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Judicial Controversy and the Way Out.

THE NON-PARTISAN SPIRIT.

Suggestion of a Candidate Who Will be Acceptable to All—The Bar Can Only Decide in an Unbiased, Unprejudiced Way if Left to It.

"The Union," saith the oracle itself, "has declined to run counter to a well established republican practice as to the selection of our circuit judges and may be excused for failing to recognize the right of a democratic paper to enter into any contest with it on the subject. Let it see to the nomination of democratic candidates in any manner it likes and no republican will take exception. And the Union would have found no fault with any legitimate criticism—it was the attempt to place it in a false position that it resented."

This much in reference to THE ARGUS for criticizing the attempt of the morning paper to forestall the disposition to consider any republican candidate for the judiciary other than its exclusive candidate for any office of distinction that may come up. And in thus committing itself, the morning paper, has declined "to run counter to a well established republican practice," etc. As for the democratic paper it has not sought to enter into any contest with it on the subject. It has simply asserted that in view of the fact that a paper supposed to speak for all republicans has sought to commit its party to one individual to the utter disregard of all others mentioned and none of whom it would have mentioned but for THE ARGUS, it felt the right to utter the protest of the people as a whole. This it did. And further, THE ARGUS took the position that in the absence of a judiciary system free from the influence of politics, the party having the power for the time being should select a candidate who would be as far as possible acceptable to the public in general. It gave expression to its conviction that the methods of politics should not be carried into the judiciary and that the preferences of the community should be considered as paramount to personal aspirations. Now the Union maintains that the republicans have been in the habit of leaving the choice of judicial candidates virtually to the attorneys of the different counties, etc. This being the case, by what precedent has the Union become the dictator to the bar and under what rule of procedure has it felt licensed to say to the bar that "our county" would probably be for a certain man? If the bar as a profession is to recommend, this does not strip the proceedings of political consideration, for there has been a time when a democratic attorney would feel that he had a voice in the bar's selection of these preferences?

CHANGE AT THE THEATRE

E. B. Kreis to Become Manager After Jan. 1.

For some time numerous rumors have been afloat of a change in the management of Harper's theatre, but many of these were erroneous, the fact being that Manager Bleuer, of Bleuer's orchestra, has not the time to devote to it, and give it the attention that it should have, and at his solicitation E. B. Kreis has agreed to undertake the duties, and will assume the capacity of manager Jan. 1. It will be the endeavor to book only the best attractions, and to give the public the assurance that there will be no deception in the class of shows presented there.

Christmas Entertainment.

Armory hall presented a merry scene last evening on the occasion of the Christmas entertainment of the Sunday school of Memorial Christian church. The program consisted of a series of stereoscopic views, and recitations, songs and musical selections by the children, who were afterwards treated to a distribution of candies.

A Christmas festival was given at Turner hall yesterday afternoon to the younger members of the society. Prof. Huck-taet, physical director, first took the little ones through an exhibition drill, and then the Christmas tree was stripped of its presents and goodies, which were passed among the children.

The Christmas festival of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran church Sunday school was held last evening. A program was given, and the children were presented with candy.

The Swedish Baptist church gave a Sunday school entertainment last evening.

Amusements.

Says an eminent critic of A. Q. Scammon's admirable play, "The American Girl," to be at the Burtis, Davenport, Wednesday evening, Dec. 30: "It is one of the most beautiful comedy creations imaginable, and is the most notable addition that has been made to the field of American comedy for some time." Miss Anita Hendall and R. E. (Bob) Graham are engaged with this attraction, playing the principal roles.

Young bachelors about to become benefactors will learn a thing or two regarding the clever method to use in making the future father-in-law provide the new home, from a scene in "After the Ball," Paul Gibbs, played by that delightful comedian, George Herbert, has an interview with one of the men who look on him as a new addition to the family. Old Brown tells Gibbs of a flat he has found, what repairs are needed and where to order them done. Gibbs goes to Judge Hicks, whose daughter he loves, and tells the ex-jurist all about the apartments—of which he has learned from Brown—using the identical language of the crabbed old contractor. Hicks is astounded at Gibbs' nerve, but on the assurance that such matters are attended to nowadays by the bride's father, does as he is told. It always convulses the house. "After the Ball" will be presented at Harper's theatre New Year's eve.

Rock Island Change.

C. C. Truesdale Gets a Position That May Mean His Removal.

S. S. Stackhouse, for many years claim agent for the Rock Island at Davenport, has resigned and the office is to be moved to Des Moines, with W. H. Mather as claim agent for the entire state of Iowa, and C. C. Truesdale, of this city, as his assistant. Mr. Truesdale, as is known, is a brother of W. H. Truesdale, general manager of the road. The change takes effect Jan. 1 and Mr. Truesdale's new duties may necessitate his removal from this city to Des Moines. His many friends here, while congratulating him on his new and responsible position, will regret his departure from this city.

Open House.

The Y. M. C. A. will keep open house New Year's day from 3 to 6 p. m. The basketball team will play a game with a club to be organized from among the best players of the association.

Dr. F. W. Gunsalus, of Chicago, will deliver his lecture on "Savonarola" at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium Jan. 26, taking the place of Prof. H. V. Richards on the lecture course.

Blood Is Life.

It is the medium which carries to every nerve, muscle, organ and fibre its nourishment and strength. If the blood is pure, rich and healthy you will be well; if impure disease will soon overtake you. Hood's Sarsaparilla has power to keep you in health by making your blood rich and pure.

Hood's pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cures indigestion, biliousness. 25 cents.

POLICE COURT PICKINGS.

Moses Baker Arrested for Fighting at Auer's Saloon.

Moses Baker is charged with disturbing the peace in a warrant sworn out before Magistrate Schroeder, by P. Auer, proprietor of a saloon at the corner of Twenty-fourth and Third avenue. There was an ugly fight at Auer's place last night. Windows were broken, faces decorated and old Ned raised in general. The police were called, but only succeeded in landing Baker, two brothers named Barrington, who are said to have been mixed up in the fray, making themselves scarce before the arrival of the blue coats. Baker will have his hearing Jan. 2.

P. Sasne swore out a warrant against J. A. Burt, in which he charges assault and battery. The case will be tried Thursday morning before Magistrate Schroeder.

Andrew Jackson was arrested on complaint of Andrew Larson. Disturbing the peace is the charge. Magistrate Schroeder will hear the case Jan. 2, at 10 a. m.

S. Weinberg has sworn out a warrant before Magistrate Schroeder charging W. A. Corcoran with assault and battery, and a hearing will be had tomorrow morning. Corcoran says he is unjustly accused; that the complainant is a tenant of his, and that when he went to him to claim his rent he was met with threatening and abusive conduct, and that he struck him in self defense.

MEETING OF TEACHERS.

Rock Island Delegation Off to Attend the State Convention.

A number of instructors in the Rock Island public schools have gone to Springfield to attend the convention of the State Teachers' association, which opens today and continues three days. A train leaving over the Burlington route at 7:15 this morning bore quite a delegation of the teachers, who had a special coach. The party, which was accompanied by Division agent Mack, was composed of: Supt. E. G. Young and wife, Prof. L. C. Daugherty, Mrs. Mary S. Doney, and the Misses Dora Newton, Millie De Santo, Belle Dooan, Jennie Wilcox, Mary Carter, A. Laura Hill, Maggie Wilson, Julia M. Anderson, Dell Stone, Emily Freeman, Bella F. Cooke, Radelinde Requa, Emma Churchhill, Martin, Mary Estilike, Harriet Henderson, Sarah Johnston, Lou J. Philip, Augusta Holpenstall, Mary Murphy, Estella M. Vandruft, Jennie Dickmann, Jessie Frick, Bridie M. Egan, Lillian Fitzpatrick, Lila Falsinger, Kate Brennan, Charlotte Kenworthy, Frances Oswald, Dora Hartz, Elizabeth Stelek.

Each of the teachers wore a neat and attractive badge, on which it was stated that the Northern Illinois Teachers' association will meet in Rock Island April 23-24, 1897.

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AUXILIARY LADIES.

Association Adjunct Holds Its Election.

THE ANNUAL MEETING YESTERDAY.

Women Transact Their Business at the Headquarters on Third Avenue, Having an Interesting Session—G. J. Dempsey Forum Chosen New Officers.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the headquarters on Third avenue. These officers were chosen:

President—Mrs. C. B. Kinyon.
Vice President—Mrs. J. P. Bailey.
Secretary—Miss M. W. Davidson.
Treasurer—Miss Mary Welch.

Various matters of a routine nature were brought before the ladies and discussed by them, and altogether it was an interesting meeting. Dempsey Forum No. 6.

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President—E. M. Wilcox.
Vice Presidents—Miss Laura C. Biadel, Miss Kate Leyda.
Secretary—Mrs. A. C. Ranson.
Treasurer—Charles E. Hodgson.
Historian—George J. Dempsey.
Orator—Harry Potts; assistant, Miss Lottie Sunley.

Porter—Edward Gregg.
Guard—J. H. Ranson.

Medical Examiner—Dr. Emily Wright.

Board of Directors—D. C. Thompson, (one year); H. H. Robb (two years); M. E. Sweeney (three years).

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Dress Goods Furor.

We place on sale \$10,000 worth of black and novelty colored dress patterns at less than half the original prices.

At 25c a Yard.

20 pieces, 900 yards, 36-inch pure mohair scottish black jacquards, regular retail price 50c a yard, cut down to 25c a yard.

At 58c a Yard.

Regular \$1 quality Priestley's elegant black jacquard dress goods, never offered over the retail counter for less than \$1 a yard, for this sale we say 58c a yard.

At \$3.12 a Pattern

100 choice novelty dress pattern lengths, all newest colorings and weaves, worth \$6, \$6.50 and \$7 a suit, for this sale, we put them all in one lot, choice for \$3.12 a pattern.

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This collection includes a most sensational offering of high class novelty dress patterns: \$12 Scotch checks, \$10 matelasse cloths, \$10 ladies' worsted suit patterns, \$9 genuine French taffeta novelties, \$8.50 silk and wool novelties, \$10 Persian novelty dress patterns. None reserved. Choice of all for only \$4.87, \$4.87.

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300 superb black dress pattern lengths, the pick of all this season's favorite weaves, everything that one could wish for in the way of black dress goods will be found in this elegant ensemble. The \$12, \$13, \$15 dress patterns, choice of any and all for only \$6.88 a pattern.

Hosiery.

Special drive in misses' hose, sizes 5 to 9 inch, worth from 25c to 40c, special for this week 10c for size 5, rise 1 cent each size, making size 9 at 17c. See? Our price 3c and 40c. Real value 25c to 40c.

A small lot of ladies' fast black fleece lined hose, sizes 9 and 10 inch, will close them out at 8c a pair. Not very many of them.

Instead of Rogers' Ware.

An eastern cutlery factory made up more steel blanks than the Rogers silverware people could use. How to sell the knives and forks was the question.

They plated the knives themselves—Malacca plate. Polished like silver, wears as long, and unlike silver, does not tarnish. Now we have the knives and forks to sell at 72c a set—6 knives and 6 forks in a box, put up in tissue paper, like the Rogers goods, price per set 72c.

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