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REPUBLICAN MEETINGS.

The Hon. G. J. DIEKEMA and CAPT. GEO. W. McBRIDE will address a meeting at Lyons tonight.

WILLIAM ALDEN SMITH will speak at Lowell Friday night.

CAPT. C. E. BELKNAP and CAPT. GEO. W. McBRIDE will be at Bowling Friday night.

CAPT. C. E. BELKNAP and CAPT. GEO. W. McBRIDE will address the Republicans at Keosauqua Saturday night.

The Hon. JOHN T. RICH will be at Iowa on Monday night and at Saranac on Tuesday night.

The Hon. M. C. BURCH will speak at Allegheny county next week.

JONES, of Binghampton, seems to have paid the freight and sunk into a state of innocuous desuetude.

The rumor that Parnell's brother aspires to the place of the great leader is interesting from the fact that he is comparatively unknown.

The awful terrors of the deep are manifesting themselves with startling destruction to life and property all along the shores of the Atlantic.

Dr. PHILLIP BROOKS is invested with the high honors incident to a bishopric. His masterful command of English and great erudition will prove to be a double blessing to his church.

It must be getting monotonous to Manager Burroughs of Redmond's to be arrested regularly every week. It would seem that the charges against him would keep until the question is finally settled by the courts.

CHARLES E. BELKNAP has the force and magnetism to make himself a conspicuous figure in the Republican minority in the house. Mr. Lawrence would be "out of sight" among the overwhelming number of Democrats.

The Chinese are commanding Russia to keep off "the Roof of the World," otherwise an alititudinous tract known as Pamir, in Central Asia. Russia having reached out to possess the greater part of the earth now wants to grab the roof.

MR. LAWRENCE would not be a good man to send to congress for business reasons. This district needs a representative who will represent. Mr. Belknep will do that, and do it well. He should be elected; Mr. Lawrence should not be elected.

A CHICAGO man handed a street car conductor a ten-cent piece in payment of one fare. The conductor refused to return the nickel in change whereupon the passenger pulled the cord and registered two fares. The conductor heaved a weary sigh, but said not a word.

JAY GOULD is reported to have purchased five million dollars worth of Western Union stock, held by the Baltimore and Ohio Company. It is also said that he will order a dividend declared on Western Union. Jay is still strong enough to manage these trifling deals.

THROUGH the courtesy of President Weston the press of the state will be presented a magnificent illustrated copy of the "World's Columbian Exposition," a publication replete with interesting World's Fair information. The copy at hand contains a striking picture of the donor.

With striking regularity there appears in the Democratic papers lugubrious statements concerning Blaine's health. Mr. Blaine may not be as exuberant and buoyant as he was four years ago, but he will be simply strong and vigorous to prosecute his reciprocity theories and make it interesting for the free traders next year.

A FARMERS Alliance in Texas has boycotted the town of Ladonia because the authorities impounded a number of cattle which were found running at large upon the city's commons. This is a very novel way to make of a boycott and illustrates how weak the weapon may become when it is ordered used from motives of resentment.

Gov. PATTERSON of Pennsylvania called an extra session of the state senate to inquire into the alleged corruption of high state officials. The senate through an appropriate committee reported back no findings against the officials but condemned the system under which the business of the state is conducted. Another clap of Democratic campaign thunder is thus rudely spoilt.

Do not believe that a new man in congress will be able to achieve any tangible results because his party is in the majority. If a new man gets to be on speaking terms with the presiding officer during his first year's service he does mighty well. As a matter of fact little can be accomplished except through the favorable action of the several departments. A man without acquaintance and unfamiliar with the ways, sometimes devious, always cumbered by red-tape of the several branches of the government will find himself with but little influence.

THOMAS SEDGON, president of the Sloss Iron and Steel Company, pig-iron, coal and coke, Birmingham, Ala., and one of the most important industrial enterprises of the whole South, writes: "While there has been as yet no advance in the price of pig-iron, the demand is steadily increasing and the inquiries are larger than they have been for several months. We feel confident that there is ahead of us the best times for business we have had in many

years, and feel certain the prices of iron will advance. If we are to judge by our collections the country is in a very sound condition financially and the liquidation in our judgment has been completed."

DEPUTY SHERIFF VANDERMEULEN has decided that the deputy clerkship of the superior court is out of sight so far as he is concerned. Chapter 850 of Howell's statutes specifies that no deputy sheriff or court officer shall issue any writ or warrant. It also forbids several other things which come within the duties of the clerk of the court. As the penalty is \$50 Daniel has no hankering for the job.

For some time past the wheat market has been poised between two nearly equal forces. These were the extraordinary large crop in this country, and an unusual shortage in the yield abroad. By some people the latter was thought to be the most cogent argument, and some looked for very high prices in consequence. Reports from various parts of this State show that there is from 60 to 70 per cent more wheat than there was 1890. Reports from threshers in this country are of the same character. The farmers in the outlying townships have been holding their crops with the expectation of getting \$1 a bushel, and if it should reach that mark it is very evident that the market would be flooded.

LAWRENCE A FIGUREHEAD.
Mr. Lawrence must feel grateful for the following highly eulogistic and commendatory editorial appearing in yesterday's Democrat:

It is apparent, even thus early in the brief campaign, that, as discussion progresses, the tide of popular favor increases toward Mr. Lawrence, the Democratic candidate. Public sentiment is in favor of the principles which his nomination represents. The time, before election, is very brief for a thorough canvass of the district. But, the District Committee, backed most enthusiastically by the Democrats of the District, is doing energetic work. And, after all, it is not so much temporary work and momentary enthusiasm on which the Democracy relies for success. It is in the awakening which has been going on for months, in the appreciation which the people have caused to feel of the positive need of the triumph of Democratic principles, and in the distrust, aroused and perpetuated by Republican methods, that the real basis of success is to be found.

It would be difficult indeed to gather from the above platitudes whether Mr. Lawrence was a candidate for Congress or a constableness. The elevation of the District Committee and the obtuse reference to great principles are cleverly put, but Mr. Lawrence is left in a state of suspended uncertainty. Of course the "tide of popular favor increases toward" him, because the Democrat says so; but why it should do so is not that Mr. Lawrence is a strong man, but because the District Committee has announced that it will begin a band-wagon campaign and because the people have been "awakened to the wisdom of Democratic principles." Mr. Lawrence will create no enthusiasm during the temporary work of the District Committee, for the Democracy relies on no such momentary spasms of excitement. Mr. Lawrence is a mere figurehead in the race. The Democrat, the squabbling legislature, the infamous senatorial steal, the outrageously partisan gerrymander of the State into Congressional districts, the blindly unjust Miner bill, the petty partisan tricks and trickeries of the Democratic Legislature—all these combine to cause the people to appreciate "the positive need of the triumph of Democratic principles." Mr. Lawrence, your feeble and blithering light is lost in the refugence of glory scintillating from the "principles" of your party. Stand aside and let the procession pass. Your party organ is clearly "agin" you.

CHARITABLE WORK.

M. Andrew Edgar is a gentleman who has been for some years past devoting his energies to the spiritual welfare of the inmates of poor houses and jails of the country. He visited the Kent County poor house Tuesday, held services there and has aroused the interest of the superintendent and a number of local clergy. To Bishop Gillespie's generosity these people owe credit for all the religious attention heretofore accorded them, but Mr. Edgar has obtained pledges that some one of the local clergy will go to the poor house every Sunday hereafter to assist the Bishop in this work. The Rev. Dr. Fair has promised that he will take care of the first Sunday in each month; the Rev. Dr. Jackson will look after the second Sunday. Superintendent Lankaster has agreed that some minister from the Second Reformed Church will take the third Sunday and the Methodist Church will have the fourth Sunday. Mr. Edgar has a large number of very kindly notices from the press and clergy and should receive encouragement from every one. His work is inspired by the purest love for mankind.

WOMAN'S ELEVATION.

If the meeting of the Woman's Congress held yesterday was not enough to enthuse the women who attended it, nothing can rouse them to a state of activity. To see hundreds of the brightest women of the land assembled together and to hear "pearls of thought" dropping from their lips is a sight never to be forgotten and a sound to be treasured. In looking back one almost doubts the memory. It seems too short a time since the women all stood at home to darn stockings, and their luck, in being born women. "Only fifty years ago," said Octavia W. Bates, "the question of women being admitted to the high schools of the country, was a serious one." Only fifty years ago, yet many attendances at the Congress can remember when the desire to learn was looked upon not only as a temporary aberration of

the mind, but one, also, to be sneered at, jeered at and ridiculed. Today in many colleges and universities, women students stand side by side with their brothers. Were this not the case such organizations as the Association for the Advancement of Women could not exist. The need would be greater but certain essentials would be lacking. "Eve was cursed because she wanted to know," said venerable Mrs. L. H. Stone, but the woman of today who "wants to know" is blessed far beyond her unambitious sisters and it is to be noted that many of those who do "know" rock the cradle with maternal grace while cogitating over plans which will help womankind in her efforts to be what she believes the Creator planned she should be. Woman has a sweet and lovely way of getting what she wants from her, if you please, weaker half. That she will eventually get all that she desires no sane person doubts and it is to be hoped that the entire human race will be benefitted thereby. In the words of the speaker of yesterday, "Higher education tends to the evolution of a stronger, higher, finer type of woman."

AMUSEMENTS.

The aim in minstrelsy just at present is to give something new—to depart from the old lines of entertainment, if possible. In this direction the Gormans excel anything yet seen in Grand Rapids. Considering the rain the attendance was good, and not one who was present regreted it. The first part was full of new features nicely divided between comedy and the sentimental. George Gorman is a comedian of rich resources in the way of versatility and if necessary. His dancing and burlesque work was immense. The Dillons also caught on well with their songs, parodies and bizarre dancing. The dancing jockeys were very attractive and precise and correct in drill and movement. The silver wedding proved delightfully reminiscent of old southern days as it did of the minstrels of old. The gathering of the clans introduced a military feature, beautiful and brilliant. The farce entitled "Reception of the Colored 49th" concluded the evening and was uproariously funny. The audience said in one voice "a great show." The Gormans should come here again.

"The City Directory" which has been a laughing sensation in all of the principal cities of the country for the past three years, will be the capital attraction for Saturday evening next at Powers. The sale of reserved seats will open this morning at the theatre.

The attraction at Redmond's next week will be the well-known melodrama "The Bargar."

The success of "Ole Olson" at Redmond's continues unabated. Two performances are down for today.

There will be a sensation in and about Smith's theatre all of next week. Sam Jack's Burlesque Company composed of forty creole maidens will be there.

"The Old Homestead," a play familiar here through two former engagements, at Powers' next Monday.

The sale of seats for Rose Coghlan's appearance at Powers' next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, will open on Saturday morning.

WARM ENOUGH.

He Woke Up and Was Glad to Find It Only a Dream.

Generally speaking practical jokes are to be avoided, as they are commonly more productive of harm than amusement. But occasionally there is one so spontaneous and appropriate as to be quite pardonable. Two young men were roommates at Harvard. They were not only roommates, but fast friends, and shared their joys and sorrows as well as their apartments; but neither was averse to a wholesome laugh, either at his own or at the other's expense. They had two rooms—a commodious study and a small bedroom, large enough, however, for each to have his own separate bed.

It happened one particularly cold night last winter that both the young men had passed the evening out. About 11 o'clock the first one reached his room; he had ridden out from Boston in a slow car, and was very cold. The fire in the grate was low; and the bedroom, which had been left with door closed and window open, was exceedingly cold; but the student was resolved to make the best of the situation.

First spreading his ulster over his bed, he went to the closet and helped himself to all the coats he found there, and putting these over the ulster, he crawled under the pile, and was soon as snug and comfortable as a cat under a stove.

He had just got well asleep when in came his chum, half frozen. "Well," he said, "Jack's got his whole wardrobe over him. It's a good idea; I'll do it myself." But on going to the closet he found that all his clothes had already been appropriated. He stopped a moment to think the situation over, and then exclaimed, "Well, Jack, old man, if you're as cold as that I'll see what I can do to make the night comfortable for you."

This he proceeded to do. First he spread several newspapers on the pile of clothes that covered the contented sleeper; on these he laid three large rugs that he took from the floor; over these he distributed several cushions taken from different chairs, and over all he placed a pair of portieres taken down specially for that purpose. On top of these he folded and spread a heavy tennis net, using the cords to tie the whole huge pile in place. Then tossing his ulster over his own bed, he got in and chuckled himself to sleep.

Jack in the meantime slept on, unconscious of the great burden he bore; but in the morning, when with great effort he got his eyes open and took in the situation, he slowly said:

"Well, I'm glad it's only clothes; I've been trying all night long to burrow out from under the Rocky mountains."

YOUTH'S COMPANION.

A Bag of Penn.

A deaf farmer drove in his flock and herd.—Boston Transcript.

A Fatigue Uniform.—The messenger boy's.—Baltimore American.

An actor's life ought to be fruitful; it is filled with dates.—Yonkers Statesman.

"All hands round," said the dancing master when he set his clock.—Boston Bulletin.

The prize pig at the county fair may

not be beautiful, but he has a winning weight.—Elmira Gazette.

Actors are too much given to quarrelling considering that it is a part of their business to kiss and "make up."—Texas Siftings.

A career of extravagance does not necessarily bring a man sackcloth, but it is more than likely to bring him to hush.—Washington Star.

A lover at Alton, Ill., squeezed his girl so hard that he broke her rib. That young fellow evidently belongs to a coarse set.—Binghamton Republican.

The sugar schools to be started at the experimental stations should have some of the sweet girl graduates among their pupils.—New Orleans Picayune.

Turkey red is made from the madder plant, which grows in Hindoostan. It is probable that the madder it gets the redder it becomes.—New Orleans Picayune.

Our Sporting Press.

A few years ago there were in the United States but four or five newspapers wholly devoted to sports, and these were all weekly or monthly publications. Now there are forty weeklies and one daily. Ten years ago ordinary daily journals gave little space to racing, and less to betting. Now the prominent papers give full details of the pool and book betting.—W. B. Curtis in Forum.

She Spoke to the Point.

The shortest speech on record, and that, too, by a woman, is heard of in Indiana. A woman walked seventy miles to hear a sermon, and the pastor was so pleased at this appreciation that he called upon her to tell the congregation how she came thither. Rising slowly she looked them over with great solemnity, and said, "I hoofed it." Then she sat down again.—Detroit Free Press.

No Profit There.

Superintendent—How is this, Murphy? Ten cents all you took in on your round trip?

Conductor—Yes, sir, I struck an orphan asylum picnic. They went down and back with me, and every one of 'em, save the woman in charge, was under age.—Harper's Bazar.

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A Natural Result.

The craze of the souvenir spoon seems to have made quite a stir.—Baltimore American.

To Him That Hath Ears.

It sometimes takes a deaf man to face the music.—Galveston News.

S. S. S.

A woman with a cancerous ulcer of years' standing and five inches in diameter has been entirely relieved by six bottles of Swift's Specific. I consider its effects wonderful, almost miraculous.

Rev. J. H. CAMPBELL, Columbia, Ga.

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