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REPUBLICAN TICKET.

- State. For Judge of the Supreme Court—J. B. Barnes. For Regents of State University—Charles S. Allen. For Treasurer—Christopher Slavianski. For Sheriff—J. J. Clonnie. For Judge—F. E. Kaseley. For Clerk of the District Court—W. H. Field. For County Clerk—James Curtis. For Superintendent of Public Instruction—Wm. Dowling. For Assessor—J. L. Hymanson. For Coroner—Dr. H. L. Kindred. For Surveyor—W. H. Lowe. For County Commissioner, Second District—Geo. D. Smith.

The ice man is about to retire from the stage and permit the coal man to do his stunt.

There are some sports who are willing to bet that Lieutenant Peary will find the north pole before Sir Thomas Lipton succeeds in lifting that yachting trophy.

Stand up for the republican ticket during the balance of the campaign, early, late and constantly. It is worthy of your best consideration, from Judge Barnes down.

These tornadoes that are raising a rumpus over the country should either have come earlier in the season, or have delayed their visit until next year. Their unseasonable antics are intolerable.

It is reported that there is a great shortage of corn area in Illinois, due to the cold weather in the early spring. Nebraska farmers can therefore expect, with reasonable certainty, to secure good prices for their crop of that cereal.

Those British ancients have the permission of the American people to enter Washington, without a protest, but they are well assured that their guns are not loaded and that they have no designs either against the country or its capitol.

Joe Chamberlain and other Englishmen are not foolish. They realize better than anyone what has inaugurated the greatest era of prosperity this country has ever known, and are anxious to have the mother country participate in a like degree of progress and enterprise.

During the eighty years ending with 1900, 19,000,000 immigrants have been received into the United States, and many of them are now our best and most honorable citizens, but there is a limit, and they are coming entirely too fast to suit many of those who are immigrants or sons of immigrants.

An exchange has it that the cold waves are beneficial to the country because they purify the air and charge it with ozone and electricity that humanity craves and requires. This may be true, but the people of the country would prefer that Boreas should do his necessary work in this line along the later part of October rather than the fore part of September.

A learned doctor has given it out that there never has been so much dyspepsia and indigestion in the country as at the present time. It is a condition probably due to the prevailing prosperity. People are living too high. Stomach troubles, caused through overeating, were practically unknown by the majority of the people during Grover's administration. It is one of the evils that accompany the blessings of life.

The navy department has taken a radical step toward making the "Star Spangled Banner" the national anthem, and there are thousands of American people who will second the motion. There is no prettier patriotic air in the world, and many have long been averse to singing "America," as the national anthem, to the tune of "God Save the King." America is great enough and has the talent necessary to have a song and issue distinctly her own, and if the "Star Spangled Banner" with all its beautiful and thrilling qualities is

not the proper caper, the government should at once inaugurate a movement toward having a creation from its poets and musical composers that is.

Some people may be waiting and watching for the time when radium will be put on the market at a moderate cost and be capable of doing all that the sensational scientists claim for the mineral. They should not longer delay in providing light for their houses, because it is feared that radium may be another of those fanciful scientific creations that have been sprung on the people from time to time ever since the first fakir was born.

There are a large number of republicans entering the present campaign with the theory, that the difference is not so great whether certain men are elected to office this fall, as it is whether the republican national administration shall receive a rebuff and the prevailing prosperous condition of the country shall be ignored. With this to influence their efforts they are determined to fight early and late for the republican ticket and see that it wins out.

ATCHISON GLOBE SIGHTS.

Never address a man above forty as "Old Man."

The stuffed potato is a later "piece de resistance" than the stuffed egg.

Almost every day you hear men who have neglected their work kicking about poor business.

When a woman makes up her mind to be perfectly natural, her friends say she is becoming reckless.

A man doesn't look better than a woman on many occasions, but he shines in supremacy on a rainy day.

When a man walks the baby to sleep in his arms, he naturally wants the curtains up so that the neighbors will see.

In the fall of the year, there is a good deal of watching to see if the spring brides get as nice hats as their fathers used to buy them.

Some people make you feel uncomfortable because they won't talk, and others make you feel uncomfortable by talking too much.

There are so many butterflies in the world, that the legislature should compel every ant in this season to put an extra leaf in his file.

Your memory should be so poor that you can't remember a bad story on any one, and so good that you can't forget something that is creditable.

Every one who has helped a lame dog over a stile and was scratched in doing it, thinks he is justified ever after in refusing to be merciful.

Mrs. Haskell's Poem.

The following poem was written by Mrs. John B. Haskell of Wakefield, upon the occasion of Colonel S. S. Cotton's eightieth birthday: In the far-famed Olympic days, Chaplets of laurel leaves they bound; And in their loyalty and love With honor they their heroes crowned.

We have today a victor here, The race he runs is not yet o'er; But in the broad highway of life He bears the standard well before. So let us wind a chaplet green To deck this grand old hero's brow; Each leaf we twine shall bear a name Some virtue that we all allow.

The first one of our laurel leaves, Shall stand for joy in this his crown; For in his presence we all feel A bit of sunshine has come down. Another leaf we'll join to this—I'm sure you'll all agree with me—None knows him but to feel its power, 'Tis wholesome hospitality. Now kindness goes to make the crown. In scattering this he knows no rest—The poor and weak, the lame and blind Shall surely rise and call him blest. He's mostly honest; but just once—You may perhaps have all forgotten A rule he spread both far and wide For strawberries preserved in Cotton.

He's brave—I never knew him quake Save when his great grandchild doth cry. But this so small a wonder is—We'll twine a leaf and pass it by. He's jovial—so a leaf of fun To make the garland more complete.

At such a festal board as this—The others, sauce; he is the meat. He's pure in heart and true and good. These virtues go to make the crown. In courtesy he never fails. 'Tis quite a subject of renown. The circle's done—to bind secure We'll weave a thread of honor through. And as we crown him "king 'mong men" We grant the crown's becoming, too. And now we bid our host "good night!"

Lest soon you vote the muse a bore, Make health and joy and comfort his. And may his years be twice four-score.

THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE.

Windy City Burned Thirty-Two Years Ago Today.

A REVIEW OF THE DISASTER.

Flames Held Sway for Twenty-Five Hours and Burned Four Miles of Property—Loss was \$200,000,000, and Many People Perished.

Chicago, Ill., Oct. 9.—Special to The News: Today marks the 32nd anniversary of the great Chicago fire. It is also a day when the "old settlers" of the western metropolis gather into big and little groups and recount their thrilling experiences on that memorable October 9 of 1871, when a whirlwind of flame swept for miles through the city of 334,000 inhabitants, causing a monetary loss approximating \$200,000,000, rendering tens of thousands of persons homeless and poverty stricken and leaving the charred remains of hundreds in its wake.

The origin of the fire has been traced indirectly to the ill-temper of an ordinary milk cow—"Mrs. O'Leary's cow," as it now is celebrated in the annals of Chicago's history. This cow was kept in a two-story frame barn in the rear of a modest dwelling at No. 137 De Koven street, on the southwest side of the city. Shortly after 9 p. m. on Sunday, October 8, flames were discovered issuing from the O'Leary barn. Those who attempted to extinguish the blaze in the barn testified to finding a kerosene lamp shattered into pieces within range of the cow's heels. The world believes that the cow kicked the lamp to pieces, thus giving life to the great conflagration which followed.

There was delay in getting the alarm to the fire department, and in getting water to the fire after the alarm. The nearest engines failed to get to the fire until after it was beyond control, in the dry southwest gale that was blowing and the parched fuel—a three months' drought preceded the fire—that was ready to help it forward.

Great brands of fire were caught up high in the air—observers say from 300 to 500 feet—and whirled off to the northeast, dropping where they would, and starting new fires far to leeward of the old. By midnight the flame had swept across the south branch of the Chicago river and eaten into the business heart of the city. The mayor remained in the court house as long as it was tenable.

This was the supreme moment of disaster, for that building had been the storehouse, and was now the tomb of the public records. The chain of title by which every owner held every foot of property in Cook county, from the government to the latest buyer and lender, came to utter annihilation. About 3 a. m. the postoffice and subtreasury were burned the latter with some \$2,000,000 in currency and government securities.

The last house to be destroyed was that of Dr. J. H. Foster, on Fullerton avenue, then in the northern limit of the city. This house burned 25 hours after the time, and four miles from the place of the starting of the fire.

Seventeen thousand, four hundred and fifty buildings, with substantially all household effects, were burned. To help Chicago funds came about as follows: From Insurers (New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Ohio, Pennsylvania, California and Rhode Island leading) between \$15,000,000 and \$50,000,000; from gifts in money and other valuables, something like \$4,000,000; from Chicago herself about \$10,000,000 was taken, after all alleviations were allowed for.

"Derrick time" is the name which attached itself to the years immediately following the conflagration. The Relief and Aid society, formed almost before the flames died out, spent nearly \$1,000,000 in structures, permanent and temporary.

Between October 18 and November 30 the society put up 5,226 houses, using 35,000,000 feet of lumber. The first building erected after the fire was a board shanty put up by William D. Kerfoot, a real estate dealer, and was begun and finished on October 10. It was surmounted by the proud sign, "Kerfoot's Block."

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