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CALL FOR DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION OF ILLINOIS.

Headquarters Democratic State Central Committee of Illinois, Sherman House, Chicago, February 22, 1892.

The following resolution was adopted by the Democratic State Central Committee, February 22, 1892.

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARIES AND CONVENTION.

The democratic voters of Rock Island are requested to assemble at the usual voting places in their respective wards at 7:30 p. m., on SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1892.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MARCH 10, at 7:30 o'clock, for the purpose of nominating candidates for one supervisor for two years, town collector and assessor; also to appoint chairman of the township committee.

SANGAMON county, Ill., democrats, in convention Saturday, in resolutions endorsed General Palmer for the nomination for president.

SCOTT WISE was endorsed for renomination to congress, by the Cass county democratic central committee, in session at Virginia last Thursday.

OGLE county editors propose to prosecute township, city and school officers who fail to publish their annual reports, as required by law.

"CHEAPNESS isn't always an angel of mercy," said Major McKinley in a recent banquet speech.

Prior to leaving the United States Sir Edwin Arnold made a speech in New York city in which he said: "I ask your permission before I conclude this last of my readings with some verses from the Persian of Sadi, which explains and justifies my books, to offer, first to you, and next through you, to those 65 audiences which I have had the honor to address in various cities of the United States, my most respectful and heartfelt thanks for the grace and kindness of the receptions which they have given me.

Mr. Neer—What ought we to do, doctor, as a community in order to—er—to meet the grip? Dr. Blunt—Don't meet it, my dear sir; avoid it.—Chicago Tribune.

The National library in Paris, with its 2,000,000 printed books and 100,000 manuscripts, is the largest literary storehouse in the world.

"Oh! for a ledge in some vast wilderness, some boundless contiguity of shade, where rheumatism and headache would never reach me more!" Why! you needn't travel so far, old fellow, just try a bottle of Salvation Oil; that's what you want.

The Farmer's Burden.

Poor men are being crowded out of Illinois. The idle, and the farmer is every year finding his lot more narrow, his hill more steep, his load more heavy.

DEATH WON THE GAME.

Two Great Chess Players Leave a Marvellous Contest Undecided.

Eight months and a half the game had gone on. And such a game, my children! Don Penny, Britisher, against Jonathan Pym, Yankee; England against America; the Old World against the New!

Between the Club Electric of New York and the Club Eccentric of London emulation had excited itself to patriotism. On the day of defeat the flag of the vanquished nation would float from the balcony of the dishonored club and all the chessboards for six months at least remain veiled with crepe.

For such was the condition of the combat—the match to be the only one of its kind.

The momentous question of the battle decided upon, then arose the subsidiary question, Where should the encounter take place?

They sought a ground of conciliation. But where find it? Cornelius Kevick, the impresario, in charge of the affair, proposed to charter a steamer, which should be stationed in mid-ocean, equidistant from the American and the English coast, aboard which the two adversaries should locke themselves and remain while the match lasted.

They found it—in the electric cable, which once more was going to merit its name of a "bond of union" between the Old and New Worlds.

This is how it was that for eight months and a half Jonathan Pym and Tom Penny had disputed by dots and dashes for the glorious title of "Universal Champion of the Noble Game of Chess."

But he did not give up—oh, no!—and five days later, on the 30th of May, had positively a gleam of hope.

Tom Penny examined the board more closely. The blunder was not certain. It might cover a supreme stratagem. What should he think? What course to pursue of the two in view? Was it sham or error? Should he pass the door that had been opened to him? If error, Jonathan Pym was lost; if sham, Tom Penny was routed.

An hour later, unfolding his message, Jonathan Pym smiled triumphantly.

"Gentlemen," said he to his colleagues of the Club Electric, "wait until tomorrow! In twelve hours' time England's champion will have signed his own condemnation."

The next day in London members of the Club Eccentric found Tom Penny on the floor of his chamber, struck down by apoplexy and still rigidly clutching in his hand the dispatch that had killed him.

And already for two long hours in the grand salon of the Club Electric Jonathan Pym had awaited from London the telegram of his vanquished foe.

Jonathan Pym frowned and fidgeted. That telegram he must have—then, and then only, could the game be ended. Without it the match would remain unfinished.

The door opened and a flunky appeared, bearing on a silver a folded paper.

"A dispatch for Mr. Jonathan Pym." He seized it, opened it and read aloud the following four words: "Your adversary is dead."

The paper escaped his fingers and fell to the floor, caught up at once by those beside him to verify the text.

WHEN HAWTHORNE WAS SAD.

An Insight into the Early Career of the Famous American Romancier.

In the first decade after Hawthorne left college he formed several plans of life, one of which was that of entering his uncle Manning's counting house.

It is well known that soon after graduating he prepared for the press a little volume of tales entitled, "Seven Tales of My Native Land."

As I expressed to him perhaps too strongly my regret for this proceeding, he did not, when Fanshawe was published, confide to me the fact.

Happily the despondent mood was not permanent, and he continued to write, though subjected to frequent disappointments.

At the printing a characteristic incident occurred. The editor begged for a mass of manuscript in his possession, as yet unpublished, and it was scornfully bestowed.

He had the experience of being more than once deceived by those who professed to have the power and wish to befriend him.

These letters I should hardly have reproduced except for the purpose of showing that Hawthorne was at times quite despairing and in need of all the encouragement his friends could give.

Using Liquids at Meals. A great deal of misapprehension is often found to exist in the popular mind in regard to matters of eating and drinking.

When this sagacious postulate originally came we cannot tell; it has quite the ring about it of an inconsequent deduction formed by a person whose presumption of knowledge was only exceeded by a lamentable ignorance of the subject.

Medical men often find much difficulty in dealing with these "museum specimens of antiquated science, for even educated persons are disposed to cling to the absurdities of their youth.—Medical Press.

European Coins. The standard coins on the Continent are: In France, the franc; in Spain, the peseta; in Italy, the lira; in Holland and Austria, the florin; in Germany, the mark; in Russia, the rouble.

Belgium and Switzerland use the French name for the piece of twenty sous. Each of these pieces is, like the American dollar, divided into 100 parts, called koepck in Russia, pfennig in Germany, kreutzer in Austria, cent in Holland, and in Italy, France and Spain by the word meaning hundredth.

These small copper coins are used in the postoffice in France and collectively in certain industries, but are not in general circulation in Italy and Spain where a purchasing value with the small shopkeepers and are seen everywhere.—Chicago Tribune.

The Dinner Horn. Details in regard to the manner in which meals were served during the Dark Ages do not abound. It is only toward the Twelfth century that we begin to have a little light on this interesting subject.

On large farms in the southern and western states the horn has survived, though a large bell is sometimes used.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Rubinstein's Reply. When Rubinstein was traveling through the United States upon a concert tour, it chanced that Barnum's circus followed almost exactly the same route chosen by the train was filled with snake charmers, acrobats, clowns and the like, the guard, noticing perhaps Rubinstein's remarkable appearance, asked him: "Do you belong to the show?"

Turning his lionine head with a savage shake Rubinstein answered fiercely, "Sir, I am the show."—London Tit-Bits.

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