

Call for Committee Meeting.

The Democratic County Central Committee will meet at the office of the chairman on Saturday, May 23, at one o'clock p. m. Important business will have consideration, and every member is urged to attend.

The Blank Lines on the Primary Ballot.

What is the effect of voting for a person on a blank line of the primary ballot? The frequency with which this question is asked indicates that there is an uncertainty on the subject in the minds of many. On the primary ballot, in connection with each office to be filled, there is at least one blank line with a square at the left, the same as the squares at the left of the names of the candidates. On this blank line the voter can write the name of anyone he wishes, and put an X in the square at the left of the name so written, and by so doing he will vote for the candidacy of such person for the office stated last above such line.

But the question recurs, what is the effect of such a vote?

In answer it is safe to say that not once in a thousand times will such a vote amount to anything. This is primarily due to the fact that the name of a democratic candidate, written on a republican ballot, cannot be counted for such person as a democratic candidate. Let us suppose, for illustration, that a very popular democrat was running for the office of constable, and a majority of the republican electors of his township should write his name on their ballots. The votes of such republicans could not be added to the votes received by such candidate on the democratic ballots. Section 6 of the new primary law positively states that names, written on a ballot "shall in no case be counted for such person as a candidate upon any other ticket." That provision practically nullifies such votes.

If by any chance, and the chance would be an exceedingly rare one, a candidate should be nominated by two parties, then such candidate has a choice of tickets upon which he will run for election. While it is possible for a person to be nominated by two parties, such person cannot run for an office on more than one ticket.

The object of the primary law is to prevent the members of the different parties from interfering or meddling in the affairs of any party except the one to which they belong.

At the general election everyone can vote for whom they please, and have their vote counted for the candidates of their choice, but this is not so at the primary election. The provisions of the primary law are designed to prevent the members of one party from influencing the nomination of candidates for any other party, and that is right. No one should wish to have it otherwise. Let each party be solely responsible for its nominees. Then let the people vote for the men they prefer.

A law requiring corporations to make public their contributions to political parties and to candidates for public positions, would kill off the larger part of that kind of work. But the legislators who hold purchased seats in congress are too numerous to allow the passage of any such law. And as long as a majority of the members of congress are under obligations to "the interests" for their positions the people have little to hope for in the line of remedial legislation.

Matters political are beginning to take shape in the approaching primary election. The vote on United States senator, and the contest between the legislative candidates of the two republican factions, has naturally commanded the greatest interest. The present campaign here differs greatly from the one two years ago. Then we heard speeches by Gov. Cummins, Secretary Shaw, George D. Perkins, Lafayette Young and W. H. Torbert, but to date, in the present campaign, there has not been a political speech in Manchester, and none is yet announced for the future. It has been strictly a still hunt, with the farmer more interested in dry weather than politics. Chas. E. Pickett and Burton Sweet, republican candidates for the congressional nomination, have been doing active personal work and the former has made two speeches in this county, one at Earlville and another at Greeley. Mr. Pickett started out with quite a lead, but the friends of his opponent declare that Mr. Sweet will carry the county. In any event, the contest will be a close one.

Democrats are urged not to be beguiled into taking any part in the republican family quarrel at the approaching primary. Vote the democratic ticket and be satisfied with the knowledge that if the republicans fail to pick out the right candidates, they will have no reason to hesitate in supporting the ticket selected by the democrats.

No democrat who has the welfare of his party at heart, should take any part in the factional fight of the republicans. We have heard it said, but doubt its truth, that these are democrats in this county, who have said they intended to vote at the primary for Cummins or Allison. They will make a great mistake if they do, and any democrat who does so in order to have it counted will have to vote a republican ticket at the primary and will thereby be precluded by law, from voting the democratic ticket at the next primary election, unless before that primary election, he files an affidavit with the County Auditor that he has changed his political principles since he voted at said primary.

Our Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., May 12, 1908.

The Capitol is now the mecca of large numbers of sight-seers and of various conventions. May is one of the most delightful months in which to visit Washington, the foliage is out in luxuriance, the flowers are bright with color and heavy with perfume, the grass is never so green, the birds make melody on every side and the city is clean and inviting. Then, too, the spring vacations of the schools and colleges pour more and more each year of the pupils and students into the changing life of the metropolis. These children come as a part of their education. Throughout the north and east, within a radius of three hundred miles, many of the graduating classes have decided to give up the extras of new and special dresses and class expenditures and use the money to have excursions to the Capitol. This idea began to be worked out a couple of years ago and is now quite an institution. Large excursions from northern New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and near by states have been coming for the last month.

This week there are to be a number of important conventions and conferences here. The most important and unique one is the conference of the state governors and men of industrial importance, called together by the president to consider internal improvements. The question of good roads, water-ways, exploitation of the mineral wealth, the forests, the matter of irrigation and kindred questions will be considered by this body. Such men as Mr. Carnegie, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Bryan, Mr. Seth Low and Mr. Hill will also be in attendance and give their technical knowledge and experience along the lines of their life work toward forwarding the movement. The president has a Napoleonic mind in its originality and activity. He is essentially a constructive personality; his idea of unity among our people is fundamental, and his fervent national ideal is not a growth in opposition to state rights but rather a recognition of the unity of our people requiring combination to make us what the conditions seem to point us out as bound to be. His view of a wholesome national life is not political but essentially economical and ethical. We can do most and be most as a whole people, hence he looks beyond and above the states as such. They are necessary elements in the problem but not the whole.

Yesterday there was laid the cornerstone of a new and beautiful building to house the offices of the organization known as The Bureau of the American Republics. This organization is made up of representatives of nearly all the republics on the western continent and its purpose is to bind in a closer commercial, industrial and social union the western peoples. The building which is to be erected is made possible by the generosity of Mr. Carnegie who has given \$750,000 toward its completion. Mr. Carnegie is essentially a peace man and does all that he can toward binding people together in bonds of interest which seem to preclude war. The president made an address on this occasion in which he took the opportunity to reiterate his views of the necessity of being thoroughly prepared for war if you wished to secure peace.

One of the interesting buildings which has recently been erected in the capital but of which little has been said is the War college. It is on the point of land where the Potomac divides to form the eastern branch or Anacostia river. The building is architecturally striking though it is not large. In front of it is a life size statue of Frederick the Great, presented to our government by the present Emperor of Germany. Some four or five years ago a crazy person, evidently suffering from an acute attack of germanophobia, tried to dynamite the statue but failed. For over two years thereafter it was found necessary, however, to guard the statue night and day.

This war college is where older officers work out the plans and programs of possible wars. Here could be found the plans to capture Canada, or it may be to successfully overthrow the Mexican power, or to lick Japan in the Philippines, or to invade China possibly. Our war men are taking no chances depending upon Christian ideals. They know that most of the preachers may be depended upon to argue away Christ's ideals of peace if it is necessary to lick some other people and hence they are all the time preparing for war.

Every large city has certain customs peculiar to itself. So the Capitol has its own. Among them may be mentioned the Egg Rolling upon the Monday following Easter on the White House grounds. There from nine o'clock to one o'clock you may see the mothers and often the fathers with the children rolling white eggs and red eggs, blue eggs and crimson eggs and parti-colored eggs; there they romp and play and then they take their lunches. Technically no adult may go in without a child. From this has grown up a custom. Boys stand

outside the gates and sell themselves for a nickel and pass the adult. Some of these small financiers make two or three dollars a day from this industry. If the day is bright and warm the gathering is made up mostly of white people; the colored people do not push in. But if it is damp and cold the colored people are in the majority. Frequently the president shows himself, but upon this last occasion he was too busy and the waiting crowd was sorely disappointed.

E. P. SIKES.

SOCIAL.

The Junior class enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon at Spring Branch last Thursday.

The Young Ladies Five Hundred club met with Mrs. W. B. Colman on Howard street Wednesday evening.

The Eastern Star entertained its members last Tuesday evening, after the regular work of the order, at supper.

Miss Hazel Green, who lives south of this city, will entertain a small company of friends at her home next Friday evening.

Miss Emily Brown was hostess to the Senior class at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Brown, on Butler street last Friday evening.

Mrs. R. W. Tirrill will entertain a small company of friends in her apartments Thursday afternoon, and at dinner at the Clarence House at 6:00 o'clock.

A large attendance at the dance Thursday evening in the Armory resulted in an enjoyable evening, the music being furnished by Bill's Harp orchestra of Oelwein.

Mr. Leslie Canfield was in the city last week, as an instructor in harmony. Mr. Canfield teaches a new method in harmony, which is spoken of in the highest terms by those interested in the study.

The Knights of Pythias give a dancing party tonight at the Castle, the music to be furnished by the Harp orchestra from New Hampton. The Sisters are arranging for a supper to be served in the dining room of the building.

The annual commencement exercises of the Manchester High school will be held at Central opera house on Thursday evening, June 4, at 7:30 o'clock, at which time "David Copperfield" will be presented by members of the class of '08, together with several orations and musical numbers.

The Zethelgathean society at Upper Iowa University presented at Fayette on April 21 the "County Chairman." Among the cast were Len Holbert of Greeley, who took the part of James Hackler, the County Chairman, and Miss Irma Snowden, formerly of this city, who played the part of "Chic Elzey."

The State Normal school at Cedar Falls will again offer their May Music festival this month, the dates being Friday and Saturday, the 29th and 30th. The Chicago, or Thomas orchestra, will be present, together with four soloists and are to be accompanied by a chorus of one hundred and twenty-five voices.

At the home of Mrs. H. M. Bradley Friday afternoon, the Five Hundred club were entertained by Mrs. W. C. Blake and Mrs. Bradley at a 1 o'clock luncheon, after which the afternoon was most enjoyably spent with cards. The favors were awarded to Mrs. George Y. Keiser and Mrs. R. A. Denton, both being beautiful hand painted dinner and tea plates.

Mrs. J. W. Lewis and Miss Alma Lelloy were in Cedar Rapids attending the state meeting of the P. E. O. chapter, an organization which is known as the largest organization in the world. The letters which the members have chosen, are unknown, even to the B. I. L.'s, the brother-in-law lodge of the society. The work of the chapter, its initiations and study, are secret, although no regular place of meeting is had.

A very happy party was given and enjoyed at the home of Mrs. Franklin Emerson on Gay street last Saturday afternoon, in honor of her return to this city from an extended visit with her son, T. F. Emerson, at San Diego, California. The following guests were present: Messrs. and Mesdames H. Munson, Peter Boardway, Wm. Hockaday, O. C. Clark, G. G. Pierce, and Mesdames Rebecca Carpenter, N. Tash, C. E. Taylor, Wood and the Misses N. Tash and Blanche Wood. Messrs. T. F. and H. E. Emerson expect to return to their homes in the west in a few days, after having spent a few weeks with their mother.

A small company from this city, which attended the house party given by the Rev. Father Hanley of Monti, was delightfully entertained by him last Tuesday and Wednesday. During the evening of Wednesday a musical program was given by Messrs. Calvin Martin and Harry Peck Toogood and Mrs. E. W. Williams, Miss Dora Lelloy and Miss Idell Miles, which was followed by a supper. Father Hanley has a large and well appointed home and his abundant hospitality made his guests' visit truly ideal. Each member of the party from Manchester was given a souvenir and remembrance by Father Hanley, which he had either purchased in Italy or in the Holy Land. Several necklaces, which he had picked up in Venice, and some ivory and pearl crosses, bought in Jerusalem, were among the interesting collection, together with bits of lace, paintings and jewelry. Father Hanley cruised on the Mediterranean for several weeks,

going down the Nile and through Egypt, also throughout the Holy Land and visiting many of the principal points in Europe, spending some time in Rome, where he gained an interview with the Pope, together with other priests.

The younger social set will give a dance at the Pythian Castle Friday evening.

The Tourist club will hold a May festival at the home of Mrs. Melvin J. Yoran on the afternoon of Friday, May 29th.

Mrs. W. C. Blake will entertain a company at her home on Delaware street Thursday afternoon of this week at Five Hundred.

On Wednesday, May 27th, a dance will be given in the armory. Bill's Harp Orchestra from Oelwein has been secured for the affair.

The Delaware County Sunday School convention meets this city next week, Tuesday and Wednesday in the First Congregational church.

The agricultural college at Ames will graduate one hundred and sixty-seven young people this month from various departments of the school.

The Memorial Day exercises will be held a week from Saturday, May 30th, during the afternoon at the Fair grounds, providing the weather permits. Captain J. F. Mary will be the speaker of the day.

Miss Mildred Brown was in Chicago recently, participating in a musical given by the pupils of Miss Edith V. Rann in the Loring school last week. Miss Brown studies with Miss Rann in this city during the summer months.

In the social mention of the Senior party at the Durey home on Friday evening, May 8th, the name of Mr. Lloyd Ballard should have been included as one of the hosts, who, with Mr. Alfred Durey, entertained the members of the class of '08.

Mary Mannering and company in "Glorious Betsy" were in the city Monday morning, enroute to Dubuque from Cedar Rapids. The company is composed of twenty-five people, and during the season have played in the larger cities from New York to San Francisco. The season closes in three weeks at Niagara Falls.

The closing meeting of the Thirteen club met Monday evening at the home of Miss Idell Miles on Union street, at which time a banquet was served, and later in the evening new officers were elected for the ensuing year, as follows: Mrs. R. W. Tirrill, president; Miss Idell Miles, secretary; and Mrs. H. C. Haebberle, treasurer. An entertainment committee was appointed, as follows: Mrs. W. N. Boynton, Miss Idell Miles and Mrs. Joseph Hutchinson.

The Outing Club held its annual election of officers on last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jennie Russell, the members being entertained by Mrs. S. L. Doggett and Mrs. Russell at a 1 o'clock dinner party. The guest of honor was Mrs. M. H. Williston of Chicago, formerly of this city and a member of the club, and two other guests were Mrs. E. R. Stiles of Oberlin, Ohio, and Mrs. E. M. Wolcott of this city. All the officers were re-elected for another year, which concluded the business of the afternoon, after which Mrs. J. F. Merry and other members of the club delightfully provided interesting and amusing entertainment until evening. All members were present but Mrs. Jas. Ball of Delaware.

John Hall Sherwood of Cambridge Massachusetts, pianist, will arrive in the city the first of June, and with Mrs. Sherwood, formerly Miss Elizabeth Doggett of Manchester, will spend about four months here. Mr. Sherwood is a teacher of music and has been conducting a series of recitals in the East during the past few weeks, meeting with the most flattering success. He is a pupil of Madame Helen Hoepkirk of Boston; one of the famous teachers in that city, and has studied with other masters in this country for a number of years, so that his worth as an instructor in piano methods is well established. Mr. Sherwood expects to conduct a class in piano during his stay in this city.

The seventeenth annual commencement services of Lehigh and Stamford, Junior University, is being held this week. Last Thursday, the 14th, was memorial day at the University, in honor of the birthday of Ireland. A reception was given the following day by President and Mrs. J. Jordan at the Nazinin house. On Saturday, the New York Symphony orchestra, Walter Damrosch, conductor, gave a symphony concert in Assembly hall. The bacalaureate sermon was preached by the Rev. William Horace Day, D. D., Sunday, and on yesterday and today, receptions were held in honor of the Phi Beta Kappa in the Vestry of Memorial church and in Robie Hall. It will be remembered that George McEwen, son of J. F. McEwen of this city, who is a student at Lehigh and Stamford, was elected to the membership of the Phi Beta Kappa, and is also a graduate of the University this year. Harry Burb ridge, formerly of this city, is also attending school in the great University in California.

Noble Harmon for Governor. At Columbus, O., Junison Harmon was nominated for governor of Ohio by the state Democratic convention. The resolutions strongly endorsed Bryan for president.

New Jersey Republicans. An undisciplined delegation to Chicago and hope to secure second place on the national ticket for Ex-Governor Mur-

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

The bacalaureate sermon will be delivered to the class of 1908 of the Manchester High school on Sunday evening, May 31st, in the First Methodist Episcopal church, by the Rev. W. H. Ensign of the Presbyterian church.

The Rev. Merle A. Breed of Monticello was heard at the First Congregational church last Sunday morning and evening, and delivered two interesting and helpful sermons. The Rev. Chas. E. Lynde was in Monticello for the day.

The State Association of Congregational churches meets this week in Waterloo, and the local society will be represented by the pastor, the Rev. Chas. E. Lynde, and Mr. A. B. Terril. Mrs. Lynde will also attend the meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Union.

At the morning service, 10:30, the Grand Army and Woman's Relief Corps will attend. The theme of the season will be "None like that—the old sword." The evening theme "The Garden of Spices."

The missionary meeting is held this week Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at Mrs. L. D. Snyder's. The meeting was set forward one week on account of the County Sabbath School convention here on May 26 and 27.

UNITED BROTHERS.

Services of the United Brethren church for the week are as follows, Thursday, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting, Sunday, 10:30 a. m., sermon: "Who has the top seat in the kingdom of Heaven?" 11:30 a. m., Sunday School, 3:00 p. m., Junior Endeavor, Y. P. C. W., 6:30 p. m., Sermon, 7:30 p. m., "The art of tending strictly to one's own business."

Monday, May 18th at 7:30 p. m., J. H. Patterson D. D. will preach, after which the first quarterly conference of the year will convene.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

The Rev. R. A. Barnes, minister. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and at 7:30 p. m. Bible study hour at noon. Epworth league at 6:30 p. m.

At the annual election of officers of the Epworth league, Chapter No. 1021, last Wednesday evening, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Alton Dunham, president; Lillian Fleming, first vice president; Blanche Bishop, second vice president; Lucy Merwin, president, with Mrs. Blanche Dunham as assistant; Myrtle Rutherford, fourth vice president; with Bessie Anderson and Sue Fleming as assistants; Cecil Adams, secretary; Verna Kling, treasurer; Edith Palmer, pianist; and Alton Dunham, chorister.

After the business meeting, the members present enjoyed a social time, at which refreshments were served. The installation of the new officers occurred last Sunday evening at 6:30.

CONGREGATIONAL.

Prayer meeting on Thursday at 7:30 p. m. In the absence of the pastor, M. J. Yoran, will have charge.

Services next Sunday at the usual hours. Preaching both morning and evening by the pastor. Some report of the State Association which meets this week in Waterloo will be given. The Delaware County Sunday School association will hold its annual convention in this church Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26 and 27. The meetings are open and all are invited.

BAPTIST.

Two weeks from next Sunday the new pastor will occupy the pulpit. Regular young people's meetings and Sunday school will meet as usual.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

The hour of service is 11 o'clock a. m. which is held in the Universalist church. The subject of the morning is "Soul and Body."

WATCH THE LIPS.

Their Sensitive Muscles Make Them Great Telligers.

"It's a queer thing," remarked the professor, "how people can control their eyes and not their mouths."

The inventor with whom he happened to be talking made the comment that the professor, probably meant tongues when speaking of mouths.

"No, I didn't mean tongues, I meant mouths," the professor rejoined. "I mean, if you want to be scientifically accurate, the action of the lip muscles, they're nearly always, in a moment of excitement, of exaltation, depression or emergency, a telltale movement on their part which can't be guarded against. Why can't it be guarded against? Because it is so largely unconscious. Most of us from our youth up have been trained to use our eyes and to use them in such a way as to conceal our emotions. It's different with the mouth. Perhaps we haven't advanced far enough to do two such important things at the same time. Anyway the fact remains that we don't do it."

"If, for example, I have reason to believe that a man is not telling me the truth I don't give my attention to his eyes. He may look at me as fearlessly as he wants. What I watch for is something significant in the region of his face below the nose. If there is no change in the expression of his lips I am disposed after all to believe him. But if there is the least trembling or twitching, the least exhibition, let us call it, of nervousness, well, then, I have my doubts."

"I suppose," observed the inventor, "that while that fact does not explain the wearing of the mustache it shows that the mustache has uses."

"It does," returned the professor, "but you must remember that the mustache, as a rule, doesn't obscure the lower lip. And the lower lip, if you'll take the trouble to notice, is if anything more revealing than the upper one. It is usually that lip which gives the expression to the mouth. The upper lip follows suit, as it were."

"Well, well," said the inventor, fidgeting his mustache.—New York Press.

Special Excursion

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LEWISTON, MONT.

and intermediate points in the

Famous Judith Basin

and Musselshell Valley,

Tuesday, June 2nd

Special Sleeper will leave the Manchester & Oneida depot at 4:45 p. m. on the above date, going via Marion, Manilla, and Sioux City, Iowa; Mitchell and Aberdeen, Dakota, thence west through South Dakota and Montana. The entire trip has been arranged to afford ample opportunity for Homeseekers and Investors to investigate the lands in the Musselshell Valley and the famous Judith Basin—the best land in the United States—where they raise three crops of Alfalfa a year without irrigation; Wheat that goes 40 to 60 bushels to the acre; Oats that go 75 to 85 bushels, and other grains in proportion.

This country has just been opened up by the Coast Extension of the Milwaukee Road and gives unbounded opportunity for the Homeseeker and Investor, which will soon be a thing of the past. If you are interested in the proposition, telegraph, write or call on me for further information.

J. A. STRICKLAND,

"The Land Man,"

Manchester, - - Iowa.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SHERIFF. I hereby announce myself as candidate for sheriff, subject to the wishes of the democratic voters at the primary election in June.

M. P. HENNESSEY.

FOR SUPERVISOR. I hereby announce myself as candidate for the office of Supervisor for the term beginning January, 1909, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primaries to be held June 2, 1908.

JAMES KEIOLE.

COIN MOTTOES.

Inscriptions That Were a Joy to the Cynics and Critics.

A collection of coin mottoes gathered by an Italian student, Amerigo Scarlati, was published in Minerva, an Italian periodical. Scarlati is of the opinion that such inscriptions, though not intended to be cynical, too often admit of such an interpretation through the irresistible habit of the public of ignoring the intention of the designer and applying the motto to the coin itself.

On the contrary, a storm of ironical opposition was aroused when in Louis d'or, a Bourbon, king of Etruria, in the early part of the last century inscribed "Videtur Pauperes et Lactentur" on his coins. The words mean "Let the poor see and rejoice," and of course every one wanted to know why a poor man should rejoice at merely seeing a piece of money.

On the papal coinage of 1573 bearing the arms of Gregory XIII are the words "Et Super Hanc Petram" (And upon this rock). Of course the words and the artist who designed the coin meant the words to refer to the papacy, but the evil minded applied them so maliciously to the coin itself that the issue was speedily stopped. A similar opportunity for evil tongues was afforded when the Knights of Malta coined an issue of dollars with the sign of their order, the Maltese cross, and their motto, "In Hoc Signo Militamus" (In this sign we combat). The rhinal affected to take it as a confession that with them money was truly the sinew of war.

A Venetian lira dated 1474 has the somewhat ambiguous motto "In TIM Solo Gloria" (To thee alone the glory). A soule coined by Cardinal Rezzonico in 1744 bears the words "Veni Lunen Cordum," or "Come, thou light of hearts." Clement XI. issued a coin with an image of the Madonna, with the legend "Causa Nostrae Libertatis" (Cause of our joy), and a Venetian piece with an allegorical figure of Justice, with the words "Nostra in hereditate" (Our happiness in this). All of these inscriptions were irreverently diverted by contemporaries from their true object to the money itself.

"Well, well," said the inventor, fidgeting his mustache.—New York Press.

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