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THE PENDING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

A local organization calls attention to the fact that November the people will have to vote on the question whether the Constitution shall be amended so as to allow the Legislature to submit three amendments at a time, instead of only one as now. All political and other clubs and associations are requested "to join in a combined effort to obtain the adoption by the people of the proposed amendment."

Unquestionably it ought to be adopted, as this paper has said repeatedly. Were that done there would be no ground for the charge made sometimes that the organic law is "inelastic," and that it is practically impossible for the people to modify it, though they may want to do so, and though it may be desirable that changes should be made.

There is no probability, however thanks to Gov. Algeld—that any "combined effort" which may be made to secure the adoption of this excellent proposition will be successful. The election law says positively, that, "if a constitutional amendment is submitted to a vote, such question shall be printed upon the ballot after the list of candidates." That is, it must be printed where only a few of the voters will see it, for most of them look only at the top of the ballot, and put their single "x" mark there.

Owing to this method of burying propositions in the depths of a blank ballot, this same amendment, when submitted in 1892, was voted on by only 178,000 persons out of 872,000. In 1894 an amendment the success of which they worked, received 155,000 votes against 60,000. But the total vote was 859,000. So it seems that 644,000 voters did not look at their ballots closely.

Last year the General Assembly sent to the Governor a bill amendatory of the election laws. It provided, among other things, that a constitutional amendment proposition should be printed on a separate ballot. That bill Altgeld vetoed, for no good reason. Therefore the pending amendment will be printed this year in the usual obscure place on the ballot, where few will see it, and it will not be ratified.—Chicago Tribune.

There are many candidates for the office of state treasurer, and several of them are well known in public life and hail from old dyed-in-the-wool republican constituencies from different parts of the state. In fact, the woods are full of state treasurership candidates, and there is some excellent timber among them. Yet, Henry L. Hertz is away in the lead, in the estimation of the machine bosses, for the nomination.

Politicians from all over the state are growing restive over the claims of Cook county and ask one another, as they discuss the candidacy of Mr. Hertz, will Chicago and Cook county ever admit that they have had enough?

"We gave Hertz the nomination once," they say, "but he got beaten." He ran behind his ticket, too, by the way. The next time we got the chance we gave the nomination to another Cook county man—Henry Wulf—who has since turned out to be a failure in political life, unable, in fact, to control his own ward. Cook county lays claim to the United States senatorship, and we will be called upon, very likely, to give it to somebody like Martin B. Madden, William E. Mason, or George E. Adams. If Cullom gets the nomination for vice-president or a cabinet position, after the next fall election, we will be asked, no doubt, to give the second senatorship to another Cook county man. John R. Tanner has been living in Cook county about two years—has had his residence and family there, and has been, to all intents and purposes, a Cook county man, and we are commanded to nominate him for governor. So it is all along the line—so it has always been, and so it is that we grangers are compelled often to wonder if Cook county will ever have enough.

The Illinois legislature has created a new crime—wife desertion. Formerly in this state as elsewhere, a man could desert his family without any danger of imprisonment. He might be compelled to give up some money to provide for his wife and children, but he was guilty of no crime, and was safe from arrest, or imprisonment. Deserting of his wife has been made a felony,

punishable with imprisonment at hard labor in the penitentiary, and not only has the law been passed, but several prosecutions under it have been begun in Chicago justice courts. No one will complain of this. The abandonment of their families by men who forgot honor and obligation has become so wide-spread as to call for the severest punishment. Men marry young women and desert them after the charm of the first intimacy has worn off; and this they have been able to do hitherto with perfect impunity. It is no longer possible in Illinois. The law may not result in restoring husbands to forsaken wives or restoring lost love, but it will at least deter adventurers from marrying young women without first considering the legal aspect of the matter.—Geneva Republican.

Considerable is being said just at present throughout the various adjacent counties as to the feasibility of holding early county conventions to nominate county officers, and many advocate holding them at the time delegates are selected to attend the state convention that elects the national delegation. This plan is also in favor to a considerable extent in this county. There are but four officials to elect this year on our county ticket—state's attorney, circuit clerk, surveyor and coroner. There are no candidates in this part of the county for county honors so far as we can learn, except for the office of state's attorney. M. Slusser's friends have been urging him to enter the field and it is quite probable that he will decide to accede to their wishes. Mr. Slusser would make an excellent successor to J. H. Batten, who will not be a candidate. Judge Brown's law partner, J. F. Snyder, of Wheaton, is also a candidate. A. H. Wiant will again want the nomination for circuit clerk, as will Allen T. Russell for county surveyor. N. E. Matter of the Illinoisian is favorably mentioned for the office of coroner.

It must surely be gratifying to the taxpayers of DuPage county to read the reports of the county officers which was published in the proceedings of the county commissioners last week. The various reports show a surplus of \$6,255.31, after paying all salaries and expenses—a most excellent showing, and which reveals the very satisfactory condition of this department of the county's finances. The affairs of the county are in the hands of competent and conservative officers, whose sole aim seems to be to serve the county faithfully in their various capacities. Our county commissioners are to be congratulated for the manner in which they have handled all business brought before them the past year. Surely DuPage is favored and fortunate.

It will be gratifying to the temperance folk of Lemont to learn from a recent analysis of that town's water supply that its sanitary quality is excellent, being wet, sweet, and entirely free from danous bacteria. But we are at a loss to account for the failure of Messrs. Gehrman, bacteriologist, Kennicott, chemist, to discover any traces of "turbidity" or alcohol in the specimens which Mayor McCarthy submitted for examination. This is the more puzzling because Mayor McCarthy brought those samples to Chicago himself. Water although hermetically sealed, could scarcely be in his company during such a trip without absorbing some of his most obvious characteristics.

Col. Clark E. Carr of Galesburg, has started a boom for Senator Shelby M. Cullom for presidential nomination. Col. Carr has had talks with many prominent republicans and urged them to take up Cullom's cause. Mr. Carr says that unless Illinois gets together and settles upon some one she won't have as much influence in the convention as Rhode Island. He says that there is no one in the senate as well liked by his colleagues as Cullom, and if his candidacy was championed by the state, Cullom would stand as good a chance of winning out as any other candidate.

The Cook County republican machine want an early convention to nominate the county ticket—in March. They are afraid a late convention will cause grumbling among the smaller fry and perhaps be the means of causing said small fry to form coalitions to break the states that have already been formed.

General Harrison authorizes the statement that he is to be married to Mrs. Dimmick. The marriage will not take place until after Lent.

The J. Pierpont Morgan et al bond syndicate has been dissolved.



Chicago secures the democratic national convention, greatly to the chagrin of the other cities contesting therefor.

FATE. A grim old tyrant thou, O Fate! Who cruelly works thy will or soon or late; Thy victims tremble, shudder, gasp for breath, Yet unrelenting thou pursuest to death. Betimes, as if to make thy power more plain, Thou temptest hope by offering some gain. Then as we trusting reach to take the prize, Thou dashest it to earth before our eyes. All, all alike are subjects unto thee, Nor can we escape that iron will of thine— Whose sway extends beyond the pale of time. —ELSER WHITE GAYNOR.

W.C.T.U. Column. BY MISS M. SLUSSER. AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SCIENTIFIC TEMPERANCE.

An arrangement has recently been consummated between the friends of scientific temperance and the trustees of the American University at Washington, D. C., providing for a department (or "college" as they call it) of scientific temperance. The friends of the movement have agreed to raise \$250,000 for the endowment or support of such a college. The board of Counsel of the Temperance Educational Association have made certain proposals to the trustees of the American University, which the latter have formally accepted in writing through a committee composed of Bishop J. H. Hurst, Dr. Chas. L. Payne, and Vice-Chancellor S. L. Boiler. This college is to be inaugurated "For such original investigation, instruction and study as will furnish the country with the needed teachers of teachers in the branches of scientific or physiological temperance."

The agreement made provides for investigation and in physiology, hygiene and pathology, with special reference to the nature of alcohol and kindred substances and their effects on mankind, and will include the following studies so far as they are related to the purposes of this "college": viz. toxicology, chemistry, biology, physiology, ethics, criminology, law political economy, reformatory measures pedagogy. It is further agreed that from time to time the results of the scientific investigations of the faculty and students shall be published, especially those that will be of practical value in promoting the purposes of the college.

While Mrs. Mary H. Hunt of Boston is the originator of the movement, it is well to note that she has not done it in her official relation to the W. C. T. U. The Board of Counsel of the Temperance Educational Association, which was organized to carry out the scheme, is composed of the following persons, viz.: W. T. Harris, L. L. D., Mary H. Hunt, A. H., Plumb, D. D., Joseph Cook, L. L. D., Daniel Dorchester, D. D., William A. Mowry, Ph. D., Wm. E. Sheldon, T. D. Crothers, W. D., L. D. Mason, M. D., Josiah Strong, D. D., Jesse B. Thomas, D. D., W. C. Roberts, D. D., and Bishop E. R. Hendrix, D. D., and they have power to fill vacancies and enlarge their membership, not to exceed twenty-five in all.

Doubtless on this Board of Counsel will be found men of all parties, and equally certain is it that the \$250,000 which is to be raised for endowment, must and will come out of the pockets of Republicans and Democrats, no less than party Prohibitionists. When anything great is to be done, it simply has to be by non-partisan effort. It was so in every campaign that ever secured legislation requiring scientific temperance instruction in the public schools.

The present movement is quite a new departure and a most important one. The N. Y. Christian Advocate says of it: "It (the department) is to be purely post-graduate and devote itself largely to original research. It is not to be a propaganda of any special theory or preconceived notion. It is to seek the truth with untrammelled conscientiousness, and make it known to the world with the courage of its convictions. The originators of the scheme are broad-minded enough to realize that truth will finally prevail. They want the best equipped specialists to seek the facts and publish them. They want the best equipped specialists to seek the facts and publish them. They believe this work can be more satisfactorily accomplished in the new university at the nation's capital, than anywhere else. They show their faith by their works."

The temperance cause has everything to hope and nothing to fear, from unprejudiced, thoroughly intelligent, scientific research into the effects of alcohol upon mankind physically, mentally, and morally, and we must have an abiding faith in the ultimate triumph of truth and right, unless we intend to give the world over entirely to the powers of evil. We hope the requisite \$250,000 may be speedily raised for this new college.

'Hard Times' is the Cry. The next cry is where can we buy our groceries the cheapest? Some prices quoted below will answer you: Shamrock Flour, Best flour in your market per bbl. \$4 00; Best New York Buckwheat flour 25 lbs for 1 00; Fine Granulated Sugar 20 lbs for 1 00; Pure Maple Syrup from the maple groves of Vermont, per gal. 2 00; Best Golden Drips Syrup per gal. 50; Best open pan N O Molasses per gal. 50; Lenox Soap 25 bars. 1 00; All kinds of Teas per lb from 20 to 80; Jap Tea warranted to please you per lb. 35; Mocha and Java Coffee 35c per lb, 3 lbs for 1 00.

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