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## REPUBLICAN TICKET.

For State Senator 14th District—  
**HENRY H. EVANS.**  
For Representatives in General Assembly for 14th District—  
**CHARLES P. BRYAN,**  
**W. F. HUNTER.**

News comes from Washington that Grover Cleveland is completing a scheme to extend the civil service rules to embrace all subordinates in office, and it may include fourth-class postmasters. It is denounced by Republicans as a scheme to keep Democrats in office.

The people of the country admire Gov. McKinley as a protectionist and they love him as a man. His views on economic questions meet the popular view of the nation's needs, and his personality approaches the ideal of the masses. These are the reasons the voters are breaking away from favorite sons and party dictators, and demanding the nominations of their choice.

DuPage County has declared herself. Came out positively last Saturday at the county convention and said by the representative republicans assembled, that she favored William McKinley for president, and A. J. Hopkins for governor; or in the words of Central Committee Chairman Ashley—"We want to show the Tammer, et al, machine that there is one little spot in grand old Illinois that is not to be dominated over and dictated to by their ring." And that is exactly what they did in instructing the eight delegates of DuPage county to work for McKinley and Hopkins. Good for the republicans of DuPage county.

What magnificent nerve! Actually and positively some editors are advocating second place on the national ticket for Thomas B. Reed. Here is an editorial from the Aurora Beacon. Best thing the Maine statesmen could do, would be to hearken to its courageous utterances. "Several papers have suggested the name of Thomas B. Reed for Vice President, realizing the need of a man possessing nerve and knowledge sufficient to put vitality and business sense into the 'dawdling Senate.'" It is very doubtful if Mr. Reed would accept the position, but if he should consent, his nomination for second place on the National ticket would be enthusiastic and unanimous. What a grand ticket would be: "McKinley and Reed."

The non-partisan town meeting Saturday resulted in numerous surprises to some of the candidates. It was understood that there would be opposition to J. M. Barr for assessor, but none developed. Again, the candidates for collector from the eastern part of the township had arranged between themselves to have the weaker man withdraw before the second ballot, in favor of the other candidate. Mr. Prentiss was too strong for them even when consolidated. The greatest surprise however, was the defeat of Geo. B. Hearty by Peter Liebundguth for highway commissioner. This was partially caused no doubt by many of the voters leaving the caucus before these names were voted on—the vote polled for this office being over 100 less than for the collectorship. However, the ticket nominated suits the majority of voters and there should be no kicking now, even though all are not satisfied with the result.

The bill to provide for the payment of United States Marshals, Commissioners and District Attorneys by salaries instead of fees, which passed the house this week is considered one of the most wholesome and important acts of legislation accomplished by congress in many years. The bill was designed very little on the floor and was passed as it came from the committee room almost to the letter. There was a scramble on the part of many members including several from Illinois to have the salary of the officials of their respective Districts increased over the provisions of the bill. But these amendments were mowed down like grass. The change of system will not only result in a direct saving to the government of thousands of dollars annually but the all important feature is that it will result in the stopping of frivolous suits. Men poor in purse will no longer be dragged into court to answer trivial offenses in order that the officials of the court may pocket a fee at their expense. It is estimated that the cost of running the Federal courts of the United States under the new system will be reduced from six to four million dollars annually.

It is becoming more and more apparent daily that Capt. T. S. Rogers has as strong a hold upon the various counties composing the 8th congressional district for nomination for the state board of equalization, as any of the candidates mentioned. Kane county is especially friendly to Capt. Rogers and this will give him a strong backing in the convention. If he can secure the whole, or nearly all, of Kane, he can be reasonably sure of receiving the nomination. Of course DuPage county is standing solidly by the Captain. One excellent feature of his candidacy is the clean manner in which he is conducting his campaign. He recognizes the fact that personal aggrandizement does not result

from slinging mud at his competitors in the race. If the republicans of the 8th district want him to represent them on the board all well and good; if not, he will abide their decision, and do no grumbling. Everybody knows where Capt. Rogers stands. A rock ribbed republican—honest, straightforward—take him upon side and down the other, you cannot find a blemish on his record, political and otherwise. The man DuPage county feels proud to present to the Congressional convention for consideration.

## THE NEW COUNTRY EDITOR.

The Chicago Times-Herald, in speaking of the Press Association meeting, held there last week, says:

A hundred or more of the good-looking thought molders, whom the venerable editor of the Tribune once characterized as "insect editors," are in town. They have had their green mileage books disembowelled by the grasping railway corporations and have come in to swap journalistic jovialities and incidentally to felicitate each other upon the growing power of an enlightened press and to gaze upon the skyscraping commercial monuments of the big metropolis.

The country editor of to-day is an evolution. Time was when he came with the scent of clover blossoms on his homespun raiment and his pocket full of railway passes. He took his pay for subscription in punky turnips and in cordwood that was incombustible, while the advertising bills were paid with shelf-worn goods that were out of season.

To-day the country editor does business on a cash basis. He makes an iron-clad contract with railway companies, by which he receives mileage for so many lines of advertising at regular rates. He asks no favors and no bounties. As a rule he wields a free lance. The politicians fear him, and when he opens his batteries the corruptionist in office and the defilers of public morals run to cover. If he is the publisher of a daily he may use perfecting presses and linotype machines. He occupies a commanding position in the community in which he lives. He is in close touch with the people. He often presides over conventions and is actively identified with everything that is progressive.

If the editor will spurn the postoffice, with which the artful politician is wont to tempt him, and will defy the machine and the gang in politics and labor only for good government he may yet bring on the millennium.

## THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

### Editor REPORTER:


Dear Sir: I notice that it is in contemplation to establish an electric light plant in the village, and in view of the fact that a stationary engine will form part of this plant, it may not be out of place to call attention to the desirability of changing the present pumping outfit, which consists of steam pumps, to the more modern style of power pumps driven by belt from shafting connected with engine. The same engine can be used both for the pumping and electric part of the plant, and it is a well known fact that it takes much less coal to perform a given amount of pumping with a power pump driven by steam engine than with a direct acting steam pump. The first cost of the pumps is nothing as compared with the saving in their operation. In a case I have under notice at the present time, where steam pumps have been displaced by power pumps, the comparison has been as follows: Power pumps and engine gave a duty from 1000 lbs. of steam of 67 million foot pounds. In this comparison of duty, the weight of steam is the weight of feed water and no deduction made for moisture in the steam. The power pumps and engine raised 228 gallons of water to the reservoir per pound of coal, while the steam pump raised 90.7 gallons which is a gain by use of the power pumps and steam engine 251%. In the comparison of work per pound of coal, the evaporation is taken at 7.45 to 1 in each case. The mechanical efficiency of the whole plant, engine, shaft, pumps and condenser, was 75.8 per cent. These pumps were supplied by the Gould Company, 22-24 North Canal St. Thos. Stevens, Sec., who have recently installed pumping plants at DeKalb, Oregon and other towns in Illinois, and are now completing a large plant in Austin, Texas.

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Editor REPORTER:—The question of allowing our watermain to be tapped, and the water taken to property outside of the village limits, was again up for consideration in the council at its last meeting. Last summer the council decided, and wisely, that this should not be done under any circumstances. It appears now that several members of the council are inclined to permit this to be done. Whatever their reason for this sudden change of mind, is hard to tell. Their action last summer met with approval of the citizen who had not an axe to grind. Why should the council go to work now and ignore the wants of the people of the village and yield to the demands of parties outside of the limits, and to a few of our citizens who have property outside? Some of the parties who now want our water, were strictly opposed to coming into our village limits; and why? Because they did not want to pay anything toward improvements that were bound to come. Building a system of waterworks was agitated then, and those parties wanted to avoid paying anything toward establishing it;

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There are plenty of people in Downers Grove who paid their share toward establishing our waterworks system, and yet the water mains do not come within a block or two of their residences. They would be very willing to stand the expense of laying on inch or inch and half iron pipe from the water mains to their houses and pay the same for the use of the water that outsiders are willing to pay. Would the council allow this to be done? Why certainly not; because the laying of cast-iron mains would stop, and the great part of our water mains would be one or two inch iron pipes, as this would be a great deal cheaper for the consumer than to pay special assessment for the laying of cast iron mains. Now since this permission cannot be granted to people within our village limits, why should it be granted to parties living and having property outside?

### To the Editor of the REPORTER.

Dear Sir—In your last week's issue I read a communication headed "A Citizen Seeks Information Concerning Electric Light Bonds" and signed "A Citizen." Being, as I believe, fortunate enough to know the writer of said communication, I deem it only justice to acquaint the citizens of Downers Grove with motives which prompted him to write the communication referred to. Only a month or so ago a gentleman, whom I believe to be the writer of the article, appeared before the board of trustees of this village for and in behalf of a certain Chas. D. Wright of Chicago, trying to persuade the village fathers to pass an ordinance granting said Chas. D. Wright a thirty year franchise for the purpose of erecting, maintaining and operating an electric light plant in this village. The proposition made to the village was so liberal to the village in its terms that it alarmed some of the younger members of the board, as they had not heard of any such liberal offer being made to a municipality by a promoter and speculator since the days of that honored patriot and statesman George Washington.

The necessity for an electric light plant in this village was absolute in the mind of this representative of Chas. D. Wright and the success of such a plant was an assured fact. The members of the board after hearing this gentleman, and thinking the matter over, came to the conclusion that the citizens of Downers Grove did not want to give away any thirty year franchise. They also came to the conclusion in spite of the fact that Chas. D. Wright made so many liberal concessions to the village that this gentleman was not coming out here to erect and operate an electric light plant for his health. They awoke to the fact that if it was a good thing for Chas. D. Wright it would also be for the village of Downers Grove. Reasons advanced why the plans proposed by the board could probably not be successful are of the remotest.

If Chas. D. Wright is capable of erecting and operating such a plant successfully there are undoubtedly others besides him, who are just as capable to manage successfully the plant intended to be erected by the board. While the members of the village are not disciples of Blackstone, nevertheless they are acquainted enough with the laws governing municipalities like our village, to refrain from involving the village in a scheme that would prove disastrous to it. The writer received a letter to-day from expert Mr. Colton stating that we had about 1000 lights now promised, thus assuring us that the plant will be on a paying basis from the start. The Improvement Committee who has the matter in charge had only calculated on 450 to 500 lights to start with. Legal complications to which the Citizen alludes, which can arise between the bondholders and the village, are possible but not probable. The plant is to be operated by citizens of the village, for the benefit of our village, and I do not think that either will take advantage of technicalities to injure the other. The most points raised in the communication in question are of a legal nature and I do not want to put my humble legal knowledge against that of a practicing lawyer, but will content myself to say that we have a village attorney who has proven to the satisfaction of the people of Downers Grove that he is entirely capable of taking care of the legal affairs of our village. He would surely not advise the village board to undertake anything that is not for the best of the village, and we are resting assured that he will devise plans which are legally sound, protecting all concerned. All citizens will be given an opportunity at a public meeting to be called soon, to get acquainted with the plans, and suggestions tending to improve them will be thankfully received.

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