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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. Instead of recognizing the belligerency of the Cuban insurgents, President Cleveland plainly declares there is nothing to warrant such action. He lamely proclaims that the Cuban government exists only on paper, and advocates his old plan of home rule, for that country under the guarantee of the United States. He still contends that the Wilson bill is not a deficit maker, and thinks if given a fair chance, it will answer the requirements of the country and prove satisfactory. He advocates the withdrawal and cancellation of government currency obligations and recommends the retirement of treasury notes to be gradually replaced by silver coin. Armenia comes in for a brief and not very satisfactory mention, from which it appears that Turkey has not as yet recognized the justice of our protests and demands on account of the destruction of missionary property. The Venezuela incident is dismissed as an affair that is closed, but with the information that "negotiations for a treaty of general arbitration for all differences between Great Britain and the United States are far advanced, and promise to reach a successful consummation at an early date."

**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, 204; democrats, 124; populists, 12; fusionists, 13; free silver, 3; with one vacancy, the member-elect having died since the election. With this complete list it is comparatively easy to make a close estimate as to the standing of the members of the next house on the financial question. A New York anti-silver paper recently credited Massachusetts with one silver member, New York with four, Pennsylvania with two, and Delaware with one. Admitting this to be correct, it gives the silver forces 137 members and the anti-silver forces 220. To make up the silver forces to that figure seven are credited to Ohio, six to Indiana and two to Illinois, the balance being from the western and southern states.

In the senate the forces will be more evenly balanced. Politically the senate will probably have forty-six republicans, thirty-three democrats and eleven populists. There is likely to be a vacancy from Delaware at the opening of the next congress and if the senators to be chosen between now and the meeting of the next congress reflect the sentiments of the people from the states they represent, the senate will stand forty-three for silver and forty-six against—or forty-seven if Delaware elects an anti-silver man. The only states that are liable to change this schedule are Oregon and North Dakota. Both have republican legislatures, but it is barely possible that silver republicans may be sent to the senate.

### 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. In the last convention held for this district the ratio of representation was one delegate for every two hundred votes cast for the Republican ticket at the last preceding election for president. Following this ratio the next convention would be composed of 187 delegates apportioned as follows: Kane, 61; DeKalb, 28; McHenry, 25; Lake, 35; DuPage, 21; Boone, 17; Kendall, 11.

It is not improbable, however, that a ratio of 300 or 400 will be adopted by the judicial committee, as a convention comprising 187 delegates would be somewhat large and unwieldy.

Howard H. Goodrich, of Naperville, is the member of the committee from this county.

### TRIBUTE TO STATES ATTORNEY 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-Sates 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. Mr. Batten has been an excellent official and the hearty endorsement of the county board is eminently just and fitting, and directly in line with the recognition his services merit.

In urging the immediate restoration of reciprocity treaties, the Times-Herald says: "Fortunately the Fifty-fifth congress will have some valuable data to work upon furnished by the plan proposed

by Congressman Hopkins of Illinois, who was chairman of the sub-committee on reciprocity appointed at the last session to investigate this question. Congressman Hopkins, who is one of the best posted men in congress on this subject, made an exhaustive investigation of the subject of our commercial treaties under the McKinley law, and recommended the negotiation of treaties with five classes of countries. \* \* \* All that the Hopkins bill asks is that other nations shall be asked to make concessions in our favor at least equivalent to those we have already made in their interests and that a declination to do so must be followed by reimposition of duties. This is the kind of reciprocity the people want. It is the kind for which the president-elect and the St. Louis platform stand. No tariff bill will be complete without it."

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. There is no gainsaying the fact that Mr. Hopkins is better equipped for the senatorship than any other candidate who is in the field for the position. His long and prominent service in the house, his acknowledged ability and sterling integrity, place him at the head as a logical candidate. Mr. Hopkins has not, however, shied his castor in the ring, but the legislature would show great wisdom by going outside the ring of straggling candidates and selecting a man who would, in every way, honor and represent the great State of Illinois. Such a man is Albert J. Hopkins.—Beacon.

Previous to every session of the legislative plans are made to break the old ring, headed by Senators Crawford and Evans, which in years past has had control of the senate organization. This year is no exception and the young members have formed a combination of their own, and it is claimed now that they have enough adherents to their cause to insure success in the choice of speaker and the appointment of committees. The newly-elected members have been taken in tow, by Senators Dwyer and Morrison of the Anti-Evans faction, for the purpose of keeping them out of the clutches of the old crowd and doing them the honors of the state as befits their new dignity. Heretofore the Kane county statesman has been able to hold his own and this year will probably prove no exception, even albeit reports have him downed at this time, as usual.

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. It is not likely that congress will take up the case of Hawaii during the short session now at hand, though events may occur that will compel attention to the case. Minister Hatch looks for better fortune for his country when the new administration shall come into power. It is expected that Mr. McKinley will take up the policy which commanded the support of Gen. Harrison, a policy at once thoroughly American in its character and full of promise for Hawaii. President Dole looks steadily toward Washington.

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."

The adjourned term of the circuit court will convene at Wheaton, Saturday, Dec. 12th. The business to be transacted consists mostly of orders to be put upon the chancery docket.

### 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.

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. For full particulars enquire of G. H. Bunge, Agent.

### SPICIAL ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the 3d installment on special assessments Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the 1st installment on special assessment No. 5 for water works, are now due and payable at the office of the village collector. V. SIMONSON, Village Collector.

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John Fisher canvassing 3 days 5.00  
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C B Garrison carriage fees 9.90  
John H. Batten Bill 12.50  
P F Pettibone & Co for Booths 12.50  
F J Hageman carriages & distributing 25.50  
Ballots 25.50  
Julius Stuenkel for Expense on Aug John 8.45  
John Insane 6.50  
To Town of Wayne 6.50  
Bloomington 6.50  
Lisle 6.40  
Naperville 1 Precinct 6.50  
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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 Bettis the bill of A. H. Wiant for \$100.00 for extra clerk hire was allowed.

The committee on fees and salaries made the following report, and upon motion of Supervisor McClintock it was accepted and adopted:

Lewis Ellsworth attending county court and board of supervisors, \$6.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS BETTS, JOHN CHRISTIE, Com.  
D. B. BARNARD, Com.

On motion of Supervisor Hammer- schmidt the communication of M. E. Bell was laid on the table.

Supervisor Hammerschmidt offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

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,

Whereas, it is the intent and desire of this board to indelibly fix its sentiments, upon the records, of the valuable services rendered by Mr. Batten. Now, therefore, be it

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; a man who for eight years has, in season and out of season, been ready and willing to furnish us with the best legal services; one who has unrelentingly attended to the business of the county, without fear or favor; one who by his vigorous and faithful prosecution of criminals has sounded a warning to those who would come in our midst to commit a crime, and has deeply impressed those residing within the county, predisposed to commit crime, so effectually that the personal and property rights of our citizens are now more secure than ever; one who, in the performance of his duties has never permitted either his private business or his personal comfort to interfere with his public duties.

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

Chairman Bartlett called Supervisor Mc- Clintock 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.

Yea and nays called for. Those voting

aye were Supervisors Hammerschmidt and Bettis. 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.

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Breakfast and Supper

and Supper