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LINDSAY SUCCEEDS BRIDMAN. The action of the two republican judges of the supreme court in agreeing finally upon Harry C. Lindsay to succeed Robert E. Lee Bridman as clerk of the supreme court will meet with hearty approval by republicans throughout the state and not a few democrats to boot.

Whether the action of the supreme court judges will necessitate Mr. Lindsay's retirement from the headship of the state committee is not as yet clear, but if so it will devolve upon the party managers to find a man for chairman capable of filling the bill with force and efficiency.

UNDER AMERICAN CONTROL. A Panama dispatch of yesterday announces that formal possession of the canal route has been taken by the commission and the property and the zone defined in the treaty are now under the control of the United States.

that at this time the chances of the judge securing the nomination are far in advance of any one who has been named and the endorsement has been secured by Representative Williams will very materially improve his prospects.

Another black-wash for Omaha. The aims and objects of the Civic Federation as defined in the address just issued over the names of its officers are within themselves commendable. All good citizens desire a reasonable enforcement of the laws and all good men and women in Omaha will applaud any movement that has for its object the elevation of the standard of public morals.

Immigration is still noticeable. It is literally true that the laws which aim to suppress the social evil are not strictly enforced in Omaha, but in this respect Omaha is no exception.

longer than the law contemplated, yet it was in ample time for him to carry out the provisions of the law, whereas his action disfranchises men entitled to vote and whose votes will be eagerly solicited for the ticket when it is nominated. Shutting the door of the primaries in the faces of men who want to enroll themselves as republicans is hardly conducive to lining up for a big republican majority at the polls in November.

Of all the aspirants for the republican nomination for congress from this district who have been clamoring for a chance for a direct vote of the people on their respective merits, only one has filed his name to be submitted on the official ballot at the coming republican primaries. There is no complaint that the terms of the contest are unfair or discriminating for or against any candidate. It would be simply a question as to which could get the most votes.

Denver's grand jury is certainly entitled to be considered the most careful body of inquisitors ever assembled. It has just indicted a dead man so that the statute of limitation may not run against the crime.

Minor Scenes and Incidents Sketched on the Spot. A touch of delicate irony runs through remarks of a Scotchman, A. Muirgrave, of Edinburgh, who visited Washington recently, observed congress in action, and gave his impressions in the Post. "Learning that there was a session of your house of representatives on Sunday, for the purpose of passing eulogies on deceased American statesmen, I paid your capital instead of going to church," he said. "The exercises were interesting and edifying to a stranger, at least, but I marveled greatly at the scant attendance. When your speaker called the house to order I counted only seven representatives in the chamber, and though I remained several hours, I did not at any time see more than thirty members present."

Republican State Chairman Atkins of Missouri, while in Washington the other day, told this story of a campaigner in his state: Sam George was the man's name, and he said he dreamed he died and went to heaven and that St. Peter met him at the gate. "What have you been doing lately, Sam?" St. Peter asked him. "Campaigning for the republican party," he answered. "Well, come right in," St. Peter told him. "There is only one requirement we will make of you. You must mount those stairs leading to the Beautiful City and with this box of chalk I give you write on each step the mistakes of your party."

Sam George took the chalk and began the climb. He thought of all the republican party had done as he climbed, but could think of no mistakes it had made. He had thought over all its acts when he had reached within a step or two of the top. "He saw a man coming down again, looking at him he saw the man was William Jennings Bryan. "How are you, Mr. Bryan?" George said to him. "I'm glad to see you here." "Yes," George says Mr. Bryan said, "I'm glad to get here where there is no political strife."

DR. RICH'S Baking Powder. FOREMOST BAKING POWDER IN THE WORLD. Baking powder advertisement with decorative border.

CHICAGO RECORD-HERALD: The Russians claim their defeat on the Yalu merely constitute a regular part of the war program which they have mapped out. Perhaps they think they have so many soldiers to be killed off that they can in time make the Japs give up, exhausted by the work of burying their victims.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE: The Japanese have certainly demonstrated that, so far as their nation goes, what was formerly supposed to be the inherent inferiority of the yellow man to the white does not exist. Whether he likes it or not, the white man will hereafter have to acknowledge that both on land and sea the Jap is his equal, man for man, when it comes to fighting.

POINTED PLEASANTRIES. "If some men," said Uncle Eben, "showed as much patience an' forbearance wif de chillen as home dat dey dose wif a lost' base ball team dar woul' be so many hand feelin' in de family."--Washington Star.

Brother-in-law always said that Wykina had imagination enough to be a poet.--Baltimore Evening Post. "What makes Brown so haughty these days?" "Why, his secret benevolent association has elected him to an office that has a title seven feet longer than any title there is in Smith's secret society."--Chicago Post.

CHICAGO CHRONICLE: The prospect that the Japanese will be able to drive the Russians out of Manchuria, however, is as remote as ever. If the Russians were Bogy the results of her finding out her mistake take Russia though the Japanese wouldn't fight and is now repeating Great Britain's experience, with much consequent damage to her prestige. It is an old trait in human nature that men and nations will insist, in the face of demonstration, on testing the resisting force of stone walls with their own heads.

INDIANAPOLIS NEWS: Japan will gain great prestige from this great victory. All the world now knows that Russia has to deal with a first-class fighting power. By this victory the Chinese will be encouraged in their anti-Russian feeling. Corea will be safe, and Japan will start on her forward march with her communications unadhered strictly to their program and everything moved smoothly. We should think that the people of Russia would be hungry for favorable news. Thus far their army and navy have met with nothing but disaster.

Edwin L. Salmon in the Housekeeper. She's walking in her garden, with quiet mien and eye. Ann Smith, who lost her lover now thirty years ago. Ann Smithy she turned downward, aware of only this: Her mornin' the tulips all drowsy with the dew. The breeze breathe of springtime, of springtime like the fill. There's springtime in the robin's enraptured throat. There's springtime in the blossoms she brushes to and fro. Ann Smithy she turned the springtime of thirty years ago.

PERSONAL NOTES. Richard T. Greener, the first colored graduate of Harvard, is the United States center of the war in the far east. Secretary Moody will make a personal inspection of the improvements which are being made in the United States naval station at Guantanamo, Cuba. He will leave Washington on May 8, to be gone ten days. Dr. Edward A. Steiner, professor of applied Christianity at Iowa college, Grinnell, who wrote the author's American biography of Tolstoy, is credited with knowing more about Russia and the Slavic world generally than any other living American. Adrian Iselin, the New York financier, yachtsman and society man, has taken out an accident policy for \$20,000. J. Pierpont Morgan carries about the same and George Gould took heavy insurance to last week he made his recent 20,000-mile tour over his railroad lines. Great preparations are being made in Hartford, Conn., for the annual encampment of the Society of the Army of the Potomac and the Connecticut Department of the Grand Army of the Republic, May 12 and 13. The line of march for the parade of the veterans is wisely to be a short one. Chauncey M. Depew was accosted by a beggar who had "seen better days." The man wanted 5 cents. The senator shook his head and passed on. But the man followed him. "Please give me 5 cents; I have had no dinner," he persisted. "Neither have I," replied the senator, shortly. "Very well, then," said the fellow, suddenly assuming an air of patronage, "make it a quarter and we'll dine together."

THE SPINSTER. Edwin L. Salmon in the Housekeeper. She's walking in her garden, with quiet mien and eye. Ann Smith, who lost her lover now thirty years ago. Ann Smithy she turned downward, aware of only this: Her mornin' the tulips all drowsy with the dew. The breeze breathe of springtime, of springtime like the fill. There's springtime in the robin's enraptured throat. There's springtime in the blossoms she brushes to and fro. Ann Smithy she turned the springtime of thirty years ago.

Twas just in such a springtime, 'twas just on such an eve. That there beneath the poplar he took his last, fond leave. And kindly she turned downward, aware of only this: His parting his promise, upon her lips his kiss. Oh, April after April, invokes the twilight of his parting. And April after April the garden wakes--in vain. For in their covers another springtime know Likethis dear, sweet old springtime of thirty years ago. Ann Smith is straight and slender; her brow is calm and fair; Her voice is clear and patient, and smooth and thick her hair. No flakes have touched her tresses, no frost her cheeks can dim. To her it's always springtime, and she must wait for him. And when the morning gathers around her garden gate, And when the thrush and pigeon has sought his gentle mate, The children of the village will lead you past, to show The maid who lost her lover now thirty years ago.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla. "I am now past 74 years of age, and I know from experience that Ayer's Sarsaparilla is the best family medicine in the world." T. S. ARMSTRONG, Kokomo, Ind. Always keep it in the house. That is what the doctors say, too. They know it is the best family medicine in the world. Sooner or later some one in the house will surely need it. It has such wonderful strengthening power. Ask your doctor what he thinks about this.