

On the eleventh day of next May the city of Sedalia will be called upon, indirectly, to entertain the members of the Missouri press association. It is not a burden which is imposed upon them; it is a privilege which will accrue to the city by this extension of hospitality to the editors of the state should be fully realized, in order that nothing may be lacking in the manner in which that reception is given. For this purpose, and primarily for the purpose of placing under way those arrangements which it will be necessary to perfect before the association convenes in this city, a meeting of citizens has been called for Friday night, to be held at the city hall, at which it is hoped all of those representative citizens who take a pride in the good name of Sedalia, and who are interested in her prosperity, will be present and lend their voices and opinions to the general discussion. That there is nothing which stands in the minds of her leading men stands paramount to the good of the city was well evinced when the partisans of all parties recently joined so heartily together to offer to the members of the republican state convention the best Sedalia could present. In this case, there will be no adhesion to a political creed to be overcome by anyone. The men who will be here will represent the foremost thought of the politics of all. If there is anything in journalism which has been admired, the creator of that admiration will be present to greet his friends and receive their welcome.

But it is not a political matter at all with Sedalia. She is an aspiring young commercial center which seeks to be known only to overthrow the malicious prejudices which may possibly have been created by the jealousy of those who were once her rivals, and now seeing her outstrip them in the race seek by detraction to lessen the story of her onward stride to the position of undisputed metropolis of central Missouri. With a city it is as necessary to advertise in order to be known, as it is for a merchant. And the great medium through which to reach the public is the press. No matter what a dealer may have upon his shelves, the mass of his fellows will know nothing of the superiority of his wares if he say nothing of them except to those who may chance to happen in to view them. The public looks for a sign post to show the road which it must follow. Whither it is directed it goes, for time is of too much value to be spent in making inquiries.

Sedalia now has a golden opportunity of placing her best side before the attention of the people of the state. An hundred criticisms in as many newspapers will be given of the reception which the press is tendered, and an hundred descriptive articles will be written upon the Queen City. What the tenor of those criticisms shall be and whether or not those descriptions will be written with a favorable or adverse prejudice, rests solely with Sedalia herself. The value of such a presentation to the people of the state as we can secure if we work to effect it is so manifest that it needs no pointing out.

We earnestly hope that these briefly outlined points will meet with that thoughtful consideration which their subject matter deserves, and that on Friday night there will be a full representation of our energetic and public spirited residents present at the called meeting.

IRON "GALL."

In seeking for an instance of sublime impudence, one might travel far and search long and carefully without meeting a more conspicuous exemplification of that which he sought than was thrust upon the world's attention by the action of the so-called Tammany convention of New York democrats, held at Syracuse yesterday. The leaders of this faction of sordids and malcontents appointed a committee to confer with the regularly constituted convention for the purpose of "uniting upon some nomination" for the purpose of "securing harmony" in the party. Harmony in the party? This is good. Really it is the height of richness. Who is making the discord, we would like to ask. Who has refused to accept the views of an overwhelming majority of their own party and petulantly assumed to dictate the acceptance of their own? It is the spectacle of a single jurymen who seeks to make his eleven "obstinate" companions agree with him. As well might the Blaine men in the late convention in this city have called upon the third terms to confer with them and make some nomination which could secure "harmony." These fellows are no more democrats. They have as little claim to a voice in party councils as the most stalwart of "stalwarts." They should need no more recognition and should receive that ostracism which their conduct has deservedly forced upon them.

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THE PEDESTRIANS.

None of Them Hurt by the Great Race—Could Hart Have Gone Much Farther?

New York, Sun.

Frank Hart, the pedestrian, sat in a rocking chair in his room, yesterday, in the third story at 213 East Twenty-seventh street, and before him, in their opened cases on a table, were the O'Leary belt, his last week's trophy, and the Rose belt, which he won last fall. He showed no signs of exhaustion, yet was not inclined to move from his chair. He said that he felt perfectly well, but didn't object to resting.

"I took a walk this morning up to Central Park, and then back down town," he said. "I should think it was about ten miles. That was to keep me from getting too stiff." O'Leary said to him: "The man who wins the belt next time will have to go 600 miles. Don't you think so, Frank?"

"I believe it could be done without any greater difficulty than 565 is now," Hart replied. "If the garden was only kept in a fit condition for a big walk. There ought to be no smoking allowed, the track ought to be kept quite so hard as in this walk and there ought to be good ventilation."

"Well, don't you think that you could have covered twenty-five miles more in the same time if you had been pushed to it?"

"Perhaps I could." The general belief among experts, however, is that Hart went nearly as far as possible. He stopped half an hour before the time was up, but he had gone two miles further he would have broken his alleged bargain with the bookmakers, by the terms of which he was to make no more than 565 miles. They bet heavily on Saturday afternoon that he would make 565 and would not make 567, giving at the last odds of four to one. Aside from that half hour he did not waste a minute, and he was pushed by Doherty or Pegram to within a few hours of the end.

Doherty was found on his bed in the Metropolitan Hotel, but was dressed in his business suit, and he complained that his knee was still very stiff and lame. It resulted, he said, from a cold that settled in his knee, and worked down into the muscles of the leg. He did not go out of doors yesterday, but expects to walk a block or two to-day. Pegram was early at the Putnam House, and in the afternoon he walked out. Allen at Eighth avenue and Thirty-seventh street, was little the worse for his week's work. He was not out of the house nearly all the afternoon. How that he went home to Glen Cove in the afternoon. None of the pedestrians was apparently hurt much by the race.

A SMOKED HIBERNIAN.

From the Irish American.

The pluck and endurance shown by the colored pedestrian Hart, in the "O'Leary belt" contest, have furnished the quidnuncs of the press with a theme for discussion. Hart is a native of the republic of which, in its original united state, Toussaint L'Ouverture (also a mulatto) was so magnificent a representative; and from his Haytian origin and light complexion it is more than probable that the winner of the great walk has a strong admixture of French blood in his veins. Add to this that he was trained by O'Leary—the finest points of whose style of walking he displays—and we have enough of Celtic elements combined in the successful pedestrian to more than justify the affinity of the name sportively given him on his first appearance of "O'Leary's smoked Irishman."

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TO THE MISSOURI PRESS.

MISSOURI PRESS ASSOCIATION,

OFFICE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY,

SEDALIA, MO., April 17.

I have this day sent a circular to all of the addresses of bona fide editors or publishers in the state, which I have been able to obtain from the records of the association and other sources, informing them of the annual meeting of the association at Sedalia on May 11th, and how to procure transportation to and from Sedalia. Fearing that some may have been overlooked, this is published to inform those who have not received the circular referred to, to write at once to the undersigned, when a circular will be sent. Transportation cannot be furnished on application made after April 27.

Will the daily press of the state please copy this and oblige.

Respectfully,
J. WEST GOODWIN,
Cor. Sec'y. Mo. Press Association,
Sedalia, Mo.

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