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Its Railroad Interests and Prospects.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT:—This city, back in the seventies, between the time work stopped on our railroad and when Mr. Houck breathed new life into it, passed through the most trying period of its history. Enterprise died a natural death, property depreciated in value and went begging without a bidder; merchants were failing and bankrupt business was brisk; taxes went unpaid, people lived on credit and numbers moved away, men gazed with that faraway look that betokens stagnation, age and despair. In truth, the town was finished all save a good fence to convert it into a rich pasture field. What caused all this gloom and living death? Not sickness; for we had placed on our shoulders a railroad debt of nearly \$300,000. It was nothing but want of confidence in ourselves. In other words waiting for some poverty stricken fictitious company to come and build our railroad and hand it back in running order free of charge. That is really what it amounted to. We ought to know by this time that railroad companies are not chartered to run eleemosynary institutions. Help came! didn't it? Yes, and came within a inch of stealing our present railroad, and had they been successful it would have knocked the last prop from under our prosperity, and our property would not be worth our tax bills. Experience is a costly school, and sensible people ought to profit by its teachings. We have been through the mill once and ground pretty fine. For a second time we are sitting on the edge of the toppler ready to topple over between the mill stones. Hold on, Stop and think.

We used to send committees to Thomas Allen and others to Chicago, all of whom reported failure. In fact they were working at the wrong end of the line. Our latest delegations have interviewed Col. Ferdyce, a gentleman of some prominence, but one that has no more power to bind his employers than the individuals that consult him. Will we never learn sense? What does a trunk line with hundreds of miles of track and St. Louis as a terminal care for a wayside station? Nothing, only to milk it.

In Mr. Allen's time we were threatened with Alleville becoming a great city, drawing all the trade of this county to that place. Has it done it? No, get it has the full benefit of two trunk lines. Where is it to-day? Too dead to skin. Trunk lines act as a wet blanket on all enterprises at their way stations. Do you want one spread over you here? Think of this seriously. Notwithstanding all our costly experience our people are getting into the same old rut, looking for some christian corporation to build a road to our city and spend a quarter million dollars for our sole use and benefit. You are again working in at the wrong end of the line.

To bring the Cotton Belt here will cost our people \$50,000 dollars for frontage. Have we that amount to give as a bonus? They won't even give you bonds for it. As business thinking men we had better look this matter square in the face and make proper arrangements that will pay for our outlay. Suppose for a moment the Cotton Belt comes here, what benefit will we derive? We will be a way station like Alleville. Delta as a way station has had the benefit of three independent trunk lines, a way station for each of them, yet, we do not hear of corner lots going at fabulous prices, or any merchantile or manufacturing enterprises being established there. Nothing but a station agent and a half dozen helpers. Trains rush in and rush out, begrudging every moment of delay. It used to be thought that the Illinois Central would make Cairo a city of a hundred thousand inhabitants. The bridge was built and Cairo has become a way station, and were it not for the fact that it is the county seat, Cairo would be blotted from the map. What made Indianapolis the city it is? Not trunk lines, far from it. Look at the map and you will see her own local roads built by local capital and enterprise, radiating to every point of the compass like spokes of a wheel with that city as a hub, each line tapping the wealth of the rural districts and pouring their treasures into the lap of a wide-awake, liberal people. Is there nothing to be learned from this object lesson? The same can be said of St. Louis, Chicago and other cities. True, we do not expect to rival either of those, but by thoughtful business management we can control the business of Scott,

Stoddard, New Madrid, Dunklin and Pemisot on the south, and the northern portion of Alexander county, Illinois.

If we can not have a whole wheel let us have a half one, with spokes running south, west and north, their terminals and headquarters in this city, moved, controlled, influenced and animated by local interest and enterprise. That would be business sense. Our merchants say they sell goods by wholesale as cheap as they do in St. Louis, that being true, country merchants would soon find it to their interest to send their produce to this market and receive back their supplies, saving a long haul and longer freight bills. Then the Cotton Belt and other trunk lines would be anxious to tap this live, enterprising, self-sustaining city and that without any bonus.

Some people misjudge Mr. Houck and call him selfish and grasping. Concede it. Yet, you are bound to admit he has been the means of bringing large sums of money to this city and is working hard to increase the inflow. Yet, unwittingly, you damn up the millrace that drives your grist mill. He has built a road that has enriched a number of our business men and enabled them to erect some of the finest business houses and residences of their class in the State. His little 100 mile railroad has enabled you to open wholesale houses, given our people the means to build fine residences, streets, electric light plants, banks and bank accounts, and pay our railroad, Normal, public school, water and sinking fund taxes, and still you find fault with him, and try to paralyze the hands that feed us. Some thoughtless persons charge him with obstructing the entrance of the Cotton Belt into this city, progress of the town, etc. All in the face of the fact that he is straining every nerve, his money and his credit to give us two more lines of communication with the richest agricultural section in the West; and when he asks for a little timely help you consider the outlay a doubtful investment. Would it not be far better and more business-like for our merchants, bankers and property holders to meet together and of their own motion take \$10,000 of the Scott county road bonds. That would insure the speedy entry of another line of railroad into our city and thereby insure the future growth and prosperity of this place and our business interests. Our people will do well to consider this matter in their counting rooms. It may look like giving Mr. Houck that much for nothing, but that is not the fact. He will grade and tie the road himself, purchase steel rails with what you subscribe, over which will roll hundreds of thousands of dollars in profitable trade to reimburse you for the outlay.

ALEXANDER ROSS.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Policy Toward the McKinley Administration to Be Framed.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., March 1.—An important conference of the leaders in this country will be held within a few days after the inauguration of President McKinley for the purpose of formulating a policy to be conducted toward the new administration with reference to its dealings with Cuban affairs. The date of the conference has not yet been fixed, nor has the place of meeting been decided upon. It is likely that it will be held in this city.

It is the intention of the promoters that there shall be present delegates from Chicago and other points west, from Boston, New York, Washington, and from the Florida towns. Minister Estrada Palma will be present and preside over the proceedings. Among the other prominent Cubans who will give advice and take part in the conference are: Dr. John Guiteras, of this city; Gonzalo de Quesada; Charge d'Affaires of the Cuban Legation at Washington; and Gen. Julio Sanguliy, a few days ago released from Moro Castle.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 129 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful. It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds. Free trial bottles at Haman's drug store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00.

PROF. JOHN S. M'GHEE.

Is Chosen to Succeed Congressman Vandiver as President of the Normal.

The resignation of Congressman Vandiver made vacant the President's chair in the Southeast Normal school and the trustees of the institution have appointed Prof. John S. McGhee to fill the vacancy. Prof. McGhee has been connected with the Normal seventeen years and he is therefore familiar with the duties that will be required of him as president of the Faculty.

Prof. C. M. Hall of Dexter, has been appointed to fill the chair vacated by Prof. McGhee.

Foresight and Prosperity.

It may be taken for granted that all all citizens, except a few politicians who place party above every other consideration, are looking forward hopefully for better times. But lasting prosperity does not come by accident. Before it can arrive the basis for it must be laid by appropriate legislation, and successive steps, wisely taken, must lead up to it. Theorists can not be trusted to bring it about, nor haphazard remedies be risked when the result may be fresh complications. A great political mistake was made in 1892. It is needless to tell the story anew, or to recite all the evils that have followed in its train. They are so many and so serious that the chance of future blunders of the same kind is lessened, and this may be an item of some importance on the credit side.

It is through the steady application of an intelligent and prudent foresight that prosperity will return to the country, and happily it has been exerted already to some purpose. The election of last year was a look ahead by the people for four years. They selected a party and a set of principles to represent their views of the outlook, and gave it the emphasis of a large majority. The change in policies they decreed is about to take place under circumstances indicating that it can be accomplished without serious delay. As an element of prosperity the history and prestige of the Republican party are of great importance. It has carried the country through the most serious crisis and shown the highest skill in handling the finances of the government. I have received the treasury empty, with credit low, and handed it back again to overflowing, with credit at the highest point. Its tariffs have strengthened the nation industrially, as well as financially. Any of them has been infinitely better than the chaotic medley of special protection and free trade which now burdens the energies of the people and adds to a deficit for which there is no excuse.

A far more settled feeling prevails throughout the United States now than during the preceding three years. The gold reserve has been replenished, and the fears of the people in regard to values so quieted that they have no desire to exchange other forms of money for gold. Business men are able to make estimates for new ventures with the assurance that the dollar will not be bisected, nor go down with a run to Populist paper issues. The result of the election of 1896 adds to the faith that the people are equal to sudden political emergencies, and duly cautious about approaching false lights set by wreckers. Voters were not caught by the lure of cheap money for everybody, and to decide one question right is a good start toward settling the next in the same manner. Prevailing conditions are such that prosperity is already on the road, and sagacious measures, with the earnest support of good citizens, will bring it in before the present year runs its course.—Globe-Democrat.

A Choice.

A cannibal chief regarded the fairest of the southerners who had been cast upon his shores. "And so your name is Olive?" he inquired. "Yes, sir," she replied, timidly. "And you can entertain me with the popular oleaginous roles?" "Yes, indeed!" she exclaimed eagerly. "What would your Majesty care to see?"

The savage chieftain smiled suavely. "I think," he observed, "that I will wait till dinner time, and then we will see Olive!"

A rude titter ran through the ranks of his dusky followers.—New York Press.

Ballard's Snow Lintiment Will Cure

Neuralgia. It will also cure Lame Back, Sore Throat, Wounds Sprains, Bruises, Cuts, Old Sores. Ladies, it will cure your back ache. Sold at Wilson's drug store.

CRISP HAS HIS WAY.

A Favorable Report on His Bill Cutting Salaries.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 26.—Col. John T. Crisp is after the high salaried officials of Jackson County with a sharp stick. Last week he introduced a bill in the House to lop off nearly 50 per cent from the salary of every county official. The introduction of the bill caused consternation in Kansas City and Jackson County. Ex-Senator Alken and others were hastily dispatched to Jefferson City to fight the bill.

Last night the House Committee on Retrenchment and Reform held a protracted meeting which was not devoid of excited arguments for and against the bill. Col. Crisp evidently had the best of it for when the committee finally voted on the bill it was in favor of its passage. It was so reported to the House this morning.

A Modest Office Seeker.

In the district which Congressman Ellis, of Oregon, represents are two presidential post offices, Astoria and Portland. Only two, remember, for that is the point of this story.

The other day, while Mr. Ellis was seated at his desk in the House, a card was handed to him. He went into the lobby and found a young man, forthwith the said young man proceeded to address Mr. Ellis in this wise:

"Mr. Ellis, I have come to the conclusion that I want to go West. I think that the climate will agree with me and that there is a chance out there for me to make a living. I have saved a little money, but I do not want to take any risk of not finding employment. I have come to you, therefore with a suggestion. Mr. McKinley knows my father very well, and I think that he also remembers me now, if I could go out to Oregon as postmaster of Astoria I would settle there, and I am sure Mr. McKinley would appoint me if you will only recommend me."

The young man got no farther in his speech. Mr. Ellis, who is very tall, looked down upon his visitor with a paralyzed stare, and then, turning on his heel, walked back into the House without saying a word.—Washington Post.

Petit Jurors Drawn for May Term of Circuit Court and Common Pleas Court.

- Apple Creek—John S. Davis, Robert H. Schaefer, Charles Sievers.
- Augusta—Augustus H. Goyert, Daniel Miller, Jas. Miller, Judson M. Randol.
- Cape Girardeau—Hy. Meystel, Jr., Edward Regenhardt, Aug. Shivelbine, August Komper, Henry Bush, Phillip Frank.
- Hubbard—E. J. Sander, Christ Sander.
- Kinder—Frank Proffer.
- Liberty—Peter Strong.
- Randol—G. Kesterson, John M. Brown.
- Shawnee—Samuel Gaebler, Fred J. Schorn.
- Welch—Herman Macke.
- White Water—Carmi Steele, C. B. Stearns.

COMMON PLEAS COURT.

- Apple Creek—Geo. Howard, G. S. Wills, Christian Mirly.
- Byrd—Henry Rutzel, Wm. Bruening, Louis Bingenheimer, Hy. Englemann.
- Cape Girardeau—Louis F. Klostermann, Hy. L. Hunz, David A. Glenn, Joseph Fuent, Wm. Quade, Hy. Suedekum.
- Hubbard—J. H. C. Kerstner, Otto F. Wille.
- Kinder—Aug. Riestler.
- Liberty—John G. Scholz.
- Randol—A. J. Lindsay, D. C. Masters.
- Shawnee—W. P. Morton, Sr., Daniel Morgan.
- Welch—Fritz Boek.
- White Water—Emanuel Hartte, Jas. A. Miller.

The Commander-in-Chief.

Of the Grand Army of the Republic Major George S. Merrill. Few remedies are better known in this vicinity than Sulphur Bitters; their sale has been very general throughout this section, and the number of reliable and well-attested cases of beneficial results and recovery by their use, is large and beyond dispute.

A Twelve Thousand Dollar Ice Plant

The Board of Directors of the Cape Brewery and Ice Company held a meeting in the office of the brewery and made a contract with a Pennsylvania firm for a twelve thousand dollar ice plant. The plant is to be put in in time to supply ice the coming summer.

CLEVELAND'S SALARY.

He Received \$4,166.67 for February Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—The United States Treasurer sent a modest looking package to President Cleveland to-day. It was an official envelope containing a Treasury warrant in his favor \$3,166.67, being Mr. Cleveland's last month's salary as President of the United States.

It was taken to the White House by Mr. C. L. Larson a messenger in the Treasurer's office, and delivered to Mr. Crook, the disbursing officer at the White House. Following his usual custom, the President will endorse it and deposit it with his bankers for collection.

The President receives his salary of \$50,000 a year in monthly instalments of \$4,166.67. In order to make the monthly payments come out even, he is paid \$4,166.67 for each of three months and \$4,166.67 for each of the remaining nine months. The outgoing President receives the salary of the office up to midnight of March 3, when the salary of the incoming President begins. This arrangement was made many years ago, because the Treasury does not recognize any fraction of a day in the payment of salaries.

President Cleveland has received his salary to March 1 on an "accountable warrant," and his salary for the first three days of March will be paid on what is known as a "settlement warrant," showing that he has received \$200,000 for his four years' term.

Mr. Cleveland holds the smallest warrant that was ever issued by the Treasury Department. It amounts to one cent, and was issued to him to cover balance due on his salary for June, 1855. He has never cashed it, and probably will hold it as a curiosity.

DIED AT SILVERTON.

Mrs. S. D. Cunningham is Dead and Her Remains Will Be Brought to This City.

A telegram was received here Sunday announcing the death of Mrs. S. D. Cunningham, (nee Miss Anna Greene), daughter of Mrs. Ruth O'Donoghue of this city, at Silverton, Colorado. The dispatch brought sad news to the brother and sisters of the deceased as well as to a large circle of friends.

Mrs. Cunningham was born and raised in this city. She was a young lady who had a host of friends and the news of her death will cause many sad hearts to mourn for the deceased who was near and dear to a large circle of friends in this city.

Mrs. Cunningham was twenty-five years of age. She had been married about one year and she leaves an infant babe. Her remains will be brought to this city for interment and they will reach here Saturday. Due notice of the funeral will be given.

A Governor's Hat.

The Governor of Missouri has been wearing a most outrageous hat during the last week. It was given to him by Adj. General M. Fred Bell, who has excellent taste in everything except hats. The Governor, perhaps, wouldn't wear it at all if it hadn't been presented to him by so good and loyal a friend as Gen. Bell. If a casual acquaintance had sent it to him, Gov. Stephens would doubtless have viewed the gift with suspicion and stored it away from public gaze; and if it had come from a political enemy he certainly would have sent it back by the first train. The hat is of such gigantic proportions that the Governor seems to stagger under it as he walks. Its crown is built upon the plans and specifications of a mountain peak, and when it is crushed in the center it has the appearance of an extinct volcano. And yet Gov. Stephens seems actually proud of the hat. It probably cost more than any other hat in Missouri, and must have been made to order. Jefferson City is wondering how long the Governor is going to wear the hat.—Lebanon (Mo.) Rustle.

Old People.

Old people who require medicine to regulate the bowels and kidneys will find the true remedy in Electric Bitters. This medicine does not stimulate and contains no whiskey nor other intoxicant, but acts as a tonic and alternative. It acts mildly on the stomach and bowels, adding strength and giving tone to the organs, thereby aiding Nature in the performance of the functions. Electric Bitters is an excellent appetizer and aids digestion. Old people find it just exactly what they need. Price fifty cents per bottle at Haman's drug store.

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY.

Henry Huhn and His Wife Surprised by Their Friends.

Wednesday, March 3rd thirty years ago Henry Huhn and Miss Barbara Kuhn were united in the holy bonds of matrimony and on the occasion of the thirtieth anniversary of that event the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Huhn marched in upon them about one hundred strong to remind them of the fact that they had been married for thirty years. These friends were accompanied by the West End Glee Club which was secured to furnish music for the wedding anniversary. When the friends marched in at nine o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Huhn were greatly surprised. They had not thought of the anniversary of their wedding. The recollections of thirty years ago had not been disturbing them and they knew not what to make of such a crowd walking into their house at such an unusual hour. But they were soon made aware of the fact that the people who had them surrounded were their friends and they were there to congratulate them on the thirtieth anniversary of their wedding.

The crowd was cordially received and a splendid time was had notwithstanding the great surprise. A number of handsome presents were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Huhn, among which were shown an imported china dinner set, handsomely decorated, the gift of Cairo relatives, a magnificent onyx parlor lamp and stand, two fancy had made table lamps and other presents that we did not see.

At eleven o'clock a sumptuous supper was served. The dining room was presided over by Rudy Huhn and he made it agreeable and pleasant for all. The tables were handsomely decorated and they were loaded with the best of everything to be had in this market. The supper was in fact a regular wedding feast.

After supper the dining room was cleared of its furnishings and then a dance was had. In this old and young took part and it was after one o'clock in the morning before the party broke up and bid good night to Mr. and Mrs. Huhn.

Reflections of a Bachelor.

No woman can love a cat and a man at the same time.

It's generally when a man is most prosperous that he treats his family the worst.

In the unhappy homes the cook book has as much dust on it as the family Bible.

If women were angels they would always be worried for fear the men would muss their feathers all up.

When a church choir sings an anthem it always reminds you of when you were little and used to race to see which could get through saying the prayers first.—New York Press.

Grand Army Post Monument.

One of the officers of the Just Post No. 173, Grand Army, showed us a design for a monument that the members of the Post intend to erect "to the memory of our fallen comrades," at some no distant day. It is their purpose, as we understand it, to secure a site for the monument on the court house square at the most eligible spot, and there place the monument. It will be 14 feet in height, with a life-size infantry soldier standing at "parade rest." This when complete will be quite an ornament to our public square, and a lasting credit to our people.

On the three sides of the disk there will be ample space for the names of every soldier who went to the front from this county.

Remember, we are making history; then let it be creditable to our generation so that our children will bless us.

Worth Ten Dollars.

To any family, is Dr. Kaufmann's book on diseases. Fully illustrated plates from Hies; don't be humbugged, but cure yourself. Send three 2-cent stamps for postage to A. P. Ordway & Co., Boston, Mass., and receive a copy free.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between William Bruening and Philipp Stoll, merchant tailors, was on February 28, 1897, dissolved by mutual consent.

WILLIAM BRUENING,
PHILIPP STOLL.

Bronchitis.

Ballard's Horehound Syrup absolutely cures Bronchitis and all other diseases of the Throat and Lung's. It gives instant relief and will cure the worst cough. It is a guaranteed Remedy. Sold at Wilson's drugstore.