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Indiana Republicans

There never was an "off year" in Indiana like this one. The republican state committee has been holding a series of meetings in various portions of the state and the attendance has been such as to clog a tabulating machine. From ten to twenty thousand men have turned out at Rushville, Noblesville, West Baden, Indianapolis, East Chicago, Terre Haute and other communities, and the enthusiasm displayed has not been equalled since 1888, when Benjamin Harrison first headed the republican ticket. In addition, a series of "dollar banquets" has been held and at each there has been an attendance which crowded the tables and taxed the kitchens. Republican leaders are more than pleased with these results, because they say, the large crowds indicate the intense interest that the people of the state are taking in political matters even thus far ahead of the 1916 election. They contend that it is a sure indication that the republicans are alive and awake and ready for the coming battle.

In addition to the great crowds they turn out for the meetings, another feature of the situation that the leaders point out as an indication of republican optimism is the large number of candidates for state nominations. If there were no chance to win there would be no candidates, but there is a contest on for every republican state nomination. There are no contests for democratic state nominations.

Lincoln Day Dinner

Kansas City has been designated as the place for the Lincoln day dinner of the Young Men's Republican Association of Missouri in February of next year, and to accommodate the crowd that will be in attendance Convention hall has been engaged in which to hold the festivities. It has thus early been decided that none of the large hotels of the city could accommodate the crowds. The event will be held on Tuesday night, February 14. The deferred date was made necessary on account of Convention hall being in use on February 12.

"The dinner in next February promises to be the greatest in attendance and enthusiasm of any yet held by the association," said H. R. Ennis, a representative on the executive committee. "Our advance information of the extent of the crowds that will be in attendance has served as a fore-warner that we must provide a place large enough to hold them, and convention hall has been engaged. There will be between 8,000 and 10,000 visitors from over the state. It will be a republican gathering in all the word implies. Any attempt to make the dinner a vehicle for candidates for office to gain advantage will be discouraged, and the speaking list will be confined wholly to eminent republicans from various sections of the country, who are not candidates and who have no other interest than the success of the republican party."

Finish Sowing Wheat

During the last few weeks farmers have had many false alarms on account of small hopping insects which have been mistaken for the Hessian fly. Many samples of these leaf-hoppers are being

received by the Missouri agricultural experiment station. They are small and when very abundant in wheat may injure it somewhat if warm weather continues long enough, but their injury is usually not severe.

These leaf-hoppers vary from an eighth to a quarter of an inch in length, jump much as grass-hoppers do, and may be green, grey, or variously colored and striking. In addition to these points which distinguish them from the tiny mosquito-like Hessian flies, the hoppers have four wings while the fly has only two.

As there are rarely any Hessian flies feeding this late in the fall, all wheat sowing should be finished at once if not already done. There need be absolutely no delay on account of the hoppers.

A-Howl From Marceline

From Marceline Journal.

The town of Laclede boasts a football team that is unbeatable. Football is the town sport. After the day's work is done, the denizens congregate in the city hall and listen to stories of Laclede's prowess on the gridiron. The youths of the town are early taught two things—chest expansion and local pride. In Laclede the two go together. If a football game is matched with another town, a bell is rung and the populace gathers in the public square to answer the tocsin. It may be said to be a town where anti-toxin does not flourish. The roll is called and all responding under the weight of 180 pounds are promptly put upon a diet of soft boiled eggs and sweet potatoes. From the hefty weights eleven men are selected, and the barber is summoned to remove all hirsute adornment. No men wearing whiskers are permitted to play in the Laclede high school team.

Laclede like Germany has the matter of preparedness worked out along mathematical lines. The captain of the football squad can well say, "Give me eleven of Laclede's heavy weights and I can conquer the world."

Everybody in Laclede goes to the high school, during the football season. That fact was demonstrated conclusively by the game played in Marceline, Friday, in which Laclede annihilated the local eleven by the score of 27 to 0.

Laclede Won Game

From Macon Daily Herald.

The Macon high school football team met their Waterloo at Laclede Friday, when they were defeated by a score of 20 to 6. All the scores were made in the first half. The Macon team was outweighed about ten pounds to the man.

The local boys were handicapped by playing on a field with which they were unfamiliar and which was not in the best condition.

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