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HE SHOULD KNEEL IN PRAYER

We are in receipt of the Goshen News-Times in which formal announcement is made of the candidacy of Hon. Charles W. Miller for the Republican nomination for governor. His official and party pedigree follows:

His first recognition came to him in 1888 when he was elected mayor of Goshen, having the distinction at that time of being the youngest mayor in the state. He has been a delegate to all the Republican state conventions since 1882 and was a delegate to the Republican national convention that nominated Benjamin Harrison for the presidency in 1892. His first recognition on the state ticket was in 1896, when without any previous arrangement his name was sprung upon the convention for presidential elector at large, resulting in his unanimous nomination. There was no occasion in such capacity for him to show unusual strength as a vote getter other than his personal popularity, yet this element whenever he has been a candidate caused him to lead his ticket in the Thirteenth district, which has been his home since January, 1885; in Floyd county, where he was born February 4, 1863 and grew to manhood; in Clark county, where he taught school; in Hancock county, where he practiced law after his graduation from the law department of the University of Michigan in 1884 and before he located in Goshen—showing that wherever he had lived he was stronger than his party ticket.

The former attorney general is popular with his party in this part of Democratic Indiana, and it is quite probable that he will be played as the favorite. Additional strength is given him and his ambitions because of the fact that up to this time at least, he has not been identified with that notorious Fairbanks' machine. Whether his failure to train with this element was from choice or their refusal to admit him to the inner circles, is not a matter of public knowledge. At any rate, he should not permit a night to pass without kneeling and with reverence give expression of thankfulness for his escape from the chilly atmosphere that encircles the only living iceberg that is fostered within the borders of the good old Hoosier state.

The city of Portland, on Friday night for the first time tried the experiment of placing oil on the city streets to keep down the dust. South Meridian street which was graded and prepared for the test by street commissioner Whiteman, was given a good sprinkling during the early part of the evening. The results will be apparent after the travel of a couple days. If it is successful other streets will be given similar treatment. There was at first some objections to the work by some of the residents along the street, on account of the odor of oil, but these are expected to vanish as soon as the good accomplished is manifest.—Portland Review.

The campaign in Kentucky this year will be one of unusual interest. The prohibition question will cut quite a figure. For the first time in the history of the state the Democrats have practically committed themselves to the abolition of the saloon. The Republicans occupy a somewhat equivocal attitude on that issue, playing a sort of fast and loose policy. This may prove a two-edged sword. A good deal of shaking up in politics has been going on in that commonwealth during the past few years.—South Bend Times.

WE ARE LEADERS

Box Score of Yesterday's Battle

BEHRINGER'S HITTING FEATURE

Locals Put Hunt Out in the Fifth

Richmond Loses to Kokomo and Bluffton to Van Wert.

GAMES TODAY.

Richmond at Decatur.

Kokomo at Bluffton.

Portland at Van Wert.

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

Decatur 11; Portland 2.
Van Wert 4; Bluffton 3.
Kokomo 10; Richmond 3.

STANDING.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Decatur	20	15	.571
Richmond	19	16	.543
Portland	17	16	.515
Kokomo	18	17	.514
Van Wert	15	18	.454
Bluffton	14	21	.400

In one of the greatest battles bees enjoyed by Decatur champs was the last game at Portland. With Mose Krohn on the bench and chief rooters Mr. and Mrs. Studebaker in the grandstand at 10:15, the Decaturites started to maul the ball. Louis Hunt was on the slab, but his curves did not seem to break right, so his outfielders were run ragged. Manager Hunt took his ownself out of the box and put in Gray. There was very small crowd, and those there did not enjoy it. All the hammers throwers left in the seventh inning and went home to tune up their anvils. So rooters, please assist us in our race for the pennant and do not join the anvil chorus. Hoping you will assist us we still remain the same Decatur Champs.

Decatur.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Cullen, 3d	6	1	2	3	2	0
Pierce, rf	5	1	2	0	0	0
Witham, 1b	4	1	2	13	1	0
Burns, lf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Wallace, ss	4	1	1	0	3	1
Behringer, 2b	4	3	4	2	3	0
Johnson, cf	5	2	3	3	0	0
Quinn, c	4	0	1	4	1	0
Laxon, p	5	1	1	1	1	1
Totals	40	11	17	27	11	2

Portland.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Parke, 2b	5	0	1	3	1	0
J. Bramb'gh, 3b	4	0	1	3	1	0
Gray, lf-p	4	0	1	0	3	0
Durham, cf	3	1	2	2	0	0
Carmony, 1b	4	0	0	11	1	1
Brambaugh, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Harmes, c	4	1	0	6	1	0
Thomas, ss	2	0	0	1	2	0
Hunt, p	2	0	0	0	1	3
Wagner, lf	2	0	1	1	0	0
Totals	34	2	6	27	10	4

Summary:

Two base hits—Behringer, Cullen, Witham, Parker, Johnson 2. Home run—Durham. Three base hit—Johnson.

NOTES.

The locals lost the first game of the Kokomo series Tuesday afternoon by loose playing after Pitcher Brown of the visitors had presented the contest to us on a silver platter. Cole was in the box for the locals and was as wild as Pittsburg millionaires but at that he held Kokomo well in hand for nine innings and would have got away with another victory had it not been for his poor support.—Richmond Palladium.

After Richmond's double defeat Monday the Richmond Star, in speaking of the Bluffton team, says: "There is no denying that the base ball ability of the Scrappers was underestimated. Their slow start early in the season alone prevented their being in a better place in the league race today. At that they cannot be held down the ladder long, if they devote themselves more to base ball and less to pugilism."

Manager Frazer of the Dunkirk ball team would like to arrange games with good, fast teams to be played after September 15. Immediately after the close of the season of the I.O. league the bunch will return. The lineup will be as follows: Wolfe, catcher; Stewart, shortstop; Wills or Betz, first baseman; Perdie, second baseman; — third baseman; Campbell, center fielder; Hall, right fielder. Carmichael left fielder and pitcher; Romine and Hay, pitchers.

Pearl Malco, who went from Frankfort to Cedar Rapids team in the Three-I league, reached home on Tuesday, he being threatened with

an attack of appendicitis. He went on to his home at Hillsburg, where, if it becomes necessary, he will undergo an operation. Malco, sent home by Manager Hill on full pay for the remainder of the season and is to report back there next year.—Frankfort Crescent.

Decatur is elated over Van Wert's victories at Fort Wayne. Decatur holds a very pronounced grudge against Umpire Connell and seems to be unable to forget it.—Van Wert Bulletin.

Manager Holthouse, of Decatur, upon receipt of the news of the injury to Captain Wolfe, immediately called the Van Wert management and offered the loan of one of his catchers to bridge over the emergency.—Van Wert Bulletin.

President Kling has ruled that the Labor Day games played between Indiana-Ohio league teams shall be counted in the percentage column. It was understood that the games would not be reckoned because Van Wert and Portland were playing independently, but the ruling hand has decided that they shall be taken into account.—Van Wert Bulletin.

Manager Cleary, of the Fort Wayne Shamrocks, has bobbed up with a smile and is again working energetically for the success of his team. He has discovered that some time ago, years ago in fact, the Shamrocks fell before a Michigan team to the tune of twenty-two to naught, which beats Van Wert's record by one run.—Van Wert Bulletin.

The Van Wert team passed through our city this morning enroute to Portland, where they play two games. Van Wert is now playing a snappy game, and will give the Portlandites some trouble.

The team returned last evening from Portland, where we captured two games from the Jay Birds, and practically put them out of the running. The boys tackle the scrappy Quakers today and Friday and here's hoping we take the two for them a great deal at this time.

Kokomo is making a wonderful spurt in the I.O. league at present and are now only one per cent behind Portland for third place. They are playing at Bluffton today and here's hoping that Bluffton takes the two.

The bragging, blustering Fort Wayne papers are laying low at present and are saying nothing concerning the chesty Shamrocks, who were so unmercifully beaten by Van Wert on Monday. The Shamrocks may be world beaters, but they have no business tackling the I.O. leaguers, especially if they desire to retain their reputation.

A PAIR OF COUNTRY KIDS.

In these strenuous days of frenzied finance and constant hustle it is a pleasure to go to the theater and see a first class up to date play, a company of real actors that can act, sing and dance, all surrounded with art from the scenic artist to take us back to the country and the real old fashioned folks of the farms and villages. To see all this without buffoonery, noisy farce and vulgar cheap specialties is surely an inducement for any one of us to go and spend an evening where we can for the time forget our every day struggle. Such a treat is in store for our theater-goers in the appearance of "A Pair of Country Kids" at the Bosse opera house Monday, September 9. Manager Bosse, from all reports received of this attraction, can guarantee all promises will be filled to the letter. C. Jay Smith, the manager, is keeping faith with the public from all reports, and to all lovers of the rural drama, this is an opportunity to see the best and one that is entirely different from all others.

Schmuck and Miller have a film for tonight's show that represents the strongest subject that he ever been shown at the electric theater. The children's reformatory is the title and the motion pictures show a little boy whose mother has died and he is thrown out in the world. He tries to beg something to eat and when he cannot get it in this manner he is compelled to steal bread to keep from starving. He is arrested and taken and taken to the children's reformatory and finally makes his escape. He is pursued and captured but before being taken back, polished gentleman makes a proposition to the officers that he will adopt the boy which he does and makes a cultured and refined boy out of him. Many morals, don't miss it.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy

It never fails and is pleasant to take. It is equally valuable for children. It is famous for its cures over a large part of the civilised world.

DEBT IS REDUCED

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equipped city plants in the state of Indiana, and one that will not need any improvement for a number of years to come. The report in full as given by Treasurer Archbold is as follows:

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.

Water works bonds \$16,000

North Ward school bldg. 6,500

South Ward school bldg. 12,000

City bonds 49,000

Floating orders 24,135

Total \$107,635

Unpaid 1/2 judgments 2,152

Unpaid amt. on Elm St. sewer 620

Amount on hand in special street and sewer fund 945

\$109,462

Total amount of indebtedness when present council went in, \$123,950.

Amount of reduction made by present council, \$13,488.

The above statement alone shows that the citizens have a just right to place much confidence in the present administration and the coming year may see the indebtedness reduced to far below the one hundred thousand dollar mark. Let us give credit to whom credit is due.

ARE AFTER VILE POSTALS.

Inspector Gathers Them Up When He Finds Them.

"If any one in Portland should receive a postal card or literature of such vile or obscene nature as to be disgusting, it is their right to appeal to the proper authorities. The postal inspectors will take up the complaint on their arrival in the city and trace the objectionable matter to its source if the case warrants arrest, the guilty will be brought to justice as quickly as possible." So declared Postmaster A. J. Frost.

Since the law against obscene post cards and literature went into effect very few cards have been taken from the mail and destroyed at the local office. As a rule the inspector is legitimate to go through the stock of dealers in post cards carry legitimate stock.

All questionable cards or literature are turned over to the postmaster for his consideration. Some of the other offices, especially the larger ones, and to a great extent the New York office, are lax in their inspection of such cards. Cards that would immediately be tabooed if sent from this office, go through the larger offices. The postmaster at this office allows them to continue on their journey. France furnishes more of this kind of mail than any other country. The French cards are especially vile, and tabooed. Dealers obtain large quantities of cards and reap large profits as long as they are successful in avoiding the law.

In the larger cities societies are organized for the purpose of preventing the distribution of such mail. Many a dealer has suffered on account of their efforts. Recently thousands of such cards have been destroyed. In case the dealer is guilty, large fines and in some instances imprisonment are provided for by the law.—Portland Commercial Review.

Flags on English Schools.

In some parts of England the practice prevails of displaying a flag from a schoolhouse roof when every pupil is present. The children take great pride in this and the rivalry between schools is found to improve the attendance.

A Pittsburgh Suggestion.

Inasmuch as there is a law against carrying concealed weapons, it is up to the gents' furnishing stores, while the burg