

# VAN OGLE SEEKING BIG POLITICAL JOB | "WINDY" STEVENS IS AGAIN SHOWN UP

## Klan Prosecutor Seeks Appointment As District Attorney

**Mums the Word Just Now, But It Is Believed Senator Jim Watson Is Preparing Another of His Practical Jokes on Home People.**

Well, the nerve of some people's cats. Van Ogle wants to be United States District Attorney for the State of Indiana.

And the joke of it is that it is not out of the range of possibility that he may get it, so take a like-saving swig from Judge Dearth's bottle of Winter Pep (guaranteed not to kick) and get yourself all set for the shock, if it does happen to come.

Ogle's ambition to succeed Homer Elliott as district attorney has been discreetly concealed, for reasons that are apparent, but the secret leaked out Wednesday.

## COL. SIMMONS SAYS ORDER KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN DEAD

**Founder Avers His New Organization Is Now Increasing.**

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 9.—"Daddy of the Ku Klux Klan" is now vigorously engaged in an effort to kill his offspring. He seems to be meeting with some success in his endeavor and there are those in the inner circle of the order who believe that the "Knights of the Flaming Sword of the Hidden Host" may be an instrument for its slaughter.

Col. William Joseph Simmons, the founder and former Imperial Wizard of the revived Ku Klux Klan, is touring the South in a tremendous effort to draw off from the order which he fathered the thousands who joined it and to carry them into his new organization.

The basis of the Flaming Swords-men is to be love instead of hatred, which animates the Klansmen, says Colonel Simmons. He has many aides in his drive, which had been expected to culminate late in October in a tremendous meeting at Mount Yonah, in northeast Georgia, at which 30,000 were expected to assemble, but the colonel's illness caused the session to be called off and a smaller Atlanta gathering substituted.

The Colonel recently visited Chattanooga in his campaign with the Klansmen. They held a meeting, attended by about 500 of them, and he delivered himself of over two hours of enthusiastic oratory.

"Boys," he declared in a rising voice, "I'm your daddy! It's your daddy talking to you—your real daddy—and not a wet nurse!"

At this remark the assembly loudly cheered.

"Love! That's what your daddy taught you," he continued, "and they've sent men out to teach you to hate, hate, hate. They've even told you that if you come to hear me that you'd be banished. Is that according to the right of free speech and peaceful assembly that has been guaranteed you? Boys, if you get a certificate of banishment from the present Ku Klux Klan, buy a frame and frame it. It is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon you."

Colonel Simmons said he was "the only living man who had the true principles of Klancraft," adding that he had never "given these true principles to the old order." He described himself as "the saddest man on earth" because his real principles had been ignored.

### Defends Own Record

Simmons vigorously defended his record in his litigation with the Klan. He said he had been double-crossed by his Klan enemies. "No man can (Continued To Page Three.)

He and his friends have been busily plugging away and there seems to be no telling how far they may have gotten. The plan originated here with Billy Williams, Mrs. Gill and Sheriff Hoffman. They toted their little idea to Lawrence Cartwright, of Portland, republican district chairman, and it went over with him.

### MUM'S THE WORD

If the thing is to be done, it is to be done quickly, and with no previous cannonading and red fire to let the world in general know that the Campbells are coming. The plan was to get Senator Watson to shoot the recommendation through to Attorney General Stone before he leaves that office to go on the supreme bench, and have the appointment made by Saturday.

The attorney general displayed his subserviency to the wishes of Senator Watson by naming Baltzell for the federal bench to succeed Anderson, so quick action is demanded if Van Ogle is to get the job as head of the department of justice.

Of course it may be that the Post-Democrat is slightly biased and prejudiced, but there is a bare possibility that there are others that would gag at the possibility of Ogle's appointment, in spite of the high esteem in which he seems to be held by Billy Williams, Sheriff Hoffman and Mrs. Gill.

In this connection it seems that these worthy promoters are basely forgetful of their political crony, and co-worker, the Honorable Robert Graves, who ought to be entitled to a full partnership in the great enterprise of elevating their common friend, Van Ogle.

Thanks to the devotion and loyalty of Prosecutor Ogle, Bob has been undisturbed for three years in the operation of a place of business where colored patrons spend long and strenuous hours vainly attempting to talk Bob's trained dice into proper compliance with their financial desires, with the result that they walk, and are happy if they have a wheelbarrow to push, while Bob wears a hundred candle power headlight and rides on rubber.

### WHAT A JOKE

Senator Watson has perpetrated many side-splitting practical jokes on the people of Indiana, but there are some who assert that he will strain his luck and will have to do all the laughing himself if he permits himself to become a party to this dark lantern Ogle adventure.

Surely, in looking over the field of Hoosier Kluxers, the senator can be persuaded to find some other kookoo shyster to take the job. There's Wilbur Ryman, for instance. Wilbur wants the job and needs it, since the suckers quit joining the Klan, and the Kleagle business became unremunerative.

There seems to be no hope that President Coolidge will interfere in the slightest in any Klan program (Continued To Page Four.)

## The War Is On

For nearly three years the Post-Democrat has been engaged in exposing the crimes, fallacies and idiocies of the Ku Klux Klan.

The Klan has fought back, not openly and decently, like an honorable opponent should, but unfairly, and always in the dark.

This is the only newspaper in Indiana that had the audacity to put all its eggs in an anti-Klan basket and risk exposure to the stink pots and poison gas of the Klan.

Other newspapers occasionally took a mild rap at the Klan, but the Post-Democrat still has the same baskets and the same eggs and will hang on until the job is finished.

The editor of this newspaper knows what it means to suffer actual physical attack by masked night-prowlers, has forced criminal prosecution time and again in courts presided over by Klansmen, has twice suffered imprisonment in the county jail, spent three days on the penal farm and has three criminal cases appealed to the supreme court.

In addition, these bold hundred percenters, who prate about free speech and then try to throttle it, have attacked the business of the paper from every angle and have been successful in depriving us of thousands of dollars in revenue.

Through threats would-be advertisers have been frightened to the extent that they withhold their advertising and every possible plan has been devised to derive us out of business.

A year ago last September a counterfeit democrat newspaper was started in opposition to the Post-Democrat. It lasted a year, gasped and died but during the year it took probably three thousand dollars worth of legal advertising that we would have otherwise received.

Even now a conspiracy is on foot to rob this newspaper of hundreds of dollars worth of business to which it is legally entitled, but the conspiracy will be defeated because of its utter illegality and because the public, who lend themselves to the plot would in the end have the entire amount to pay out of their own pockets.

If the Post-Democrat is to continue in existence, it is absolutely necessary for its friends in Muncie and other sections of the state to rally to its support.

"Tolerance," published by the American Unity League, has gone out of existence. The Post-Democrat is the only publication left in Indiana to fight the battles of those who oppose the Klan.

The legislature now in session is composed preponderantly of Klansmen. Walter Bossert, grand dragon of the Indiana Klan, has boldly published his announced purpose of ramming through the legislature the carefully prepared program of the Ku Klux Klan.

Are you going to fight, or will you lie down like a bunch of whipped puppies and permit this program to go through without lifting a hand in defense?

The Post-Democrat is in a position to publish and disseminate an exposure of the ramifications of the most astounding plot to enslave a free state that was ever devised by the mind of man.

Some think the Klan is dead. IT IS NOT. For three years it has been merely on dress parade. Behind it all were designing men who sought power. They now control the destinies of the state. Indiana has been selected by Wizard Evans as the laboratory for Klan experimentation.

Unless the people are sufficiently aroused the whirling dervishes of the Ku Klux Klan will translate into LAW the evil mutterings of a misled multitude of fanatics.

This is no time to go to sleep. It is time for action. The Post-Democrat is here at your service to do your fighting. We know where to shoot and what to shoot at, but it will take plenty of ammunition.

We should have thousands of new subscribers. Enlist in this fight. Don't be a slacker.

## "Sugar Jim" Barnes Wants To Be Mayor of Logansport

**Notorious War Profiteer, Now Innkeeper and Prime Koo Koo, Foolishly Thinks He Is Big Enough To Fill the Job; "City of Bridges" Wants a Democratic Mayor; Judge West, Real Protector of Womanhood, Railroaded To Federal Prison and Dies of Broken Heart; Reading of Dime Novels About the Literary Effort of the Average Klansman; a Couple of Nit-Wits.**

Logansport, Jan. 9.—The Post-Democrat news hound dug up a little information that might interest our readers. There is a drift floating around "The City of Bridges," that Sugar Jim Barnes will try to make the race for Mayor, next May, in the event that Blizzard and his Kluxer friends feel that he can not get the

support necessary to put the "Blizzard" over. Sugar Jim has it in his mind to get a corner on the mayor's office. He is experienced in cornering things that appeals to the financial side of his nature. In fact Jim thinks he has his Starring Vehicle hitched to the mayor's office door. No one but (Continued To Page Two.)

## Says City Is Broke; Now Says City Is In Good Condition

**As a Matter of Fact City Is In Bad Shape and Is Rapidly Growing Worse Under Rule of Klanarchists.**

Newark, O., Jan. 9.—Once more has W. H. N. Stevens, Klanarchist mayor of Newark, by his own testimony, proved himself to be a lair. No proof was needed, so far as that is concerned, but Mr. Stevens kindly supplied it, in order that any possible doubt might be removed.

Some weeks ago Stevens said the city was broke, although this statement was denied by his Service Director, one Clamorous Verbose Fulk.

Fulk said the city had plenty of money and proved it by stopping all street repairs, saying there was no money to pay for them. Get that?

Then in order to prove that the city had no money, Fulk proceeded to transform the city building into a lot of private offices for his department, so he could have an excuse for spending city money which the city didn't have. Try that one on your Victoria.

To come back to Stevens, "Windy" claimed the city was broke, but now asserts that the old town is financially able to spend \$150,000 for water extensions and \$80,000 for a fire alarm system. Where has he been hiding these assets?

Is it not a fact that the Klan hopes to pay for its new club house out of the graft it could make out of this work? The "fake" subway proposition is as dead as Pontius Pilate and the Klan knows it—hence the desire to start water works extensions, etc.

No one denies that these extensions are needed. But a whole lot of people are not going to take Stevens' word for it that the city is financially able to put it across just now. And besides that, the people are not going to trust Stevens and his gang with the expenditure of a couple of hundred thousand dollars.

Why does Stevens want to spend \$4,000 or \$5,000 to move the city prison, if the city is hard up. Is it just because he likes to spend other people's money or is there a bunch of kale in it for him. The taxpayers would like to know.

Another question the taxpayers would like answered is: What was the reason for juggling the figures of the Safety Department apportionment?

Does any one believe that such financial acrobats should be permitted to spend a couple of hundred thousands of Newark's money? Nay, nay, Windy.

Stevens says he asked council nearly a year ago for these water extensions. One councilman told me he was a d—d liar. Another one used stronger language in qualifying liar, while a third merely said Stevens was crazy.

Newark people right now are paying a tax levy of 21.80 mills more than six mills higher than is allowed by law.

Explain, Mr. Stevens, how can Newark issue more bonds right at this time?

### KLAN MOVES TO WEST END; DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS GLAD

The Klanarchists observed the last day of 1924 by moving their collection of shimmies and dunces caps to their new headquarters in the west end, much to the relief of the downtown merchants and in greater measure to the disgust of the residents of that portion of the west end which they will pollute with their presence.

Real estate values in the west end have already slumped, and the people of that section are seriously concerned. However, their inconvenience will be of short duration, because the Klan will be unable to finance the deal to completion. As the organization continues to disintegrate, the klan will be harder to collect and payments will cease. And that the Klan is on its last legs in this community is proven by this attempt to fool the few

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## MASONIC LEADER REPUDIATES KKK

**California Grand Master Issues Statement To Members.**

Most Worshipful Arthur Saxe Crites, Grand Master of Masons in the State of California, in his annual address at the Grand Lodge session made the following statements regarding Masonry and the Ku Klux Klan according to the Masonic Outlook:

"There is one untoward situation that has given me concern during the entire year, one to which I have given much thought, and that is the desire to start water works extensions, etc.

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## PUBLICITY AND THE KLAN.

(Chattanooga Times.)

Whether the New York law which prohibits the existence of secret, oath-bound associations except those named in benevolent orders, law and labor organizations and which compels all other secret associations to file with the secretary of state among other things rosters of their memberships is discriminatory and unconstitutional, is to be decided by the higher courts of the state and the question may be brought eventually before the United States supreme court.

Although the hooded order is not specifically named, it is no secret that the legislation was aimed at the Ku Klux Klan. The Klan officials are vigorously at work testing the validity of the law, knowing that if it holds it will have a disastrous effect on their organization, the essence of which is secrecy.

In making a decision upholding the law Supreme Court Justice Pooley said in part.

The statute is assailed on the ground that it is class legislation, wrongfully restricting the personal liberty of certain citizens in an unreasonable and arbitrary manner.

It is a matter of common knowledge that this organization functions largely at night, its members disguised by hoods and gowns and doing things calculated to strike terror into the minds of the people. It is claimed that they are organized against certain of the citizens by reason of race or religion. This, of course, cannot be tolerated under our form of government.

If what is claimed of it is true, it strikes at fundamental principles of our government, principles that have been recognized as the foundation of our liberties. If they are true, the state has the power to eradicate them, and is not required to await active violations before enacting legislation.

The state is bound to maintain order within its boundaries and protect its citizens in their personal and property rights. In so doing the legislature frequently has been called upon to enact what is denominated class legislation and has been upheld by the courts.

Needless to say, if the New York law smoking out the Klan is upheld, the hooded order will have to go out of business in that state and the legislative precedent, no doubt, will fit in other states taking similar action. This case means that the Klan is fighting for its life, if the ambitious plans to make it a great national organization are to be carried on to fruition. It might survive in certain localities for a while, but if it can be struck at by laws compelling submission of the names of its members its career would be soon ended.

The outcome of the legal battle therefore will be awaited with considerable interest. The Klan is the only organization of importance that conceals the identity of its members. The Ku Klux officials who are leading the fight on the New York law know that if the names of their members are made public the game would be up, so to speak. If they are candid and close observers of the drift of public sentiment they must also know that if the publicity method of the organization's opponents does not succeed other means will be found to put an end to an ill-advised movement which already is declining under the weight of the better public opinion.

## "ALL WOMEN"—GOSH!

In a report occupying about two "sticks" in the Star Monday, our celebrated "all women" grand jury found space to insert the words, "we, the Grand Jury," five times.

The report was short, and might have been sweeter. Sheriff Hoffman was praised to the skies, the police force roasted, the jail, poor farm and children's home given a clean bill of health and after being sent back by Judge Dearth to show what had been done in the Dollings matter, a paragraph was added that the evidence against the Dollings crowd was not sufficient to warrant an indictment "at this time."

Judge Dearth showed a commendable spirit in refusing to accept the report of these women until they had shown the public what disposition they had made of the Dollings matter.

The Post-Democrat early in the life of this "all women" grand jury declared that the "investigation" started by Prosecutor Ogle just before the election was not in good faith and had for its purpose merely the idea of chloroforming Dollings victims into voting for Van Ogle.

Judge Dearth sternly informed the women, when they came in with a report which omitted all mention of the much heralded Dollings "investigation," that over fifty Dollings witnesses had been examined and the public was entitled to know what was done.

It was then that the women went back to the grand jury room and reported out that indictments were not warranted "at this time." There being no doubt in the minds of the victims, and the general public, that the Dollings operatives are a bunch of grafters, thieves and confidence men, and that the pitiful victims told the grand jury all about it, it is presumed that the ladies had the Christmas spirit and just couldn't bear to do it "at this time." Some other time probably, say, for instance, next summer in the afternoon or some time during the year 1925.

Among other things that six women, good and true, used up one of its "we, the jury's," in advising that mere men be refused admittance to the court house via the north entry.

In entering the court house through the north en-

trance it is necessary to pass through the women's rest room. It would be manifestly improper for crude males to pass through this room and disturb the rest of the ladies. By all means let us exclude masculine intruders from the north entrance, the south entrance, the east entrance and the west entrance, if such intrusion would in the slightest jar the sensibilities of the group of females who demand equal rights with men but whose idea is to kick the men out of the court house run the justice factory on pink tea lines.

The Post-Democrat is rather intrigued with this all-women idea and we propose that in 1928 we elect an all-woman judge and that all the he-members of the bar be excluded from practice and deported to Russia, along with male aspirants for the judgeship, where they will feel at home among the whiskers.

Will Doc Sherwood now kindly come forward and translate the Klan motto: "Non Silba, sed Anthar?" We have studied most of the dead and living languages, including hog Latin and early Arkansaw, but the Klan motto is one cross word puzzle that simply won't work. By living up to this great motto Doc got himself elected head of the state schools and he should now earn that increased salary by telling us what it means. We have been able to slip up "sed" and "non" and club some sense out of them, but have never been able to catch up with Anthar or get close enough to Silba to put salt on his tail. We have been waiting for a long time for some educated son of a gun to put us wise. Every language teacher we have approached has declared that the words belong to no language, dead or alive, but they merely displayed their ignorance. Next thing they will tell us that there is no such thing as a kludd, a kladd, a klexter or a klinkimarkinkus. So Doc, come forward and introduce Silba and lasso the elusive Anthar and make him tell who his daddy is, if any.

The name of Mrs. Gill has again emerged from the jury box. There are twenty thousand women in Delaware county, but it seems that there about nineteen thousand, nine hundred and fifty of them who have never been introduced to the jury commissioners. The frequency with which certain women are selected as jurors, to the exclusion of all others, indicates either a "selective draft" or a remarkable deflection from the doctrine of chance. A jury system that does not contemplate the eligibility for jury service of all suitable citizens, regardless of faction, party, race, religious denomination, breeds distrust, suspicion and a feeling of insecurity that is disturbing to the community. The jury commissioners are both Klansmen, and are therefore unfit to hold any kind of a public office.

## WHO IS TO BLAME?

A week or so ago a poor fellow from Muncie whose children were hungry attempted to break into a farmer's corn crib to steal corn and was killed by the explosion of a trap gun. Local newspapers have had a hard time of it trying to find out who's to blame. To our mind one of the greatest hindrances to organized aid to suffering humanity is the thick-head now occupying the township trustee's office, Merritt Heath.

Looking after the poor in Muncie and Center township is a job for a man with real intelligence. Heath is wholly unfit for such a job. He is narrow, petty and so perversely "inquiring" when calls are made on him for help that if the needy applicants were not helped from other sources they and their families would starve while Heath was making up his mind whether or not they deserved aid.

Heath has too many sidelines to attend to the business of his office. Running the Post-Democrat has kept him busy for some time. Notwithstanding the legal licking he got at the hands of the Post-Democrat at New Castle, he is even now devoting much of the time he ought to be spending on the poor and needy, trying to get the other trustees into the same sort of a jam that he got himself into.

The five or six hundred dollars unnecessary court costs that Centre township will have to pay because of Heath's stubborn and unreasoning hatred of the Post-Democrat, would have fed and clothed the family of the trap gun victim and prevented the tragedy.

Heath is also active in the trustees' lobby that seeks to prevent the legislature from passing the "county unit" law, abolishing the office of township trustee. It is such examples as Heath that have caused a widespread demand for the abolition of the trustee.

## ANOTHER REVERSAL

The supreme court this week reversed the Delaware circuit court in the case of Tom Phillips, colored, who was tried and convicted before a Klan jury, on a bastardy charge preferred by a married woman. It is a mighty fine thing that there are higher courts to check up on such miscarriages of justice such as that which Tom Phillips met at the hands of a Delaware county jury.

The evidence in the Phillips trial was so ridiculous as to be farcical that the verdict of guilty astonished even those who had learned to expect such things. The supreme court very properly held that the child of a married woman was the child also of the husband.

Incidentally it might be remarked that Phillips was always prominently known as the leading Republican politician in Muncie up until the time that the party was absorbed by the Ku Klux Klan, in the campaign of 1922, at which time Tom quit the grand old party and has been an active democrat ever since.

A white man complained at police headquarters the other day that Bob Graves, colored gambler, driving his large car, had disregarded a stop sign and had bumped into the complainant's automobile, damaging it twenty-five dollars' worth. He said Bob refused to settle the damage and drove on. Bob is sitting pretty with the Klan prosecutor and other official exponents of white supremacy here, so "stop" signs are nothing in his life. The man who was bumped into might just as well forget it and keep his complaints to himself. If he persists in an

noying the colored gent Bob will have his arrested and fined for provoke, will prove that it was all the white man's fault and compel him to pay for the damage to Bob's car.

The grand jury didn't overlook John Cox, who has openly opposed the Klan-Republican political machine, even if it did report that it could get nothing on the Dollings crowd and failed to return indictments against reckless, man-killing automobileists with dead victims in Beechwood cemetery. Sheriff Hoffman also did his part by locking John up in jail while he was waiting for his bondsmen to appear and keeping him there several hours.

## OUR BUSY SHERIFF.

The Star Wednesday stated that Sheriff Hoffman and Claude Hines had gone to Chicago together to attend a three-day national meeting of road builders. These men are partners in construction work and gravel selling in Delaware county. Hoffman is drawing a salary as sheriff and committing a felony every time he sells gravel or helps build roads for the county that is paying him the salary. Last Tuesday Hoffman did not attend a road convention, but he and three others, one of them a prominent business man of this city did attend a booze party in the biggest tiger and gambling house in Fort Wayne. The sheriff and his Muncie friend, and the other two, said to be federal prohibition agents, got beautifully spifflicated. They spent considerable time in the joint, drinking at the bar down stairs and in the gambling rooms on the second floor. Of course they can laugh this off, for a sheriff has a right to get drunk and otherwise violate the law. The way to become immune from the law is to get yourself elected sheriff.

## "SUGAR JIM" BARNES

(Continued from Page One) be shakers at the political plum tree and the Kluxers, who want some one to take their dictations, and carry out their policies, wants Jim as the next chief executive

During the war, Sugar Jim, was the sweetest, dearest thing in town. He was just full of sugar and the housewives of Logansport just could not resist Jim's appeal to buy sugar.

What was 50 cents per pound when one had an appetite for sweets? Yet, the high living left a dark brown taste in one's mouth and the noise, one heard on Third street, was enough to give one shell shock, as the proprietors of the eating houses told their customers "Use less sugar and stir like hell—we don't mind the noise."

Is Sugar Jim in? We will say he is in. He is in the Inn business. In for running for Mayor. In sympathy with the Klan, and was in the Sugar business—Wartime Profit. Sugar's

dream has materialized into the sweetest place in town, the "Sugar Inn." This particular hostelry is a fine place for Kookoo travelers to stop and change their bed clothes. Jim will be inside tabulating the throng of passers by, who will be Jews, Catholics, Negroes and foreign born.

Of course they are not 100 per cent and can not lodge in the Sugar Inn. Jim will have to be a comometer operator to figure what he has lost in the eyes of the citizens of integrity in Logansport and Cass County. That Sugar business left a twang in the mouth, that will remain for years to come and may be the children will inherit it.

Some how the spirit of an aged and sick man comes before the just citizens of Logansport. An old man who was unable to lay down on his bed and was compelled to sit in a chair, night after night. Judge West was a kind old man and was the real protector of the women, who were the victims of wife beaters. Judge West was the goat for a certain bunch and railroaded to the Federal prison and died from a broken heart. Long will the spirit of the aged judge haunt those who were instrumental in sending him across.

There are many honorable and capable men in Logansport who have never as much as looked in the Mayor's office. Why should one or two men have a life time job in the Mayor's office? We need a change. Why abuse a privilege? That's where the wrong comes in Jim was chairman of the Klan Republican Committee, and announced his resignation, which never took place.

Logansport wants a Democrat Mayor and one who is fair and broad minded, be he protestant, Catholic Jew or even a good respectable Chinaman. We don't mind the color of his skin, just so he isn't yellow underneath. Of course, no Catholic or Jew dare look at the mayor's office. No matter how conscientious how capable how efficient, a public official may be if he chances to be a Catholic or Jew, the Klan is organized for the purpose of having the said official removed from public life.

In instances where they meet opposition to their vicious political schemes, the program if put over at all, is accomplished through intimidations, threats, abduction, anonymous warnings and tar and feather parties. Through the Klan publications they

clothes. He wears his sheet and pillow case regularly, since he joined the Knit Wits at Royal Center. Perhaps Klary feels like a dead one, and thinks a shroud is more becoming. We think most Kluxers brains are dead.

RESOLUTIONS  
DEMAND REPEAL  
PRIMARY LAW

Group of About 100 Take Action at Indianapolis Meeting on Tuesday.

A. J. BEVERIDGE WILL DEFEND THE SYSTEM  
Declares He Will Tour The State to Stir Opposition Against Repeal.

Indianapolis, Jan. 9.—The direct primary system of nominating candidates for public office was denounced as a "political curse" at a public meeting at the Claypool hotel yesterday afternoon. At the conclusion of several speeches in which the primary was denounced, resolutions were adopted authorizing Andrew H. Beardsley of Elkhart, former state senator, and chairman of the meeting, to name a committee to prepare a bill to repeal the direct primary. Those named on the committee are: Charles Martindale, Indianapolis attorney; Glenn VanAken, former member of the public service commission; W. W. Spencer, Democratic member of the state board of election commissioners, and Maurice H. Tenner, Republican election commissioner.

Arouses Law's Adherents.  
Active steps were taken by the friends of the primary to offset any movement to have the present statute repealed. In this connection Albert J. Beveridge, ex-United States Timmings, Mrs. Dave McDonald, Miss Bertha Wood, Mrs. Roger Ludy, Miss Myrtle Neare, Miss Myrtle Huey, Mrs. Florence Bailey-Jones, Miss Florence Denney, Miss Dossie Kelsey, Miss Ollie Fleming, Miss Anna Fleming, Miss Nell Fleming, Mrs. Sadie LaFollette.

Olson Revives McClintock Case

Chicago, Jan. 9.—Exhumation of the body of Dr. Oscar Olson, who died three years ago, has been asked by Chief Justice Harry Olson of the municipal court, who made the original demand for an examination into the death of "Billy" McClintock, "millionaire orphan."

Judge Olson, Tuesday, requested Coroner Oscar Wolff to exhume his brother's body.

Dr. Oscar Olson was medical advisor to the McClintock family and also gave medical care to William D. Shepherd, foster father of "Billy" McClintock. The name of the late doctor came into the investigation of the death of "Billy" McClintock when Shepherd said that he visited the Illinois research laboratories when under Dr. Olson's care.

Judge Olson said that the cause of his brother's death had been given as heart disease, but that he had found, several days after this diagnosis, that his brother had died of ptomaine poisoning. Judge Olson declared Tuesday, that his brother's death followed a visit from William D. Shepherd and his wife.

Coroner Wolff had requested Olson to make his demand for an exhumation of the body in writing, and has said that if he finds it necessary to exhume the body he will do so.

It will be recalled that the body of "Billy" McClintock was exhumed and an autopsy performed on vital organs, after Judge Olson had demanded an investigation into his death.

NO. 130.  
BANK STATEMENT

O. W. STORER, President.

Report of the condition of the Muncie Banking Co., Bank at Muncie, in the State of Indiana, at the close of its business on December 31, 1924.

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans and discounts..... \$ 9,920.50	Capital stock—paid in..... \$ 10,000.00
Other bonds and securities..... 16,581.25	Surplus..... 4,762.47
Furniture and fixtures..... 1,000.00	Interest, discount, etc..... 345.34
Due from banks and trust companies..... 10,022.04	Demand deposits..... 23,772.55
Cash on hand..... 1,059.13	
Current expenses..... 287.44	
Total resources..... \$38,870.36	Total Liabilities..... \$38,870.36

State of Indiana, County of Delaware, ss:

I, O. W. Storer, president of the Muncie Banking Company, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true. O. W. STORER.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 3rd day of January, 1925.

(Seal) BEATRICE L. BURTON, Notary Public.

My commission expires Jan. 18, 1925.

## Two-Gun Bill Cahill Former Klan Organizer Switches on Old Gang

Bill Cahill, the two-gun kleagle who organized the Muncie Klan, has cut loose from the "invisible empire" and is switching in public on the Klan. The Toledo Blade, in its issue of Dec. 29, gives the following account of Bill's attempt to speak at an anti-Klan meeting and how the meeting ended in a riot:

With denunciations ringing in his ears, W. E. Cahill, former Klan leader and organizer of the hooded order in Toledo, retreated from the stage of the Coliseum, Sunday afternoon, at the conclusion of an address in which he scored local, state and national Klan leaders.

The audience of about 600 men and women was on its feet in a bedlam of noise, some shouting anathemas at the speaker, others hurling loud interrogations, while others gave handclaps of approval as Cahill with two friends hastened off the stage and out a side door, making a quick disappearance.

### Asks About Note

"I would like to ask Brother Cahill about a note for \$3,500," rang a voice from the gallery as the speaker was closing his address with thanks to his hearers for their attendance on such a cold day.

"I know nothing about it," replied Cahill. "I never heard of it."

"It is charged that you do know about it, and who got the money?" countered the questioner.

"Get them here and I will answer my accusers," replied Cahill.

### Voice Drowned

The man in the gallery tried to speak again but his voice was drowned in the shouts, handclaps and cross fire that followed.

"I ask in the sacred bonds of secrecy," shouted a man directly in front of the rostrum as he approached the stage, saying he had three questions for Cahill to answer.

"If you want to deliver an address then hire a hall. That's what I did. This is not a Klan meeting and there are no 'sacred bonds of secrecy' about it," replied the former Klan leader as he prepared to leave the stage.

"Yes, you sent out an invitation to klansmen and then let everybody in," replied the questioner.

### Ready to Answer

"If the Klan will hear me I will answer any and all questions. Get the permission of the Klan for me to come before its meeting and I'll answer anything you or anyone else may ask. And I will uncover such thievery and rascality as will make your hair stand," shouted back Cahill.

"You gave away the secrets of the order," "All you say is a bunch of lies," "You disclosed the membership of the Klan," "It is a lie, your charge that a machine gun was carried in the Klan parade in Toledo,"

Those and other similar accusations were hurled at the speaker from all parts of the hall.

### Policemen on Watch

"No, it was state officers who gave away your secrets," was the parting shot of Cahill as he hurried for the stage entrance. With his disappearance the confusion abated while a number of policemen kept in close touch with the dispersing crowd.

After reviewing the history of the Klan from its inception and declaring that the fundamental principles of the order were never put into practice the speaker closed with a reference to a new order which he said is being organized in Toledo.

### Urged to Apply

#### EXPULSION OF PARSON WHO WORKED FOR KLAN UPHELD BY THE METHODIST CHURCH

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The sentence of expulsion from the ministry and from membership in the Methodist Episcopal church South pronounced by a trial committee against the Rev. C. D. McGehee, formerly of Nashville, and said to have been active in the Ku Klux Klan, has been affirmed by the Church Committee of Appeals. McGehee, following his conviction in February, had appealed the case.

The minister had been found guilty of falsehood and bearing false witness, on four counts. These charges grew out of accusations that he had used his pulpit and church for the distribution of propaganda favoring the Klan. His presiding elder and Bishop W. F. McMurry, his superior, remonstrated, whereupon McGehee charged that the Bishop struck him and called him a liar. Witnesses contradicted these charges.

## SELECTION BLIND SCHOOL SITE GOES BEFORE ASSEMBLY

Gov. Branch Decides Commission of 1923 Will Refer Matter to Coming Session.

### HIGH PRICES HAVE PREVENTED ACTION

Several Proposals Refused By Executive, Who Held Cost Was Too High.

Indianapolis, Jan. 9.—Governor Branch announced yesterday that no selection of a new site for the blind school will be made by the commission appointed under the provisions of an act of the 1923 session of the General Assembly. The whole matter will be referred to the session of the Legislature which opens tomorrow for further consideration, the Governor said.

When asked if the commission would make a selection of a new site, the Governor replied, "No." He then added that he would ask the approaching session of the General Assembly to give further consideration to the matter.

It is understood that excessive prices demanded for available sites for the institution caused the decision to make no selection at this time. Under the provisions of the 1923 act, the commission was directed to locate the institution somewhere in Marion county. For this reason only sites in Marion county and Indianapolis could be considered. When the matter is referred to the Legislature there is the possibility that the institution may be lost to this county on account of the alleged excessive prices asked for sites, it is pointed out.

### Big Sums Spent

He said that immense sums had been spent for buildings and land in Atlanta, giving as an illustration the purchase by the Klan of Stone mountain near Atlanta, and the carving on the face of the mountain, at a tremendous cost, of a mural monument to the Confederate General Lee and his army.

"This at a time when all good citizens are trying to wipe out memories of the rebellion," he said. "But don't lose sight of the fact that Klan leadership is entirely in the hands of southern Democrats."

### Refers to Niles

The speaker said that all property bought by Klan officers with the money of the order is in the name of individual officers of the organization; that an immense profit was made by the national officers out of the sale of hoods and masks in the manufacture of which they engaged.

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### MUST ALSO RESIDE IN STATE TWO YEARS

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Sponsors of the measure declare that the indiscriminate admission of members into associations during the recent revival of the organization as a regulatory agency has resulted in many abuses of the broad police powers conferred.

### Requirements Listed.

All existing associations would be compelled to comply with the provisions of the law within ninety days after passage.

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### Colors of Every Tone and Shade

numbering 1,400 compiled from productions of dye makers, are displayed in an index recently issued.

## REGULATIONS ISSUED FOR AMATEUR RADIO

Washington, Jan. 9.—Under revised regulations governing amateur radio station operations just issued by the Commerce Department, amateur stations are barred from using the wavelength band between 105 and 110 meters. This section of ether capacity is being taken up by commercial and government stations. Amateurs who operate with a spark set, which the department classifies as a source of much interference, are instructed to use the wavelength band between 170 and 180 meters until such time as they have installed a transmission system productive of less trouble to other radio communication.

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Downtown merchants held a Thanksgiving service last Saturday night in recognition of their deliverance from the "riff raff," as one of them termed

## SHIPMENT OF ALL POULTRY IN STATE TO BE REGULATED

Livestock Sanitary Board Is Endeavoring To Check Poultry Disease.

### MUST DISINFECT ALL CARRIERS OF POULTRY

Unlawful For Any Person to Sell or Offer For Sale Diseased Stock of Any Kind.

The Delaware County Agent has received from R. C. Julien secretary of the state livestock sanitary board, Indianapolis, Regulation No. 19, dealing with the effort to check the spread of the disease affecting poultry.

The regulation affects the shipment of all poultry in this state, and all who raise poultry. It is follows:

"The fact having been determined by the United States Bureau of Animal Industry that a dangerous and fatal disease to poultry exists within the United States and in order to check the spread of the same the Secretary of Agriculture has issued B. A. I. Order No. 291, and also requests the cooperation and assistance of the state live stock officials;

"Therefore, in accordance with the Acts of 1921 and the authority conferred thereon upon the State Live Stock Sanitary Board, they do hereby order that on and after Jan. 1, 1925, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, offer for sale or transport in any manner any poultry which are suffering from or exposed to any infectious disease, or having symptoms of any infectious disease, and no healthy poultry shall be sold, offered for sale, or transported in any manner except in thoroughly cleaned and disinfected crates, coops, railroad cars, wagons, trucks, automobiles or other containers or vehicles, and such cleaning and disinfection shall be repeated as often as such vehicles, crates and containers are known to have contained poultry suffering from any infectious disease, or exposed to the same. All disinfectants used shall be reliable and of sufficient strength."

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## NOTICE OF SALE OF DRAINAGE BONDS.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received in the office of the County Treasurer of Blackford county, Indiana, at the court house in the city of Hartford City, Blackford County, Indiana, up to the hour of two (2) o'clock P. M. of the 12th day of January, 1925, for the purchase of \$10,214.83 of the drainage bonds of Blackford county, Indiana, issued on account of the I. M. Bantz et al ditch. Said bonds will be twenty-one (21) in number, bearing date of January 15, 1925 and for the sum of \$500.00 each except the first bond or bond number one, which will be for the sum of \$214.83 and all bearing interest at the rate of 6% per annum from date, payable semi-annually on the fifteenth day of January and the fifteenth day of July in each year after January 15, 1926, and maturing severally on the 15th day of January and July and each year after January 15th, 1926.

Bond number one is due, January 15, 1926.

Bond number two is due, July 15, 1926.

Bond number three is due, January 15, 1927.

Bond number four is due, July 15, 1927.

Bond number five is due, January 15, 1928.

Bond number six is due, July 15, 1928.

Bond number seven is due, January 15, 1929.

## STAR THEATRE

Muncie's Home of Real Entertainment

Playing only and always the Best Musical Comedy, Vaudeville and Big Feature Moving Pictures.

Entertainment for the entire family. Selected from the world's best Star "Pep" Orchestra. Popular Prices.

SOME PLACE TO GO.

ANOTHER PLACE TO GO

## COLUMBIA THEATRE

The House of Class and Quality

Delaware County's Palatial Home of

PARAMOUNT PICTURES In the Biggest Productions 20-35c Plus Tax. Continuous Magnificent Pipe Organ

ANOTHER PLACE TO GO

## LYRIC THEATRE

Sig Pictures—Bargain Prices

The world's biggest productions and all the favorite stars can be seen here at lower prices than any theatre in America. Make it YOUR theatre.

Children 10c; Adults 15c plus tax

Bond number eight is due, July 15, 1929.

Bond number nine is due, January 15, 1930.

Bond number ten is due, July 15, 1930.

Bond number eleven is due, January 15, 1931.

Bond number twelve is due, January 15, 1931.

Bond number thirteen is due January 15, 1932.

Bond number fourteen is due, July 15, 1932.

Bond number fifteen is due, January 15, 1933.

Bond number sixteen is due, July 15, 1933.

Bond number seventeen is due, January 15, 1934.

Bond number eighteen is due, January 15, 1934.

Bond number nineteen is due, January 15, 1934.

Bond number twenty is due, July 15, 1934.

Bond number twenty-one is due, January 15, 1935.

Said bonds shall be due and payable at the office of Treasurer of Blackford county, Indiana, at Hartford City, Indiana.

Said bonds have been issued in strict compliance with the laws of the State of Indiana, and with an order duly entered upon the records of the Board of Commissioners of said county, authorizing the issue and sale of said board for the purpose of providing funds for the payment of the costs and expenses apportioned to certain lands in Blackford County, Indiana, for the location and construction of the I. M. Bantz et al ditch affecting lands in Blackford, Jay and Delaware counties, established by the circuit court of Blackford County, Indiana, in cause numbered 7222.

Said bonds will be sold according to law to the highest and best bidder and for not less than par value, and the right is reserved to reject any or all bids.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1924.

W. C. HUGHES,  
Auditor Blackford County, Ind.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE  
NOTICE

To the Delaware County Council of Delaware County, Indiana.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the Delaware County Council will meet in the Council and Commissioners' Room, at the Court House, in the City of Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana, on Tuesday the 20th day of January, 1925, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M.; by request of Delaware County Board of Commissioners, to consider appropriations as follows:

No. 90. Dependents Chester North ..... 514.80

No. 70. New Building Co. Infirmary-Poultry House .. 114.20

No. 118 Moore Bridge .... 3,928.01

No. 82 Election Expense .. 224.00

No. 124 Prosecuting Attorney's Office Expense .... 98.65

No. 75. Insurance Children's Home ..... 1,500.00

No. 88 Preliminary Cost Ditches ..... 2,500.00

No. 108 Lon Fuson Bridge. 8,477.58

No further appropriations to be considered or made by the Delaware

County Council at this date, except as herein set out.

Done this the 7th day of January, 1925.

JAMES P. DRAGOON,  
Auditor Delaware County, Indiana.

## CITY ADVERTISEMENTS

Department of Public Works

Office of the Board  
212 Wyso Block,

Muncie, Ind.

Notice of Improvement Resolution

Notice to Property Owners.

In the matter of Certain Proposed

Public Improvements in the City of

Muncie, State of Indiana.

Notice is hereby given by the Board of

Public Works of the City of Muncie,

Indiana, that it is desired and

deemed necessary to make the following described public improvements

for the City of Muncie, Indiana,

as authorized by the following

numbered improvement resolutions

adopted by said Board, on the 6th

day of January, 1925, to-wit:

I. R. No. 1215-1925. For cement

sidewalk and cement curb and gutter

on both sides of West Main Street

from Talley Avenue to Nichols Ave.

I. R. No. 1216-1925. For paving the

alley lying between Calvert Avenue

and Martin Street from University

Avenue to Sutton Street.

I. R. No. 1217-1925. For paving the

alley lying between University Avenue

and North Street from Linden

Street to Greenwood Avenue.

All work done in the making of said

described public improvements shall

be in accordance with the terms and

conditions of the improvement resolution

as numbered, adopted by the

Board of Public Works on the above

named date, and the drawings, plans,

profiles and specifications which are

on file and may be seen in the office

of said Board of Public Works of the City of Muncie, Indiana.

The Board of Public Works has fixed

the 27th day of January, 1925, as a

date upon which remonstrances may

be filed or heard by persons interested

in or affected by said described

public improvements, and on said

date at 7:30 o'clock P. M. said Board

of Public Works will meet at its office

in said City for the purpose of hearing

and considering any remonstrances

which may have been filed, or

which may have been presented; said

Board fixes said date as a date for

the modification, confirmation,

rescinding, or postponement of action

on said remonstrances; and on said

date will hear all persons interested

in whose property is affected by said

proposed improvements, and will decide

whether the benefits that will

accrue to the property abutting and

adjacent to the proposed improvement

and to the said City will be

equal to or exceed the estimated cost

of the proposed improvements, as esti-

mated by the City Civil Engineer.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

By Mary E. Anderson, Clerk.

Advertise on Jan. 9-16-1925.

Forty pounds of candy is too much

for one convict in the Federal Prison,

Leavenworth, Kansas, to receive, or

so Warden Biddle decided. Mrs. John

Barry brought that huge consignment

of candy to prison for her hus-

band, but the warden compromised

on five pounds.

## EBERT, GERMANY'S PRESIDENT, PLANS A NEW CABINET

Hopes to Solve Existing German Parliamentary Crisis by Non-Political Ministry.

## REICHSTAG WILL BE CONVENED TODAY

## Deadlock Between Parties Expected To Frustrate Internal Affairs Legislation.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—President Ebert's

decision to solve the existing par-

liamentary crisis by the formation of

a nonpartisan Cabinet is viewed by

the newspapers as an emergency

measure which is destined to keep

national politics in a state of latent

unrest.

The newly elected Reichstag,

which will hold its inaugural ses-

sion today, is expected to adjourn

immediately after perfecting its per-

manent organization and await the

advent of the new ministry which

Chancellor Marx is expected to

have ready for formal appearance

at a plenary session at the end of

the week.

Recalls Old Crisis

The attempt to bridge over the

present parliamentary deadlock

with a so-called nonpartisan Cab-

inet recalls the crisis of two years

ago, when failure to form a coalition

government induced President