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DR. EIKER'S COMMITTEES.

Some expressions worth noticing flitted across the faces of the representatives during the half hour consumed by Dr. Bowen in the announcing of his committees yesterday morning. It was a momentous time for political aspirants and any amount of reading of newspapers and writing of letters could not dispel the atmosphere of suspense. Dr. Bowen swung them off rapidly and in a calm voice, apparently unconscious that they were falling on anxious ears. There was a stupendous and statesmanlike attempt to conceal expressions of satisfaction on the part of the men whose names were read first on the good committees, but the stoical pose did not altogether go, especially among new members.

Among the hearts that beat anxiously was the one belonging to Eiker, of Decatur, who distinguished himself several weeks ago by the pathetic query, "Where am I?" Dr. Eiker was sure he would be made chairman of not less than three good committees. He had every reason to believe that, for he was not one of the first lieutenants of the Cummins camp, and were not the leaders of the opposition to be well cared for? He was going to show the honorable members of the house of representatives though that committee chairmanships meant nothing to Eiker of Decatur, he was used to bigger things than that every day in the week. Had he not once had all the political managers of Iowa chasing the country after him? So because he was Eiker of Decatur and not somebody that wanted to be great instead of being that way already, he took out his pen and ink and began his weekly letter home as soon as Dr. Bowen rose to make the committee appointments. Ways and means passed without him, judiciary went by and still no developments in the Eiker situation; at the close of appropriations his fair name had not resounded through the house chamber, but over in the north-west corner he continued the treatise he was engaged upon, stopping only for an occasional chew at his pen. After railroads, municipal corporations, banks and almost everything else had gone and it seemed a sure thing that the gentleman from Decatur would not be too busy to enjoy the city during the session, the speaker reached the committee on public health and then the little doctor sat up. This was his day at last, so he looked meditatively at the chandelier while he went on record as the eleventh man on the committee to look after the good health of the public. It was a great plum but he took it gracefully, for he had a suspicion there was more to come. And sure enough, Representative Eiker from Decatur received tenth place on county and township organizations, ninth on domestic manufactures, eleventh on the State University, seventh on pardons, tenth on woman's suffrage, here he rubbed his head and for the first time looked worried, and sixth on the hospital for the insane—he remarked afterwards he was sure no inference had been intended by the speaker regarding the last.

"No I cannot accept your invitation to dinner," remarked Representative Eiker as he walked proudly down the great stairway of the capitol, "my friend Bowen has so arranged it that I shall be entirely too busy to engage in any social affairs whatsoever. Sorry, but business is business, especially with us statesmen, don't you know?"—Des Moines News.

HIGH PRICES AND PROSPERITY.

From the Los Angeles Herald: For the sake of consistency, not to mention responsibility to the cause of truth, the administration organs ought to lay bare the fact that as a result of excessive duties, iron, steel and many other articles have advanced in prices from 100 to 200 per cent. If they would do this they would not be amenable to the charge of being more partisan than patriotic. To argue that these advances are proofs of prosperity will doubtless be convincing to the beneficiaries, but consumers will hardly be able to understand it.

METHODS OF THE GLASS TRUST.

From the Philadelphia Ledger: An example of the methods of trusts is afforded by the action of the American Window Glass Company in scaling down its prices of all window glass one-third as a declaration of war against independent producers, which it proposes to drive out of business. When the smaller manufacturers have been driven to the wall and forced out of business or compelled to accept the terms of the trust prices will doubtless be restored and made as steep as "the traffic will bear."

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CARTER HARRISON'S VIEWS.

The voice that uttered the following words is not that of a calamity howler or a crank; it is the voice of the Springfield (Mass.) Republican, a true blue, but one that will not truckle: "The country has been passing through a period of rare and dizzy intoxication—drunk with 'gold and glory,' drunk with the pride of military achievement and conscienceless aggression, drunk with false expectations as to the limitless possibilities of trade which conquest in the far east was to open up to the nation—and so rushing along through a veritable saturnalia of corporate combination, recapitalization and wild and reckless inflation to anticipate a boundless prosperity, or to reap a harvest of dollars from the pockets of the people in exchange for the wind-blown paper of the trusts."

Democratic County Chairman W. K. Currie announces that the central committee of Ringgold county is arranging for a big political banquet at Mt. Airy late in March or early in April, not far from the date of Thomas Jefferson's birthday. From 150 to 200 representative Democrats of the eighth district are expected to be present at the banquet, while the speakers will be of state-wide and perhaps national reputation. The affair is planned as an opening gun for the presidential campaign.

The Cincinnati Enquirer says: "Naturally the Sultan of Sulu must be interested in the proceedings in the Roberts case. The elimination of Roberts from congress must naturally suggest to the Sultan an abrogation of the bargain which was made with him by the president of the United States."

Not a bit of it Mr. Enquirer! Belonging to the republican party has always sanctified the polygamists elected from and appointed in Utah and imperialism sanctifies polygamy in the Philippines. Ft. Madison Democrat.

The Gear gang got in its work on Dr. Eiker when it came to making the committee appointments. He did not receive a single chairmanship and was named as eleventh member of the committee on public health, tenth place on county and township organizations, ninth on domestic manufactures, eleventh on state university, seventh on pardons, tenth on woman's suffrage and sixth on the hospital for the insane.

How can a man who knows nothing but the manipulation of money understand the simplest problems of humanity?

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deed that cannot be overthrown unless the young manhood of the country enthusiastically joins in the effort to stamp it out.
My advice is "Organize and spread the light."
CARTER H. HARRISON.

Let this be another answer to the timorons. When Mayor Harrison of Chicago was asked the other day whether 16 to 1 would be in the next Democratic platform, he replied:

"The Democratic party is not in the bunco business. When the Republicans talk about bimetalism they mean 'the gold standard.' When the Democrats say bimetalism, they mean silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. There is no other ratio and the two phrases are identical. The silver question will be one of the issues of the coming campaign—not the leading one. It will be talked about and argued to some extent, but other issues will be in the forefront. It is nonsensical to talk about the Democratic party forsaking silver or attempting to regulate it because a change of mind has undergone."

There are some who fancy that the father of lies has been chained up for a thousand years, and, of course, they are easily deceived in expecting everything as gospel truth. But there are many who think a lie well stuck to is as good as the truth, and it is those against whom it is well to be on guard. When, therefore, it is reiterated that this, that or the other issue will be abandoned by the Democratic party, let it be understood that the Democratic party cannot abandon issues of vital importance to the American people. Silver is one of them. The great party of the people has never yet betrayed its principles, and in the present condition of affairs it insists upon all of them. It has no McKinleys blowing hot and cold; pleading for silver and then strangling it; denouncing a contraction of the circulating medium, and then contracting it to the detriment of the nation; plotting protesting against "criminal aggression," and then practicing it to the extent of wading in blood. It stands for no hypocrisy and no double dealing. The Democratic party is here meant, not a few of its members. One swallow does not make a summer, nor did one Judas destroy Christianity.

Attorney-General G. has refused to employ the ex-convict law in a case against a combination of eastern railroads. The only effective employment of the anti-trust law thus far recorded has been against labor unions. It is this law which Gen. Grosvenor assures the people demonstrates the sincerity of the antagonism of the Republican party to the trusts.

Children love to take Morley's Little Liver Pills for Bilious People, because they are small, look and taste like candy and do not gripe nor sicken them. One a dose. Sold only by L. Van Werd.

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Passenger.....11:50 a.m.	Freight.....12:30 p.m.	Passenger.....12:30 p.m.	Freight.....1:00 p.m.
Passenger.....12:30 p.m.	Freight.....1:00 p.m.	Passenger.....1:00 p.m.	Freight.....1:30 p.m.

White lead and zinc, keep talking about strictly pure, no matter how bad the stuff is, "it's strictly pure." Somebody gets a chemical analysis, usually to prove that the other fellow's stuff isn't strictly pure. What do you care for strictly pure paint if it doesn't do what paint is for? Paint is good for what it does, not what it is. We sell the

Makers of Paint!

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21-3r MINERVA E. KNIGHT, Executrix.

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- 1 gallon can pitted Oregon plums per can 40c.
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