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## A SWELL AFFAIR

### Was the Gun Club Banquet.

The Finest Spread Ever Faced by an Audience in Southeast Missouri.

Wednesday night was a gala night for the members of the F. F. Gun Club and its invited guests in this city. This was the occasion of the Club's annual banquet, and a banquet it was.

The supper was served at the Riverside Hotel and it was a supper that did honor to this popular hotel—to the enterprising manager, Chauncey Mitchell, and to the city of Cape Girardeau. It was a supper fit for kings or better still, it was a supper that would have caused that good man, Grover Cleveland, to smile. The dining room of the Riverside was decorated till it was a paradise of beauty—a heaven on earth. The tables were dressed as handsomely as an American millionaire when being led to the altar by an English nobleman or a French Count, and they were loaded with delicacies equally as tempting to the man who owns a gun. On the tables were everything that could be obtained in this and the city markets. Even the waiters—all handsome maidens—were dressed and decorated for the occasion, and their graceful movements and polite manners gave them the appearance of angels fresh from the Promised Land. The supper was grand—the cooking was superb and the seasoning was too good to talk about. The supper was pronounced by all to be the best spread ever faced by an audience in Southeast Missouri.

Judge Frank E. Burroughs was master of ceremonies and he proved to be master of the situation as well. He was full of up to date words and they fell from his lips as glittering and as gentle as the beautiful snow flakes fall from the winter clouds.

Mr. R. L. Johnson, of Old Orchard, Mo., a guest of the club, responded to the toast, "Our Guests and Ladies," and he did himself great. It was an after supper talk for Mr. Johnson and he punctuated his remarks with repeated applause for the grand feast.

Mr. Rudolph Bahn, the bachelor member of the club, responded to a toast, "Our Club." Mr. Bahn talks better than he shoots and on occasions of this kind he is "right in it." What he said was said with an earnestness characteristic of a bachelor. He spoke of the sociability of clubs like the Gun Club, told of the good times had at its meetings and the better times had at its banquets.

Mr. P. P. Ellis, of New Elmore, Mo., who was another of the Club's guests, responded to a toast, "Venus the God of Love." Mr. Ellis' remarks were well received and the club and its guests were not ready for him to cease talking so soon.

S. E. Arthur, the little man of the Club and the champion with the gun at bird and trap shooting, responded to a toast "Gun Club's Second Best Friend, the Hunting Dog." Mr. Arthur is a lover of the gun and the dog and his talk was full of interest to the true sportsman.

This banquet was the grandest affair ever given by the club and we may also say that it was never surpassed by anything of the kind in this section of the state. It will long be remembered by the members of the club, their wives and their guests.

### Officers Elected for Next Post.

Saturday night the following officers were duly elected to preside over the Post during the ensuing year: Comrade L. F. Klostermann, Post-Com. Comrade Henry Henze, Sen. V. Com. Comrade Christ Klages, Jun. V. Com. Comrade Christ Grube, Quartermaster. Comrade J. N. Hartzel, Surgeon. Comrade Alexander Ross, Chaplain. Comrade Phillip Maag, O. of the D. Comrade Miller Kelly, O. of the G. Comrade W. F. Pett, Del. to Dr. Encamp. Comrade R. Carroll, Alternate. Comrade J. N. Hartzel, Trustee.

### A Scare in the Senate.

The sleepy old Senate has not had in years such an awakening as Judge Allen gave it the other day, when he arose to say a "few words" on the Dingley bill. Senators looked at their calendars, and figured the time of their engagements three days ahead. All were prepared to escape, when Chandler popped up like a jack-in-the-box and shut up the Nebraska. The fossiliferous Finance Committee heaved a sigh, and Vice President Stevenson shook himself out of a doze.—New York Press

### FARMER ORDERED TO LEAVE.

He Gave Information That Indicted Timber Thieves.

DEXTER, Mo., Dec. 12.—Dick Granger, an old and well-known farmer of this section, has received notice to leave. This morning, when his mail was handed him at the Bernie Postoffice, he received a notice in a badly-written hand, accompanied by a picture of a man dangling from the gallows, that he quit the country at once or meet the fate of the man in the picture. Granger will go, as he fears being waylaid and assassinated. He gave information a few days ago that led to the indictment of timber cutters, and they want to get Granger out of the way before the trial.

Stoddard county has had a great deal of trouble with timber cutters in the past few years, and they cause the courts almost as much trouble as the moonshiners in the western portion of this Congressional District.

### The Woman Vote for President.

All the States in which women have a right to vote went for Bryan. Indeed, Bryan's pluralities came mainly from the Western silver States like Colorado, Utah, Montana and Idaho. And of these pluralities 90,000 votes were cast by women.—Courier-Journal.

What could have done this? Was it that profound and majestic passage in one of Bryan's many speeches: "I do not appeal to your heads, but to your hearts?" Was it the response of an exuberant emotion, whose daily slipper could flatten out all intellectual discretion and recitatives with a heel of iron? Or have women actually a love of excitement and fobbery so uncontrollable that when freed from the sober influence of man they rush instinctively to hysterical excesses like Bryan's. Alas, as an advocate of woman suffrage we confess to mortification at the political conduct of the enfranchised women of Colorado, Utah, Montana and Idaho.—New York Sun.

### The Colorado Desert.

The most famous of waste places in America, the Colorado Desert, is popularly regarded as an empire of hopeless sterility, the silence of which will never be broken by the voices of men. But the great desert is the life work of the Colorado River. The scientific men of the University of Arizona have analyzed these waters, and found that the actual commercial value of the fertilizing matter which would be deposited upon each acre by irrigation amounts, in the course of a year, to \$9.07. What, then, is the potential value of the land which this river has created in centuries? The products of region include oranges and the dates of commerce. The place is more like Syria than any other part of the United States, and the daring imagination may readily conceive that here a new Damascus will arise, more beautiful than that of old. With the occupation of the Colorado Desert and of the great peninsula which adjoins it, a powerful impulse will be given to agriculture, mining and commerce in a vast region now little peopled.—December Century.

### Nathaniel C. Harrison Dead.

News reached this city Sunday evening that Nathaniel C. Harrison was dead. He died at his home in Jackson Sunday evening after an illness of three days. Mr. Harrison was a man who had no enemies. He was well known to the people of this county and his circle of friends included everybody who knew him. For several years he was Circuit Clerk of this county and a more competent, more accommodating man never filled that office. He was a business man who never shirked a duty and he was a friend who never refused to lend a helping hand. Mr. Harrison was about seventy years of age, but up to the time of taking to his bed, last week, he was hale and hearty and the chances for him to live many years yet were in his favor.

### The Ideal Panacea.

James L. Francis, Alderman, Chicago, says: "I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as an Ideal Panacea for Coughs, Colds and Lung Complaints, having used it in my family for the last five years to the exclusion of physician's prescriptions or other preparations."

Rev. John Burgess, Keokuk, Iowa, writes: "I have been a Minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for 50 years or more, and have never found anything so beneficial, or that gave me such speedy relief as Dr. King's New Discovery." Try this Ideal Cough Remedy now. Trial bottles free at Haman's drug store.

### Mustered Out.

Headquarters Just Post No. 173, G. A. R., Cape Girardeau, Missouri, December 22, 1896.

On the first day of December, Inst. Comrade Patrick Queenan, late private Co. B 29th Me., Vol. Inf.

Comrade Queenan was a warm hearted patriotic man, and a true brave soldier, and, although life had not been always kind to him, he was cheerful under misfortune, always looking on the bright side and grasping forward to a better and happier life hereafter. His heart was full of cheer and his face beamed with contentment, always hailing his comrades gladly, was proud (and deservedly so) of his army record, and of his high standing in the G. A. R.

RESOLVED, That, in the death of Comrade Patrick Queenan, we lose a kind-hearted, faithful member and a patriotic Comrade.

RESOLVED, That a page of our records be set apart to his memory, that our charter and emblems be draped as usual, and that the Adjutant furnish a copy of these resolutions to the city papers with a request to publish the same. Also a copy duly attested to the friends of the deceased. Submitted in F. C. & L.

G. W. THAVIS, JOHN KASSEL, Com. CHRIST KLAGES, Alex. Ross, Sergt. Major.

### Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

The best salve in the world for cuts, bruises, sores, ulcers, salt rheum, fever sores, tetter, chapped hands, chilblains, corns, and all skin eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale a W. C. Haman's.

### Treloar's Constitutional Amendment.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 14.—Congressman William M. Treloar, of Missouri, has introduced a joint resolution providing for the submission of an amendment to the Constitution to the Legislatures of the several States. His proposed amendment provides in substance that the terms of Representatives shall be lengthened to four years, of Senators to eight years and of the President to eight years. The resolution also proposes that the President shall be ineligible for re-election.

When asked as to his reasons for the introduction of the proposed amendment, Mr. Treloar said that, in his opinion, the commercial interests of the country demand such a change; that under the present system all business enterprises are practically paralyzed for at least one year out of every four; that for many months prior to a presidential election the people are all at sea as to which party is to dominate, and that for six months or more after an election the commerce of the country is greatly disturbed and unsettled, owing to uncertainty as to the details of proposed economic legislation. Mr. Treloar claimed that the proposed amendment, adopted, would ameliorate this condition, in that it would render less frequent the cause of the disturbance and stagnation—elections.

Mr. Treloar pointed out that the proposed amendment doubled the length of the term of a Representative in Congress. He claimed that two years was not a sufficiently long term, for the reason that in the nature of things it will take him nearly all of that time to familiarize himself with the practice of Congress. He becomes more valuable to his constituents after having learned the ins and outs of legislation in our National legislature. The proposed amendment makes a President ineligible for re-election, and the reason for such provision lies in the fact that there is no doubt that any man can give the country a much purer and abler administration if all thoughts of future personal profit and honor be obliterated.

Mr. Treloar said that he desired to hear from every business man and voter in the country, regardless of politics, as to whether or not he favored the proposed amendment. He wishes to use the letters before the committee, and desires that they should be short and to the point.

### As He Summarized It.

"There's only two real parties," said the man who refuses to believe that the free silver agitation is over for good. "The old political lines are all gone ter smash."

"You mean, I suppose, to reiterate your familiar claim that the bankers are arrayed against the farmers."

"That's it exactly. It's the old question of which kind of whiskers is a-goin' ter git the best it: side orchin."—Washington Star.

### An Inauguration Myth.

The New York "Times" remarks that some Democratic papers are pained by Mark Hanna's announcement that the inauguration of Mr. McKinley will be the grandest affair of its kind in American history. "There is a certain vain-glory and lack of taste in the announcement," adds the "Times." "Mr. McKinley would do well to follow the Jeffersonian precedent as literally as the changed conditions will allow. Let him dismount in front of the Capitol, hitch his hobby to the fence, and go and be sworn in. Thus he will earn the gratitude of his countrymen, if he will also forget to remount his hobby when he comes out."

Our New York contemporary has been deluded by a tale which has deluded generations of people, intelligent and unintelligent. There was no such Jeffersonian simplicity about Jefferson's inauguration in 1801 as most of the books have been telling us. A newspaper of that day gives the story thus: "At an early hour on Wednesday, March 4th, the City of Washington presented a spectacle of uncommon animation, occasioned by the addition to its usual population of a large body of citizens from the adjacent districts. A discharge from the company of Washington artillery ushered in the day, and about 10 o'clock the Alexandria company of riflemen, with a company of artillery, paraded in front of the President's lodgings. At 12 o'clock Thomas Jefferson, attended by a number of his fellow-citizens, among whom were many members of Congress, repaired to the Capitol. His dress was, as usual, that of a plain citizen, without any distinctive badge of office. He entered the Capitol under a discharge from the artillery. \* \* \* As soon as he withdrew a discharge from the artillery was made. The remainder of the day was devoted to purposes of festivity, and at night there was a pretty general illumination."

This is an extract from the "Aurora," of March 11, 1801, a well-known newspaper of that day, and it has corroboration from other contemporary sources. The story that Jefferson rode on horseback to the Capitol all alone on March 4, 1801, that he hitched his horse to the Capitol fence and went in and assumed the duties of the Presidency without any sort of surface concern from himself or anybody else, as if revolutions in the Government were everyday transactions, is a tale for the marines. It is picturesque and diverting, like the William Tell and the Washington hatchet stories, but it "ain't so." The truth is, of course, there was as much ostentation in the simplicity—the simplicity which was authenticated and which will stand—of Jefferson and Madison as there was in the ceremonialism of Washington and Adams. Simplicity was a sort of fad and cult among a certain small element of the United States admirers, of whom Jefferson was one, of the French Jacobins in the closing years of the eighteenth century, and the opening years of the nineteenth, but there was a hollowness and dishonesty about it which quickly became very plain and very nauseating to the rest of the country, and this rest was a majority of the people, in Jefferson's own party as well as outside of it. Even if that hitching-his-horse-to-a-fence tale were true it would not be a precedent which should be followed now. On the contrary, it would be a precedent which should be shunned. This is a big country, the Presidency is a high post, and the induction of a President into office is an interesting and important function. If a little of the pride, pomp and circumstance of glorious politics is thrown around the ceremony no well regulated person will feel that republican institutions are imperiled thereby.—Globe-Democrat.

### Rainy Day Costume.

The Rainy Day Club held its first social meeting yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. H. H. Ayer. Unfortunately for the success of the affair the day was not rainy, but in spite of the lack of moisture two enthusiastic members appeared in their rainy day costumes.

The sensation of the day was when some one presented for the club's consideration a picture of a woman in abbreviated skirts. This had been sent to her by a friend, who said the picture was that of a prominent actress, who, when asked if she belonged to the Rainy Day Club, said, not yet, but she meant to apply for membership.

"Well, she won't get in," Mrs. Bertha Welby said: "we draw the line at skirts 8 inches from the ground."—New York Herald.

## 'SNAP JUDGMENT.

### They are After a Scalp.

Republicans Have a Scheme to Oust Prof. Vandiver From Cape Girardeau Normal School.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The Board of Regents of the Cape Girardeau State Normal School is composed of three Democrats and three Republicans, appointed by Gov. William J. Stone. State Superintendent Public Schools J. R. Kirk is ex-officio chairman of the board. He is a Republican in politics. That makes the Board of Regents stand four Republicans and three Democrats and thereby hangs this story.

The Board of Regents has been called to meet in special session at Cape Girardeau Dec. 27.

At that time the four Republican members of the Board of Regents will proceed to suspend Prof. W. D. Vandiver, president of the faculty and Democratic Congressman-elect of the fourteenth Missouri District.

The scheme to oust Prof. Vandiver has been carefully worked out and all the Republican members of the Board of Regents have been notified to be present so that the plan to throw him may be successful. Then a Republican educator will be selected to succeed him and the Republicans will be in full control of the institution.

The four Republicans who have evolved this scheme are Supt. Kirk, Moses Whybark of Bollinger, Capt. Rosier of Ste. Genevieve and Congressman John H. Raney of Piedmont.

They are confident that their intention to bounce Prof. Vandiver can be carried out and that after this meeting on Dec. 27 his place as president of the faculty may be filled by an educator who voted for McKinley.

Charges have been filed against Prof. Vandiver. They are all based on the fact that he was a Democratic candidate for Congress and was elected.

Neglect of his duties for campaign work is one of the specifications in the bill of complaint.

### Issuing Gold Certificates.

WASHINGTON, D. D., December 14.—Secretary Carlisle has written a letter in reply to one in behalf of the Boston banks asking for the issue of gold certificates under the authority granted in section 12 of the act of July 12, 1882. The Secretary says:

"I am not yet prepared to give the necessary order. After the reserve has once fallen below \$100,000,000, and the issue of such certificates has been stopped, it is not certain that the Secretary of the Treasury, and particularly in view of existing conditions, would be justified in resuming their re-issuance. It has been the experience of the department in the past that the normal increase of the gold reserve caused by the exchange of paper currency for gold is checked by the issue of gold certificates, and, in fact, upon various occasions considerable amounts of gold have been withdrawn by the presentation of notes for redemption and immediately redeposited in exchange for gold certificates. Moreover, the House of Representatives of the Fifty-third Congress, at its third session, passed a bill discontinuing their issue entirely, and it is the intention of the department to present the subject again at a very early date. As the amount of the gold reserve is largely decimated from time to time by the amount of available paper in circulation, it seems inadvisable at this time especially to increase the volume of that currency by the issue of gold certificates."

### Will Go to Switzerland.

Charles E. Stokes, formerly editor of the Messenger, has been elected a delegate from the grand lodge of the independent order of good templars of the State of Missouri to the international lodge which meets at Zurich, Switzerland, next June. This is an honor that is well merited by Mr. Stokes, else it would have gone to some other good temperance man in the State. He will start about the first of June and will remain abroad for one month.—Dexter (Mo.) Messenger.

### Fifty Dollars Reward.

I will pay the above reward to the party who will return to me my pocket-book and contents, lost some where on the Bloomfield Gravel Road between this city and the residence of Charles Blattner.

MANNING KIMMEL.

### FRANCIS' NOMINATION HELD UP.

At Vest's Suggestion It Goes Over Until After the Holidays.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 15.—The nomination of David R. Francis, of Missouri, to be Secretary of the Interior, has been held up, temporarily at least. Similar action has been taken in the case of W. S. Forman, of Illinois, nominated for Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

The opposition to confirm comes in both cases from the silver men, and the especially bitter fight waged by them against Forman, it is believed, will result in his ultimate defeat. Upon the other hand, it is thought that Francis will be confirmed after the holiday recess.

The nomination of Francis, as head of the Interior Department, was referred to the Finance Committee, in accordance with the custom of the Senate. Nominations of the President for Cabinet positions are usually confirmed very promptly. The nomination of Mr. Francis was sent to the Senate a week ago and to-day was the first meeting of the Finance Committee since the nomination was sent to it. It is understood that Senator Vest, a member of the Finance Committee, suggested that the nomination go over until after the holidays. The object is believed to be to prevent confirmation until after the senatorial election in Missouri.

The Senate Committee on Finance also concluded to-day to hold up the nomination of Internal Revenue Commissioner Forman until after the holidays, and the suggestion was made by one of the free silver members of the committee that it be held up indefinitely. This will probably be the decision reached when the matter is again taken up on the reassembling of Congress. By this plan the silverites can create a vacancy in the office on the 4th of March. This would enable President McKinley to fill the office without delay. The free silver Senators are said to prefer that a Republican should have the office than that a bolting Democrat should get any benefit from it under the new Administration. Of course, President McKinley would appoint a successor to Mr. Forman as soon as he was ready to do so, but there would be so many other matters claiming his attention that it might be several months before he would reach the Internal Revenue Commissioner. The free silver Senators are so resentful against Mr. Forman that they will do what they can to make his term of office as short as possible.

### A Tell-Tale Mirror.

Recently the Governor of one of our county prisons was greatly perplexed by the discovery that the female criminals in his charge managed in some mysterious manner to ascertain the presence of every individual man on the other side of the impervious dividing barrier which separates the male from the female workshippers in the jail chapel. One of the women in the department made an exclamation showing that she had suddenly become aware that her husband was within the same walls, although his presence ought, according to the rule, to have been completely unknown to her. None of the officers could account for an unpermitted knowledge, which was found to be shared by all other women. At last a very careful examination of the chapel gave an explanation of the mystery. Although strictly divided, as we have said, both the male and female prisoners faced the alter in their seats, and over it had been fixed a very large brass cross against the wall, so highly polished as to form a very good mirror, and in its clear surface the women saw the reflection of every man as he passed to his place, and had enjoyed the spectacle with impunity until the wife's affection overcame her discretion. The brass cross instantaneously disappeared.—London Hospital.

### Long Felt Want Not Yet Filled.

There are a great many fortunes standing around just ready to fall into the hands of whoever shall fill the needful conditions. One fortune awaits the man who shall invent a perfect fountain pen—a pen which shall deliver just the amount of ink required, never less, never more, never in the wrong place. Another fortune stands holding itself out for the man who shall enable us to forget at will. Still another is shrieking aloud for the opportunity to deliver into the palm of him who shall make virtue pleasant, who shall reverse the law according to which the wholesome foods are not nearly so good to eat as the indigestibles.