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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SHERIFF.

DONNEL — We are authorized to announce JOHN DONNEL, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Sheriff of Nicholas county, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR DEPUTY SHERIFF.

HARNEY — We are authorized to announce JOHN T. HARNEY, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Deputy Sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

MATHERS — We are authorized to announce JOHN MATHERS, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Deputy Sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

QUINN — We are authorized to announce JOHN QUINN, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Deputy Sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FITZGERALD — We are authorized to announce JOHN FITZGERALD, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Deputy Sheriff, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR JAILER.

DAY — We are authorized to announce JOHN DAY, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Jailer, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

GRUMP — We are authorized to announce JOHN GRUMP, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Jailer, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

HARNEY — We are authorized to announce JOHN HARNEY, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Jailer, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

TAYLOR — We are authorized to announce JOHN TAYLOR, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Jailer, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

FOR ASSESSOR.

MYERS — We are authorized to announce JOHN MYERS, Harrod precinct, as a candidate for Assessor, subject to the action of the Democratic party.

THE MERCURY begins the thirty-second year of its existence with a new dress. It is a handsome one, and the paper has proved to be a fair one. May it add to and not yet. It starts into the new year with no misgivings for the future, even what it may bring forth. It has become a fixture in the county and a household necessity in the most enlightened homes of our people. With hard workers for everybody and not an enemy on earth that it wishes ill, it bids good morning to '97, and to its readers.

HON. JOHN W. YERKES, of Danville, is being boomed for the Senate from Kentucky.

HOCKING SESSIONS of Ohio, announces that he wants to be re-elected Secretary. The office is the talk of his entire up the Cabinet.

THE New Year Reception at the White House was the grandest affair ever witnessed there. Over seven thousand people attended.

THE friends of Judge W. H. Holt claim that he and not John W. Yerkes will have the backing of the McKinley influence for United States Senator from Kentucky.

H. W. VAN SICKLEN, private secretary to Secretary Carlisle, has been appointed and general manager for Kentucky of the Equitable Life Insurance Company, with headquarters at Louisville.

THEY are having a fall gale war in Clinton county, Ind., and forty-four promissory notes have been attached for chopping down the gales. The attachments for gales were made exactly during the day.

A RETURN from Waltham, Mass., Jan. 1st, says: A general cut down in wages in the iron foundry of Davis & Farnum, of this city, went into effect today. The cut ranges from 2 to 25 cents and affects over 50 men.

J. B. MCCLELLAN, the well-known editor and writer, committed suicide at St. Louis on account of ill health. He was a war correspondent over the name de plume of "Mack." He invented the "interview."

A CUT of 25 per cent in wages is announced by the Kentucky Iron, Coal & Land Co., employing about 300 men. It is said the reduction will be for the month. [Courier-Journal.

As the two hundred men voted for McKinley and presently had Nevada for they could be take their medicine when it comes to them.

THE new route from Canton, Ohio, that President-elect McKinley is assured for an international conference to settle silver to the full legal tender position. The Major has probably begun to realize that his single gold standard theory won't work.

THE Louisville Commercial is rebuking letters from members of the General Assembly urging the Governor to call a special session of the Legislature. If anybody on earth would want an extra session we should think it would be the members. What were they elected for?

THE daily telegram announces that a big New York carpet factory is to start again, giving employment to 700 hands. This is about the third time the Ameriand Press has started the factory since the election. If the Proprietors of the concern would start it once it would be those "70 hands" some good.

BY reference to our announcement column today the name of several very excellent gentlemen will be found who desire to be voted for at the coming election. While we can not enter into an editorial support of each aspirant, we do feel constrained them all to our read- ers as gentlemen who are all clever and deserving men.

THE DIRECTORS of Boston savings bank have decided that five of all national banks should go into liquidation or consolidate with some other bank. This is a sensible amount of banking capital for Boston.

It looks to a rank outsider like the Boston Commissioners need not worry themselves about banks going into liquidation. They seem to be engaged in that business pretty freely—not voluntary, however.

The Humbug Civil Service.

WM. E. CURTIS, writing to the Chicago Record, is quite severe on Logan Carlisle, Chief Clerk of the Treasury Department, for his removal of Republicans from office to make room for Democrats. After making a big kick the writer acknowledges in the following language that he has been making much ado about nothing. He says:

"There has never been greater injustice committed by an official of the Government in such a manner than that of which Logan Carlisle has been guilty, but at the same time the percentage of offensive partisanship in the appointment under the present administration has been very small. Out of a total of 8,738 clerks in the classified service not but 193 have been removed. Of these 193 only 74 have been appointed since the beginning of competitive examination was 2.5 per cent, while the percentage of removals from those appointed prior to the application of the system, since the 4 per cent. Of the 74 persons appointed in the department at Washington who are not under the civil service rules many have been removed.

It will be seen that Mr. Carlisle has not been very cruel. After all

BRYAN ON IMMORTALITY.

The following constitutes part of William Jennings Bryan's remarks while delivering in Congress a eulogy on the death of Congressman George W. Honk, of Ohio, one of his colleagues, and is a beautiful tribute on the immortality of the soul:

"If the Father designs to touch with divine power the cold and lifeless heart of the buried sorrow, and make it to burst forth from its tomb, who will He leave unselected the soul of man, who was made in the image of his Creator? If he stoops to give the rose bush, whose withered blossoms float upon the autumn breeze, the sweet assurance of another springtime, will he withhold the words of hope from the soul of men when the frosts of winter come? It scatters, note and inanimate, though cleansed by the fires of nature into a multitude of forms, can never die, and the spirit of man suffer annihilation after it has been cleansed by the blood of Him who is the firstborn from the dead?

"Rather let us believe that He who in His apparent prodigality wastes not the raindrop, the blade of grass, or the morning sighing zephyr, but makes them all carry out His eternal plans, has given immortality to the mortal and assurance to Himself the presence and word of our friend."

CASH BUSINESS.

Since the beginning of 1896 several of our Business men have tried the cash system, and not one who has tried it has returned to the credit plan. They are highly pleased with the change, have had much success that it is a great saving to them, and the public generally would succeed. No man or firm can decide that it will suit for any one's business until he has tried it. Our merchants have been in the credit business so long that many of the firm who can not possibly fail on credit, because there is a sufficient number who have confidence in the cash and who will keep property that will get the money, while the same merchants tendency himself by carrying his friends. One among the business men to cash is that of Messrs. Jones & Grocery Co. for years almost out of mind this firm had done business in this way, but with plenty of nerve they slayed the break, and in a few short months business is equivalent to cash, and they are glad of it. Their Christmas Eve their cash register showed for that day 1340 cash sales of parties. The fact beyond dispute is, our merchants are doing a cash business. Then how pleasant it is both to the buyer and the dealer. To the buyer, you get more goods, and when money is scarce, as it is now, you can buy goods and system, economy is practised, the waste is less, and by comparison the income becomes in