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REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 24.—A life time convict ingeniously escaped today from Sheriff Noble of Eastland County.

Sheriff Noble had arrested a man wanted at Decatur for an alleged offense. Another man wanted was under arrest at Henrietta on the same railroad. He decided to take the man to Decatur and then go on to Henrietta for his man.

At Eastland Jail he lodged his prisoner temporarily. W. C. Wilson, 18 years old, whose conviction for murder had just been affirmed, was confined there. Wilson and the Decatur man bore a close resemblance to each other.

The prisoners concocted a plot to secure the escape of Wilson. He and the Decatur man changed clothes. Sheriff Noble went for his man at 2 o'clock this morning. Wilson, disguised, responded, and the Sheriff never noticed the difference. Near Rebecca, Wilson asked the Sheriff to unlock the handcuff, so he could go to the closet. Wilson went out of the window and the Sheriff never knew of the trick played on him until he arrived here and received a telegram from home, telling him of the substitution.

Doctor A. G. Jepson's Funeral.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Lebanon, Ill., Feb. 24.—The funeral of Doctor A. G. Jepson, late principal of the Illinois City School, East St. Louis, and who for ten years held the chair of mathematics and astronomy at McKendree College at this place, occurs here to-morrow morning from the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Reverend J. W. Van Cleve of the Summit Avenue M. E. Church, East St. Louis, will officiate.

THE OLD METHOD

Of Treating Piles and Rectal Diseases Now Discarded.

Thousands of sufferers bear witness to the value of the Pyramid Pile Cure and even in cases where a dangerous surgical operation has failed to cure, surprising results have been obtained from the new remedy after a few weeks' use.

Relief from pain is so immediate that patients sometimes imagine that the Pyramid Pile Cure must contain some form of cocaine or opiate, but a careful analysis shows it to contain no opiate, cocaine or any injurious drug whatever; in fact, it is guaranteed absolutely free from any deleterious substance.

The old methods of treating piles by ligature, knife or the still more cruel treatment by dilation, besides causing intense pain and frequently collapse and death, are now known to be practically useless as far as a permanent cure is concerned.

Nearly every case of piles may be traced to faulty action of the liver, and it is a mistake to treat the trouble entirely by local applications of salves and ointments or by any kind of operation. The new treatment by the Pyramid has clearly demonstrated its superiority over all of these.

The Pyramid Pile Cure is strictly scientific both in its composition and in its therapeutic action, and the best feature of it is that it is perfectly safe and harmless. No ill effects ever result from its use.

The cure is accomplished gradually and painlessly by the astringent properties contained in it, which cause the little tumors and congested blood vessels to contract and the obstruction to the circulatcin to be removed.

In view of the immense number of patent medicines on the market, it is a singular fact that the Pyramid is the only pile cure of note, the only one that is sold and recommended in every drug store in the United States.

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Complete treatment of the Pyramid Pile Cure is sold by druggists everywhere at 50 cents, and a little book on cause and cure of piles will be mailed free by addressing Pyramid Drug Co., Marshall, Mich.

CLARK COUNTY IS AGAINST TANNER.

It Instructs for Cullom and Reeves in the Most Decisive Manner.

STATE OFFICIALS ON HAND.

Their Efforts for the Governor and Hanecy Are Unavailing—Instructions Are Plain and to the Point.

SPECIAL TO THE REPUBLIC.

Marshall, Ill., Feb. 24.—Clark County declared for Cullom and Reeves in the most decisive manner. The resolutions of instruction are almost duplicate of the forecastor adopted in Effingham. Judge Holdenbeck, the Reeves lieutenant, said that distributions for the State delegation were a mere matter of form, and served only to show Republican patriots in other counties how to do it. Clinton Booth, the Cullom agent, maintained that the delegation to the Senatorial Convention needed no instructions, but it was deemed good policy to speak with emphasis. There was not a ripple of opposition to the programme laid out by Holdenbeck and Booth.

At the love feast in December, Charles Lindley, the Bond County Tanner hercules, chalked Clark County down on the Tanner side of the list, "Because Judge Perdue lives there, and he won't have any trouble in delivering its delegation for us." Judge Perdue was in the convention to-day, but had nothing to say. All the talking was done by Holdenbeck, Booth and their following. There are not enough Tanner-Hanecy Republicans in Clark County to affect a precinct primary. The few that were present to-day were gentle and humblike in their demeanor. Old Ed Harlan, of course, isn't built that way, and by that same token the badly licked "Sword of Bunker Hill" remained in strict seclusion.

Harrison Black of the State Auditor's office arrived on the first train after news reached Springfield that the convention had been called. He stopped in the mud at the first pop, asking his friends to prevent instructions for anybody. This was the Tanner-Hanecy programme, and it is doubtful if Auditor McCullough secures a photograph of a promise from the delegation. Captain Black looks more like an animated Santa Claus than ever and was warmly greeted by his old neighbors, who are disposed to complain that his visits to his old home invariably occur about convention time.

Millard Headrick of Secretary of State Rose's office, also returned home to whoop it up for his boss. He worked hard enough, but, under his instructions, was unable to secure anything of substantial value. He, too, was allied to the "no instruction" cart, while most everybody in the county wanted instructions. The active Lieutenants for Cullom and Reeves were Booth, Holdenbeck, Harry Dulaney, Representative Lewis, Editor Clark of the Acorn, John Hancock and F. J. Bartlett. The convention organized with L. A. Ryder as chairman and F. J. Bartlett and W. E. Claypool secretaries. These are the delegates to the State Convention:

William T. Hollenbeck, N. R. Bennett, Thomas J. Golden, C. Fugua, P. E. Bogle, C. Marvin and Henry Lewis.

Delegates to the Legislative Convention: Fenton W. Booth, Harry Drake, C. P. Winterrowd, J. W. Lewis, Rok Moore, J. Blair, Silas Tipps, A. G. Condon, S. J. Stephenson, Elder Lee, Harry R. Dulaney, Nelson Knox, William R. Harrison and John Fitch.

The resolutions renew allegiance to McKinley, favor his re-election and view with profound admiration the long, honorable, courageous and honest career of Senator Cullom and assert that his long continuance as a servant to his people in this State and nation mark him as the peer of any man in public service, and entitle him to re-election. The resolutions conclude with this curt reference to Governor Tanner:

"We indorse the administration of State institutions under Governor Tanner.

"The controlling elements out of regard for Doctor Athon, superintendent of the Lincoln Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children, whose home is here and who is ill, and also because Mr. Snedeker, also of this county, had been given a good job under Doctor Athon, permitted the adoption as an amendment of a more flowery indorsement of Governor Tanner. This was seconded by Hollenbeck and other leaders of the majority and carried without opposition. The instructions are worthy preservation. Here they are:

"That delegates to the State Convention are hereby instructed to vote for Walter Reeves for Governor and use all honorable means to secure his election.

"That delegates to the Senatorial Convention are instructed to vote for no man who will not unqualifiedly promise to vote for the re-election of Shelby M. Cullom, and is an out and open Cullom man, and vote to instruct said legislative candidate for Cullom in the Legislature."

In the Senatorial Convention, Edgar has 19 votes, Clark 14, Effingham 5, and Cumberland 9. Edgar has a contesting delegation, and Clark and either Cumberland or Effingham will control the organization of the convention. Cullom's friends are confident both Cumberland and Effingham will send friends delegates. It is expected that Edgar will name the candidate for the Legislature.

J. L. PICKERING.

CULLOM FORCES WITHDREW.

Bitter Feeling Displayed at Harter Township Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Flora, Ill., Feb. 24.—The Republican Convention to appoint delegates for Harter Township, to attend the County Convention next Monday, was held here to-day. The Tanner forces organized the convention, but during the proceedings the 16 was passed several times, and a very bitter feeling existed. The Cullom forces withdrew from the convention in disgust, and Tanner delegates were elected.

Twentieth District Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Feb. 24.—Hiram S. Plummer, chairman of the Republican Congressional Committee for the Twentieth District, has issued a call for the committee to meet here Friday, March 2, at 2:30 p. m. to select the time and place for holding the congressional convention. Former Congressman Burrell of Carmi and A. M. Furnihouse of Fairfield are said to be respective candidates for the nomination.

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Ryan-Clarkson's Trimmings

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Ryan-Clarkson's Gold Filled Chains 19c

Ryan-Clarkson's Gold Filled Chains 98c

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Ryan-Clarkson's Venise Valenciennes and other laces, worth 20c, 25c and 35c, Price 25c

Ryan-Clarkson's Best Quality Torchon Laces, worth 10c, Price 10c

Ryan-Clarkson's Best Quality Torchon Laces, worth 10c, Price 5c

Ryan-Clarkson's Best Quality Torchon Laces, worth 10c, Price 9c

Ryan-Clarkson's Dress Fabrics.

Ryan-Clarkson's Cotton Challies, in all the latest patterns, worth 12½c, Price 49c

Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Wash Homespuns, the latest patterns, worth 19c, Price 69c

Ryan-Clarkson's 12½c Wash Goods 12½c

Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Wash Goods 19c

Ryan-Clarkson's 35c All-Wool Challies 25c

Ryan-Clarkson's 50c Silk and Wool Challies 39c

Ryan-Clarkson's 75c Novelties 59c

Ryan-Clarkson's Black Goods.

Ryan-Clarkson's 35c Black Satin Duchesse, 36 in. wide, Price 29c

Ryan-Clarkson's 75c Silk-striped Armures, 36 in. wide, Price 79c

Ryan-Clarkson's 69c Armures in Taffeta effects, Price 69c

Ryan-Clarkson's $1.50 Silk-striped Armures, 36 in. wide, Price $1.25

Ryan-Clarkson's $1.00 Illuminated Crepons, in variety of large patterns, Price 69c

Ryan-Clarkson's $2.00 Illuminated Crepons, in variety of large patterns, Price $1.50

Ryan-Clarkson's Silks and Velvets.

Ryan-Clarkson's Plain Colored Silks, good range of colors, beautiful and heavy quality, suitable for waists or trimmings, Ryan-Clarkson's price 75c, Price Monday 39c

Ryan-Clarkson's Plain Colored Silk Velvets in evening shades, such as light blue, pink, turquoise, cerise, white and cream, Ryan-Clarkson's price 75c, Price Monday 50c

Ryan-Clarkson's Fancy Novelty Taffeta Silks, in all the leading combinations, suitable for waists or trimmings, Ryan-Clarkson's regular price 75c, Price Monday 58c

Ryan-Clarkson's Black Silks and Satins, in all the leading qualities, such as Gros Grains, Peau de Cygnes, Satin Duchesses, Peau de Soies, Taffetas and Satins, worth to $1.00, Our Price Monday 59c

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Ryan-Clarkson's Kid Gloves.

Ryan-Clarkson's Kid Gloves, in all the leading shades, French Kid Gloves, in colors black, white, tans, mode, beaver, chocolate, navy, and all shades, worth $1.50, Price 68c

Ryan-Clarkson's regular $1.50 Kid Gloves, in tan and mode, worth $1.00, Price $1.00

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Ryan-Clarkson's $10.00 Skirts go at $3.95

Ryan-Clarkson's $8.50 Rainy-Day Skirts go at $3.95

Ryan-Clarkson's $25.00 Silk-Lined Suits go at $9.95

Ryan-Clarkson's $17.50 Rainy-Day Suits go at $6.95

Ryan-Clarkson's $5.00 Suits go at $1.95

Ryan-Clarkson's $17.50 Golf Suits go at $7.95

Ryan-Clarkson's $40.00 Seal Jackets go at $19.75

Ryan-Clarkson's Fur Collarettes at 25c on the Dollar.

Ryan-Clarkson's Silk Waists All Have to Go.

500 R. & C. Fine Wool Waists, less than half price $1.25, $2.00, 75c

Ryan-Clarkson's Wrappers given away at ..... 75c and 49c

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Ryan-Clarkson $1.00 Corsets, including popular makes, Penny & Gentles price 50c

Ryan-Clarkson 25c Child's Drawers, good muslin, embroidery trimmed, Penny & Gentles price 10c

Ryan-Clarkson $1.00 Skirts, Gowns and Drawers, embroidery and lace trimmed, Penny & Gentles price 59c

Ryan-Clarkson $2.50 Gowns, fine cambric, embroidery and lace trimmed, also Chemise and Drawers, Penny & Gentles price $1.25

Ryan-Clarkson $1.00 Kabo Jean, best, all sizes, Penny & Gentles price 69c

Ryan-Clarkson $2.00 C. B., empire, pink, blue, drab and white, all sizes, Penny & Gentles price 75c

Ryan-Clarkson $2.50 Nemo self-reducing Corsets, drab and white, 18 to 30, Penny & Gentles price $1.50

Ryan-Clarkson $5.00 Petticoats, fine taffeta silk, double flounces, ruffled, Penny & Gentles price $5.95

Ryan-Clarkson $5.00 Petticoats, fine taffeta silk, double flounces, ruffled, Penny & Gentles price $7.95

Ryan-Clarkson's Linens.

Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Bleached Damask 4c

Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Bleached Damask 15c

Ryan-Clarkson's 50c Bleached Damask 25c

Ryan-Clarkson's $2.00 Bleached Damask $1.25

Ryan-Clarkson's extra size Bleached Damask $2.25

Ryan-Clarkson's $1.25 Bleached Satin Damask 79c

Ryan-Clarkson's 40c Turkish Bath Towels 25c

Ryan-Clarkson's $2.00 Bleached Damask Napkins, per doz. $1.75

Ryan-Clarkson's Good Bleached Sets, 2½ yards cloth and 1 doz. H. S. napkins $5.00

Ryan-Clarkson's $5.50 Bleached Damask Sets, 3 yards cloth $2.95

Ryan-Clarkson's $5.50 Fine Patterns Cloths, 2½ yds. long $2.25

Ryan-Clarkson's $1.00 X-4 Turkey Red Damask Table Covers, fringed, Bock & Co. designs, $1.00 Value, for 59c

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Ryan-Clarkson's Belle Mills Muslin 4½c

Ryan-Clarkson's Fairfield Flannelette 4½c

Ryan-Clarkson's 8c Blue and Pink Baby Flannel 7½c

Ryan-Clarkson's 8c Amoskeag Travelling Gingham 6½c

Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Feather Ticks, blue stripe 12½c

Ryan-Clarkson's 10c Mattress Ticks 5c

Ryan-Clarkson's 25c Bleached Pillow Cases, 42x36 ..... 12½c

Ryan-Clarkson's 15c Bleached Heavy Sheets 10c

Ryan-Clarkson's 50c Bleached Double Bed Sheets 39c

Ryan-Clarkson's 45c Unbleached Double Bed Sheets 35c

Wash Goods.

Prints.

1,000 yards of good quality Light Colored Shirting Prints in full pieces, Ryan-Clarkson's pr. 3½c, Monday Sale Price 3½c

Calicoes.

1,500 remnants full standard Navy Blue Calicoes, mostly in 5c and 6c cut lengths, Ryan-Clarkson's pr. 6½c, Sale Pr. 4c

Sateens.

1,000 yds. 32-in. wide Dark Printed Dress Sateens in good remnants, Ryan-Clarkson's pr. 12½c, Sale Price Monday 5c

Ginghams.

1,500 yards Fine Zephyr Dress and Shirting Ginghams, all choice patterns, pink, blues, fancy plaid and striped, Ryan-Clarkson's price 12½c, Sale Price 6¼c

Men's Furnishings—Hosiery

Ryan-Clarkson's $1.00 Monarch Silk Shirts, Sale Price 25c

Men's Fine Quality Half and Natural Medium Weight Silk-finished Shirts or Drawers, Ryan-Clarkson's price 50c, Sale Price 35c

Men's 15c Silk Suspenders, 1 pair in box, Ryan-Clarkson's price 25c, Sale Price 25c

Men's best grade Colored Lisle Socks, Ryan-Clarkson's price 25c, Sale Price 19c

Children's Fast Black Cotton Hose, all sizes, Ryan-Clarkson's price 10c, Sale Price 5c

Children's Very Fine Silk Finish Black Cotton Hose, all sizes, Ryan-Clarkson's price 25c, Sale Price 19c

Ladies' Best Grade Fine Cotton Hose, double soles and high-spliced heels, Ryan-Clarkson's regular 25c, 3 pairs in box for 50c, Sale Pr. 2 pairs for 25c, a pair 75c

Ladies' Fine Full Regular Made Black Cotton Hose, fine silk fleeced, Ryan-Clarkson's pr. 25c, Sale Price 15c

COLE COUNTY DEMOCRATS.

Primary Convention Will Be Held on April 7.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jefferson City, Mo., Feb. 24.—Cole County Democratic Committee met here today and decided to call a delegate convention for March 19, to elect delegates to the State, Supreme Court, Appellate Court, Circuit Court, Congressional and Senatorial conventions, and decided to hold a primary election for the nomination of a county ticket on April 7. This is the first time that conventions have been held in this county, but the fact that a committee and people wanted to try the primary system, it was deemed best to hurriedly convene that a longer campaign may be had.

The committee released the candidacy of T. M. Bradley for the State ticket, nominations for State Auditor and Congressman Bailey W. Shackelford for renomination and of F. B. Ley left for nomination for State Senator. The Republicans will nominate throughout, and the large attendance of Democrats from all parts of the county, notwithstanding the severe weather, indicates the interest in Democracy in Cole County.

MASS CONVENTION CALLED.

Jefferson County Democratic Primary to Meet March 17.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Mount Vernon, Ill., Feb. 24.—The Jefferson County Democratic Central Committee met this afternoon and called a mass convention to meet in the various townships on March 17 to select delegates to the County Convention of the city March 19 to choose State, congressional and senatorial delegates and to elect one member from each township for the County Central Committee.

No call to nominate a county ticket was made. Doctor C. F. Tumsey, Judge J. N. Turner and E. P. Hayes of Wayne County, Captain Joplin of Lenton and Isaac H. Webb, Hamilton County, are candidates for State Senator, and Doctor J. H. Wilson of Woodlawn, Jefferson County, is a candidate for the lower house, and J. R. Willis is the only Democratic candidate for Congress.

Republican Primary.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Clay City, Ill., Feb. 24.—The Republicans of this township held their primary convention to-day and selected new delegates to their county convention, which meets Monday. No resolutions of any kind were offered or instructions given for any candidate. The delegates are solid for Tanner and Hanecy.

St. Francois County Politics.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Farmington, Mo., Feb. 24.—The Democratic primary election of St. Francois County will be held on June 2.

The county convention to elect delegates to the congressional, judicial and State conventions will be held in Farmington on June 11.

Ex-Senator Jasper N. Burks is a candidate for Congress from this district.

Shelby County Ticket.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Shelbina, Mo., Feb. 24.—The Shelby County Democratic primary was held yesterday. A snow storm raged nearly all day. The vote was so slow.

The following are the nominations: Representative, H. J. Seminoe; Sheriff, Abe Kemper; Collector, Joseph H. Thompson; Treasurer, L. G. Hewitt; Assessor, J. W. Collier; Prosecuting Attorney, E. M. O'Bryen; Surveyor, W. W. Mitchell; Public Administrator, M. Whitley; Coroner, E. F. Purcell.

WILL NOT BE A DELEGATE.

Stigelt Not to Lead Illinois at Kansas City.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—Congressman John P. Altgeld announced today that he will not attempt to be elected a delegate to the Democratic National Convention. Supporters of Mayor Harrison say the announcement is a withdrawal of Altgeld in the interest of Harrison, and that the Illinois delegation will be headed by Mayor Harrison.

"I shall not try to be a delegate to the National Convention," said Congressman Altgeld to-day. "I have been active in politics for a quarter of a century, and during that time I have devoted a good deal of my time to the cause of Democracy. There is a time to be active and a time to be quiet. I have believed my services would be of more value on the convention floor than on the outside. My aim will continue to be to influence the policy of the Democratic party back to its ancient landmarks and to make candidates of its ticket such men as will be in harmony with the principles of Jefferson and Jackson. I am in the political work as a candidate. As in the political work as the convention floor, I can be of as efficient a kind in other ways. I have taken no delegate in the action of many political conventions, but, as I said before, I was a delegate only once."

PRIMARY SYSTEM ABANDONED.

Clinton County Democrats Will Hold a Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Carlyle, Ill., Feb. 24.—The members of the Democratic Central Committee of Clinton County assembled in this city to-day. Owing to the inclement weather, there was not a full representation, four out of fifteen committeemen being absent. It was decided to abandon the method of nominating candidates for the different county offices by a primary election. A convention will be held in Breese, Saturday, April 7, when delegates to the State, Congressional and Senatorial conventions will be selected. Nominations for county officers will also be made. F. M. Verne of Nashville, a congressional contract, addressed the meeting. William Johnston, Superintendent of Schools of this county, also spoke, and intimated that he would be in the race for Congress, and would like the support of the county delegation. Time was promised to him.

Republicans Couldn't Agree.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Perkins, Tex., Feb. 24.—The Fifth Delegate Republican Convention held here today almost ended in a row. The turmoil was so great that it looked at one time as if the police force would be called to the hall to preserve the peace. There were two factions both claiming to be regular. Two sets of delegates were elected to the National Convention.

Bates County Primaries.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Butler, Mo., Feb. 24.—The Democratic Central Committee of Bates County met here today and decided to hold a primary election on June 2, to nominate the county ticket. The convention to send delegates to State and Judicial Conventions was set for March 12.

Fort Smith Primary.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fort Smith, Ark., Feb. 24.—In the Democratic city primary election held here today, F. M. Jamison and P. B. Sparks were nominated for City Attorney and City Clerk.

Congressional Committee.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pittsfield, Ill., Feb. 24.—J. F. Robinson, chairman of the Democratic Congressional committee for the Sixteenth District, issued a call today for the meeting of the committee at Jacksonville on March 5, to fix the time and place for holding the Democratic Congressional Convention.

TOWNSHIP CONVENTIONS.

Democratic Delegates to Clark County Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marshall, Ill., Feb. 24.—Democrats held conventions in township to-day to select delegates to a County Convention Monday, which selects State, Congressional and Senatorial delegates. In every township there was a contest for Representative. While there will be no contesting delegations there were hot contests everywhere, and in Walnut Township there were a few knockouts, but no one was hurt much and nothing took place that will cause any split in the party.

In Marshall Township a primary was held from 2 to 5:30 o'clock p. m., and in that time 325 votes were polled. Crowley, for Congressman, carried the township by twenty-eight, and C. A. Purdum, candidate for treasurer, as State Representative, carried the township by 200. This is Purdum's home, and his vote was very complimentary. The contest for instructions for Member of Congress was between ex-Congressman A. J. Hunter of Paris, and the present Congressman, Joseph B. Crowley of Robinson. Since Clark County is in the same senatorial district as Edgar, Hunter's friends have all the time claimed the county, but the young Democrats of the county lined up with the Crowley leaders, and the result is that of the 152 delegates to the County Convention, 130 are instructed for Crowley and twenty-three for Hunter. The result of this county practically insures the renomination of Crowley.

The contest for instructions for State Representative was between C. A. Purdum, who was a member of the last General Assembly, and W. S. Lowry. After a hard contest, Purdum won. He has 118 delegates, while Lowry has only twenty, and these are fifteen unins tructed. Purdum made an excellent record at the last session, and will be renominated. While the day was bitterly cold and a blizzard was blowing, there was a large turnout in most of the townships.

McLEAN COUNTY PRIMARY.

Reeves and Yates Forces Both Claim Victory.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 24.—Despite the blizzard that raged all day, there was an unusually large vote at the Republican primaries in this McLean county to-day. There are about seventy voting precincts in the county. Interest in the gubernatorial contest was intense. The names of the candidates for Governor did not appear on the ballots, but in many of the county precincts meetings were called to instruct the delegates and give expression to the preference of the voters as to candidates for Governor. Of the precincts where instructions were given the majority are for Yates. The individual preferences of the delegates voted for in the precincts of the county must be determined before any definite estimate can be made of the standing of the candidates. Apparently Yates has the advantage in the county. The work done by himself and friends throughout the county seems to have been effective.

Reeves men claim that the city will show the strength of their candidate.

Carter and Hanecy were mentioned in only one or two of the precincts which voted on Governor and then only got a few votes each.

The Yates men have been urging that the county Convention instruct for their candidate. There will be, however, strong opposition to instructing for any one, and even though Yates or Reeves should develop a majority it is doubtful if the county would pass an instruction. Tanner has been so thoroughly repudiated by the county and so well prepared to work for his nomination that Governor Yates is not in any part of the county, and several prominent men intend to delay action in order to work for his nomination. The name of Secretary Warner for renomination for Congress was on the ballot to-day and he was almost unanimously indorsed.

At 10 o'clock it seems that Stubblefield will win easily for the Republican ticket. Cowling is likely to succeed himself, Kirkpatrick and Stevens are close for the second nomination, with Kirkpatrick's chances apparently the better. J. C. Elder will be renominated for Circuit Clerk, H. Chamberlin for Sheriff, Dr. Ewing for Coroner and R. L. Fielding for State Attorney.

Primary Dates Determined.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hillsboro, Ill., Feb. 24.—The Democratic County Central Committee met here today and fixed June 2 as the date for holding the primary for candidates for county offices and three delegates from each precinct to serve as members of the County Central Committee.

A mass convention was called to meet here June 9 to instruct the vote of the delegates in select delegates to the State, congressional and senatorial conventions.

Democratic Primaries.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Monticello, Mo., via La Grande, Mo., Feb. 24.—At the Democratic primaries held in Lewis County yesterday the following officers were nominated: Representative, J. G. Risk; Sheriff, John D. Johnson; Assessor, Lon Kinney. The rest of the county ticket was renominated.

Township Convention.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Pana, Ill., Feb. 24.—The Democratic Township Convention has been called to meet here on March 10. Already twelve candidates are out for the township.

HELD FOR MURDER.

Joseph Schmidt Says He Killed S. E. Cothern While Drunk.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Princeton, Ind., Feb. 24.—S. E. Cothern, an old crippled soldier, who conducts a store at Centralia, Ill., was found mortally wounded in the back room adjoining his store on the morning of February 20. He lay in a pool of blood on the floor, the blood had flowed from many wounds, inflicted by a hatchet. He refused to tell officers, "Joe did it."

Joseph Schmidt, alias Joe Bender, the clerk in the store, could not be found. This morning Schmidt was arrested in a saloon in this city. Soon after arrest he made a full confession of the awful crime, viz:

"Yes, during a drunken stupor, I struck the old man with a hatchet. He cried out and I thought he would alarm people. I struck him again and among I then took his revolver and 42s in money and left the room. About this time my senses returned. I realized the terrible crime I had committed."

Schmidt is only 18. He has only been in this country since 1898, coming from Mecklenburg, Germany, where he has well-to-do parents, his father being on the police force. This boy claims he was for a time in school at Sebastopol, Pa.; then he was for a time at Reading, O., Greensburg and St. Minard, Ind., Louisville and Centralia, where he had only been a week. From his account it seems he and Cothern were both drunk on the night of the crime.

Schmidt has completely broken down and is continually crying. He says if he had had previous warning of his arrest he would have committed suicide. He carried a gun for that purpose. The Chief of Police of Centralia is now here for the prisoner.

J. G. INGERSOLL CLEARED.

He Was Accused of Drunkenness by a Vice Consul.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, Feb. 24.—It was announced today at the State Department that the United States Minister at Copenhagen, Mr. Laurits Swenson, had reported favorably in the case of John G. Ingersoll, Consul General at that city, who had been accused of drunkenness on several occasions.

The charges against Mr. Ingersoll, it was stated, were made by Mr. Jules Blom, formerly United States Vice Consul and messenger at Copenhagen. Blom was dismissed from the service.

Mr. Ingersoll is from Illinois, and is a nephew of the famous orator, Robert Ingersoll. The place of Vice Consul at Copenhagen has not yet been filled.

"I was suffering with what the doctor called chronic indigestion, torpid liver

and vertigo," says Mrs. Martha E. Barham, of Newville, Prince George Co., Va. "My symptoms were giddiness in the head, pains in my chest and an uneasy feeling all over. I also had female weakness. I was all run down, and could not do any work without suffering from nervous attacks, so I wrote to you. You advised me to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and 'Favorite Prescription.' I used five bottles of each. I gained in health and strength. When I commenced to use the medicines I weighed only 112 pounds, now I weigh 140. My husband and friends all thought that I would die, but to-day I am a well woman."

Mrs. Barham's experience is not singular. Thousands have given similarly strong and convincing testimony. There are no other medicines in the world that have such a long and continuous record of cures.

There are no other medicines "just as good" or "just the same" as Doctor Pierce's. Like all valuable things these medicines are sometimes imitated. Don't be imposed upon. See that you get what you ask for.

If you have any doubt as to the nature of your ailment write fully, giving your symptoms, to Dr. R. V. Pierce, chief consulting physician, Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. He will consider your case carefully, and will tell you, absolutely free of charge, what to do to get well.