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AN IMPORTANT ELECTION. Today's Democratic primary probably will determine the personnel of the next common council and board of aldermen. Therefore, every Democrat who has not disfranchised himself by failure to comply with the poll tax law, should go to the polls and register his choice as between the gentlemen who are ambitious to represent the various wards in the municipal legislature.

The Republicans are making preparations to enter the general contest and it should be the pleasure of every Democrat to assist in choosing the standard bearers of the party.

We cannot understand how any one should feel aggrieved at the action of the city Democratic committee in requiring voters to choose two names from the list presented in each ward. The attitude of the committee is plainly and clearly set forth in a statement from the chairman published in another column. Those voters who are looking for the best interests of the party rather than factional advantage certainly should not object to the resolution. Those who feel otherwise deserve little or no consideration at the hands of the committee, which must stand for equal rights and privileges as between each candidate, and which must steer clear of every appearance of partiality if the primary is to be kept above suspicion.

AS TO NEWSPAPER NAMES. Why does no newspaper of today take for itself the name of Seismograph? It were a far more significant name than the Times, the World, the Tribune—that is, more significant of the supreme function of the press of today, which is to keep its ear close to the most delicate vibrations of the universal life of humanity all around the globe and thus to focus in its own center every slightest jar or ripple of indication from India, China, Europe, America.—Boston Herald.

Admitting the truth of all that our contemporary has so clearly set forth, there is just one insuperable objection to the name suggested as the title for a newspaper, and that is its clumsiness. Just imagine the average newsboy yelling: "Here's your Seismograph! All about the big fire!" Before he got through with the name it probably would not be suggestive of all the things set forth by the Herald.

The tendency of the day very properly is toward simpler, and shorter names for newspapers. For instance the New York Mail and Express has become the Globe, the Jacksonville Times-Union and Citizen has cut off a portion of that long and clumsy title, and there are many persons who think that a change in the name of the Seattle Post-Intelligencer would do that journal no harm, since it grades rather harshly upon the ears of an Eastern man when he hears the newsboy calling out: "The 'P. I.' paper!"

As a general thing the reading public is not searching for symbolic meaning in the title of its favorite newspaper. A long and cumbersome name is undoubtedly a handicap, but even that is not sufficient to prevent the success and advancement of a good newspaper. On the other

hand, a simple and suggestive name will not insure success if the other elements of popularity are lacking.

NEW DEPARTURE IN PHILANTHROPY.

The St. Louis Mirror has been delving into the motives of Mr. Samuel Cupples, the philanthropic gent who recently gave to the Washington University a valuable terminal property in St. Louis, bonded \$3,000,000, and against which \$3,000,000 in stock had been issued. Under the terms of the gift the property is subject to the bonded debt. The editor of the Mirror claims to have discovered that at the time the gift was made, the net income of the property fell \$11,000 short in meeting the 4 1/2 per cent interest on the \$3,000,000 bonded debt. He found that one of the charges on the property was taxes to the amount of about \$22,000, which, of course, had to be paid before the interest on the bonds was met. As soon as the gift was made to the University, it became exempt from taxation, as property owned by an educational institution.

This released the \$22,000, heretofore paid in taxes. Thus, not only the \$11,000 deficit on the interest was made up, but there remained a surplus of \$21,000 with which to create a sinking fund for the redemption of the bonds.

It is said to be bad taste to "look a gift horse in the mouth." Perhaps that is the reason "frenzied finance" has not been discovered in other philanthropy of the Cupples order.

In the death of Carl Schurz the country has lost an able and patriotic citizen. To the consideration of civic, economical and political problems he brought a broad and well-trained mind. His convictions were strong and one never had to guess where he stood on any important issue. The story of his life, especially of the trying days following the suppression of the insurrection in the Palatinate and Baden and his escape into Switzerland, reads more like a romance than the prosaic record of a man's everyday life.

So far as the average citizen is concerned his interests are more vitally affected by the selection of improper councilmen than by the election of crooked Congressmen. This fact should be borne in mind by those who may feel inclined to ignore or to stay out of the primary election today.

It is to be hoped that the senatorial and presidential disputants will not carry their dispute to the bar-room billingsgate stage. Why not agree that there was a misunderstanding all around or else that "a mental reservation" played an important role somewhere in the proceedings.

From the reports floating around in the Ninth district, it is possible that Representative Slomp selected a good time to get tired of political life.

JOYS OF THE FARM.

A man was out here t'other day, who traveled in a private car and had a lot of things to say about how lucky farmers are.

"You people here," he said, "don't seem to know how richly you are blest;

It long has been my fondest dream 'mid scenes like these, at last, to rest.

"You've money stored away, no doubt so that you need not have a care?"

"Yes," I replied, "I've got about five thousand laid by here and there."

"Ah, yes," he said, "how fortunate you ought to think yourself my friend;

I envy you your happy state—earth's rarest joys to you descend."

"Have you ten thousand cash?" said I. He smugly smiled and answered then:

"I might say ten and multiply that ten by yet another ten;

But as I look around me here and see the blessings you possess How small the joys I have appear—my fortune shrinks to nothingness."

"I'd like to sell this place," I said; "five thousand's all I ask, just now."

He suddenly held up his head, his look was different, somehow.

"Five thousand for this swamp?" said he; "why, man, I wouldn't live out here!"

If anybody offered me ten times the price you ask—per year!"

—S. E. Klier in the Chicago Record-Herald.

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Ten Sweeping Changes Proposed—Abolition of Autocracy One of the Greatest Changes That the Leaders are Striving For.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, VA., May 15.—The draft of the address to the throne in reply to the emperor's speech at the opening of parliament today by the commission. It consists practically of the following ten demands:

- General amnesty. The abolition of the death penalty. The revision of the council of the empire. The revision of the fundamental laws. The establishment of the responsibility of ministers. The right of interpellation. Forced expropriation of land. Guarantees of the rights of trades unions.

Dead Man Was Father Gapeon.

(By Associated Press.) ST. PETERSBURG, May 15.—The body found in the upper chamber of a villa in the suburb of Ozorki, Finland, has been positively identified as that of Father Gapeon by M. Marydin, the dead priest's lawyer. An autopsy showed that the man had been killed by a blow on the head.

FORMER SENATOR HARRIS NOT CITIZEN OF KANSAS?

Republicans Say the Democratic Candidate is Not a Citizen and is Ineligible for the Office.

(By Associated Press.) TOPEKA, KAN., May 15.—Republican leaders here declare that W. A. Harris, Democratic candidate for governor, who lives at 411 Forty-fifth street, Chicago, is not a legal resident of Kansas and cannot vote at the general election in November, and, in consequence, could not qualify as governor if elected.

This opinion is based upon the statement of certification of Democratic candidates to the secretary of state, which shows W. A. Harris to be a resident of Leavenworth county.

Mr. Harris sold his fine stock farm and all his personal property in Leavenworth six years ago, and since then he has paid no taxes in the State nor voted at any general election. He did not vote at the Presidential election in 1904, although he came from Chicago in that year to attend the Democratic convention in Wichita, which selected delegates to the National convention in St. Louis. He was not a delegate, and his trip was made to defeat Hearst's instructions, which he accomplished, although more than half of the Kansas delegates voted for Hearst.

Mr. Harris announced here yesterday that he intended to buy a home in Lawrence and remove his family there from Chicago. This will not help the matter, however, as a residence cannot be gained under six months. The constitution of the State is very clear as to the points on absence from the State and the intention of a voter is declared to have no bearing. It is asserted that Mr. Harris cannot come under any of the constitutional exemptions and that the constitution clearly states that non-voting and non-tax paying for five years, together with absence, disqualifies one for citizenship.

Mr. Harris regards the effort to make him a non-resident as "funny." He says Kansas has always been considered his home, but his business has made it necessary for him to live in Chicago. It is certain Republican leaders will test the right of Mr. Harris to the governorship should he be elected in November.

BUFFALO TRIBES ARE MOVED SO AS TO EDUCATE PUBLIC

Officials From Different Parts of United States Meet in New York and Form National Organization.

(Special to the Daily Press.) NEW YORK, May 15.—Collections of the American Museum of Natural History are being arranged in accordance with an original plan. The first exhibit which has undergone this change is entitled "The Plains Indians," and gives in detail a history of the life and customs of the buffalo tribes.

This new arrangement was inspected today by officials of museums in all parts of the country, who met today and formed a national organization. They discussed the administration of such institutions, and especially the best methods of installation of exhibits calculated to interest the public.

Specimens of many museums are classified to suit the personal tastes of scientists rather than give the most information at a glance to visitors. Under the plan being carried out in the American Museum the exhibits

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