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Convention Dates

Saturday, August 4th.—Primary election.
Thursday, August 9th.—County conventions.
Tuesday, August 14th.—Senatorial conventions.
Thursday, August 16th.—Congressional conventions.
Tuesday, August 21st.—State convention.

The Primary Election.

The first primary election under the new law will be held next Saturday, August 4th. There will be several county tickets in the field, and it is important that a full vote is polled, that the various delegates may go well instructed to the county convention, there to express the wishes of the precinct from which they are sent.

The right of suffrage is more than a privilege. It is a duty which every voter owes to himself, to his community, and to his country. It is important that every voter should exercise his right to a voice in the election of those who are to conduct the business of the county during the next four years.

The number of candidates for county office this year is large, and their names have been placed before our readers in these columns, that they may make their choice before the tickets are placed before them at the primaries.

Make your choice, and don't fail to vote next Saturday.

The City Beautiful

In every civilized country today the city beautiful is a recognized factor in civic progress and development. The value of well ordered streets, beautiful homes and lawns, and parks and drives laid out with an orderly profusion of trees and flowers can not be estimated in terms of dollars and cents. It has a much deeper significance. It is not only a source of pleasure and pride to the residents of a city, but it is also a pleasing invitation to the visitor and the prospective resident to come and live among such beautiful surroundings.

In European cities and in many cities in this country the municipality encourages the city beautiful idea by offering prizes for floral decorations of grounds and homes, setting an example by careful attention to its own parks and streets. Many of the railroads of this country are also offering prizes for the floral decorations in grounds adjoining stations, and count money so awarded as well spent.

The site of the City of Highland Park is one of the most attractive along the North Shore, and the residents have, nearly all of them, cooperated with nature in adding to the beauty by the erection of beautiful homes, surrounded by grounds on which the landscaper gardener has lavished all his art.

The traveler must go far, indeed, to discover a city more pleasing than our own.

But there is much that could still be done. The city could at a small expense, beautify with flowers and shrubs the parkway on St. Johns and Central Avenues. The triangular park bounded by Laurel, Prospect, and Linden Avenues might also be laid out with walks, flowers and decorative shrubs. This might be made a beginning for larger undertakings in the future. The C. & N. W. Ry., if it could be induced to do so, might also add much to the attractiveness of our "front yard", by laying out the little park around the station and by planting trees along the bare right of way. If these things could be brought about it would be a decided step in the right direction, and contribute an added charm to an already beautiful city.

Lake County Prohibition

The treasury of the County is swelled about this time of year by the fines imposed upon blind pig keepers in the county. In the Lake district of western Lake County the summer resort season is in full swing, and places for the sale of liquor are regarded as necessary adjuncts. The citizens of Lake County, not recognizing this truth(?) have refused to grant licenses in these districts. Plainly something had to be done to remedy the defect, and those interested have hit upon an ingenious way to settle the difficulty. Notices are sent to them from Waukegan summoning them to come and be fined. About 40 have received such notices this week. The keepers regard it as a necessary part of the business, and are if no wise perturbed at being haled before the court. On the contrary they seem to be overjoyed at the chance to pay from \$40 to \$60 fine per annum that they may thereafter pursue their illegal business in undisturbed serenity.

If this seems a proper and just way to conduct the sale of liquor, and if the people of Lake County are content that liquors should be sold in territory when its sale is at present prohibited by law, why not increase the revenues of the county by issuing licenses, charging enough therefor to make it worth while, in a financial way.

Immigration Increases

Commissioner of Immigration, Robert Watchorn, has announced that in the fiscal year that ended June 30th last 888,529 aliens were handled by the Ellis Island authorities. Of these 609,714 were males and 278,829 females. Italy led with the greatest number of immigrants, 222,606 Italians entering the country. There were 125,000 Jews in the total.

Altogether 1,062,054 persons arrived in New York. This number of course includes American citizens and tourists. Of the total number of aliens 106,990 were less than 14 years old and 38,295 were more than 45 years old, while 99,884 had been in the country before. Seven thousand eight hundred and eighty eight of the new-comers were deported for various causes, 195 being excluded as supposed criminals.

The immigrants brought with them \$19,000,000. The increase in the total number of arrivals over 1905 was 19,075.

The state Firemen's Tournament to be held at Urbana, August 7th, 8th and 9th, will be one of the biggest gatherings of fire-fighters ever held in Illinois. On account of the low rate—one fare plus 25 cents—hundreds of firemen will attend from all

parts of the state. The prizes this year have been materially increased. Urbana having hung up \$2,500 in cash purses. A number of new teams have entered and more are expected before the tournament opens. A spectacular feature of the tournament will be the horse hose races. In these the actual scenes incident to a run to a fire are shown; horses in stalls; receiving alarm; hitching, and running quarter of mile to plug; laying one hundred feet of hose; attaching nozzle. Lincoln, who has won first place in the horse hose races the past two years, will try for the state championship this season.

To the Republicans of the Eighth Senatorial District

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for reelection to the General Assembly, subject to the action of the Senatorial Convention of this District.

Inasmuch as it was the intention of the Legislature that each voter should vote for one candidate for Representative, so that in Districts like the Eighth, each County should have a member in the General Assembly, Lake County at present having the Senator.

I therefore ask the voters of the Republicans of Lake and Boone Counties at the primaries to be held August 4th, 1906, and request that those who wish to vote for me mark a cross in the square opposite my name on the official ballot.

Respectfully,

FRANK R. COVEY.

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