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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

President Cleveland's annual message was submitted to Congress Monday at its opening session. The document while a voluminous one, is shortened by the elimination of federal matters which are treated in departmental reports.

Of the large number of minor topics touched upon it is not necessary to speak, but there is a curious disquisition at the end which deserves special mention.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.

The clerk of the house of representatives has just published an unofficial list of the members-elect of that body for the LVth congress.

Politically he divides the members among the parties as follows: Republicans, 304; democrats, 124; populists, 12; fusionists, 13; free silver, 3; with one vacancy, the member-elect having died since the election.

PROBABLY IN FEBRUARY.

The next convention to be held will be that for the Twelfth judicial circuit, comprising the counties of Kane, DuPage, DeKalb, McHenry, Kendall and Lake.

TRIBUTE TO STATES AT FORNEY BATTEN

The board of supervisors at its session held November 17th, proceedings of which are published elsewhere in this issue, pays a fitting tribute in a resolution passed, to the efficient services of Ex-States Attorney John H. Batten, who for the past eight years has fearlessly upheld the power of the law in this county and whose name has been a terror to evil-doers.

by Congressman Hopkins of Illinois, who was chairman of the sub-committee on reciprocity appointed at the last session to investigate this question.

If the gathering of republicans Wednesday was a boom for Congressman Hopkins for senator, it was not a pre-meditated one, but the natural result of the admiration and confidence republicans of the district have for their gifted representative.

Previous to every session of the legislature plans are made to break the old ring, headed by Senators Crawford and Evans, which in years past had control of the senate organization.

It can be said, upon the best authority, that Mr. Hatch, the Hawaiian minister at Washington, does not expect any success for the programme of annexation during Mr. Cleveland's term of office.

The Aurora Post pertinently and properly says in a report of the banquet given in that city to the District Press association, last week, that "Judge Brown, of DuPage, who will probably be one of the judges of this circuit after next June, made a brief speech."

SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS.

Proceedings of the Board of supervisors of DuPage County, at a special meeting held at the Court House in the City of Wheaton on Tuesday the 17 day of November A. D. 1896.

All members present except Supervisor Fisher.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt each town was instructed to pay their own hall rent for the election.

On motion of Supervisor Barnard the Election Bills was left to the Committee on claims.

On motion of Supervisor Christie the Board adjourned until 1 o'clock.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt the Bond of Henry F. Lawrence a County Clerk was approved.

The committee on claims made the following report and upon motion of Supervisor Betts it was accepted and adopted.

- Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Board of Supervisors. Your Committee on claims would beg leave to report that they have examined all claims presented before them, and recommend the payment of the following, and that the Clerk be directed to issue orders for the several amounts to the several claimants to-wit:

Liver Ills Hood's Pills

Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work easily and thoroughly. Best after dinner pills.

The bill of A. H. Wiant we refer to the full board. Respectfully submitted. JACOB E. BENDER, Com. FRED ANDERMAN, Com.

On motion of Supervisor Hamerschmidt the communication of M. E. Bell was laid on the table.

Whereas, this is the last meeting of this board of supervisors at which John H. Batten appears as advisor of our board in the capacity of state's attorney for DuPage county, and

Whereas, every member deeply appreciates the valuable services which he has rendered this board, and through it the people of DuPage county, both officially and unofficially during the past eight years of his incumbency, and

Resolved, that this board officially declares that in Mr. Batten we have found an able lawyer, and earnest advocate, an advisor in whom we have had implicit confidence, and whose advice we have been correct in following;

Resolved, that we heartily thank Mr. Batten for the great services he has rendered our citizens and especially us in our official capacity, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this board.

Chairman Bartlett called Supervisor McClintock to the chair as he had to leave.

Moved by Supervisor Hammerschmidt that the committee on finance check up the office of the county clerk or hire some one to do the same by Monday, December 7th, 1896.

Moved by Supervisor Barnard that the building committee put in a self-regulating steam apparatus in the court house.

Ayes and nays called for. Those voting aye were Supervisors Hammerschmidt and Betts. Those voting nay were Supervisors Bender, Chandler, Christie, McClintock, Anderman, Blodgett and Barnard. Motion lost.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt, Superintendent Morgan was allowed to purchase two dozen maps at \$3.00 per dozen.

On motion of Supervisor Hammerschmidt the board adjourned upon call of the chair. LEWIS ELLSWORTH, Clerk.

EXCURSIONS TO CALIFORNIA.

Through tourist sleeping cars for California leave Chicago at 10:30 p. m. every Wednesday via the Burlington. These cars are in charge of a conductor who goes through to the end of the route looking after the comfort of the passengers.

OREGON FRUIT AND FARM HOMES COLONY. An Illinois colony is being formed to settle on Grain Fruit and Dairy farms in the famed Wilamette Valley of Oregon. Fruit Orchard Tracts from 5 acres up. Grain and Dairy farms, sizes to suit.

John Haas Meat Market. Always keeps on hand Fresh and Salt Poultry, Game, Meats. Smoked Meats. Orders promptly delivered. Everything guaranteed first-class.

GRAND AUCTION SALE OF WEDDING AND HOLIDAY GOODS. IN LAMPS, ART GOODS, CUT GLASS, STERLING SILVER AND SILVER PLATED WARE. Going out of the Retail Business. Everything will be sold regardless of cost.

WHEN YOU WANT... GROCERIES That Are Fresh and Nice Call on... W. H. BARNHART. He will give you as much for a Dollar as can possibly be sold at a living profit.

Corned Beef, 5c up. Beef Stew 4c. Veal Stew 5c. Mutton Stew 3 cents. Geo. F. Steere.

WHEN IN CHICAGO YOU MUST EAT, AND THE BEST PLACE IS THE Burkey & Milan Restaurant. Ladies and Gentlemen's. Extract from Bill of Fare: 154, 156, 158 and 160 So. Clark St.

DOWNERS GROVE DIRECTORY. CHURCHES. METHODIST EPISCOPAL - Rev. Truman M. R. Green, Pastor. Services Sunday at 10:45 a. m. and 7 p. m.