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ROW IN DECATUR COUNTY.

A former Decatur county resident, now living in Des Moines, said yesterday that he had just returned from that county, and had found it a hot-bed of political excitement. He said that the federal judgeship is being used as a club to drive support to Gear. When Representative Eiker announced himself for Cummins and Eaton, the Gear people in the district were almost paralyzed for the time being. When they started desperately to work to change their member's course, if possible. They have finally struck on the plan of using Judge Towner's popularity as the standard around which to rally their assault on Dr. Eiker. They are demanding that Eiker support Bowen and Gear, in order that Judge Towner may be federal judge. This contest is being openly made. It is represented that Judge Towner cannot have a chance at the appointment if his own judicial district is to desert Gear; but if the district will stand firmly by Gear, Towner's chances will be excellent. Both Ringgold and Decatur are in Towner's district, but the effort to rally the Gear forces around Towner has been thus far confined to Decatur county.

Dr. Eiker arrived in Des Moines yesterday, and will remain till the opening of the session. He declined to talk about the political situation in Decatur, further than to say there was a great deal of interest in the senatorial and judgeship contests, and that sentiment is very much divided.—Des Moines Leader.

THE STAND OF DR. EIKER OF DECATUR.

One of the most striking features of the senatorial campaign is the way in which he has belied the predictions of the "big game" managers. For instance, at first they claimed "the solid eighth district." Then it was "the eighth district solid except Dr. Prentiss." Now it is "the eighth district solid except Prentiss and Eiker." And other exceptions are to follow. Their claims seem to be like market quotations—subject to daily correction. Dr. Eiker is to be congratulated on making an independent choice and bravely running up his colors. He is a young man, just entering upon a political career. So he can afford to place himself under the ban of the machine, confident that in the long future he will command the respect of the people. It is the people's confidence and good will that the man who aspires to be honorable and useful in the public service must place his trust. We believe that Decatur county will endorse the decision of its representative.—Mt. Airy News.

AN OVERLOAD OF PROSPERITY.

Prosperity is becoming a scapegoat for all sort of sins of omission. The Chicago Tribune of Dec. 20, finds comfort in the trouble price of building lath. It is the demand for laths, and "the demand for little sticks" is explained by the prosperity of the masses. This suggestion is followed by the valuable information that "Lath is used chiefly in frame dwellings, especially the smaller dwelling houses such as are built by the working men and others of moderate means. The price of lath therefore indicates that the building of new houses by the masses is upon a large scale. To expand the same idea the increased price of coal, beef, salt milk and other necessities indicates that the prosperity of the masses will soon give them an apoplexy. Workmen build houses out of their surplus wages, and when there is no surplus after paying the increased price of necessities, building lath are child's arguments.

Let the "financiers" and their dupes waste this prediction in their hats. If congress shall pass the gold standard bill and it is signed by the president, the effect will be very much like that of the great "sound money victory" in 1896. Business of all kinds will feel a serious set-back, and next summer the republicans will be declaiming that the lack of confidence and hard times are due to fear of Bryan's election. In fact the effect of the passage of the bill is already apparent in the east.—Grand Rapids Democrat.

The similarity of the editorials in the republican papers of this county, the Leon Journal, Garden Grove Express and Harmon Chronicle, last week on Dr. Eiker announcing himself for Cummins, causes the knowing ones to smile. Evidently they were all three prepared by the same Gear boss.

If you do not think the "war taxes" here to stay, just keep an eye on congressional appropriations and see how the added millions necessary to meet a deficit.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

THE MARKET SLUMP CONTINUES.

Prices of all stock securities continue to decline, showing how seriously the financial pressure is affecting the situation. The banks continue to discriminate against industrial securities but the whole list moves downward in sympathy with the terrible scare into which England has been thrown over the reverses in South Africa. Europe has already begun to pull back the gold which has been flowing toward the United States for the past two years. The fear of a general war is causing every nation in Europe to strengthen its finances in every possible direction. The old idea that a panic will merely affect Wall Street is exploded. Cotton has gone down 2 cent a pound. The great provision staples show signs of stiffening because the United States will have to feed the combatants, but everything else is unfavorably affected.

Of course while the gold was coming in and prices were booming the McKinley administration did it all, but now that the republicans can spell "prosperity" with a small "p" and prices are tumbling all along the line, there is a growing disposition on the part of administration organs to admit that natural causes have something to do with business matters. In this case natural causes are being aided, producing depression by conditions which are a result of republican legislation and republican policy.

The National banks are cutting down their loans on trust stocks because the latter are invariably based on inflated values and their dangerous power to rob the public. This is an uncertain asset. Consequently the trusts are doing exactly what the Standard Oil Company has been doing; they are organizing, buying up and otherwise securing control of bonding institutions of their own. It is the old story of the big sharks eating the little ones. But the result is bigger sharks than ever, fewer but more dangerous; and when the big sharks combine, God help the country!—Ottumwa Democrat.

Hartford Times: Prior to the year 1890 the government of the United States cost the people less than \$250,000,000. As a result of the extravagances entered upon by the republicans in that year, Uncle Sam's yearly house-keeping bill was carried above \$325,000,000—then regarded as an enormous sum. The secretary of the treasury has sent to congress his annual statement to-day, and the figures are worth thinking about. It will only take \$31,081,994 to enable the benevolent assimilation policy to be carried on for another year by President McKinley.

HOW HUNTER WORKS IT.

The people do not know that at the close of every legislative session Edward H. Hunter, for several years the chairman of the democratic state committee, and now one of the Gear managers, makes out a complete report of the standing of every member of the legislature and sends copies to all of the railway attorneys, to the managers and chiefs of the legal departments of the railways, to chief officers of express, telegraph and insurance companies and others having kindred interests. If the record is not satisfactory, the legislator is spotted. He may be favorable to some interests, but he must be satisfactory to all. By this system of reporting, every candidate for a state office is usually rated as accurately as is the merchant by the commercial agencies and often better, for the candidate cannot hide his liabilities or misrepresent his political assets. When a man is spotted, he is never able to meet his opposition on its merits. He is always opposed on some false issue. The people are easily misled and are brought in to opposition to the men who are their friends and led to support the men who are not. Thus this man, Ed Hunter, the Gear manager, is the custodian of the political future of more men than any person in Iowa. Just now he is engaged in trying to elect a speaker of the Iowa house of representatives who will control all the committees, and through them practically all legislation for the state. Nice state of affairs, is it not, to have an ex chairman of the democratic state committee determining who shall be speaker of the house of representatives as well as who shall be senator from the state of Iowa?—Clinton Herald.

UNITED STATES SENATOR

The affected grief displayed by the Journal because of the announcement of Dr. Eiker's intention to vote for A. B. Cummins for United States senator might be taken seriously were it not for the well known fact that its editor was one of the prime movers in starting the crystallization of Cummins sentiment in Decatur county. In the face of the well known views entertained by Uncle Millard last spring it is very doubtful whether he is acting in good faith in his pretended support of Gear at this time. If he is really for Gear why the change of preference? Last spring he was an ardent Cummins man going to the extent of citing Mr. Cummins to men in whose hands his interests would be safe. These are not idle statements but can and will be verified by affidavits, if necessary. We doubt Uncle Millard's sincerity in his support of Gear for the reason that he wanted to do his work in his behalf before it was too late, the question now being beyond his power to influence. It is a waste of time for a lawyer to argue to a jury after the verdict is rendered, and Uncle Millard had better devote his time to the annual consideration of a resolve to sell out. Poor old Millard! Poor old Journal! The statement in the last issue of the Journal could only have been made by a man who was grossly ignorant or one in his second childhood as Uncle Millard is known by his acquaintances to be. A. B. Cummins was a good enough republican in 1892 to be the candidate of his party for elector at large on the Harrison and Reed ticket, receiving more votes than any other man on the ticket and this in the very year in which Uncle Millard says he came back to the party. He was a good enough republican to be unanimously selected by his delegation in 1896 as Iowa's member of the Republican National Committee.

If Uncle Millard is really honest in his support of Senator Gear why the change from his well known position last spring? If it were of any importance one way or the other the answer to the question would be recent, but Uncle Millard's course in recent years has been so vacillating as that the poor old Journal has ceased to be a factor either for good or evil in Decatur county politics.

While it is not our fight yet we believe in justice and for the best information at hand we do not believe Dr. Eiker could represent his constituents and do otherwise than vote for Cummins as the showing made for him was much greater than for Gear. The demand of Uncle Millard that Dr. Eiker publish the list is another evidence of childishness. No one ever heard of such a suggestion before and no one but Uncle Millard would display his imbecility by suggesting such a thing. We would suggest the poor old Journal that it drop the senatorial question and devote its time to sucking wind through its missing tooth and lauding Coe College.

REPUBLICAN.

PROSPERITY FOR THE TRUSTS.

As shown by the price list at Milwaukee November 13, 1898 and November 13, 1899.

	1898.	1899.
Wheat, No. 3, Spring, bu. \$.04	.59
Barley, No. 2, bu.	.48	.44
Oats, bu.	.27	.25
Corn, bu.	.32	.32
2 inch Iron Pipe, foot	.05	.25
Sucker Rods, foot	.07	.11
Rope and Twine, lb.	.08	.17
Nails, 100 pounds	1.85	3.40
Fence Wire	2.15	4.50
Lumber, 1000 feet	12.00	18.00

The prices of farm produce are taken from the market report of the Milwaukee Sentinel, of November 14, 1899, the rest are obtained from business men. They may vary somewhat in different stores and different localities, but they are a fair average.

MR. FARMER FIGURES IT OUT.

When you wanted 100 pounds of nails a year ago you could buy them with three bushels of wheat, now you must give five and a half bushels to get them.

A year ago, you could buy 100 pounds of nails for less than four bushels of barley, this year you must pay over seven bushels.

Or you could buy the nails with seven bushels of oats a year ago, now you will have to give nearly fourteen bushels. Last year you could buy them for five and three fourths bushels of corn, but this year the trust makes you pay over ten bushels for the same weight of nails.

The farmer in need of lumber, paid for a 1000 feet

	Last Year.	This Year.
Wheat	20 bus.	30 bus.
Barley	25 bus.	40 bus.
Oats	45 bus.	73 bus.
Corn	37 1/2 bus.	56 bus.

How do you like it Mr. Farmer? And don't you know that your vote did it? Don't you know that you voted prosperity—for the trusts?

ROBERT SCHILLING,
Milwaukee, Wis.

The day the republican currency bill passed the house of representatives call money loaned in Wall street at 188 per cent. premium and two great banks failed. If it had been a straight free-silver at 16 to 1 measure that had passed that day, the whole plutocratic press of the nation would have been roaring with rage, and a secretary of the treasury who should dump \$30,000,000 into New York to stay the panic, as Gear promises to do, would have been bitterly accused of robbing the people to cover up a crime.

The Atchison Globe is a republican paper which blurs out the truth occasionally. It bluntly admits that the necessities of life have advanced in cost 80 per cent. and labor 2 per cent. This is a sample of the Mark Hanna brand of prosperity.

PHONE 59. OPERA HOUSE BLOCK.

LEON QUEENSWARE CO.

We wish all a happy

New Year!

We want to thank the people of Leon and Decatur county for the business that they helped us do during the year of 1899, and hope by honorable dealing and our low prices, that we will see you at our store during the year 1900. All this month we will make special prices on all fancy

Queensware and Lamps!

Our Grocery Stock is Complete

All of our \$1.00 Fancy Lamps, this week	75c
Solid Bowls worth 85c this week	65c
Best can corn 2 cans	15c
Green Gage Plums, fine, per can	15c
A good canned Peach per can	15c
10 bars Something Good Soap	25c
2 packages Boston Rolled Oats	15c
A good Broom	15c
Package Raisins, all new per package	10c

Try our

\$1.00

Best Flour

1-2 Sacks 50 cents.

LEON QUEENSWARE CO.

Phone 59. - Opera House Block.

TIME TABLE

SOUTH		NORTH	
Passenger	7:00 a.m.	Passenger	7:00 a.m.
Freight	10:30 a.m.	Freight	10:30 a.m.
Passenger	11:57 a.m.	Passenger	11:57 a.m.
Freight	12:35 p.m.	Freight	12:35 p.m.

ORIGINAL
In the district court of
Decatur County, Iowa,
E. S. Ellsworth

of the sum of Five Dollars, and interest thereon, on three promissory notes, to-wit: Dora B. Foster, J. S. Smith, Jeremiah N. Smith, 1888, one for \$88.20 payable to the Farmers' Savings Bank and Trust Co., interest, and praying for the of a certain mortgage given to and most of said notes on the north and west half of the north east quarter four, township sixty-seven, twenty-five Decatur county, Iowa, costs including attorney's fees, and that the defendants, H. A. Thomas and Davis and Home Savings and Trust Co. have or claim to have some lien upon interest in said premises which is in plaintiffs. No personal judgment is against H. A. Thomas, O. P. Davis and Savings and Trust Co. For full and statement of plaintiffs' cause of action.

You are also notified thereto and def day of the Decatur County Court again.

Make Paint

White lead and talking about strictly no matter how bad stuff is, "it's strictly pure." Somebody gets a chemical analysis, usually to prove the other fellow's paint is better. You say "If anybody fault to find will it good at our expense, guarantee results." We got the paint, and we make that guaranty good.

W. E. MYERS & CO.

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We bought an immense stock of

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Every farmer and citizen in Decatur county will get the benefit of our buying before the advance in the price on all these goods. Here's where we hit our would-be competitors "with a natural." We do not say that we sell goods cheaper than anybody, but Quote the "real thing" in black and white. And make the

FOLLOWING AWAY DOWN PRICES

- 3 pound can pie plant per can 10 cents.
- 3 pound can California peaches per can 15c.
- 3 pound can California apricots per can 15c.
- 1 gallon can California peaches per can 40c.
- 1 gallon can California Apricots per can 40c.
- 1 gallon can pieplant per can 25c.
- 1 gallon can pitted Oregon plums per can 40c.
- 3 pound can blackberries 2 cans for 25c.
- 3 pound can raspberries 2 cans 25c.
- Pint jars of Jams and Preserves 2 cans 25c.
- 2lb can blackberries 5c.

- Choice California prunes per pound 6c.
- Fancy California dried peaches per pound 10c.
- 1 pound package cleaned currants 10c.
- 1 pound package seeded raisins 10c.

FRUITS, NUTS, VEGETABLES, CANDIES, OYSTERS, DRESSED POULTRY.

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seasoned native lumber, posts and for sale. C. W. GARDNER.