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GE QUESTION ONCE MORE

er Opportunity for Spanning the Missouri Here.

TO BUILD ELECTRIC LINES.

ion One of the Objective Points in New System.

years past the people of Lex- have been endeavoring to a bridge across the Missouri at this point—in fact the has been discussed so much it has almost become a "chest- However it is a business ques- of such importance that it will petition upon repetition until bridge shall have been built. It would add thousands of dol- trade to this town annually is no question and every pos- opportunity should be grasped ished that tends in the direc- giving Lexington bridge con- with Ray county.

re is now on foot a scheme at City to build a lot of inter- electric lines and Joseph J. at the head of the move. If siness men of Lexington and who are interested in bridg- Missouri here would effect an ation, join hands with Heim to work systematically and in something might be accom- in the way of pushing to a summation this long wished prise. One thing is sure, is that in lying dormant we er accomplish anything.

ring to the Heim scheme to t interurban electric rail- Wednesday morning's Kansas rnal says:

h J. Heim said last night that es before January 1, 1903, to electric railway in operation Kansas City and Topeka, Lawrence, and he expects e will prove so successful that a few years Kansas City will nected by interurban lines l the principal nearby cities wns in both Missouri and His plan is first to build e to Topeka. This done, projects of the same kind will sidered. Mr. Heim already view a line from Kansas City Joseph, another to Liberty, rom which point branches will Lexington and Excelsior and one to Cameron, Mo.

Heim returned yesterday from Cleveland, Ohio, where several days ago. He made ough study of the interurban nning from Cleveland, where e now in operation, and three e soon to be built. Mr. Heim d with their managers, rode e lines to study their con- and the country through they ran, and questioned many regarding the popularity of rvice. He learned that all of are making money and that siness is rapidly increasing. ritory surrounding Cleveland, luded, is not so well adapted interurban railway as that Kansas City; and he returned nvinced that there is a rich mising field here for such he proposes to build.

have immensely increased e of land lying along them. who were before willing to $30 per acre are now cutting rms up into lots, and selling r $100 an acre. Not only do people build homes along the every direction, but hundreds of little means are buying ong them, and beginning to le little patches of vegetables, duce of which they sell in the of the cities and towns that bring them into close con- with. Our lines, like those of d, said Mr. Heim, will carry ght and passengers. The line veland to Detroit is arranging to put on a sleeping car service, so that a man can go to bed in Cleveland at night and awaken in Detroit the next morning, and vice versa.

AMONG THE CHURCHES.

As is usually the case the churches of Lexington and their Sunday schools will give entertainments of some kind in honor of the coming of the season of "glad tidings of great joy."

At the Christian church there will be a Christmas tree with appropriate music and recitations, etc., by the little folks; the Methodists will have a Christmas tree and a gift for each of the Sunday school scholars; at the German Evangelical church there will be appropriate music by the choir, a Christmas tree and literary exercises by the children; at the Baptist church there will also be a Christmas tree to gladden the hearts of the little folks with exercises characterizing the event. At the Presbyterian church a collection will be taken up for the Thornwall Orphanage in South Carolina. In the primary room of the church the children will be entertained by their teacher, Mrs. Ireland and there will be a Christmas tree at Riverton under the auspices of the church.

The Catholics will have a Christmas tree on Thursday evening with appropriate music and recitations while the German Methodists will entertain the same evening with a Christmas tree, an appropriate song service and recitations in German and English.

To each church the INTELLIGENCER wishes a merry Christmas and trusts that there will not be a sad-hearted child in Lexington on that glorious day.

Lafayette Teachers Meet.

The Lafayette County reading circle held an interesting meeting at the Higginsville court house Saturday. The following programme was observed:

I. PRACTICAL NATURE STUDY.

"Nature Work for Winter Months,"
(a) Miss Susie Alford.
(b) Miss M. Eugine Whiting.

II. LITERATURE.

"The Rhyme of the Ancient Mariner,"
Miss Mattie Bandon.

"Chambered Nautilus,"
Miss Ruth B. Mitchell.

"A Forest Hymn,"
Miss Edna Reinhardt.

"Lincoln's First Inaugural Address,"
Prin. U. E. Cunningham.

ANOTHER INNOVATION IN STATE POLITICS

Buchanan County Leads in a Call for a Conference of Democratic County Committees.

CIRCULAR LETTERS SENT TO COMMITTEEMEN.

Lafayette Committeemen Will Probably Not Attend—Sensible Talk by Secretary Thornton.

Sanford Thornton, secretary of the democratic central committee of Lafayette county is in receipt of the following letter, signed by S. P. Smith, chairman, and Homer Osborn, secretary of the Buchanan county committee:

"St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 9.—Dear Sir:—There has been considerable agitation of the question of the organization of the county democratic central committees of the state. The objects of an organization of this character are numerous, a few of which are: Election laws, laws governing primaries, bureau of literature, bureau of finance, bureau for campaign work, a permanent organization to act as an auxiliary to the state central committee and others which can be taken up after the organization is perfected.

"We feel that an organization of this kind should be perfected at once and suggest a meeting to be held in St. Louis on Dec. 30th and 31st and to that end address you, and urgently request your hearty co-operation. We are addressing the chairmen and secretaries of the county committees of the state and hope you will immediately respond, and after hearing from a majority of them, if favorable, will issue a formal call in which all committeemen will be requested to participate. The reason of this date is that cheap rates will be on by all railroads at that time. Please respond at once and make any suggestion you feel disposed to offer in the matter."

Asked what his action would be in the matter Mr. Thornton said:

"I of course shall not go to St. Louis, and for good reasons. The main one of which is that unless reelected by the people the present county commitees will have nothing to do with the next campaign in an official capacity. The present Lafayette county committee, at a meeting recently held at Higginsville, made provision for the election of a new county committee, to take place on the 8th of March, next, and that committee will have in charge the affairs of the next campaign. From a standpoint of logical deduction similar conditions exist in other counties, therefore I think the proposed St. Louis organization premature and ill-timed. In fact, it tends toward usurpation—which can never be democratic—in that present committees would assume to do the work and shape the policies of the committees that are yet to be created by an expression of popular sentiment through the medium of the ballot.

"Why," contined Mr. Thornton, "we will even have another state committee before the next campaign is inaugurated."

In further discussing the proposed St. Louis meeting Mr. Thornton stated that, if held, it would necessarily draw at least 2000 democrats from the interior of the state to that city. "It is not as stated in the Republic Tuesday morning of this week," said he—"that only the chairmen and secretaries of the respective county committees in the state are to engage in this proposed conference. The call involves the entire personnel of these committees and in Lafayette county alone we have twenty-four members. By referring to the St. Joseph letter it will be seen that I am right in this matter. And I might say just here that to have invited the chairmen and secretaries of these committees to meet and confer on party matters, ignoring the lay members, figuratively speaking, would have been ridiculous in the light of majority rule, a democratic tenet as old as the party itself. What right would Mr. Wilson, as chairman, and myself as secretary, have to go to St. Louis and pledge the remaining members of the county committee to any given line of policy? The proposition smacks strongly of farce comedy. I believe that each county organization is able to take care of itself and as I am a believer in the democratic theory of local self government I am opposed to innovations in our party machinery at this time, especially by party representatives who have no right to make them."

The INTELLIGENCER failed to find Chairman Wilson, who is confined at his home by illness.

The article in Tuesday morning's Republic, referred to in Mr. Thornton's interview is appended. It reads:

"Chairmen and secretaries of all the county democratic central committees in the state have been invited to gather in St. Louis December 30 and 31, to perfect a state organization. A majority of them have expressed the wish to take part in such a movement, and the formal call for the meeting was issued yesterday by Chairman Sterling P. Smith and Secretary Homer Osborn of Buchanan county.

"The letter which has been sent to the officials of the democratic committee in each county says that some of the objects of the proposed state organization are to secure proper election laws and laws governing primaries and to establish bureaus of literature, finance and campaign work, all to be auxiliary to the state committee. It is also stated that other matters may be taken up when the organization shall have been completed.

"Chairman J. B. Sudduth of the democratic central committee of St. Louis county is one of the enthusiastic supporters of the new movement. The Jefferson club of St. Louis, hearing of the proposed gathering, has offered to place at the disposal of the visitors all the conveniences and privileges of the club. The meeting probably will be held in the club's assembly room.

"James M. Seibert, chairman of the democratic state committee, last night expressed surprise at the proposed meeting, saying that he had not heard of any such movement.

"Mr. Osborn and the members of the committee at St. Joseph are all good personal friends of mine, but I had not heard of their undertaking. I suppose they mean to assist the state committee, as their circular seems to indicate. Whether there is any special reason for undertaking the organization at this particular time I have not the slightest intimation. But they are all good democrats and I am sure they have the interests of the party at heart."

If you want the finest and best fruit cake that can be made go to D. Haecker's Bakery and Candy Kitchen. 12-20tf

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

DEAR FRIEND:--

To you, one of our patrons, and to each member of your family, if you be blessed with one, we send earnest Christmas greeting and trust that the holiday season in your home may be one of uninterrupted pleasure. May no trouble enter to mar.

The Intelligencer is not unmindful of the welfare and comforts of its many friends and takes this method of renewing acquaintance with you since at this time a personal meeting is impossible. To use an expression in vogue by the earlier publisher in this grand old state; "Our latch-string is on the out side;" so when in Lexington just pull it, walk in and feel assured of an earnest welcome. Again, a joyous Christmas time to you.

THE INTELLIGENCER.

Lexington, Mo., Dec. 21st.

THE ELKS CAME TO TOWN.

Lexington Lodge of This Order Instituted Last Night

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS.

List of Those Who Took Part in Securing Charter.

There was a big time in Lexington last night, the event having been the institution of a lodge of Elks for this place. The initiatory work was done by the Kansas City lodge and lasted throughout the night into the wee sma' hours of morn. With the Kaw lodge came Elks from other places and they brought more life to town than has been visited upon Lexington for some time. It is an acknowledged fact everywhere, the world over, that every Elk is a thoroughbred, and when many Elks, necessarily meaning many thoroughbreds, come together results can be easily imagined.

The local Elks banqueted the visitors at Turner hall and the spread was a most inviting one.

The Lexington lodge has been in a state of preparation for some time—that is the work of securing members has been going on, and the publication of the list of those who signed the application for a charter, which list is a part of this story, will show that some of the very best material in this section of Missouri has been enlisted.

Perhaps to Sanford Thornton, more than to any other one man, is due credit for the successful institution of this lodge of Elks. Mr. Thornton has labored diligently in securing the names of charter members and in looking after other incidental necessities common to the inauguration of a new lodge, and those who have ever taken part in such work realize that it is not child's play, but involves the expenditure of time, labor and money.

Below will be found the list of gentlemen who signed the application for a charter, only three short of one hundred:

Aull, William,	Aull, Watt P.,
Althoff, A. E.,	Allen, A. W.,
Arnold, J. M.,	Baskett, N. E.,
Beamer, P. H.,	Braecklein, W. A.,
Bates, Geo. W.,	Bates, Theo. A.,
Barnhart, W. C.,	Barron, C. C. Jr.,
Campbell, B. H.,	Cook, R. N.,
Chambers, J. Q.,	Chinn, James P.,
Chinn, Thos. M.,	Cooney, James,
Crenshaw, J. G.,	Chalkley, J. J.,
Callaghan, R. O.,	Eckle, W. R.,
Egle, Aug.,	Fredendall, G. W.,
Fulkerson, J. J.,	Graddy, J. C.,
Gratz, William,	Gratz, Ike,
Gratz, Louis,	Gratz, Isy,
Grats, Ben,	Gratz, Dave,
Gratz, Jo,	Graves, Alex.,
Gordon, John P.,	Gillen, Albert,
Hix, Fred T.,	Hix, John,
Huston, Sam'l J.,	Hays, Carl W.,
Hoefer, Frank A.,	Hoefer, Ben,
Hinesley, W. F.,	Kuehls, Joseph,
Kerdolff, W.F.Jr.,	Lesueur, L. D.,
Lyons, Charles,	Marshall, J. E.,
Moorehead, J. R.,	Meng, W. D.,
Mathews, Wallace,	Martin, E. D.,
Noyes, I. H.,	Nicholson, F. H.,
Neale, Sam C.,	Peak, L. C.,
Peak, J. L.,	Phillips, C. A.,
Plattenburg, J. Q.,	Plattenburg, G.H.,
Ramsey, T. B.,	Rankin, Jas. A.,
Ryland, C. T.,	Rigg, Frank,
Ruff, R. B.,	Roark, J. E.,
Rhoades, W. B.,	Rhodes, J. J.,
Staley, Thos. W.,	Sydnor, J. W.,
Smith, Geo. I.,	Sellers, Sandford,
Shelby, Jo. B.,	Thornton, Frank,
Thornton, S. B.,	Thornton, D. P.,
Tevis, Irving,	Tyree, Clem,
Taubman, E. M.,	Tucker, J. E.,
Vivion, Clarence,	Via, D. H.,
Waddell, W. B.,	Walker, Thos. A.,
Wallace, H. C. Jr.,	Welborn, John,
Wilson, F. T.,	Wilson, L. F.,
Wilson, S. N.,	Wilson, M. D.,
Winkler, Oswald C.,	Wilmot, Jno. R.,
Wittenberg, G. H.,	White, E. W.,
White, S. S.,	Wyatt, Chas.,
	Zoll, F. C.

A Wise Woman.

Manager Haerle says he has secured one night from the management of "A Wise Woman." The date will be announced later on. It will be a month or so at least. A little energy of this kind, if pursued, will bring to our town a higher standard of companies.