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Friday, Feb. 16, 1906.

In Fulton county the democrats and republicans will hold a joint meeting to make arrangement for the primary elections. The idea is not a bad one.

Good nominations and a square fight will enable the democrats to elect their county tickets in not less than half of the counties of the state.

Former Gov. Yates is claiming credit for the primary election bill. Gov. Deneen is making the same claim. Senator Cullom is too old a politician to make an early claim of anything.

Rev. Dr. George H. Stimmons, the Peoria suicide, was merely an embezzler, forger, adulterer, bank wrecker, perjurer, wife robber, and degenerate. In other words he was a perfect gentleman. And yet for a man with but one vice—he was surely going some.

Speaker Cannon was being urged by Representative Hitt to deliver a speech. Mr. Cannon begged to be excused on the ground that he was not familiar with the subject, which related to the foreign affairs of the government. Mr. Hitt would not accept this as an excuse and after considerable urging Speaker Cannon consented to make a speech, saying he would talk but twenty minutes. "I guess I can talk that long and conceal my ignorance," said Mr. Cannon.

Four years ago William Rockefeller, the Standard Oil magnate began an action at law against an old army vet. named Lamore for trespass on the magnificent Rockefeller estate at Malone, N. Y. The jury returned a verdict in favor of Mr. Rockefeller, and awarded him 18 cents damages because the track of a little road of which Lamore was promoter, touched the Rockefeller preserves. The case has taken a dozen turns, but it is still in the courts. Rockefeller is trying to get his 18 cents and Lamore is trying to keep from paying it.

Macomb Journal: From all appearances at this date, Congressman James McKinney is to have the field of republican congressional nomination to himself at the coming convention in this district. So far the Journal has heard of no other candidate and there is likely to be none. Under the primary election law, a would-be candidate for congress on the republican ticket in this district has to file a petition containing considerably over 1,000 names before he can get on the primary ballot; and as the procuring of such list is no fun job it practically eliminates from the contest those who might desire to make the race simply to get before the public, but with no thought of securing the prize. Hence, unless a man is bonafide of intention, he will not enter the race.

The German Tariff.

It is the agricultural interests of the United States which will suffer most from the new German tariff. The increased duties were for the most part imposed with a view to the protection of German agricultural products. These duties will consequently bear most heavily upon some of the principal articles we export from Germany. It is pointed out that the difference between the general rates and the conventional rates, the latter being for countries which have effected some reciprocity arrangements with the German government, is very great, in many cases as much as 100 per cent. This is so as to wheat, flour, corn, lard and some other articles. At present fresh apples are admitted free into Germany, but after March 1 the duty on them will be \$2.38 per 100 kilogram, equal to 22.04 pounds.

The New York Times remarks that any one can see that here is a matter not to be neglected. "The consequence of neglecting it will be to make Germany increasingly independent of our products. She will look to Argentina for her foodstuffs, a little country of 5,000,000 people already having a foreign trade of \$451,000,000, which is rapidly increasing. She will look to her European neighbors for a larger proportion of her supplies, and Europe, enjoying the benefit of lower duties, would have a decisive advantage over us." This exactly states the situation. If no arrangement is effected between this country and Germany, by which American products can obtain the "conventional" rates that will be enjoy-

ed by the countries that have made reciprocity treaties with Germany, our agricultural interests will experience a loss so far as the German market is concerned, and what is thus lost may never be regained. It is possible that this is not as well understood at Washington as it should be.

State Committee Meeting.

A meeting of the democratic state committee has been called to convene in the Sherman house at Chicago, Friday, Feb. 16, at 11 o'clock a. m. An invitation is extended to all democrats who may be interested in the meeting, to attend. One of the purposes is to confer about the new primary election law and its application to the ensuing state convention and another object is to fix the time and place and basis of representation for the convention.

The meeting will be in many respects one of the most important held in many years. It will afford democrats a means to get together to talk over the situation, to adjust differences and to harmonize factional divisions, and to outline plans and policies for the campaign.

Illinois is far from being a hopeless republican state. The interecine strife now going on in the republican ranks is the fiercest that has ever waged within party ranks. The two factions, the federal and the state wings, of the party are both strong and unrelenting and will carry on the battle one against the other to a finish. Democrats, it is true, have some differences, but whatever they are, all democrats seem to feel united in the determination to make a vigorous fight against the two machines, both of which are fighting to control the republican party, and neither of which appears to concern itself about the real interests of the taxpayers and citizens of the state.

Tax is Due.

Taxes for the year 1905 are now due. Parties having personal taxes and no real estate will make immediate payment. The law in regard to the collection of personal taxes will be strictly enforced. Payments made previous to the tax payer. Please bring your last year's receipt.

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DAILY SHORT STORY

THE MINISTER'S PLOWING.

[Copyright, 1906, by McClure, Phillips & Co.] Things came about one spring day that Farmer Johnson, living two miles from the village of Lansing, traded a number of hogs and calves and a cow for a yoke of oxen. Farmer Johnson had been a farmer for a good many years, but had never owned a yoke of oxen. He was a good man and a member of a church congregation in the village, and his wife was known far and wide for her gentleness and benevolence.

The robins were tuning up their lyres and making ready to build their nests and go in for the simple life when the farmer yoked up his oxen and hitched them to the plow and started in to break the soil of a five acre lot which was to be planted to potatoes. The oxen turned a furrow twenty rods long and then decided to rest. They were coaxed and argued with, but they were obdurate. Not an hour's work was got out of them that whole day.

The May sun was shining just as brightly and the May robins were singing just as gayly when the farmer and his oxen started in on the second day. Peace on earth and good will to men seemed to prevail all along the line, but a close observer would have noticed that the farmer's jaw was set and that the oxen had a defiant toss of the head. Things developed early. When two furrows had been plowed across the land the oxen suddenly started and ran away, and plow and farmer were dragged along for ten minutes before there was a halt.

When the oxen were brought out after dinner the farmer was armed with a stout club, and the light of Bunker Hill shone in his eyes. Perhaps the boy had premonition of the coming cyclone, for they jogged along in a sober and industrious way for half an hour before breaking out; then it was another runaway and a halt in a fence corner. They had only stopped to breathe when the farmer was on top of them with his club. He also broke forth into language. He clubbed and he exclaimed; he pounded and he ejaculated; he walloped and he cursed.

One of the travelers along the highway that afternoon was the widow Barnes. She belonged to the same church as the Johnsons. She drove up as the circus was in full swing, and, jumping out of her buggy, she mounted the roadside fence and shrieked out: "Stop that! Stop that! Samuel Johnson, have you gone crazy?"

"None of your business!" was shouted back. "But I'll make it my business. Don't you swear another swear in my presence?"

"By thunder and lightning and jingo and Peter and Paul!"

"And don't you hit them oxen another blow!"

"Whack! Whack! Whack!"

"I command you to stop! In the name of the law I command you not to strike another blow!"

Farmer Johnson struck a dozen. "Very well. I know what I shall do. The people around here shall know what sort of a man you are before the sun goes down."

The widow drove to the village and to the minister's, and the story she told made the good man's hair stand up. He couldn't help but feel that it was his duty to go out and investigate, and the widow lent him her horse and buggy for the drive. He arrived at the Johnson farm to find the oxen resting under a tree and the farmer sitting on the fence with a straw in his mouth. The oxen were wondering what further deviltry they could be guilty of.

"I am sorry, Brother Johnson, very sorry," began the minister as he heaved a long sigh.

"Sister Barnes told you all about it, did she?"

"Everything."

"She said I pounded the oxen with a club?"

"She did, and I can see proofs of it."

"She said I swore?"

"Like a pirate of old, and I can almost smell the fumes of sulphur around here. Brother Johnson, until a man can control his temper he cannot be looked upon as a Christian."

"Parson, did you ever drive oxen?" asked the farmer after a bit.

"I—I cannot say that I ever did, but nothing can convince me that it is necessary to resort to profanity and brutality to move a yoke of gentle eyed oxen along."

"Come along and give it a trial," the good man hesitated, but the oxen were attached to the plow and headed around, and he advanced and seized the plow handles and gave them the word to go. They went. Their movements for the first five minutes were as gentle as grease running across the kitchen floor; then they stopped, wheeled, turned the yoke and ran over the plowman and dragged him along for ten rods before they could be headed off.

"That's the way they have been acting for a day and a half," observed the farmer.

The minister limped toward the fence.

"And I don't think I'm so much to blame for shouting at them."

The other climbed over into the road and into the widow's buggy.

"I may have used a club rather freely, but under the circumstances—"

The good man said "get up" to the horse and moved off.

Two hours later the widow Barnes appeared at the parsonage to see if Farmer Johnson was to be churched for profanity and cruelty, and the minister advanced and whispered in her ear:

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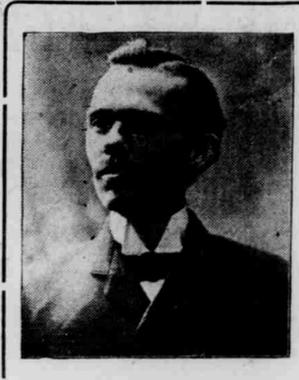
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