

FORM A CLUB AT PRATUM

Young Republicans From Salem go Over to Give Aid

Boys Had a Good Time and the Young Voters of Pratum Will Be Heard From

Last night, at the little town of Pratum, 10 miles east of this city, the most enthusiastic gathering of the young Republicans of that district was had that has been seen in any part of this county, and the result was the organization of a strong club, which will make itself felt in the campaign, when the political parties in this county will line up for the biennial battle at the polls. For miles around the young members of the party had gathered in the little town, awaiting the coming of a delegation of the members of the Salem club, who had been invited to be present and assist in the organization of the new club, the formation of which is due to the efforts of J. G. Graham and the extension committee of the Salem club.

The Salem visitors, who left here by carriage at 4:30 last evening, arrived at Pratum in good shape, after battling with the inclement weather and muddy roads, were none the worse for wear, and did full justice to the bountiful supper they found awaiting them.

The meal was followed by the prompt gathering of the clans, and in a short time the first political gathering of the year was called to order, and the business of the evening taken up. A large crowd was in attendance, and many of those present from adjoining precincts asked the Salem visitors to come to their sections and assist in the organization of similar clubs. The inclement weather had kept away many more who had promised to join, and word was received from a number of those living at a distance promising enthusiastic support to the new club.

One of the features of the evening was the singing of the local quartet, composed of the Short brothers, Fred Rice and C. W. Stege, and their rendition of popular corn songs was thoroughly enjoyed, and assisted greatly in the pleasures of the evening, for the members of the quartet are fine singers.

J. G. Graham, through whose efforts the club was organized, called the gathering to order, and called for the election of temporary officers. By unanimous vote of the meeting Mr. Graham was chosen for temporary chairman, and C. O. Rice was selected for secretary.

President H. D. Patton, of the Salem club, was called upon to explain the object of the meeting, and especially the purpose of young men's clubs, and he showed that this movement was for the purpose of securing co-operation of the young Republicans to support the Republican nominees, furthering the success of Republican principles, and securing for office competent and faithful men, free from taint or graft.

The chair appointed a committee on constitution, consisting of C. W. Short, George Schaak and Wm. Desart, and during a 10-minute recess, the constitution of the Salem club was changed to meet the requirements of the new club. When the meeting reconvened, the constitution was read by sections and adopted as the constitution of the new club. The name adopted by the organization is "The Young Men's Republican Club of Howell."

Eighteen young men present at once signed the roll, and word was received from twice that many promising support, but unable to be present at this first meeting. Those signing last night are:

Membership Roll.

Wesley Desart, John N. Miller, C. W. Short, T. C. James, H. J. Smith, G. E. Smith, V. E. Smith, W. J. Miller, P. E. Jones, R. M. Jones, C. Liechty, G. S. Anderson, C. O. Rice, Chas. S. Rice, George Schaak, C. E. Short, E. F. Bush, F. J. Rice.

Following the signing of the roll it was decided that the same be kept open for two weeks for further signers.

Upon motion of C. O. Rice, the election of a president was postponed to the next regular meeting, owing to the absence of some of the best workers in the precinct.

Mr. Charles E. Short was chosen day.

as vice-president, and John N. Miller, secretary and treasurer. The election of the members of the executive committee was postponed to the next regular meeting, which was fixed for Wednesday evening, February 3d, at Howell, the club deciding to meet alternately at Pratum and Howell.

On motion of Fred J. Rice, a committee consisting of Fred Rice, Wm. Desart and Thomas C. James was appointed to arrange a program and secure the hall for the meeting.

After the discussion of matters pertaining to the immediate organization, a short program of speeches was had. Mr. Graham, in addressing the club, gave the members an enthusiastic address, urging co-operation and thorough work. He advised work on a higher plane than just party spoils, and urged maintaining Republican principals, advising especially that the club exclude wrangling over endorsement of members for office. He promised the support of the Salem club in any measure for honorable party success.

L. R. Stinson congratulated the club on its organization, and urged all present to co-operate in placing in the offices Republicans, and supporting Republicans at the polls. He grew enthusiastic, and at the close of his address was cheered to the echo.

Chas. H. Cannon was called for, and he expressed his satisfaction at the progress made by the organization of the young men's Republican clubs.

The Line Kilt Club, a musical organization of Pratum, at this point favored the gathering with several selections.

President Patton briefly addressed the meeting, urging the appointment of workers on the executive committee, and assistance to the Republican central committee in every way possible. He advised purity in politics, and hard work for the ticket when nominated.

Vice-President Short spoke, giving sound and sensible views, detailing briefly the history of the party, and advising participation in the primaries, and the election of fair-minded and honest Republicans as delegates to the county convention, as the important work before the members of the party. He urged especially that true and loyal Republicans be selected for all offices of honor and trust.

A vote of thanks was tendered the Salem visitors for being present at the organization, after which the meeting adjourned.

The Salem party reached this city at 1:30 this morning, well pleased with the evening's work.

Will Raise Cattle.

The Swift, Armour, Nelson Morris, Schwarzschild & Sulzbergers, the "stockyards family," are said to have purchased 1,000,000 acres of land in Southern Alabama and Northern Florida. The news of the purchase has startled the stockyards, La Salle street and the railway world. These interests see behind the purchase a move intended to revolutionize the meat industry of America. The 1,000,000 acres, it is declared, was purchased from the Louisville & Nashville railway at an average price of \$3.75 an acre, making the total money consideration \$3,750,000. It is declared that the great Chicago packers intend to establish on the reclaimed swamp land and the pine lands of the South the greatest cattle feeding ground in the world, and to escape freight rates and double hauls—the "local" rates between Montana and Chicago and New York—to rid themselves of the great expense of shipping and to fatten cattle on cassava. The Chicago packers have agreed with the Alabama agricultural commission, it is asserted, to plant the 1,000,000 acres in cassava and to feed cattle on it. This plant is known to be very rich in starch, and it is said "the big four" will also erect immense plants for the production of this commodity.

LEGEND OF THE SEA.

Ghostly Bell That Warns Seamen of Imminent Danger.

There is a delightful legend among the people of Point Prim to the effect that when the English attacked the French fort at that place a chain-ball from one of the attacking vessels cut the steeple from the old church located on the very point. In falling, it toppled over the promontory and carried the bell which it contained into the sea. Dwellers along the point affirm that, from time to time, the sound of that bell comes over the waters at eventide; and that it phantom tone is ever a warning of a fierce storm or some imminent danger to those who make their living by the spoils of the ocean.—Donahoe's.

They Were Good Cats.

Mrs. Dooley, stewardess of the Red Star liner Noordland, had two cats of the purest Persian strain, but they are no more. Five days overdue, the Noordland reached Philadelphia Friday. Those five days hit the storage

hard. The emigrants were short of food, while the cats were sleek and fat.

Last Wednesday Mrs. Dooley noted the absence of her pets, and a search was ordered. Under a bunk occupied by an Italian passenger two silky skins were found, but that was all. The Italian explained that he had run out of provisions, the plumpness of the cats tempted him, and he fell. He agrees with Mrs. Dooley that they were very, very good cats.

Kisses Are Costly.

For kissing and hugging Mrs. Margaret Kubert, Charles Lighte, a mineral water manufacturer, was last Saturday ordered by a jury in Justice Truax's part of the supreme court in

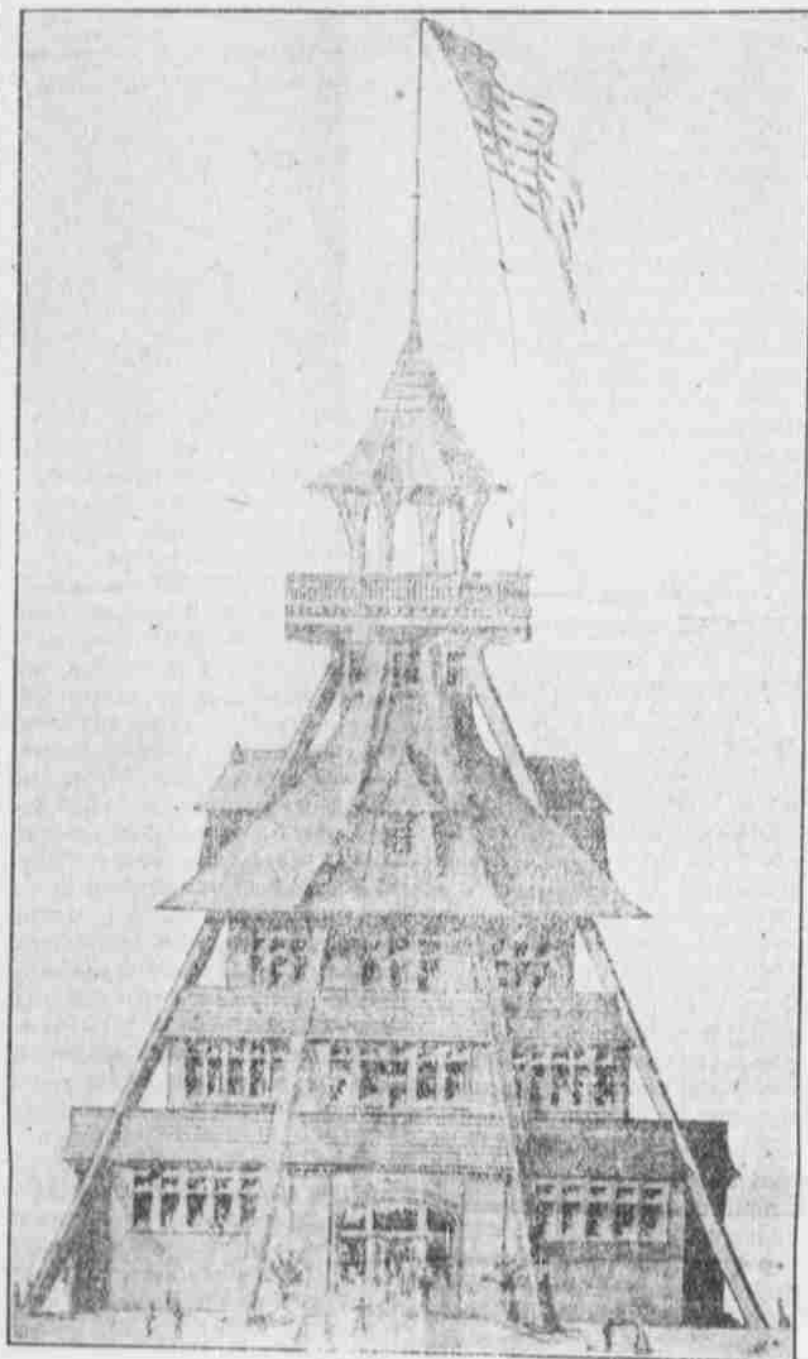
New York city to pay Peter Kubert the woman's husband, \$10,000 damages.

Kubert was formerly Mr. Lighte's coachman, while Mrs. Kubert was janitress of one of Mr. Lighte's houses.

"Some time ago Mr. Lighte told me I had better go to Europe to see my folks," testified Kubert, "and he said he would pay the expenses. He gave me a box which he said contained \$2000 in gold, but told me not to open it until the ship had passed Sandy Hook. I found it contained only thirty-seven quarters.

"When I got back I found Lighte hugging and kissing my wife and when I told her that wasn't right she said, 'Why, he's the boss.'"

St. Louis Exposition Buildings



Washington Building.

The state of Washington has projected for the world's fair a building which will show its lumber resources, and at the same time supply to its visitors a view of the main picture of the exposition from the observation tower, 100 feet in the air, overtopping trees and adjacent buildings.

Plans for the building were drawn by F. A. Heide and Emil DeNeuf. The building is to be built entirely of wood, the outside of yellow pine, and the inside finished with the finer grained woods produced by the state. The building is to be five stories high, towering 114 feet to the base of the flagstaff, which will rise 50

feet higher. The building is to be octagonal in plan, eight gigantic diagonal timbers rising from the ground, and meeting in an apex at the observatory line. It will be a skeleton pyramid of eight faces. All the floors will be supported on these great diagonal timbers, which are to be shipped from Washington. Each timber is to be in one piece over 90 feet long, 24 inches wide and 25 inches thick. Each story of the building is to have but one compartment. Through the center of the building an elevator will be operated to carry visitors comfortably to the observatory.



Montana Building.

Montana's building will be of modified Doric architecture, exemplifying the strength and grandeur of the state. Mr. Link, the architect, gives this description of the building:

"The building has four large and spacious entrances, the main entrance in front being made the feature of the design. The entry at the front over a very wide flight of stairs opens into a vestibule which will be decorated by means of columns, pilasters

and ornamental frieze. On each side of this vestibule there are closets and checkrooms. From here one enters the reception hall and rotunda, extending the full length of the building and divided by ornamental columns, pilasters and beams, all richly decorated. The entire reception hall is roofed with a dome which extends on the inside to the height of 35 feet above the floor.

"On the sides are windows, throwing a soft light into the rotunda. On

KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Weak Mains Cause Loss of Life and Wreck Building

Fire Follows and Bodies of the Victims Are Visible, While Being Cremated

Marion, Ind., Jan. 21.—In a gas explosion in the Hotel Sitz this morning three were killed, and three fatally and eight dangerously injured; fire followed the explosion.

The known dead are Chas. Beitel, hotel proprietor; Mrs. Beitel, James Devlin, and the fatally injured are Edward Gaskell, L. Hobbs and Thomas Twig. The hotel is located at the north entrance of the soldiers' home. The explosion, which is believed to have been due to weak mains, was terrific. The people in Marion, three miles away, were aroused. The building was a two-story frame. The flames spread rapidly, and the known dead could be seen in the building, while the bodies were cremated. The hotel register was saved, but there may have been other victims admitted by Beitel during the early hours this morning. If so, their bodies were cremated. An instance of heroism was that of Carl Gaskell, an 11-year-old girl, who, with both legs crushed, tried to crawl to her father's side to assist him. He was fatally injured. The loss is \$50,000.

An Engaging Man.

"There was a drummer took sick and died here three weeks ago," said the landlord of a tavern at Polkville, Ark. "He was a thick-set, guitar-playin' sort of feller, and the girl he was engaged to marry came over from Torpidville to attend the funeral; also from Waupsee; also from Peapack; also from Tonganoxie; also from som'ers in Kansas, and some place up in Missouri. Seem' how many there was of 'em, they put away their engagement rings, and figgeratively speakin', organized a new society, and invented a yell. And it was a pretty durned expressive one, too, lemme tell you."

Woodmen, Attention!

All members of the Woodmen of the World and the Women of Woodcraft are invited to attend the open meeting in the Woodman hall Friday evening, January 22, and to invite friends to be present. Geo. K. Rogers, the general organizer, and other prominent members will deliver addresses, and a general good time is promised all who come. Don't fail to be on hand. By order of the committee.

Russians Marry oYung.

The European country in which there is the largest number of marriages of men under the age of 21 is Russia.

POLLS ARE NOW OPEN

Rebels in Uruguay Get Three Sound Thrashings

Five Hundred Killed Which Means That the Regular Election Is Getting Strenuous

Washington, Jan. 21.—The state department has received a dispatch from Minister Finch, of Montevideo, Uruguay, today, saying three battles have been fought and all won by the government. The last was on the 18th, when the killed and wounded numbered 500. The rebels are in full retreat toward Brazil hotly pursued by the government forces, which number 28,000; the rebels have 9000. The opinion here is the insurrection will be suppressed within a month, unless they are aided by neighbors. The press adds that telegraphic censorship continues, also martial law.

Floods in Pennsylvania.

Meads, Pa., Jan. 21.—The city is in the grasp of the most destructive flood in its history. A general fire alarm was sounded at noon, and the entire department was called out to save property.

Has Not Lost His Grip.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Hanna is confined to his bed since yesterday by a renewal of the grippe. Members of the family say his illness is not serious, but he will be confined to his bed for several days.

To Elect Senators.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 21.—A resolution favoring the election of United States senators by direct vote was passed in the miners' convention this morning.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured.

by local applications as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous services.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

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