

The Daily Enterprise.

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The Post has lots of news items from Beaumont now; we wonder if the Beaumont budget is now printed in the entire issue.

A reader of the Daily Enterprise, one of "a few kickers," who has read the official announcement that Post correspondent in this city has received instructions to send only news items from Beaumont, very pertinently suggests the following: "No one blames the Post for a square deal—it is fraud that we object to. 'News items' from Beaumont, published in all the Post's editions, is not objectionable; local items our daily papers can give us. A special edition of the Post for Beaumont, however, is objectionable."

The editor of the Newton County Record announces in advance of the announcements of candidates for office, that this year, if they wish any puffs in connection with their announcements, they will have to write it themselves and sign their names to it. We are pleased to see such a statement coming from such a source, as it presages a higher plane of Journalism for the country newspaper. The custom of saying something nice about each candidate in order to make the public think that they are really fitted for the position they seek is the veriest rot, and does not fool anybody. Fifty per cent of the candidates throughout the United States are not worthy of the flattering notices they get when they announce, and the old fashioned puff is a farce. It is a degradation to the editor who writes it, unless he honestly believes what he is writing, and in ninety per cent of the cases one puff will fit a hundred candidates. If the newspapers of the country will stop such nonsense and treat an announcement as they do the advertisement of a merchant they will increase their own self respect and be much more respected by the patrons of their paper. It is time for country newspapers to assert their independence of party politicians; and when they do it, the profession will be more respectable and profitable.

SOME NOTABLE SPEAKERS.

The following interesting paper by Miss Olga Weiss, was read at the last meeting of the Twentieth Century Club.

"The first shall be last and the last first," and so it is when we begin our sketch of notable speakers, with the Hon. Thomas B. Reed. But we cannot resist this conspicuous figure in the beginning. In strength of character and independence no other speaker can compare with him. He inaugurated a new era in legislation. He secured a concentration of power in the House hitherto unknown. It will leave its impression on many a future congress. It not only destroyed the individual obstructor but prevented organized filibustering. Whatever may be said concerning his policy, it was practically adopted by his political opponents when in power, and it seems to have commended itself to the people at large.

Reed's personality is peculiarly impressive. It made itself felt long before he became speaker. He achieved the leadership of his party on the floor without seeking it. It was an absolute speakership, dominating by the sheer force of intellect. He had no rivals. His remarkable physique, facial expression, quaintness of dialect and grim terseness of argument were unequalled. Almost unconsciously he saturated his speeches with sarcasm, and there was a pungency about his retorts that saved him from many a direct assault. He associated with the smartest men of both parties and was an omnivorous reader. Add to this a memory unusually retentive, and an honesty and a courage unsurpassed, backed by a true parliamentary instinct, and the secret of his success is revealed.

His self confidence has not been an unimportant quality in his battle for success. Mr. Reed was ever testing the mettle of his opponents and knew every weak point in their armor; he was always gauging their ability. While leader on the republican side of the House, he had a loyal following. Occasional whispers of mutiny were heard, but they were instantly silenced by the firmness of the speaker. Aside from his duties, Mr. Reed was a social power in congress. He chatted with everybody and his laconic sayings became proverbial.

Probably the sharpest reply that ever made in debate was to the Hon. Wm. M. Springer of Illinois. The latter discussed at length a proposition before the House. When he had finished Mr. Reed drew from his desk a

WINE OF CARDUI. WOMEN WHO WORK. St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 12. Though only 19 years old, I suffered from pains and female troubles two years. Last spring I got so bad I had to quit work. I had to support myself, and could not afford a high-priced doctor. I got one bottle of Wine of Cardui and that made me feel better. I have now used several bottles and am well. My mother used the Wine for Change of Life and was greatly relieved. MISS MARGARET WALSH.

from an answer to Mr. Springer's argument. Closing the book, he said, "I quote from a speech made by the gentleman from Illinois in the Fifty-fourth congress." Mr. Springer admitted it; explained that he had exercised the privilege of an American, that of changing his mind; spoke of this being an age of progress and that the times had changed, and more to the same effect, closing with, "I could rather be right than be president." "Ya-a-a-s," drawled Mr. Reed, with a quaint twinkle in his eye. "Well, you will never be either." Once there was a committee on rules consisting of Reed, McKinley, Jr., and Cameron, rep., and Blount and McMillan, democrats. Reed, McKinley and Cameron being a majority of the committee, always met in the speaker's room alone and drew up the special orders. The House met at noon. At five minutes before 12 they would send for the minority members and regard their votes. This procedure and many like methods caused indignation among many of the members, and it does seem scarcely fair to the minority, but they saved the country millions of dollars and changed the condition of the House from chaos to order, making it possible to transact business without being hindered by dilatory motions and other of the minority methods of delay. The good at least overbalanced the evil. We cannot think of Thomas B. Reed without being reminded that, truly, "nothing succeeds like success."

If we may be permitted an afterthought we will give Mr. Reed's views on Woman's Rights—albeit they are not in accord with our own: "The equal rights of women," he says, "have but just reached the region of possibilities. Men have just left off sneering and have but just begun to consider. It needs no prophetic vision to see how cheap will appear the stock arguments for the subjection of women when shone upon by the light of trial. Every step of progress from the harem and the veil to free society and property holding has been steadily fought by the vanity, selfishness and insolence, not only of mankind, but of womankind also."

In direct contrast to Reed is James G. Blaine, one of the weakest characters who ever held the speakership. He had no convictions, and we may catalogue him as an opportunist. He attempted to obtain the nomination for the presidency in '76, but on account of there being question of his personal and official integrity, he failed. It was alleged that as speaker of the House he had used his power in favor of certain Western railroads, from which he had received vast sums of money, stocks and bonds as compensation. Whether or not these accusations were true, has never been known. But they were sufficient to prevent his receiving the nomination for the presidency. Blaine was known as the "Plumed Knight." He received the sobriquet—ridiculous for a politician—from Robert G. Ingersoll, who introduced him as such to the Cincinnati convention. His life's ambition was to become president, but he died without having it fulfilled.

Blaine was a hypochondriac. His colleague Hannibal Hamlin, said that there had never been a time since he had been acquainted with him when, if three friends were to meet him on any day down town, and greet him conversationally with the exclamation, "Why what is the matter? How do you feel?" that, though he had been perfectly well when he started, he would immediately return home, go to bed and send for the doctor.

The article of the "Plumed Knight" was always ready and to make. His manners were affable, familiar and cordial. In conversation he was vivacious and good-humored, rather than witty. He liked to "jolly" his intimates, but was domestic, rather than convivial, in his habits. "His chief mistakes," says one writer, "came from a desire for money, which he wanted, not for himself, but for the power it brings." He was liberal in his way of life, but not ostentatious. He studied the arts of the politician assiduously; the recognition of important men seldom seen; small personal attentions to rusties; and was a most inveterate advertiser. He had a great nose for majorities, was a good guesser, and instinctively took the popular side of open questions, since—as was said before—he was not a man of convictions.

Next to Reed, John G. Carlisle is the strongest man who has ever sat in the speaker's chair. Time, however, prevents an individual "write up" of any of the others, and we can but just mention the most interesting facts concerning them in a brief summary. The first speaker was T. A. Muhlenberg of Pennsylvania. It was from Jonathan's Tremont that the United States received the name, "Brother Jonathan," which stands for this country as "John Bull" does for England. Washington placed great reliance in J. T. and frequently referred matters to him, saying, "Let us hear what 'Bro Jonathan' has to say."

Only one, James K. Polk, has ever been president. R. M. T. Hunter was the youngest speaker, being 30 when elected. He was an active secessionist and afterwards became secretary of state in the confederate government. John G. Carlisle may be said to be the most intelligent speaker, Henry Clay the greatest orator and patriot and truest statesman, and Thomas B. Reed the greatest speaker as a parliamentarian. The present speaker, Mr. Henderson is the first man from west of the Mississippi river.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED. FOR RENT—Stable and barn, can accommodate five or six head. Apply corner Pannin and Orleans streets. 2-1-11. WANTED—A class in book-keeping. I offer to the young ladies and young men of Beaumont an opportunity to learn book-keeping and general principles of office work in a reasonably short time and at a minimum cost. For particulars please address me, D. H. Calmes, Box 106, Beaumont. WANTED—To buy second hand furniture, Beaumont Curiosity Shop. 1-22-11. WANTED—3 Furnished Rooms for light house keeping. Apply at this office. 2-7-11. WANTED—Two rooms down town furnished, or one unfurnished and one furnished. Address Misses Bowers, Park House. 2-8-11.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE—Split cypress posts. L. I. Kopke, 1068 Liberty ave. 2-9-6. FOR RENT—New modern two-story brick store. Elegant stone arch front. Large plate glass show windows on paved street; centrally located. Apply to V. Weiss, Lock Box, 378. 5-m. FOR RENT—A three room dwelling house and a small store room. Inquire at the Chicago Store. 2-16-11.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. A fee of five dollars, payable in advance, is charged for announcements for city offices in the Daily Enterprise, except for altermen, for which \$2.50 will be charged. Under no circumstances will any comment, favorable or otherwise, be offered by the Daily Enterprise, concerning the candidacy of any one announces in these columns.

Mayor D. P. Wheat authorizes us to announce his candidacy for reelection as mayor of Beaumont at the coming city election on April 3. We are authorized to announce the name of R. D. Simonton, Jr., as a candidate for reelection as City Treasurer of Beaumont at the election to be held April 3.

I hereby announce my candidacy for reelection to the office of City Attorney at the coming election to be held on April 3.

W. R. BLAINE. We are authorized to announce the name of Tom Dies as a candidate for city attorney at the election to be held on April 3.

I announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the office of City Tax Assessor and Collector.

WM. P. SUTTON. We are authorized to announce Wm. A. Langham, as a candidate for reelection to the office of city marshal of Beaumont, at the coming city election in April.

We are authorized to announce the name of Ras Landry as a candidate for city marshal of the city of Beaumont at the city election to be held here in April.

WE ARE HERE TO STAY. Enlarged work - life size, with six inch frame, only \$2.75. New Gallery, Blanchette's new brick building, Pearl street. 1-27.

Perlstein, agent for the Mitchell Wagon.

Why don't you get rid of that HACKING COUGH? A 25-cent bottle of K-X-1 Cough Cure will relieve you.

TELEPHONE REMOVAL NOTICE. On and after the 12th of February, 1909, the office of the East Texas Telephone company will be in the office of the Beaumont Electrical Supply company.

SAM GOLDBERG, Manager.

Next Thursday a large crowd of Beaumonters will start for Monterey, Mexico, to see a bull fight a man and to tell the people of the Mexico how cheap the Beaumont Lumber company sells groceries.

Get glades and jesses at THE PALACE.

HECHT'S... Early Spring Novelties.

New silk Foulards, printed and plain, in all the latest popular shades come in exclusive patterns. New Silk, Zephyr and Mercerized Gingham, entirely new in shades, in exclusive patterns. Plaids and stripes. New white goods, entirely new, soft and dainty as silk. White Paris Mouselene, very Sheer. White Paris Muslin, very Sheer. White Paris Mouselene De soil, Sheer. These goods are entirely new and have taken the place of white organdies. New Chiffon Appliques, Nets, Garnitures, Galloons, Bands, Taffeta Silks and All Over embroideries.

HECHT'S.

Cut Price Ladies' FELT SLIPPERS

Every lady knows that "Dodge's" Felt Slippers are the best. We have a few left from our holiday trade; will close them out.

- A \$2.00 Slippers at \$1.65. All \$1.50 Slippers at \$1.20. All \$1.00 Shoes at 80c.

Have a lot of sizes but may have yours. Better come and see. KEITH Bros. SHOERS of MANKIND 225 Crockett street.



Wiring-Houses for Electric Bells. and telephones keeps us pretty busy, but we will attend to all orders to wire factories, houses, stores or mills, or fit them up with arc or incandescent lighting promptly and with scientific skill. All wiring is guaranteed, and work of this character can not be excelled by anyone or compete in prices with ours. Correspondence solicited. Miller & Tuggle, Electrical Engin'rs Telephone 73.

AT E. DEUTSER'S. Latest Arrivals!! New shades Spring Gingham, Madras Cloths, Piques, Dimities, Cross-bars, Nainsooks, India Linens, etc. LADIES, call and get first selection. E. DEUTSER. Reliable One-Price Store.

There is a Time For Everything, and just now is the time we are making reduced prices on all our furniture on hand, to make room for our new goods. ROWOLD BROS. Painters and Paper-Hangers.

These Goods Must Be Sold Hence you may expect bargains in every department. Come and see us at once. HARRIS & GORDON. Office room 10 Starke building. Choice rice lands for sale. Correspondence solicited. Twelve Photos and a Button, Free. Blanchette's new brick building, Pearl street. 1-27.

PATRONIZE The Daily Enterprise. I will deliver fresh laid eggs at your door twice a week. These eggs are the product of my own poultry yard and are every one good. Spinale Top Poultry Farm. Mrs. Lennora Ingalls. Postoffice address, Beaumont. 21.