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HARRISON LEADS

Harrison men are jubilant this morning. The first vote in the Minneapolis convention was completed at an early hour and it resulted in victory for the president. The vote was on a motion to substitute the minority for the majority report of the committee on credentials and it was lost by a vote of 423 yeas to 403 nays, the Harrison men voting in the negative. The result confirms the approximate accuracy of the statement sent out by the Harrison leaders yesterday and may be taken as an index to the vote on the first ballot. Without exception the opposition was arrayed in this vote. This being true it is apparent that the president will have a majority on the first ballot when the vote on the presidency occurs. A great many things may happen between now and then to effect an entire change in the relative strength, but it is safe to predict that nothing will transpire which will scatter the phalanx of 403 votes pledged by the first vote to him. The situation is simplified and from now the work of the leaders will be devoted to keeping their men in line. Mr. Harrison is not nominated yet and it would be premature to predict that he will, but it looks very much as though he will carry away the honor and that, too, on the second ballot. If nominated he will be the choice of the majority and the majority is competent to decide what is for the best.

LET IT ALONE

Without entering into an extended discussion of the right of the board of managers of the Soldiers' home to take the pensions of the inmates, it is sufficient to remark that one's first conviction is that it is wrong to do so, and firm convictions are unerringly correct. The pensions paid by the government to its maimed and enfeebled defenders is a sacred tribute to their valor and should not be profaned by the eager and covetous grasp of a few narrow-minded men whose accident has placed in power. The federal statutes throw a shield of protection about the veteran's pensions and they are exempted from legal process even after their identity is lost by deposit in a bank. For a board to arrogate to itself authority in contravention to the laws of the country is not amazing in view of the fact that it is a democratic board. They were parties de facto to an attempt to destroy the union, and it follows as the night the day that they would be in sympathy with a move to take from the veterans the mere pittance they receive from the grateful government they fought to preserve. These men have but a few years to live at most. The money they receive will add to what little of life's pleasures remain none too much if they are permitted to spend it as they may desire. The sort of paternalism the board seeks to establish will work injury to the deserving and worthy without compensating for the good done to the improvident.

FIGURE THE MAN

When the last meeting of the state central committee was held in Detroit it was decided to postpone the call for a state convention until the meeting of the national convention at Minneapolis. There was no significance in this action, but it was taken as a measure of convenience and to avoid confusion. The time and place selected will be satisfactory to all concerned. It cannot be justly claimed that Mr. Pingree will reap any advantage by the selection, for on the contrary the longer the time given to present his availability and fitness, the more popular he becomes with the masses. Mr. Rich enjoys the prestige of a well and intimate acquaintance among the republicans of the state. For nearly twenty years he has held public office and during all that time he has nursed one ambition, made friends for one object—to be governor of the state. His friends believe in his strength and popularity, and believe, in fact, that he should be nominated as a matter of right. They say the nomination belongs to him. Upon the theory that having worked so long to get it, perhaps they are right. On any other theory they are wrong. Mr. Rich has discharged the duties of his several offices with fidelity and ability. He has been financially rewarded for such services and he has enjoyed the honors conferred. He is not more entitled to preferment than any other faithful officer. Nothing in the way of ad hoc honors belongs to him as of right. Mr. Pingree has been in official life but a year or two. He has had neither the time or opportunity to distinguish himself as a popular favorite for office. When the war came on he shouldered a musket and when the enemy was in sight he fought it. After the war he returned home and began a modest business. He was successful because he was a good executive. He was elected mayor of Detroit and he has been mayor of that city in its most serious ever since. He has never sought office, and now upon the advice and request

TALK OF THE ROADS

Important Changes in Time Sunday For the Summer Travel

Fruit Shipments Will Be Heavy This Year, but the Season is Over a Week Late.

There are to be important changes of time on the railways taking effect Saturday, June 12. Train No. 5 on the G. E. & I. will arrive from Cincinnati at 6:50 a. m., instead of 9:20 a. m. as now, and will leave for the north at 7:20, arriving at Mackinaw City at 4:45 p. m.

No. 7 will arrive from Fort Wayne at 1:30 p. m., ten minutes earlier than at the present time and will leave for the north at 2 p. m., arriving at Mackinaw City at 9:35 a. m. This train is to take the place of the train now leaving for the north at 11:30 a. m. The new train will reach its terminus ten minutes earlier than the train whose place it has taken. It is for the accommodation of those visiting the northern resorts.

No. 4 will arrive from Mackinaw at 10:40 and leave for Chicago via Kalamazoo at 11:20, arriving in Chicago at 6:30. No. 98 for Kalamazoo and Chicago, will leave at 10:45 a. m. instead of 11:45, and will arrive at Chicago at 3:35 p. m. On the Muskegon branch the first train leaves at 6:50 a. m. instead of 7 a. m. and reaches its destination at 10 a. m. A Sunday train has been put on and will leave the Union depot at 7:45 a. m., returning at 5:45.

C. & W. M. Changes. Changes have also been made on the C. & W. M. and D. L. & N. lines. The early train will leave for Detroit at 7:30 a. m. instead of 8:25 as at present, reaching Detroit at 11:50.

The train for Saginaw via Howard City will leave at 7:20 a. m., fifteen minutes earlier than at present. The evening train from Detroit will arrive at 10:10 p. m., five minutes ahead of the present schedule.

On the Chicago & West Michigan line, between Detroit and Chicago, the train has been shortened slightly, the train leaving at 9 a. m. now arrives at Chicago at 3:35, twenty minutes earlier than before. Returning it leaves Chicago at 9 a. m., instead of 9:30, and arrives here at the same time as at present.

The morning train for Traverse City will leave at 7:30 a. m. instead of 7:25, and the evening train at 5:20 instead of 5:17. The 12:05 train will connect at Benton Harbor with Graham & Morton's line of boats for Chicago.

The regular steamer express will be resumed next Sunday, and will run every night except Saturday, and will connect at Benton Harbor with the night boat for Chicago.

Notes of the Railways

A. V. Davis of the C. & W. M. and D. L. & N. lines, returned yesterday from a trip down the C. & W. M., where he has been preparing for the fruit shipment. He said to a reporter for THE HERALD yesterday: "Yes, there are prospects for a big fruit crop this year, but it is backward at present on account of the wet weather. If the rain would stop it would improve the chances greatly. Berries are about a week late, but we expect they will begin to move in about a week."

There was a slight washout on the Muskegon branch of the G. E. & I. Wednesday night, the train arriving at Ravenna. It was promptly repaired and traffic was not delayed materially.

Four new engines are expected from the shops for the G. E. & I. this week. Two will arrive Friday and two Saturday. Several more are expected next week.

The earnings of the G. E. & I. for the past month are \$254,817.77, an increase over the corresponding period of last year of \$24,600.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

What Was Done by Aldermen at Last Night's Meeting. A score of property owners living on West Fulton street, near John Ball park, appeared before the council committee on streets last night to present their views on the West Fulton street extension scheme.

Charles Schmidt, a member of the firm of Schmidt Bros., said: "We consider that it would be of great benefit to us to have the street extended beyond the east line of the park through to the city limits. I think it could not injure the park in any way, but it would be a benefit to the neighborhood. The neighbors near me think the country around there ought to be opened up."

R. W. Butterfield said: "We want West Fulton street to become a good business street, but we want it to become so without damage either to the city's or our own property. I believe that the majority in our neighborhood feel that it would injure the property of nearly everyone along the street if the grade was established as now proposed. It would give strangers the idea that our property is a swamp. The committee on streets will probably hold another meeting this morning and discuss the question further."

The committee on ways and means talked over the numerous requests from the city officials for extra clerical help, horses and bicycles, etc., during the hot weather. The committee decided to report adversely on all such requests and shut down on the system entirely.

THEY WILL MOVE

Changes in the Offices at the City Hall.

Alderman Dregge, chairman of the building committee, has evolved a scheme by which at least \$1,500 will be stricken from the salary roll, the work of one department facilitated and more commodious accommodations provided for at least three of the municipal departments.

He said yesterday: "It has become quite a problem of late as to how the work of the city treasurer's office and the tax department could be successfully and economically be united. We believe that this can be done by moving the offices of the city treasurer and the tax department into the rooms now occupied by the board of public works. The advantage will be that when the rush of business comes the city treasurer's assistant can help in the work of the tax department. When the cashier of that department is out the treasurer's assistant can attend to the cashier's office work and thus the salary of an assistant cashier, \$1,500, will be saved."

City Attorney Taylor wants more room and we shall put him the office now occupied by the city treasurer. Comptroller Vandenberg is pleased with our plan, for it brings the three departments of finance within easy reach of each other. The marshal, too, wants more room. If we move him to the second floor, the city treasurer's office, the poundmaster is referring hard to get us to give him an office in the city hall, and perhaps when the board of police and fire commissioners move into its new building we can accommodate him."

DEATH OF MRS. CALKINS

She Passed Away Yesterday Morning at Her Son's Home.

Mrs. Sarah A. Calkins, widow of the late John Calkins, died yesterday morning at the residence of her son, William E., on Lake street, at 8:30. She has been an invalid for several years before death, and her death was not unexpected. Her husband died about one year ago. She had two children, William E., at whose residence she died, and Mrs. W. B. Remington. She has resided in the city since 1865, and is well known by the older residents. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made yet, but it will probably be held from the home on Lake street Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Drew's Residence

Walter J. Drew has purchased the property at No. 280 Fountain street, and Architects Rash & Son are preparing plans for remodeling the building. When completed Mr. Drew will occupy it as his residence. The plans provide for handsome and elaborate improvements.

AMUSEMENTS

The Schubert club drew a fine audience at Power's last night and delighted all with the concert which they gave under the joint management of the club and the Young Men's Christian association. The concert was a success vocally and financially. In fact the Schuberts demonstrated that it is not necessary to import glee clubs to this city, even though they do not have the reputation of a band or orchestra.

The humorous selections were the best appreciated and were loudly redemanded, though every number they gave was a gem. Francis Campbell sang two solos, and his voice was notably strong and sweet. His rendering of the chorale song was a superior effort in every sense, being sung with exquisite shade and deep feeling. Mrs. Clara Murray, the Chicago harpist, was down for three selections, but in response to a vigorous encore had to add another. She was also the recipient of a handsome tribute in floral harp. Sensible taste was displayed in the making up of the program, it occupying just efficient time to make every number welcome and enjoyable.

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OPINION OF THE MANAGERS They Think the Contested Rule is Necessary to Protect the Families of the Inmates.

"Yes, the Soldiers' home board has been restrained from keeping back pension money," said Col. George P. Sanford at Sweet's last night. "The board discussed the matter at length today and was unanimous in maintaining its position. We all think that the injunction will be dissolved when the case comes up June 21, and that the matter will end there. Of course we believe we are right, but if we're not right we want to know it. The matter of withholding pension money is one that is practiced in all the state homes except three and the National home. We don't take their money away from them in any sense of the word. Any inmate of the home has the right any day to step to the desk, ask for his discharge and receive all the money due to him. Then he can come back in ten, thirty or sixty days and be readmitted. The sole object of that rule was to prevent the inmates from squandering their pensions and neglecting their families. We have received complaint after complaint from women, asking us to do something by means of which they could obtain a portion of their husbands' pension money. Many of them were doing washing or going out scrubbing by the day. They had to work while their husbands could remain at the home, be taken care of and have the full amount of their pension money to spend as they wished. The board adopted that rule because it believed it would be for the best interests of the veterans and their families; but, as I said before, if we're wrong we'll let the court say so, and we shall gladly recind the order."

Good Crops West

Daniel E. Soper of Newaygo was at Sweet's yesterday. "I have been all through the west," he said, "and the crop prospects are excellent. On the upper lands there will be immense crops. Of course, things look pretty desolate along the Missouri valley, but most of the damage has been confined to that locality. Things never looked better in Wyoming, Montana, Colorado and the some parts of Dakota than they do now. There is every prospect for the best crops and the best times that that region has ever known."

All for Cleveland

Col. N. Crichton of Louisville, Kentucky, arrived at the Morton last night. The colonel is one of the most inveterate fishermen in the country, and is now on his annual trip to Petoskey after the shy, modest brook trout, and retiring black bass. "Yes, sir, I'm going fishing," he said last night. "I always go fishing every spring, and now is the