186,150

For a 5-year contract, 1,500 lamps, 180,675

For a 7-year contract, 1,500 lamps, 184,250

For a 10-year contract, 1,500 lamps, 153,300

According to these figures there would be no advantage in municipal ownership and operation of a plant.

The Philadelphia Record has a little biographical sketch of Dan Lamont, in which occurs the following: "Most of the courtship of the young couple was carried on during their college days, and finally the very Daniel (who, it is to be hoped, will

prove himself no less a laggard in war than he then did in love-induced his sweetheart," etc., etc. Somehow this has an ambiguous sound, and hardly seems complimentary to Daniel, but the faithful Democratic Record can hardly intend to be offensive to the new war secretary.

CONGRESSMAN BUTLER, of Iowa, wants a bill passed to improve the Goddess of Liberty by clothing her in reform garments, after the pattern adopted by the Women's National Council. He also wants the government seal changed to make place for a pansy design. Butler is the same crank who wants the stars on the national flag arranged in the shape of a pansy. The pansy stands for thought, but not for Butler's, since there is no evidence that he ever had any worth mentioning.

The Spanish Infanta will, it is said, be accompanied by a small court of grandees on her visit to the Columbian world's Exposition. The title infanta, by the way, has no relation to our English word infant. It is the title applied to a Spanish princess of the royal blood, a prince being termed infante. The present infanta is a sister of the late king and aunt of the present one, who is quite young. She is married and will be accompanied to this country by her husband.

HOKK SMITH'S first names having been accounted for, public attention is now directed to the "J" in J. Sterling Morton's baptismal appellation. Why "J"? Why not Jo or Jim, or Jehiel, or whatever the title his parents gave him? The farmers' representative should not part his name in that way if he wishes to secure agricultural confidence.

MR. H. H. WOODS, financial officer of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home, at Knightstown, writes the Journal to the effect that the trustees of that institution carry insurance on the property, and always have done so. At present the policies represent \$210,000.

The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania has resigned to take the receivership of a bankrupt railroad company under the appointment of the federal court. Reason, better pay.

THE phoenix figures big as life in the Nef resolutions of the Legislature, but he must have been a pretty damp bird when he rose out of the Wabash river.

"The 'ba'" dance is the newest. It has nothing to do with a ball.

A PRACTICAL joke seems to have been played on Jenks.

ANNIE BESANT sails for London on the 25th inst. from the New York. It will be that steamer's first trip under American registry.

MR. MAX O'KELL was recently in Tasmania, with the intention of leaving soon for New Zealand, where his round of readings ends.

THE health of Mr. Edwin Booth is not improving, and it is not believed that he will ever appear in public again. His ailment seems to be a general breaking down of the physical system.

On the white marble mantelpieces in the Queen's sitting-room is placed the bust of the late lamented Prince Consort on the right, while that of the Queen is on the left. Her Majesty always has beside her on her writing table photographs of her late beloved husband.

THE Inverness says: "Col. Robert Ingersoll was approached by a Scotchman at the close of his lecture on Robert Burns, who said, 'Colonel, the title of your lecture should be the epitaph on your tombstone.' 'How is that?' asked the orator. 'Robert Burns,' replied the Scot."

ONE of the pleasantest ways possible of seeing the Chicago fair is the plan proposed by several owners of small steam yachts, who propose taking up the Erie canal, and thence into the great lakes, and anchoring off the city. They will secure in this way the most delightful accommodation possible for the long days.

A BIBLE stolen at Vicksburg during the war has just been restored to its owner, Rev. Dr. Thomas R. Markham, pastor of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church, New Orleans, who was a chaplain in the Confederate army. It was bid in at an auction in New Orleans, and was bought by a party who returned it to Dr. Markham.

THE wedding ring of Luther's wife has been discovered at Anna, near Coburg, where it has been in the possession of a family that has had no idea of its interest. An inscription upon it has been deciphered to mean "De Martino Luther—Catarina von Boren—15 Junij 1625." The ring is owned by the Rev. Dr. W. H. Thompson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Richmond.

THE Rev. T. Dwight Witherspoon, D. D., of Richmond, Va., was General Lamar's sole human companion on a lonely journey at the close of the civil war. With his worldly goods bestowed in a cart hauled by a small ox, and themselves tired and hungry, they went up the Erie canal, and thence into the great lakes, and anchoring off the city. They will secure in this way the most delightful accommodation possible for the long days.

MRS. CAMERON DEAD.

Hon. Charles Kahlo Received the Sad News Yesterday from Sydney, Australia.

A cablegram from Sydney, Australia, yesterday, brought to Hon. Charles Kahlo the announcement of the death of his daughter Alice, wife of Mr. Alexander Cameron. Mr. Kahlo went to Sydney in 1884, under appointment of President Garfield, as consul of the United States, remaining until the close of the Arthur administration. It was during the residence of himself and family at Sydney that his daughter met the gentleman, a native of New Jersey, who four years ago became her husband. A cablegram two weeks ago had been received from Mrs. Cameron, in which she stated that she was in a critical condition, but a subsequent message was more reassuring. Yesterday's announcement came with the force of a crushing blow to the members of the family who reside in this city. Mrs. Cameron visited Indianapolis two years ago. She was a young lady of charming personality, was finely educated, and had a charm of manner and an air of culture that made her companionship delightful. The remains will probably be brought to Indianapolis for burial.

SEEKING A SITE.

Capitalists Negotiating with the Commercial Club for a Tin Plate Factory.

Several gentlemen representing a tin plate syndicate spent yesterday in the city in consultation with Secretary Fortune and other members of the Commercial Club. It is the purpose of the visitors to secure a suitable location here for the establishment of a tin plate mill. They ask that the State shall give no official object to a donation of land. Yesterday afternoon several pieces of ground on the Belt were viewed, but no definite action was taken. The State will not last night, but will return again next week.

Dr. E. P. Lippincott To-Night.

Dr. E. P. Lippincott will give a health talk this evening at the Y. M. C. A. on "Personal Purity." These talks are for men only. The nature of the subject, as well as the character and ability of the lecturer, has attracted a large attendance. All gentlemen admitted free.

SMITH'S SCHEME IS DEFEATED

His Effort to Sandbag the State Board of Agriculture Failed Yesterday.

Copperheads in the House Again Choke the Effort to Have the State Assist in Entertaining the Grand Army.

Constitutional Amendment to Tax Corporations Beaten in the Senate.

Gas Bill Knocked Out, but Not Killed—Anti-Insurance Bill and Union Labor Bills Are Successful.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE WINS.

Sand Bagging Scheme of Green Smith, Barnes et al. Falls in the House.

Attorney-general Green Smith and his ex-law student, "Sebe" Barnes, backed by a lot of Democratic politicians of high and low degree, and one of Judge Elliott's mysterious clients, have failed in their combined efforts to sandbag the State Board of Agriculture. Their little bill to wipe out the State board and line the awful Smith's wallet with fat fees failed in the House yesterday, thanks to the solid Republican vote, helped out by a few disinterested Democrats.

Such was the bill to come down during the afternoon and was on hand, standing at the corner of the Speaker's pulpit and keeping his scowl leveled at the Democratic side of the House. Merritt and Ader both clamored for recognition to speak against the bill, but Dr. Passage was recognized to put on the gag, and the Speaker declared the gag on. It was seen that the vote was mighty close as the roll call proceeded, and the interest was intense until it was announced that the bill had failed by the vote of 39 yeas to 49 nays, as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Askren, Barnes, Baugher, Bohmer, Blair, Clouser, Collins, Cooley, Creighton, Cummings, Dancy, Duman, Dewey, Dunson, Erwin, Grossart, Harkins, Harmon, Hay, Higbee, Johnson of Marion, Love, Maguire, McClinton, McMillen, McQuinn, McWhorter, Rodgers, Schaff, Schradler, Smith, Suckewick, Swope, Thornton, Washburn, Wilson, of Dubois, Wilson, of Marion, Wright—39, all Democrats.

Noes—Messrs. Ader, Allen, Atkinson, Bain, Bassett, Beane, Binkley, Bine, Brown, Davis, Farrow, Farlow, Foster, Gill, Gottrich, Haggard, Hamrick, Henry, Hench, Hester, Hunter, Hunter, Johnson of Dearborn, Jordan, Kapp, Kester, Lester, Love, McAlister, McClinton, McQuinn, Merritt, Morris, McWhorter, Newhouse, Newlin, Richter, Stachelske, Stephens, Stover, Stover, Stover, Swisher, Terhune, Vermillion, Washburn, Wilson, of Dubois, Wright—50, of whom 48 are Democrats and 2 Republicans.

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