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HOW SHALL WE NOMINATE.

tem. In many parts of the county this party having the majority in the legislachange is being discussed and members of ture by which it is adopted. - Inter Ocean. the party generally should study the matter and give expression to their views.

Much can be said both for and against delegate convention system there is fre- gruder. There does not appear to have quently complaint of "rings" and unfair been any dissenting opinion. "combinations" It would be well to inquire into the practical operation of the Akin in holding that the election of cirprimary election system in this respect be- cuit judges in Illinois, outside of Cook fore hastily adopting it.

by the primary election system would be what peculiar, and the decision was largely dominate. In these close centers law in a common-sense way. of population a full vote would be cast which would probably nominate a ticket. In the more remote country districts there would be a small proportion of the vote cast. Of course this might be satisfactory to the party throughout the county, but by charging Secretary Garrard of the state we merely call attention to it as a probable result.

election system would be the expense of opening polls at every precinct. It would be on the same plan as a general election and would have to be paid for.

Another thing to consider would be the question as to who should vote at primary elections. It would be a difficult thing to exclude any who offered a ballot, and there would certainly be no direct obligation on the part of any one to support the ticket nominated. It would operate as a free for all without disclosing who they wanted or whether they afterwards voted for them at the election.

If all would turn out and take part in the mass convention there could be no complaint against our present system, but when party men leave nearly all the work for a few to do there will be a cry against the faithful few who give their time and attention to party duties. Like all organizations parties must be carried on in a busivesslike way and we have little sympathy with those who stay at home and we have little sympathy with those who stay at home and cry "ring." This is true of all parties, and is the worst obstacle to the success of any of them.

What method of nominating a county ticket do you favor?

ENFORCE THE BICYCLE ORDINANCE There is on the statute books of the vi lage of Downers Grove, an ordinance regulating the use of hieyeles, which is daily violated and disregarded by the local riders of the village.

The ordinance prohibits the riding e bicycles on sidewalks, under a penalty of a fine of not less than two dollars; the or dinace requires a lighted bicycle lamp on wheels being ridden after dark; the ordinance prohibits riding bicycles over cross ings at a greater rate of speed than seven miles an hour, and also requires the rider to sound an alarm when approaching cross streets, by ringing bell or blowing a whistle to give warning of his approach. The penalty for a violation of either of these provisions is a fine of not less than two dollars, nor more than ten dollars.

Every day these ordinances are disregarded by bieyele riders. Especially is this true of the one relating to riding at full speed over crossings and sounding an alarm when so doing. The provisions requiring lamps, and prohibiting riding on walks are more generally respected, inasmuch as they have been more rigidly enforced by the police officers. But why are not the other restrictions enforced?

The danger to the pedestrian and to the timid wheel women from "scorchers" on the main streets is great. This danger is particularly threatening to little children, who are completely bewildered when a half-dozen or more of these wheeled terrors bear down upon them at a terrific rate of speed. They are more dangerous than a runaway horse.

Police officers should do their duty and premptly arrest every person violating this ordinance. A few wholesome fines would have a salutary effect.

THE NEW LIBEL BILL.

The senate of the general assembly has made a grave mistake by passing the new bill relative to libels. It is to be hoped that the house will prevent the consummation of this serious blunder, or that if both the senate and house move under the sting of unjust abuse rather than of calm judgment the governor will interpose his vote.

There is no principle in support of which the people of the United States are more firmly bound than that of freedom of the press. The right freely to criticise the de of public men is not so much a right a necessity of government of the people, the people, and by the people. That right occasionally is abused by certain allidous or ill-balanced adventurers in no way lessens its sacredness. It a right that always will be protected by m of the country, no matter how in-

Modly represelve the law may be. new law of the senate will not allence a single newspaper in Illi-

n is. All that it can accomplish is the annoyance of reputable and conscientions journalists by petty blackmailers, whom it enables to bring causeless suits in counties distant from the publication of the lishers to pay a few hundreds by way of size, tasteless, efficient, thorough. As one man alleged libel, in hope of forcing the pubcompromise rather than to undertake a possibly protracted and certainly costly defense. Pettifogging lawyers and blackmailing clients can be the sole beneficiar-

A very important matter to come before ies of the law approved by the senate. It the republicans of DuPage county is the is a measure that is certain to be repealed proposition to change the mode of making by the next assembly, if passed by this, nominations to the primary election sys- and that cannot but work adversely to the at the primaries with a good grace.

AUDICIAL APPORTIONMENT DECISION.

The supreme court of Illinois rendered the primary election system. It unques- its decision last Thursday upon the test tionably gives a chance for a fair expres- case presented to it under the judicial apsion of the wishes of party men when they portionment act of April 23. The decision will take the trouble to vote. Under the was handed down by Chief Justice Ma-

county, must be held under the act re-One thing that would seem inevitable ferred to. The issue raised was somethat the votes of the city and town would clear case of following the spirit of the

THAT BRIBERY CHARGE.

A. L. Hamilton of the West Chicago Journal, stirred up a hornet's nest in the general assembly at Springfield last week, board of agriculture, with having offered him \$2,000 for his vote on the Hamphrey Another consideration in the primary bills, supposing Hamilton was Representative Flannigan.

to bribe, is a man of excellent reputation lage board. BERT C. WHITE, Clerk. and was a warm personal friend of the late Henry Bush of this village, as was also Senator Landrigan, charged with baving introduced Hamilton to Garrard, under a reproductions, magazines, papers, etc., mistaken impression of Hamilton's identity. Mr. Landrigan is also of excellent repute, and moreover, has been known to First-class work in cloth, library or full

be an opponent of the measures. The story is a strange one. The question of whether there has been an effort to corrupt legislators by the medium of men of heretofore unsullied reputation, or an equally corrupt effort to prevent the passage of the bills by a sudden and plausible presentation of a false charge of bribery should be determined by investigation,

People here who know Hamilton, are of the opinion that he recites the facts as they appeared to him, but that the has unconsciously been made a tool of by some one

MAKE IT A STATE LAW.

Of all the bills now pending before the legislature at Springfield, the most important, from more than one point of view, is the primary election bill introduced by Senator Crawford. This bill is receiving very little if any open opposition, and its introducer is working in good faith for its passage. Yet there is no little danger

that it may fail to pass. This bill would do away with dishonest primaries. That is the way it has worked in every city of every state which has adopted it. The central feature is to have the primaries held under the anspices of the election board, precisely the same as regular elections are, only the judges and clerks will all be drawn from the party holding the primary. Here, we will say, are four precincts combined into one primary district. That would give six judges of each party from which to select the judges, and four clerks from which to select the clerks. The great thing about it is that fraud of any kind at a primary election would thus be under the same restraints as frands at regular elections. The primary would be raised to the same

level of honesty as the regular elections. Every citizen feels that if he goes to the polls and votes at the regular election the actual ballot which he casts will be counted, and that as east. He also feels sure that no fraudulent ballots will be slipped into the box at any stage of the proceed-

Let this new bill become a law and the become new menerous were

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> A bill has been introduced at Springfield making the following court terms for the new sixteenth circuit: Kane-first Monday of February, third Monday of April and first Monday of October; Kendall-fourth Monday of February and fourth Monday of October: Dul'age fourth Monday of March and first Monday of October,

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