

The Berrien County Record.

W. D. WAGNER, Editor. THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 2, 1871.

Republican State Convention.

A Republican State Convention to nominate a Justice of the Supreme Court, in place of James V. Campbell, and two Regents of the University, in place of James A. Sweeney and Cyrus M. Stockwell, will be held in the City of Lansing, on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23d, 1871.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS.

There has been a bill introduced in Congress which prohibits, under a penalty, members of Congress from seeking appointments to office from any department of the general Government, for themselves or others.

There is little hope of the bill becoming a law, although it would doubtless be one step towards a much needed reform. The bill has a most excellent object in view, and if passed would result, in a short time, in making many of the offices which come into home contact with the people, elective.

It is very annoying and perplexing to the President to be continually compelled to listen to recommendations to office that come to him from a thousand different sources, and in many cases such a provision as proposed by the bill would grant great relief to him. Yet, while so many appointments to office are left to the President, it is necessary that he should have some assistance in the filling of them. The intimate relation that exists between the President and Congressmen, lead office seekers to resort to the latter to have their claims to office, and recommendations of ability and fitness presented to the President, and the tone in which this is done, and the extent to which the appointments are urged, too often, no doubt, depend upon the amount the Congressman receives in case the applicant succeeds in obtaining the desired position.

It is right that the President should have his advisers, and that he should be influenced by proper parties, but his appointments to a vast majority of a certain class of offices are made at the suggestion or wish of parties who have some selfish motive to subvert in securing the favor of the President. What reasons can there be for having certain offices filled by the appointment of the Executive? It is said by the friends of the system that to insure impartiality, and a fearless discharge of duty, certain offices should not feel any dependence, upon parties or factions, for a continuance in office. In regard to a few offices this argument might be considered a good one, and such persons ought to receive their appointments at the hands of the Executive. But, in regard to Postmasters, United States Marshals, Clerks of the United States Courts, and similar officers, there is as much reason that they should be elected by the people, as that our Members to Congress should be thus chosen in the several Districts.

The people, as a general thing, put forward their most popular and acceptable men, and experience has taught us that those officers who are chosen by the people, who know them to be deserving of confidence, give better and more general satisfaction in the discharge of their duties than those who receive appointments at the hands of some Executive. The people, as a general thing, are more generally satisfied with Postmasters and Collectors, as they are Presidents, Governors and Congressmen.

It is also said that by this system we save the expense of an election to office. We already have to hold many elections, and the adding of a few names on the ballots would not materially increase the expense of elections, besides save the great tax upon the time of the Executive and Legislative Departments in making those numerous appointments. We see nothing that promises the desired change at a very early date. Congressmen will be reluctant to abolish a system that furnishes so much gratification and profit to the managers of party patronage. The system, however, is becoming so generally obnoxious, that, like the franking privilege, and other measures that were more tolerable when our government was newer and less complicated, it is destined to be sooner or later, abandoned.

As there is not the least prospect that Congress will, soon, if ever, in any way, compromise the doctrine that, "to the victors belong the spoils of office," upon which all parties have so long acted, in our government, the next best plan to an election, by all the people, of many of the officers now filled by appointment, would be an election or recommendation by the party in power. This certainly would do away with the most objectionable feature of the present system of appointments, and would bring Congressmen under obligations to recommend only such of their party constituency at home had endorsed.

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From Kansas.

IRVING, Kan., Jan. 23, 1871. EDITORS RECORD:—More than a year has passed away, since I have contributed to your valuable paper. During this time, events have transpired in their usual routine, in this part of the growing State of Kansas.

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The town of Irving is steadily increasing in size and importance, and persons coming to this part of the State to purchase homes will do well to visit this growing town, and see its beautiful situation, and important location before purchasing elsewhere. And while the town is making substantial improvements, the country in its vicinity is settling up very fast, and it has been seen to have sprung up like Jonah's gourd, are seen dotting the prairie in every direction.

The present winter, thus far, has been one of more than usual severity. We have had several severe storms, and considerable snow, for Kansas; but, at present, the weather is Spring-like, and farmers, while they are improving their land, would plant groves of forest trees, orchards, and shrubbery, it would not only beautify their homes, but would shelter from the cutting winds of winter, and drawing assistance, it would give us a more general and equal distribution of rain, and thereby prevent those long seasons of drought, which, in years past, have been the greatest serious disadvantage to this country.

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The golden opportunity for purchasers to buy goods 25 to 50 per cent. below their present value, until our stock is closed out. We give below a few prices to show you we are offering great bargains.

We are in Receipt OF FRESH ARRIVAL OF TEAS, SUGARS, COFFEES, RAISINS, &c., &c., &c. Revenue Tax Was Reduced! All Kinds of OUR STOCK OF DRY GOODS COMPLETE! MAMMOTH POSTER! GIVE US A CALL! POWER PRESS!

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Sunday Readings

50. GOES THE WORLD. Our varied days pass on and on, Our hopes fade unfulfilled away...

READY FOR THE NEW YEAR! THE BEST ASSORTMENT OF COOK & PARLOR STOVES!

BURN'T OUT! - BUT - NOT DESTROYED! BLAKE & LONG

D. E. BEARDSLEY & CO., Main St., Buchanan, Mich. MANUFACTURERS OF LUMBER WAGONS, BUGGIES, BOB SLEDS, CUTT S.

DR. V. CLARENCE PRICE'S Notice for February and March, 1877. THE GREAT PHYSICIAN OF HIS TIME...

TO PHYSICIANS. New York, August 15th, 1868. "Allow me to call your attention to my PREPARATION OF COMPOUND EXTRACT BUCHU..."

War Has Commenced ON PRICES AT THE FOUNDRY! \$12 for Iron Beam Plows

"Phunigrams" Workings of the Sorosis. The Hearth and Home has this: "Sam, did you (hic) see anything of my wife?"

He Bore It All For Me. "When I was a boy at school," said a distinguished speaker to a deeply thoughtful audience...

COLLINS & WEAVER'S Hardware Store, BUCHANAN, MICHIGAN. Reduced Prices. The Finest Stock of Shelf Hardware.

Cash or Ready Pay. We have also a large lot of Groceries, Glass, Rockingham and Yellow Ware.

WARRANT. To the satisfaction of any reasonable person. We build to order the Improved Turned and Fitted Skein Wagons.

BARGAINS IN CLOTHING! AT L. ESTES' STORE. I am acquainted with Mr. H. T. Helmbold, he occupied the Drug Store opposite my residence...

HELMHOLD'S FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU. For weakness arising from indigestion. The exhausted powers of Nature which are accompanied by many alarming symptoms...

IRON OR BRASS CASTINGS AT REASONABLE RATES. B. T. MORLEY. WE WILL ALSO BUILD OR REPAIR ANY KIND OF MACHINERY

Grief and business have seldom been more thoroughly mixed than in the following obituary advertisement. The residence of the defunct we omit, and the name we have changed, therefore it will not worry his friends.

An Honorable Request. Alexander the Great had a famous, but indigent philosopher in his court. This adept in science was once particularly sought in his circumstances...

MECHANICS TOOLS. Nails, Glass, Locks, Paints, Oils, Iron Steel. And in fact almost anything you want in the Hardware Line.

MEAT MARKET! CENTRAL. Having purchased Mr. Haven's interest in the Market, and consolidated the two Markets, and moved the same to first door west of Day & Binn's...

Look Here! BOOTS & SHOES Cheaper Than Ever. Having bought the Large and Well Assorted Stock

GROCERY STORE. New Firm! Baker & Matthews. NEW STOCK OF GROCERIES, WHICH WILL BE SOLD FOR CASH ONLY!

HELMHOLD'S FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU. For weakness arising from indigestion. The exhausted powers of Nature which are accompanied by many alarming symptoms...

SMITH & SONS. HAVE OPENED AN ENTIRE NEW STOCK OF Groceries & Provisions. Consisting of everything usually kept in a Grocery store...

Mr. Ferguson, of San Francisco, goes home drunk for the fourth time, and his wife holds up her hands with vexation and indignation. "Don't say word, Liza (hic)—don't say word!"

Intemperance. Dr. Guthrie says—"Before God and man, before the Church and the world, I impeach intemperance. I charge it with the murder of innumerable souls."

COLLINS & WEAVER. VARIETY STORE. CONSTANTLY IN RECEIPT OF New Styles of Dress Goods.

HOWARD & DEMONT. FRESH & SALT MEATS, FISH, HAM, &c. Also prepared to BUY AND SELL STOCK.

ASTROLOGY. The Stars and Planets reveal your destiny—YOUR DESTINY! What is it? Good or Evil? Rich or Poor—Married or Single?

NEW TIN SHOP. Having opened a shop for the manufacture of Tin, Copper, Improved Rose and Wash SHEET IRON WARE.

HELMHOLD'S FLUID EXTRACT BUCHU. Helmbold's Fluid Extract of Buchu. In affections peculiar to females, is unequalled by any other preparation...

G. W. NOBLE. HATS & CAPS. On hand at all sizes, embracing all the styles and well as the latest novelties.

Some men at Louisville were betting on the weight of a large mule, when one man, who was a good judge of the weight of live stock, got behind the mule and was measuring its hind quarters...

Our hearts. Our hearts resemble the world of nature, and require change of season. All prosperity, like sapphire light of summer, soon burns them up...

WARNER'S PILE REMEDY. WARNER'S PILE REMEDY has never failed (not from any cause) to cure hemorrhoids...

REMOVAL. EATON & SIMMONS. Large and Select Stock of Groceries. Lowest Possible Rates for Cash.

HAIR RESTORATIVE. Contains no LAC SULPHUR—No SUGAR—No LITHARGE—No NITRATE OF SILVER, and is entirely free from the Poisonous and Health-destroying Drugs used in other Hair Preparations.

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The following satirical stanza is said to have been copied from the tombstone of a husband and wife: "Within this grave do lie, Back to back my wife and I, When the last trump the air shall fill, If she gets up, I'll just sit still!"

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The philosophers have decided that the earth is cooling off, and will eventually be so cold that the human race cannot live on it, as it is cooling at the rate of fifteen degrees in 9,000 years. You fellows that haven't ordered thick overcoats had better be getting around.

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