

### ANNOUNCEMENTS.

#### FOR REPRESENTATIVE.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election as representative from Washington County to the 29th General Assembly of the State of Missouri, subject to the decision of the Republican county convention.

EUGENE C. BAUBER.

#### FOR COLLECTOR.

We are duly authorized to announce ROBERT H. EVENS, of Brown township, as a candidate for the office of collector of the revenue of Washington County at the election to be held November 24, 1896, subject to the decision of the Republican convention or primary election.

We are duly authorized to announce JOHN M. HUGHES, of Concord township, as a candidate for the office of collector of the revenue of Washington County at the election to be held November 24, 1896, subject to the decision of the Republican convention or primary election.

#### FOR ASSESSOR.

We are duly authorized to announce NORMAN F. ROBINSON, of Harmony township, as a candidate for re-election to the office of assessor of Washington County at the election to be held November 24, 1896, subject to the decision of the Republican convention or primary election.

#### FOR SHERIFF.

We are duly authorized to announce JAMES R. WHITEHEAD, of Harmony township, as a candidate for the office of sheriff of Washington County at the election to be held November 24, 1896, subject to the decision of the Republican convention or primary election.

FOR PROSECUTING ATTORNEY. We are duly authorized to announce G. I. VAN ALEN, of Potosi, as a candidate for the office of prosecuting attorney of Washington County at the election to be held November 24, 1896, subject to the decision of the Republican convention or primary election.

### COMMITTEE MEETING.

A meeting of the Republican Central Committee of Washington County is hereby called to convene at the court house in Potosi at 12 o'clock, noon, on Saturday, March 21st, 1896, for the purpose of transaction of such business as may come before it.

W. T. HUNTER, Chairman.  
W. T. WOOLFORD, Secretary.

The Republic and Post-Dispatch set the example for harmony in their party by lambasting each other with editorial sand-bags.

The Democratic party is not looking for logical candidate to head its national ticket for the reason that logic and Democracy have never been synonymous.

Governor Stone is devoting entirely too much time to politics and not enough to governing. The highest officer of the State presents a pretty spectacle when he subordinates his office to machine politics.

The Kentucky legislature adjourned Tuesday without having elected a United States senator to succeed Senator Blackburn. This ends the struggle that will live in history as the most remarkable senatorial contest in the annals of the our country.

We point with pride to the incomparable management of the county funds by the Republican county court. The Republican readers of the JOURNAL should call the attention of their Democratic friends who do not take the paper, to the financial statement.

Hon. JOHN H. RANEY, representative in Congress from this, the 13th district, has declined to be a candidate for renomination. Since Mr. Raney has been in Washington he has kept so quiet that his constituents have no doubt wondered at times whether they were being represented in the national legislature at all. Drawing his salary seems to be about all Mr. Raney has been doing in the interest of his district. It is well that he declines to enter into the race for the nomination, for out of courtesy better and more active Republicans might feel inclined to stand out of his way in the convention. Our choice as Mr. Raney's successor is Hon. K. W. Weber, of Farmington.

The editor of the Independent is kicking about the county printing. He has become wonderfully solicitous about saving money to the taxpayers of late, but his interest in their behalf does not extend beyond his own interest in the matter. For instance, when he offered to do the county printing for 12 cents per square he did not include the election ticket, which must be

published in his paper next fall, and for which he will demand what the law allows. It is only when he wants to give a hated competitor a "frost" that he becomes solicitous about the taxpayers interest. It will cost the county no more to publish its financial statement this year than it did when the Independent was the sole paper in the county. We do not propose to keep up an interminable discussion of this subject, but we will suggest that if the editor of the Independent would consistently keep up his part as the taxpayers champion he should have included the election ticket in his bid.

By carefully going over the election returns since 1888 the result of the figures prove that this (Washington) county is safely Republican, under normal conditions, by a good majority. Bring out the full party vote, and success is assured.

The total Democratic vote in 1888 was 1287, in 1892 it was 1305, and in 1894 it 1215, showing that the maximum variation in those years was only ninety votes. The Republican vote in 1888 was 1231, in 1892 1215, and in 1894 1345, showing a maximum variation of 138 votes. If the Democrats were to regain the ninety votes lost in 1894 it would still leave the Republicans a majority by a narrow margin. If 8500 the total vote of both parties was abnormal and cannot be used in obtaining anything definite as to the actual voting strength of either. In that year the Democrats had a total vote of 1434, an increase of about 190 above the average of 1888 and 1892. The Republican vote in that year was far below the average of 1888 and 1892.

The conditions this year are favorable to Republicans, and it is believed that the gain made in 1894 will be maintained. The success of that year will be a powerful incentive for the party to vote its full strength, and if this is done, there will be no doubt as to the result of the election next November.

#### Promises Not Fulfilled.

The failure of a political party to carry out its promises to the people after it has been placed in a position to do so indicates a lack of capacity to fulfill its pledges. The Democrats promised us much in the way of lighter taxes and higher prices, a larger demand for labor and a foreign market for surplus products. In fact, it would be hard to enumerate all the promises they made to win the masses to their side, and eventually the masses were won by them. The power that was to work these wonders was tariff reform. How many of these Democratic promises have been redeemed? Has tariff reform increased the price of wheat, or the price of manufactured products, or the price of labor? Has it opened foreign markets or created a greater demand for labor, or has it even lightened the burden of taxation? The party in power can not truthfully say that it has fulfilled a single one of its many promises, nor does it attempt to explain why it has not done so. The hard times which have prevailed since the party assumed control of the government have knocked the props from under every argument that may be presented in favor of continuing the Democratic party in power, in the hope that it may yet redeem its promises to the people.

#### Sedalia Arguments are Bosh.

The Capital-removal enthusiasts are wasting a great deal of good paper in sending out so much literature regarding their pet hobby. Another installment has been received at this office and will be consigned to that repository where we are wont to throw things that are of no value. They set forth argument after argument to prove that Sedalia is the only place desirable for the location of the State Capital. Many of these so-called arguments are the veriest rot and unworthy of the time which it takes to read the same. In one of the numerous circulars sent out by the enthusiasts we read: "We do not undertake to reply to the misrepresentations and abuses that are heaped high on the General Assembly and people of Sedalia by some of the champions of Jefferson City." If they are being abused in any manner by the newspapers of the State who are opposed to the removal, we haven't heard anything about it in this week of the woods. Everyone has a right to express an honest opinion, and it is unduly our opinion that the Capital should remain where it is at present. This capital-removal scheme is a very good advertising device and Sedalia is getting a great many free puffs. If she wants to advertise in this paper we will cheerfully make our rates known on application.—Vandalia Mail and Express.

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The first modern bridge of which history makes mention was the famous Sublician Bridge in Rome. It was erected in the seventh century.

Found in an Ostrich's Stomach. The stories about the omnivorous appetite of an ostrich are sometimes received with skepticism. But the actual facts as revealed by a post-mortem examination of one of the birds which recently died in Central Park, New York, would seem to indicate that the fowl had not been told.

The digestive capabilities of an ostrich are even greater than those of a Harlem goat, and it is less particular as to what it swallows. The ostrich, which was dissected by a taxidermist a few days ago, had in its stomach the following articles: One wooden clothespin, two pieces of glass (the bottom of beer bottles), a month harmonicon, 5 inches long, 2 inches wide, a metal skate key, the ferrule of an umbrella with a piece of stick in it about 4 inches long, an ordinary brass door key, 5 inches long, a woman's black horn comb, a woman's silk handkerchief, two pieces of coal about an inch thick, and three stones about an inch thick, with some cabbage, grass, lettuce, celery, common dirt and a few minor pieces of vegetables. The ostrich did not die from the effects of the junk shop in its stomach, but from tuberculosis.

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