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Eiker's determination to support Cummins is the blow that almost kills the Journal editor and his little ring of Leon bosses.

The Journal of last week devotes a column of its editorial page to a discussion of the senatorial question and at last puts itself on record as favoring Gear. It is rather significant that the same day the Journal was published that Dr. Eiker announced himself as a supporter of Cummins. The opinion of the Journal editor seems to have settled it with the Decatur county representative.

The total cost of the Ohio campaign is reported to be \$111,427. Of this the McHannafites spent \$93,427.71 and are left in debt to a trust company \$20,000. McLean, the democrats, spent only \$17,998.58 and had a balance left over. It will be noted the republicans spent more than five times as much as the democrats. Federal officeholders all over the country furnished the immense corruption fund for the republicans. The democrats had enough to pay all honest expenses, furnished by the people.

The official investigation of the twenty seven county insane asylums in Iowa by the board of control is developing scandals of large magnitude. The board finds that not one of the institutions is fit for the purposes for which it is used; that paupers and all classes of insane are in many places herded indiscriminately together; that no persons are regularly employed, and no skilled medical service is afforded; the buildings in most cases have no fire protection and in some the board declare that pigs and cattle are better cared for than the inmates. This and the recent disgraceful affair at the Mitchellville reform school are not particularly bright spots in Uncle Leslie's reign.—Alton Democrat.

The wisdom of the boers in taking the offensive, when they saw war inevitable, is now manifest. Great Britain is having a far more serious task than was looked for in subduing these sturdy, fastid people. Humiliations such as rarely fall to English arms have been suffered; and the situation is now most critical. Wherever one's sympathies may be in this struggle, there can be but a feeling of sorrow for the brave English soldiers who are suffering the hardships and the deadly fatality of this war, and the world can but admire the unity, the courage and the military ability displayed by the boers. But having put her hand to the plow England can not turn back. She must fight a long and bloody war, and ultimately triumph. She must pour in more troops and overcome the boers by sheer force of numbers and resources if possible.

The Journal says it has no use for bolters. Has it forgotten that within the remembrance of many of the voters of Decatur county, Col. Hepburn, whom the Journal very ardently supports, was a bolter and bolted very hard, saying some of the worst things about the republican party that was ever uttered by a politician? It was Col. Hepburn who said "the man in the moon was compelled to hold his nose while passing over the city of Washington, on account of the stench from the corrupt republican party." And now the Journal berates Mr. Cummins because he saw fit to repudiate the infamous prohibition law which the republican party of Iowa fastened on the state, a law which ever the most rabid politicians in the republican party demanded should be repealed. The Journal has no use for bolters and the intelligent republican voters of Decatur county have no use for the Journal or its editor.

"There has been considerable stir the past ten days among the local republicans on account of the statement that Representative Eiker would vote for Cummins for U. S. senator. He has been counted all along as a sure Gear man, and the Gear bosses are panic stricken. They are circulating petitions asking Dr. Eiker to vote for Gear. It seems the bosses are having a hard time controlling him as he shows a disposition to represent his constituents in preference to the bosses."

The above got appeared in last week's Reporter. All the little local Bryanite bosses sympathetic with Cummins because he bolted his ticket and supported Boies for governor. If Representative Eiker is wise he will ascertain the preference of the Bryanite bosses and then vote for the other man.—Leon Journal, Dec. 21.

Evidently Dr. Eiker is wise. He ascertained the preference of the Journal editor and the Leon gang of C. B. & Q. pass holders and then announced himself for Cummins. The Journal editor has sadly fallen from his one time position of boss of the republican party of Decatur county. He is out of touch with the majority of the republican

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EIKER DECLARES FOR CUMMINS

Gave Out his Decision Wednesday Night.

LEON RING IS TURNED DOWN.

The Des Moines Leader of last Friday says:

Dr. Bert L. Eiker, representative-elect from Decatur county, arrived in this city last night and immediately announced that he will support A. B. Cummins for senator and W. L. Eaton for speaker. The Gear and Cummins factions had known for a fortnight that Dr. Eiker was in doubt as to the wishes of his constituency in the senatorial matter. When he was nominated he agreed to vote as the majority sentiment of his county demanded. To ascertain this sentiment he has given both sides full opportunity to express themselves through petitions. The Gear men went out and secured a large petition. The county was canvassed, township by township, for both sides. When the petitions were all in and were presented to him, Dr. Eiker examined them and announced his decision. It was that the Cummins men had made the stronger show of support, and that he should vote for Cummins for senator, and for the Cummins candidate for speaker. He immediately left for Des Moines, and soon after arriving here held a consultation with the Cummins leaders, to whom he made known his decision.

Dr. Eiker's action came as a surprise to the majority of supporters on both sides. The leaders had known that it might be expected, but the camp followers had not been generally taken into the secret of the situation. Dr. Eiker has been known for a long time to be not unfriendly to Mr. Cummins. When he was nominated the Gear people in his county did not fancy the choice, but he was taken up because he was the only republican in the county, a close one, who seemed to have a respectable chance of being elected. He made a splendid run for the office, and has since been devoting himself to the effort to determine who is wanted for senator by his people. He gave both sides until midnight of December 20 to complete their petitions and make their showing. The Gear men had a large following among the old-line politicians of the county, and expected to win an easy victory. A petition of over 300 names was presented in behalf of Mr. Cummins, and Dr. Eiker decided that it was the stronger statement. He at once left for Des Moines, arriving here at 6:15 in the evening.

Dr. Eiker is one of the youngest members of the house. He is 28, and the only younger man is George Hillinger, representative from Jackson, who is 25. Dr. Eiker was born in Iowa, and has never lived in any other state. He has been for several years practicing medicine in Decatur county, and lives at Decatur City.

ANNOUNCEMENT RECEIVED WITH SATISFACTION.

The announcement was received by the Cummins men with no attempts to conceal their satisfaction. It is the second break in the Burlington "reservation," Dr. P. L. Prentiss of Ringgold having let the bolt by declaring himself three weeks ago for Cummins and Eaton. The Cummins men have insisted for some time that they had chances of getting more support in the Eighth, and Dr. Eiker's announcement confirms their claims. As the Eighth has been always considered the banner Gear district, and all Cummins claims regarding it have been received with boots of disgust and derision, the announcement of two members that they will support Cummins is a most significant development.

More important, however, than the mere fact that these gentlemen will vote for Mr. Cummins is the declaration of each that his people are supporting him in this determination. Dr. Prentiss says that since his announcement for Cummins he has received such assurances of encouragement as leave him in no doubt whatever of the support of a large majority of the people of Ringgold county. Dr. Eiker makes a like statement with regard to the people of Decatur county. In other parts of the district the same general sentiment prevails. Instead of being unanimous for Gear, the district is close, and there is doubt which side really has the preponderance of support, outside of the politicians and managers who are nearly all for Gear.

The Cummins men, as a result of these developments declare that there is no longer any question of the election of Eaton as speaker. For several days it has been evident that the tide has been in his direction. The question of the effect on the senatorship is not so much discussed as might be expected. The Gear men have for three or four days been hedging but declare

that even if they should lose the speakership they would not admit defeat on senator. The Cummins men are making no claims as to senator; they are devoting their time to winning the speakership fight.

DR. EIKER'S STATEMENT.
 Dr. Eiker, when seen soon after his arrival in the city, said:

"Petitions were presented to me by the opposing senatorial factions in the county, showing the relative strength of the sides. They were given till midnight of December 20 to complete the showing and the result was given out as soon as possible. Both sides were given a fair opportunity to make their showings; during the campaign I had made practically a house-to-house canvass of the country and I believed I knew something of the feeling of republicans. After my personal canvass, and in view of the showings that were made by the petitions, I believe the majority of representative republicans in the county are for Mr. Cummins for senator, although it is true that the county is decidedly divided. If the sentiment of the people of the Eighth district could be taken, I am confident Mr. Cummins would have a majority. As a result of the showings that have been made to me, I am ready to announce myself for Cummins for senator and Eaton for speaker."

Dr. Eiker, in the campaign last fall, ran against D. F. Lambert of Lamoni. The campaign was a hot one, the democrats being confident that they would win. But Dr. Eiker made such a campaign as has seldom been made in any county, and was elected by a majority of 216 votes. He received the largest majority of any man on the county ticket except one, the candidate for coroner, for whom the majority was 240.

Dr. Eiker was accompanied to Des Moines by B. L. Garrett, deputy county treasurer of Decatur county, who has been one of the prominent managers of the Cummins movement. Mr. Garrett expressed the opinion that without doubt the majority of the republicans in the county are for Cummins. He added that the eighth district is not overwhelmingly for Gear as has been represented, but that a fair expression, such as was secured in Decatur county, would indicate a majority for Cummins.

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Passenger.....11:57 a. m.	Passenger.....4:50 p. m.
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In the district court of Iowa in and for Decatur County, January term, 1900.

E. S. Ellsworth and L. E. Jones, Plaintiffs,

vs.

Luther C. Foster, Dora B. Foster, et al., Defendants.

You are hereby notified that there is now on file in the office of the Clerk of the District Court of Decatur County, Iowa, the petition of the plaintiffs aforesaid, claiming of you the sum of Five Hundred and thirteen and 8/10 Dollars, as money justly due from you and interest thereon at eight per cent. from the 1st day of October, A. D. 1899, for amount, on three promissory notes of Luther C. Foster, Dora B. Foster, John F. Copeland, Robert Smith, Jeremiah N. Copeland, dated September 27th, 1898, one for \$15.43 to E. S. Ellsworth and L. E. Jones payable in installments: one for \$83.82 to Montpelier Savings Bank and Trust Co.; one for \$82.50 payable to Montpelier Savings Bank and Trust Co. with eight per cent. interest, and praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage given to secure the payment of said notes on the north-west quarter and west half of the north-east quarter of section four, township sixty-seven, range twenty-five Decatur county, Iowa, and for costs including attorney's fees, and alleging that the defendants H. A. Thomas and O. F. Davis and Home Savings and Trust Company have or claim to have some lien upon or interest in said premises which is inferior to plaintiffs. No personal judgment is asked against H. A. Thomas, O. F. Davis and Home Savings and Trust Co. For full and complete statement of plaintiffs' cause of action, see petition.

You are also notified that unless you appear thereto and defend before noon of the second day of the term of said District Court of Decatur County to be held on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1900, a default will be entered against you and judgment rendered thereon.

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