

THE BELDING BANNER

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EITHER PHONE.

THE EDITORS MET.

The Republican Press Association Meeting in Detroit Last Week.

The Michigan Republican Press Association met at the Wayne Hotel, Detroit, last week Tuesday and Wednesday, and was very largely attended by the representative editors from all parts of the state. The various sessions were full of interest and there was much helpful interchange of opinions on the various prominent topics of state interests. Plans were formed for the dissemination of information relative to state affairs that will furnish the people throughout Michigan with facts not heretofore thoroughly understood by them, and especially along the line of taxation. The resolutions adopted certainly show no spirit of cowardice and were as follows:

Resolved, That the proper regulation and control of trusts and corporations is one of the most important and urgent needs of the commercial and industrial interests of our country and believe that such an end can best be reached by Federal authority, therefore be it

Resolved, that it is the sense of the Michigan Republican Newspaper Association that Congress should submit to the states a constitutional amendment giving to the national government the necessary power to legislate for the just control and regulation of corporations.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to each Congressman and Senator from Michigan.

Resolved, That the Michigan Republican Newspaper Association hereby expresses its sincere desire that practical and intelligent discussion relative to the means and methods of equal taxation shall be continued, and we deem it desirable that the position of our party on that question shall be aggressive and persistent in behalf of the fair distribution of all public burdens. We have noted with interest the work of the state tax commission in the revelation of gross inequalities in individual and corporate assessments and we cordially approve of the labors of the commission in that direction, and will aid all practical efforts to have its information made the basis of a more equitable tax apportionment.

Resolved, That the Michigan Republican Newspaper Association heartily approves of the fullest investigation into state affairs and the conduct of all state officers at all times, whether such investigation be made by judicial authority or by the public at large, and we favor the fullest publicity that can be given to all official wrongdoing, without regard to the politics or standing of any persons who may be affected by such investigation.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that such investigations are a part of the duty of the whole state, and not of any particular section thereof, and we feel that the state of Michigan, and not one county should bear the expense of such investigation.

The association was placed under obligations to that prince of good fellows and popular landlord Mr. J. K. Hayes, for the courtesies of his Wayne Hotel, furnishing free entertainment to each member of the association while in the city, and use of the "Sun Parlor" for the sessions, which is located on the banks of the Detroit river, and fitted up with all the taste and convenience necessary. Mr. Hayes also tendered an invitation to a banquet on Wednesday evening, but this was declined because most of the members were obliged to leave the city on early trains. Tuesday evening the entire party attended the Lyceum theatre by special invitation of manager E. D. Stair an ex-newspaper man.

The annual election of city officers is only six weeks from next Monday, but if it is being given much thought by our citizens, they have refrained from giving them publicity, so far as the BANNER has been able to ascertain at least. This is a matter which all should be deeply interested in and needs to be carefully considered. The prosperity and growth of the city depends to quite a large degree upon the officials who control its public affairs. We trust that when the party caucuses are held and nominations made, that they will be such as to inspire in the minds of all confidence that the city business will be wisely conducted. The BANNER understands that Mayor Spencer does not wish to again be a candidate. As to the wishes of other officials we are not informed. The BANNER has no slate to present but hopes that the men who shall be honored will be well qualified for the positions. Our city enjoys a very good reputation near and far for its progressiveness and we want to maintain it.

The Lincoln Republican Club banquet at Grand Rapids was, as usual, a splendid success, and again shows the great interest and activity Michigan Republicans are taking in the coming political events of 1900. Seven hundred or more sat down to the tables, and eloquent speeches were listened to.

The BANNER places the present standing of the gubernatorial candidates in point of strength in the following order: Ferry, Stearns, Bliss, O'Donnell, Osborn, Campbell.

The golden moments in the stream of life rush past us, and we see nothing but sand; the angels come to visit us and we only know them when they are gone.—George Eliot.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

Extracts from a Package of School Essays Kindly Given Us by a Public School Teacher.

When I was about five years old my father used to smoke a great deal. He saw that this was ruining his health. He made up his mind that every time he would go to buy a cigar he would keep that money and put it in my bank and in a short time he had broken himself and he was a healthier man and my bank was richer.

A lawyer of Los Angeles made at one time thirty-eight thousand dollars, more than three times as much as some men save up in a lifetime, but he got to drinking and got so poor that he died in the city hospital at city expense and was buried at city expense.

In Missouri a young man who was going to be hanged said, "Whenever you take a glass of whisky look at the bottom and you will see there the shadow of a rope."

I knew a man who after smoking for many years began to turn blue in the face and later a cancer settled in his throat. Everything was done to prolong his life a little and after many attempts a silver tube was inserted in his stomach and he was fed liquid food through this tube, and after having been kept alive in this manner for two years the cancer spread and went toward his windpipe and about two weeks later he died of suffocation.

About two years and a half ago my father smoked a great deal, and from doing so he got cold sweats at night, but he did not know what the cause was.

I was in Miss Cutler's class, and as we were studying physiology I found out the whole cause of my father's ailment. It was smoking and nothing else. I told him what we had studied, and he made me promise that if I would stop eating so much butter and would never smoke, he would quit smoking. About three months after he had quit smoking entirely, and he has not had cold sweats near as much as he had. The result of this lesson was to help save my father's life, and perhaps it will do the same to more than one other.

The other day there was an item in the St. Paul Dispatch about a man who was an habitual drinker. He drank more than he ought to and got drunk. The alcohol excited his brain so that he tried to shoot his wife and then shot himself.

Liquor often brings sickness. A constant user who gets drunk every little while gets dropsy, because the liquor fattens the inside of the body. The fat grows around the heart and stops it suddenly. This is dropsy.

Tobacco when chewed makes the teeth brown and makes the breath smell bad. This chewing hurts the salivary glands and wastes the saliva. Tobacco is hurtful to the teeth. I have heard men say that it stops the teeth growing on the side they chew it. It inflames the stomach so that it can't digest food.

Tobacco smoked weakens the lungs and often causes consumption. I know a man who always smoked cigars and got a cancer on the lip, and as a result suffered much pain and then died.

I think the W. C. T. U. is a very good society, and hope that it will come out victorious at last.

The Kalamazoo Telegraph very truly says: While it is dangerous for any state to make unjust war upon corporations, especially railroads, it is equally dangerous to all, for corporations to gain the upper hands and control legislatures, the safeguards of the people. And it is all the more dangerous to allow corporate influence to dictate in matters of state taxation, so vital to the interests of thousands of farmers and small property owners and business men with comparatively small capital. It is conceded on all sides, that the agitation of this tax question has brought to public notice much inequality and injustice. The remedies proposed may have been imperfect but it will not do for us to bury our heads in the sand and tell ourselves that everything is all right. The Republican party must act, and act through an honest and conscientious legislature, free from corrupting influences.

Twenty Years of Pain.
A. H. Clark of Rockford, Mich., writes: "After suffering for over 20 years with itching piles, I found relief in Dr. Chase's Ointment. One box cured me." Dr. Chase's Ointment is guaranteed to do the work. 50 cents, all druggists or Dr. A. W. Chase Med. Co., Buffalo, N. N. Free sample for stamp. Many are cured by sample box, send today.

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Let us remove what is bad, which must be done before good of any kind can spring up.

The Judge's Affidavit.

Some years ago Justice of the Peace Beasley of Missouri was personally interested in a lawsuit, being a party thereto. It was necessary for him to make an affidavit, and he deprecated the idea of making it before another justice or a notary and depriving himself of a fee. So he filled out his affidavit, swore to it before himself, signed it as Justice and as witness and awaited developments. He was sure that he would win and thus be able to tax the costs up to the other side. When the case came up before Judge Kelley, the affidavit was offered in evidence and promptly objected to, the reason being given that a Justice could not swear himself.

"Let me see the affidavit," said Judge Kelley.

It was handed up to the judge, who scanned it carefully for a few moments and then asked: "Mr. Beasley, will you kindly tell me how you appeared before yourself when you swore yourself and identified your own signature?"

"That was very easy, your honor," replied Beasley. "I borrowed a looking glass and went through the formalities before it."

Beasley was somewhat astonished when Judge Kelley sustained the objection.—Omaha World-Herald.

An Awful Mishap.

Two passengers on an Atlantic liner, one an American and the other an Englishman, did not exchange the farewell courtesies when the steamer reached her pier usual between voyagers who have occupied adjoining staterooms and hobnobbed during an ocean voyage. A plausible explanation was vouchsafed by the American.

During the voyage the Englishman persisted in fraternizing with the American in a most obtrusive and annoying manner. Within two days of Boston the Englishman one morning hunted up the American and found him in apparent despondency, gazing seaward from the hurricane deck.

"Confounded blue this morning, old chap. What's the matter?" And the Britisher slapped his companion on the back.

"Matter enough," growled the American. "Ship's lost; captain don't know which way to steer. Forgot to wind the compass last night."

The Englishman listened with mouth agape, then rushed off to tell his friends of the consequential mishap. Evidently the glib Britisher was "pushed along" for some time until he found everybody gazing him.—Boston Post.

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W. O. LUCE, Postmaster.
F. B. RANSFORD,
JAMES BULLEN,
O. E. THOMAS,
E. H. STREETER, Courier.

Pere Marquette R. R.

JANUARY, 1900.
Trains Leave Belding as follows:
For Grand Rapids and Chicago..... 10:36 a. m., 8:32 p. m.
For Detroit and East..... 7:30 a. m., 11:10 a. m., 4:45 p. m.
For Saginaw and Bay City..... 8:14 a. m., 6:34 p. m.
For Big Rapids and Stanton..... 7:40 a. m., 5:50 p. m.
For Howard City..... 8:14 a. m., 1:40 p. m., 6:34 p. m.
For Greenville..... 7:40 a. m., 5:14 p. m.
1:40 p. m., 5:20 p. m., 6:34 p. m., 10:20 p. m.
For Lowell..... 10:36 a. m., 5:05 p. m., 8:32 p. m.
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ANN ARBOR. Farmers' Institute Round Up. One fare rate. Sell Feb. 26 and 27. Return March 3.

It is not necessary that we should all agree in our opinions, so long as we agree in our principle's. The spokes of a wheel diverge from one another, but they all reunite in the rim.

CLAIRVOYANT

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The object of making the above offer is to become rapidly and personally acquainted with the sick and afflicted. They will tell you at once whether you are curable or not. The doctors are curing hundreds of seemingly incurable cases all around you with new and sure methods and without the use of the surgeons knife. They treat and remove the cause of disease, not symptoms. Hence their wonderful success in healing and restoring the sick and afflicted to a cheerful, harmonious condition which remains permanent. No matter what your disease may be or how long standing, or how many doctors you have tried, go and get free council. Deafness, rheumatism and paralysis cured by entirely new methods. All chronic diseases treated successfully. Diseases of liver, kidneys, heart and stomach, also consumption, throat and lung troubles, etc., sore eyes and catarrh in all forms cured. Diseases of women a specialty.

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