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Meeting of the State League of Republican Clubs.

To the Republicans of West Virginia.

The time has come for aggressive action on the part of all adherents of our great party, which is now, as ever, the party of vital and positive principles. This year, as heretofore, Republicanism means patriotism. It therefore behooves the friends of good government everywhere to use all honorable means to perpetuate Republican principles by bringing about the election by overwhelming majorities of the Republican national, state and local nominees in the pending campaign. Such effort should not cease until victory is won.

In view of the great influence for good wielded by club organizations in distributing political literature and arousing enthusiasm upon the live questions of the day, a meeting of the West Virginia State League of Republican Clubs is hereby called for

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to be held in the city of Parkersburg, W. Va., for the purposes of reorganization, consideration of plans of work for this year's campaign, election of delegates to the National League meeting, and for such other business as may properly come before it. Each club is entitled to five delegates, and it should also elect five alternates. Republicans in every county are urged to organize clubs at once, and send the name of each club, with lists of officers and delegates, without delay, to the secretary at Charleston.

Speakers of national reputation will be present to address the meeting.

By order of the Executive Committee.

WM. BURDETTE MATHEWS, First Vice President.

D. E. HUGHES, Secretary.

The Refunding Ordinance.

The refunding ordinance, which will be submitted to the voters of the city for ratification or rejection on the 24th of this month, seems to be a fair measure for extricating the city from impending financial difficulties. The ordinance passed the council by a unanimous vote with an unusually large attendance, and we believe that the features of the measure will commend themselves to the approbation of the people.

Of course there are interested parties who would like to see the ordinance defeated, and who will do all in their power to accomplish that end. The situation, however, that is presented is, that there are charges upon the treasury of the city coming due and these obligations will have to be satisfied in some manner. The ordinance provides for the liquidation of these charges. If the measure should be defeated then the only recourse is to increase the rate of taxation. Besides the benefits that will accrue to the city in refunding the present debt, we believe the voters will also realize that it is not to their interest to vote for an increased tax rate.

Hypocritical Tears.

While the Louisville Courier Journal may be excused in one sense for weeping hysterical tears over Goebel's coffin, of deploring the death of a young man who might have lived had it not been for his own viciousness, it might be well to call its attention to some of its idiosyncracies. But giving its emotional editor credit for the sincerity of his grief, we are reminded that men in Kentucky are as often moved to tears as they are to pull the ever ready gun—the weapon of the coward.

In something over a column and a half the Journal preaches the funeral sermon over Mr. Goebel's remains, and while some of it is very touching, coming as it does from an emotional pen, there are lines that belie themselves. This is the same paper that once condemned Goebel when he was driving the Kentucky legislature into a heap and making the members vote as a bunch for his iniquitous election law. It is well enough to be consistent, even at the verge of the grave.

It goes out of its way to cast a slur on ex-Secretary of the Treasury John G. Carlisle. It goes out of its way in other instances, indicating a mercenary view of the situation which it is too cowardly to profess openly. It is weeping the same hypocritical tears that that arch hypocrite, Senator Blackburn, shed in profusion over Col. Sandford, the man who was murdered by Goebel.

The Hopeless Cause.

The Springfield (Mass.) Republican, a newspaper published under a misleading title, and which has ever been the friend of Aguinaldo, the mouthpiece of the Atkinson "aunties" of Boston, and the bitter foe of the present administration, has the following doleful prediction regarding Bryan:

"The Bryan situation is strictly unique. The less his prospects of election the tighter grows his grip on the nomination. For the first time in our political history a great party sits worshipfully at the feet of a man and does little or nothing to oppose a leadership which few believe can result in victory."

Coming as this does from one of the most virulent anti-expansionist sheets in New England, if not in the country, on the retreat of Mr. Bryan from his peaceful invasion of the "enemy's country," and the crushing comments of Mr. Sewell, of Maine, Bryan's former running mate, we do not see much comfort left to the Nebraskan. The Indianapolis Journal, nevertheless, professes to give an explanation of the acquiescence of the Springfield Republican and other Democratic leaders in the inevitable. It says: "With the issue before the country they have no hope of success next November. Whatever the platform may be or whomsoever the candidate may be, President McKinley, who has generally satisfied the country and whose administration has been attended by a marvelous prosperity, will be re-elected. This fact seems to be conceded by leading Democrats in most of the states. The anti-Bryan men who are prominent Democrats realize this fact, and, realizing it, they see a sure way to get clear of Mr. Bryan, his silver and other heresies. They may make a little show of opposition, but they will acquiesce in Mr. Bryan's nomination. They do not "sit worshipfully at Mr. Bryan's feet as the Massachusetts paper affirms, but they are waiting patiently to see Mr. Bryan rejected as the party dictator by another defeat. When he is again defeated they believe the Democracy will accept men of brains as leaders."

A Desperate Democracy.

Nothing pleases the Democracy. They are determined to see nothing commendable in this administration, and their latest spasm is over the amended Clayton-Bulwer treaty, in which they affect to see concealed a defensive and offensive alliance with Great Britain. For bold misrepresentation they have fairly excelled themselves this time, and all their pother is simply a hopeless attempt to get an issue for the campaign, which shows how really desperate their case is.

The agreement concerning the neutralization of the proposed canal is, as the treaty *itself sets forth*, based upon those rules in force with regard to the Suez canal, under which that channel between the Mediterranean and the Red Sea was as open to the fleet which it was designed to send under Admiral Watson in 1898 in pursuit of the Spanish fleet under Admiral Camara, which had started for the Philippines, as it was to the vessels of Spain.

The rejection of the amendment to the queen's speech by the British house of commons was a wise thing to do, as the amendment was a virtual censure of the government. Right or wrong, now that the government is involved in war it is the duty of those at home to sustain the soldier in the field.

What is the matter with Kentucky? Why, since the close of the rebellion the state has been dominated by the repaired patriotism and mended citizenship of those who tried to destroy this government, the surviving and degenerate Bourbons. That's what's the matter with Kentucky.

A New York woman went to court and asked for an injunction to restrain her husband from tickling her feet with a feather. Many women would be proud of such distinguished attention from their husbands.

The youthful Mr. Beckham would never have taken the oath as "governor" of Kentucky if he had not been supported by "Jack" Chinn and "Joe" Blackburn.

Congressman Sibley has given the Democrats something to think over, something they haven't had for some time past.

Montana takes the prize as showing up the most corrupt state of political affairs of any state in the country—and it is Democratic.

Do not forget the man behind Goebel—*Blackburn*.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

A woman is a labor-saving device to pile up wood for a man to saw.

It takes a woman about nine minutes to pick out a husband and three women and seven hours to pick out a hat.

A woman will break her heart because a man doesn't love her enough and then love him a lot better because she thinks she doesn't.

The only time a woman ever does what you think she is going to is when you think she is going to do what you don't think she is going to.

Nothing makes a girl madder than to have a man to try to kiss her when she isn't in a corner and when both of the doors in the room are open.—New York Press.

Courage!

When doubts dismay you,
When friends betray you,
Fall not! Sleep not!
Nor sadly pray you,
Losses you weep not
Time will pay you.

When the stars grieve you,
When hopes deceive you,
Faint not! Despair not!
On, and achieve you.
Wounds that you bare not
Soonest leave you.

When hate o'erthrows you,
When foes oppose you,
Fall not! Retreat not!
Faith the day shows you.
Call a defeat not
All life owes you.

When night has fought you,
When death has sought you,
Fear not! Blanch not!
At aught it has brought you.
Dying can quench not
What life has taught you.
—Post Wheeler, in New York Press.

ENGLAND.

Her Present and Future as Seen by Lord Rosebery.

From the London Times' report of a speech at Chatham: Though I read with the greatest interest the criticisms of the military experts on the continent, and read with a considerably greater interest the deductions they draw that the sun of England is setting, and setting forever, I am not aware that any other country in the world has ever sent an army of 120,000 men to fight 7,000 miles away from its base. If that be a fact, as it is a fact, we need not think the impotence of England is so great as it is supposed to be on the continent.

There has been a great loss of prestige. I suppose that at the end of 1898 the prestige of England stood higher than it has stood since Waterloo. I am afraid that this war has dispersed a good deal of sentiment; but I ask you to remember that, if it was ill-founded, it is infinitely better that it should be dispelled now than that, resting on a rotten foundation, it should lure us by its dream of power into enterprises which might be much more disastrous.

That prestige, I venture to predict, will be recovered without much difficulty. What we have to do is to set ourselves, with as little loss as may be, to recover all that prestige. When the war is finished if we set ourselves earnestly to do the work of recovering the reputation which undoubtedly we have lost by our military operations in South Africa, we shall be infinitely more powerful, infinitely stronger, infinitely more formidable than at any previous time in our history.

This country has had two supreme assets, to a degree which no other country in the world possesses; therefore I venture to use the word "supreme." They are our navy and our capital—weapons of enormous importance in time of war and instruments of enormous weight in time of peace. These are the supreme assets which we have in a condition superior to all other nations, and with that start of a navy and capital, we should not be long in building up our prestige.

We have another asset, but it would be offensive to other nations to say we have it in a degree superior to any others, and therefore I will not say it; I will only say it is solid, visible and tangible—I mean the character of our people. I think that many of us in late years, in watching the march of prosperity, the march of ease, the march of luxury in this country, the heedlessness with which we were assuming enormous responsibilities abroad without really thinking sufficiently of how we were to sustain these responsibilities, must have begun to fear that the nation might be suffering from fatty degeneration of the heart; that the nation might prove itself unworthy of its high destiny; that it had had too easy a time, and that it required to be braced up and tested by its adversity. We have been braced and tested by adversity. I venture to think that if that week which ended with the battle of the Tugela had been passed in some countries and among some peoples it would have ended—perhaps not in revolution, though not impossibly in that—yet in such disquiet, such mortification, such accusations of betrayal and treachery against their chiefs, that the end of the nation might have been visible. I, for my part, was never so proud of my country as at the end of that week. There was a passionate resolve to pour out the last shilling and the last man to assist the country in her hour of need. Whatever foreign nations may think, they have not got to the bottom of Old England yet. (Prolonged cheering).

DANISH WEST INDIES

To Be Purchased and Chatham Island from Ecuador.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

A member of the foreign relations committee of the senate is authority for the statement that views with reference to the cession to the Danish West Indies have been officially exchanged between the United States and Denmark.

Negotiations are also in progress with Ecuador for the cession of Chatham Island, of the Galaapagos group, to this government.

By the acquisition of these islands and the possession of Porto Rico and the Hawaiian islands, the United States will practically control the approaches of the proposed Nicaragua canal.

Fixing Alaskan Boundary.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Washington correspondent of the Journal and Advertiser avers that he has received information indicating that Ambassador Choate and Lord Salisbury were in London Tuesday perfecting the details of the settlement of the Alaskan permanent boundary line with the British right to tidewater facilities as an essential feature of the prospective Nicaragua canal convention.

In other words, while the Clayton-Bulwer and the Alaskan boundary have been disassociated out of respect to American justice, they are closely associated in fact.

WANTED.

LEFT FOR FRONT.

Have Lords Roberts and Kitchener to Superintend Movements.

WHEREABOUTS OF BULLER

Still a Matter of Conjecture, But Events Point to Active Movements in the Direction of the Relief of Ladysmith, and General Advance is Looked For.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—While the suspense regarding Gen. Buller's movements and the operations affecting the fate of Ladysmith continues unrelieved, even by the vaguest dispatch, there comes from other quarters interesting news in the announcement that Field Marshal Lord Roberts, the commander-in-chief of the British forces in South Africa, and his chief of staff, Major Gen. Lord Kitchener, have left for the front. As this information was held up for several hours by the censor, it seems to indicate that an important movement is on foot.

A dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated this morning, announces that the Boers are attacking Gen. Gatacre from two directions. Firing was then proceeding between the outposts. A delayed Sterkstroom dispatch, dated Monday, Feb. 5, says that a body of troops left the camp Feb. 3, and that important developments were expected. It is quite probable that this explains Lord Roberts' departure and that the commander-in-chief wishes either to be present at or supervise the long-intended movement by Gen. Gatacre to join forces with Gen. Kelly-Kenny, and thence strongly reinforce Gen. French, completing the latter's work at Colesberg and establishing, without fear of serious opposition, the advanced position for the main movement. This, of course, is greatly supposition, and it can be confidently said that the departure of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener for the front does not indicate that the main advance has begun. The commanders will probably be back in Cape Town within a short time. It is pointed out that the term going to the front must not be interpreted into the idea that a great movement upon Pretoria, by way of Bloemfontein, has seriously commenced. It will be a month, or perhaps much longer, before this can be brought about. In the meanwhile the preliminary steps are likely to enliven the campaign with sharp fighting, and news from Sterkstroom and Colesberg is eagerly awaited.

Supposition regarding Gen. Buller, owing to lack of all definite information, is as futile as it was yesterday.

PROPOSALS.

HAULING COAL AND COKE.

Bids will be received at the office of the Board of Gas Trustees until 7:30 o'clock p. m., February 15, 1900, for hauling coal from Baltimore & Ohio railroad Hempfield yard to coal house at gas works, and hauling and loading coke into box cars at Baltimore & Ohio Hempfield yard, or Terminal tracks, for twelve months, beginning March 1, 1900. Specifications or agreement to be signed can be seen at their office. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

GAS BOARD.
GODFREY SCHUL, Secretary. fe6

LIME FOR GAS WORKS.

Bids will be received at the office of the Board of Gas Trustees until 7:30 o'clock p. m., February 15, 1900, for furnishing pure, clean and unslacked lime (80 pounds to the bushel), delivered to the gas works, for twelve months, beginning March 1, 1900. Specifications or agreement to be signed can be seen at their office.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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BIDS FOR GAS COAL.

Bids will be received at the office of the Board of Gas Trustees of Wheeling until February 15, 1900, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for furnishing lump and ⅝ gas coal to the city gas works for twelve months, beginning March 1, 1900. Said coal to be delivered in the Hempfield yard, Wheeling, and paid for as per weight of gas works scales.

Specifications or agreement to be signed can be seen at their office.

The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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AMUSEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE
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Three nights commencing Thursday, Feb. 8. The New York Success. 150 Nights at the Academy of Music.

BLANEY'S
KING OF THE OPIUM RING.

A monster kaliedoscope of oriental magnificence. A family of real Chinese. The big city sensation. Ten first-class vaudeville acts. Life in Chinatown. A show for women and children. Free Chinese reception at the Opera House Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

Night prices, 25, 50 and 75 cents. Matinee prices, 25 and 50 cents. Reserved seat sale opens at Opera House box office Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. fe5

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.

Three nights and Saturday matinee, commencing Thursday, Feb. 8. The admitted farce comedy triumph of the year,

OVER THE FENCE.

JOHN C. RICE, SALLY COHEN, HARRY LE CLAIR, and a large congress of star performers. Night prices, 15, 25, 35 and 50 cents. Matinee prices, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

AUCTION SALE—I WILL SELL AT auction at 1053 Main street, Wheeling, on Monday, February 12, 1900, commencing at 2 o'clock p. m., the following property in H. C. Richards' tailoring establishment: 6 sales tables, 1 counter, 1 cutting table, 1 desk, 1 sewing table, 1 small stove, 1 8-foot step ladder, and other articles too numerous to mention. Terms cash.

fe7 C. S. GREER, Auctioneer.

ATTENTION, SIR KNIGHTS!

The Sir Knights of Wheeling Commandery No. 1 are hereby notified, and the Sir Knights of Cyrene Commandery No. 1 and sojourners, are requested to assemble at the Asylum in Masonic Temple on Thursday afternoon, February 8, at 1 o'clock sharp, in full uniform, for the purpose of attending the burial of Sir Richard Stewart, as it was his request. Courteously,

W. W. IRWIN, Em. Com.
JOSEPH HALL, Recorder.

Transportation will be furnished to those who will attend. Be prompt in assembling.

SUMMONS.

The State of West Virginia:
To the Sheriff of Ohio County, Greeting:

We command that you summon James J. Kirby, if he be found in your bailiwick, to appear at the clerk's office of the circuit court of Ohio county, at rules to be held for said court, on the first Monday in February, 1900, to answer a bill in chancery exhibited against him in the said court by Allie Kirby, and have then and there this writ. Witness C. H. Henning, clerk of our said court at the court house of said county, in the city of Wheeling, the 3rd day of February, 1900, and in the 37th year of the state of West Virginia.

C. H. HENNING, Clerk.

A copy—Attest: C. H. Henning, Clerk.

SHERIFF'S RETURN.

James J. Kirby is no inhabitant of my bailiwick, nor found therein this 5th day of February, 1900. W. J. LYLE, D. S.
For H. C. Richards, S. O. C.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

The State of West Virginia, Ohio County, ss:

In the Circuit Court of Ohio County, West Virginia, February Rules, 1900.

Allie Kirby vs. James J. Kirby—In Chancery.

The object of this suit is to obtain a divorce from the bond of matrimony with said defendant on the ground of more than three years abandonment of said plaintiff by said defendant.

And it appearing from an affidavit filed in said cause, at these Rules, that the defendant, James J. Kirby, is not a resident of the state of West Virginia, and he not having been served with process in said suit, on motion of the plaintiff, by her attorney, this order of publication is entered against him, and it is ordered that the said defendant, above named, be and he is required to appear within one month after the date of the first publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect his interests. It is further ordered that this order be published and posted as required by law.

Witness, C. H. Henning, clerk of said court, at the court house of said county, this 7th day of February, 1900, to-wit: February Rules, 1900.

Published the first time February 8, 1900.

C. H. HENNING, Clerk.

Attest: C. H. HENNING, Clerk.
W. J. W. COWDEN, Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE TO TAKE DEPOSITIONS.

Allie Kirby vs. James J. Kirby—In Chancery, in the Circuit Court for Ohio County, W. Va.:

Take notice that the depositions of Mary A. Howard, Lillian Conley, Benjamin Wineland and Allie Kirby will be taken at the law office of W. J. W. Cowden, No. 1417 Chapline street, in the city of Wheeling, Ohio county, West Virginia, on Saturday, the 17th day of March, 1900, between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 9 o'clock p. m., to be read in evidence in the above named cause on behalf of said plaintiff. And if from any cause the taking of said deposition shall not be commenced, or being commenced shall not be completed, on said day, the taking of the same shall be adjourned from time to time until the same shall be completed.

ALLIE KIRBY, Plaintiff.
By W. J. W. COWDEN, her Attorney.
To JAMES J. KIRBY, Defendant.