

COUNTY EXPENDITURES.

HOUSE Bill No. 169:

SEC. 2. "The county court shall at the January session of each year select one newspaper published within the county, having the largest circulation within the county where published, in which the proceedings of said court, as entered of record, shall be published at the expense of the county; provided that in counties having ten thousand population two newspapers having the largest circulation shall be selected, and the county clerk shall furnish such papers selected each a copy of the proceedings and a list of claims."

The law is mandatory on the county court, it requires these expenditures to be published and in the paper published in the county having the largest circulation. That settles the "cat-hop." It's a matter never would have been mentioned in the columns of the HERALD had it not been broached by others, and the HERALD accused of being very much chagrined at the action of the county court. The HERALD two years ago was acknowledged by the county Democratic Central Committee as the legitimate organ of the party and the county official paper, at least so long as the officials were of the Democratic party. But this matter of publishing the county expenditures does not come under the head of political preference, but it is necessary that it should be published in the paper of the greatest circulation. The HERALD believing its circulation to be as great or probably greater than any other paper in the county, and the county court being Democratic, it was natural to suppose it would be favored with the county printing. If the HERALD has forfeited its right to be respected by the party, it has not been established or proven; we do not understand that it hurts the Democracy of a paper to criticize the officers for what the paper considers misdemeanors or mistakes made by them in their official duties. We do not understand that the county officers own their paper and its editor body and soul and its the duty of the editor to "trot" to their beckon and call in every instance, and approve official acts when such are in direct conflict to his judgement of right. It is generally understood that men of broad views, and free from prejudice, selfishness and egotism, give a paper credit for standing by its convictions of justice. Now we ask the Democratic party of this county and all the readers of the HERALD, if ever a line contrary to true Democracy has ever appeared in its columns? and further we ask every Democrat and Republican acquainted with its editor, if his Democracy can be questioned? and still further we ask the Democratic party of this county, if any one of the party thinks the HERALD will ever desert the party or the cause?

We will say in regard to the printing of county expenditures, the county court has no option as to what paper shall be chosen, the law plainly directs and if the law is not respected and complied with

in the matter, the taxpayer is not compelled to pay for such publication. In conclusion we wish to state that we do not expect to broach this subject again, we have said our say, and have stated facts and are willing to drop the matter.

WHEN President Harrison says anything regarding the coming presidential struggle, his conversation plainly shows that he wishes to make the impression that the only state in the last election where national issues entered into politics was in Ohio, and of course the election of McKinley is very gratifying, and quite a factor of encouragement to the Republican party. The party seems to desire to wholly ignore the splendid Democratic victories in the election of Flower, Russell, and Boies. The Democrats regret very much the defeat of Campbell but how could we expect the result to be different when the fact is taken into consideration, that all the money, talent and power of the Republican party was brought to bear upon that particular state and it a Republican state by a large majority. There is certainly nothing in the Ohio election to discourage, to any extent at any rate, the Democratic party. The simple reason of McKinley being the father of the detestable tariff bill and Ohio seemingly sanctioning the act by electing him Governor does not cut any very great figure in the presidential election. The effort made in Ohio by the g. o. p. at the last election shows plainly how weak and how infirm the very basis and foundation of the party is, being based upon high tariff. It was necessary, to even a chance, in the presidential campaign, to carry Ohio for McKinley.

Crisp to Wield the Gavel.

From The Republic.

WASHINGTON D. C., Dec. 7.—The contest for the Speakership is over and Charles Frederick Crisp of Georgia will wield the gavel. It was a spirited fight from start to finish. Mills made the noblest contest for Democracy that any man could have made. No other man under the same circumstances could have done better. No man could have been supported by a nobler band of patriots and no man accepted defeat with better spirit. Mr. Crisp in addition to his natural qualifications for the Speakership, had the support of Tammany Hall and Governor Hill of New York, of Senator Gorman and Cal Brice of World's Fair managers, who are seeking an appropriation for \$5,000,000, of the Nicaragua ring, of all the other rings and lobbyists that are interested in legislation. Perhaps Mr. Crisp will disappoint all these people and all these rings. His friends think that he will, but there is no disguising the fact that it was the rings and these interests that effected his nomination. The favorite sons are responsible for Mr. Crisp's nomination. Hatch, McMillin and Springer must all bear their portion of the blame. McMillin is the most pitiable man in the United States of America to night. He is an honest man, he is a tariff reformer, he has no sympathy with reactionary elements that supported Crisp, but his wild ambition to be Speaker caused him to lose sight of the great interests involved in the contest, and by remaining in the

fight himself he contributed to the election of the reactionary candidate.

When the news of Crisp's nomination reached Colonel Mills' headquarters he was the most cheerful man in the room. Colonel Morrison, Senator Carlisle and other eminent men were present. Mr. Mills said: "I am sorry for the party. I made a square fight on what I believed to be a party issue. I am not sorry that I made a fight and I am only sorry that I have been whipped for the party's sake. I will sleep to night as comfortably as Mr. Crisp or any other man in this town, and the sun will shine on me to-morrow as brilliantly as on any other man in the United States."

CARLISLE'S SORROW.

Senator Carlisle said: "I am very sorry. I am afraid that it has been a bad day's work for the Democratic party."

Colonel Morrison said: "Well, it looks as if Mills is licked, and I feel as if I were licked myself."

Mr. Mills immediately went into the House and participated in the proceedings of the caucus for a half hour or so. His spirit was as gay and as brave as ever. His defeat has relieved him of a great responsibility, which he was entirely willing to assume for the good of his party.

Governor Francis of Missouri, Colonel Ellerbe, Colonel Carroll, Attorney General Wood, Messrs. Evely and Ewing left for New York tonight. They saw the wreck, or what is generally believed to be the wreck, of the leading issue of their party before their parting. They came on here patting the favorite son business on the back, they helped Hatch into the contest, they made a pretence of trying to take him out, whether serious or not, may perhaps be determined later. The last or thirtieth ballot stood Crisp, 119, Mills, 105, Springer, 4 and Stephens, 1.

From Van.

VAN, Dec. 11.

Winter is beginning early this year.

Mrs. Jno. Jenkins visited her many friends in this neighborhood this week.

It has been decided by the citizens of this vicinity to have a Christmas tree, supper and dance in the Wolf creek school house.

Frank Carter who left here and went to the valley last fall, is reported very sick. His many friends here hope soon to hear of his recovery.

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