

## BUNCH OF TROUBLE

Mose Krohn Causes His Bondsmen to be Brought Into Court.

## SOME COMPLICATIONS

Bondsmen Threatened Mose and the Judge Gives Them a Sharp Talk.

Indianapolis, Ind., January 3.—The troubles of Mose J. Krohn, with the federal court were responsible for Tom O'Brien and Tom Bowser, professional bondsmen, and Daniel Brown, Jr., attorney, appearing before Judge A. B. Anderson, of the federal court, and being talked to in a very direct manner.

Judge Anderson informed them that he would not allow any police court methods applied to prisoners who were under the care of the federal court, and he asked O'Brien if he realized that he could be sent to jail if it were shown that certain charges of intimidation had been made by Krohn. Krohn was shown to be true.

Krohn had been arrested a number of months ago on the charge of impersonating a government officer in this city with intent to defraud. He had been released on bond; had been indicted and had failed to appear for arraignment. His bond had been declared forfeited, but later he was apprehended in Freeport, Ill., and Judge K. M. Landis, who was sitting on a federal bench in this city at that time, said the forfeiture would be set aside if the government were reimbursed the expense of apprehending Krohn and bringing him to that city.

When Krohn appeared before Judge Anderson, Monday afternoon, on a charge of guilty, he was questioned and said that he had not intended to defraud any one; that he had not resented himself as a government officer when he had borrowed the money but that he had said some time previously that he was a government officer in a boastful way.

Witnesses bore out his statement, and then Judge Anderson said brought up the matter of Krohn's failure to appear while out on bond. Krohn said that bond had been furnished by Tom Bowser and O'Brien, of this city, and then asked that he had given to them five of \$25 each to pay for the costs of apprehending him and bringing him back. He said also that threats had been made that he would be sent to penitentiary if he did not give the money to the men.

By order of Judge Anderson, Tom Bowser and Dan Brown, Jr., whom Krohn had said called upon the county jail, appeared in court. Judge Anderson asked O'Brien what became of the notes, and he said had sent them to a bank in Freeport, Ill. Krohn was then asked why he had given the notes, and said that he had told him that his offense in jumping his bond "was a serious one, and that he could be sent to penitentiary for it, but that if the money were given by him he would be let off with more leniency. He said that he therefore gave the notes.

O'Brien arose and said that he had not made any threats, but asked Krohn what he was going to do about paying the cost of bringing him to this city, and Krohn had volunteered to give the notes. Brown said that his only connection with the case was that he had been called in by Bowser to call on Krohn and fix up order on the trustee who has charge of Krohn's funds. Bowser disclaimed knowledge of any threats and said that he did not even know that Krohn had been sent to Freeport.

It was after Krohn made his statement in court that he made his allusions to the politics of jail, and he also said that was peculiar that the notes had been sent to Freeport Monday afternoon at about the time it had developed that the notes had been given. He inquired why the notes had been sent at that time, and O'Brien said that so they would arrive by January at about the time that the month's remittance of \$50 for Krohn came due. Krohn receives a monthly remittance from the estate of his father.

The court told O'Brien that he must at once telegraph to Freeport and have the notes and order returned, and that they must be brought to him at once on their arrival. He said that if the

## DR. WILSON TO PREACH HERE

Willer Trial Sermons at Presbyterian Church Sunday.

A Presbyterian church next morning and evening Rev. Dr. Wilson of Winona Lake, brother to the great New York Presbyterian minister, will deliver addresses to the Presbyterian people and their friends. The new minister comes highly recommended for this work and his belief of many that he will be here permanently. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend services. Dr. Foreman, who applied the pulpit for several past, is at his home at Winona recuperating. He was compelled to stop work on account of ill health. His work while here was appreciated by all who heard and the best wishes of all Decatur with him. It is hoped that he will be able to fill the pulpit and remain in our midst.

## MINSTREL SHOW

Viewed from a Different Standpoint—What it Meant to the Elks.

## GOOD PERFORMANCE

Really Interesting Program for Benefit of Charity—Net Proceeds Were \$500.

Our dramatic critic, sporting editor, society and news reporters and even the editorial writer were otherwise engaged last evening and it therefore devolved upon the business manager to "drop in" at the Bosse and take a "squint" at the much talked of Elks minstrel. He expected to see an ordinary home talent production, but he didn't—the show gave every evidence that days, weeks and months of time had been put in by these busy business men, to please the public and secure a fund for charitable purposes. We wonder if those who sat in comfortable seats of the opera house, which by the way was packed both last night and the night before, realized the sacrifice necessary by these Elks. They are not actors, though several of them could make some professionals we have seen look for other jobs—they are business men. As the curtain went up we beheld on the ends, a clothier, grocer, electrician, laundry man, reporter and an ice cream manufacturer, while in the circle were men of every profession and trade. Every part of the program moved off without a hitch—it was good, that expresses it all—and it required the loss of many golden business hours for them to attain the degree of perfection which so highly pleased the large audiences. Do you realize that these men did this not from a mercenary standpoint, not to gain theatrical fame—but because they want to help the poor, the fallen, the unhappy, because the boys of the B. P. O. E. (and the writer is not an Elk) are broad minded, liberal, big hearted, men, to whom the appeals of the suffering always bring sadness and who when their treasury is exhausted go down into their pockets to relieve them. Surely they deserved the "boost" the public gave them.

The entire performance was most creditable, the chorus and every feature being splendid. We believe Messrs. H. L. Conter and Will Schrock are deserving of special mention for their comedy work in their German dialogue. Mr. F. E. France and Mr. True R. Fristoe also aided materially in the success of the big event, the former being the center man and the latter music master. Lou Holthouse also did a remarkably clever turn with his six Fiji Islanders, Johnny Holthouse, Leon Gast, Edmund Bosse, Francis Costello, Charles Kinney and Dick Heller. Every other event of the two hours program was par excellence as all who witnessed can testify. Financially the minstrel was more than anticipated the "gate receipts" totaling \$402, program \$225. "The minstrel News" \$45, grand total of \$672, which, after paying expenses, will leave a balance of about \$500. The community join us in the statement that the Elks are all right.

## WHEELS WILL START

At Coppock Motor Car Company Next Monday Morning.

## OUTLOOK IS BRIGHT

Many Orders Taken—Car Loaded to Capacity to be Run to Cincinnati.

On next Monday morning as was announced some time ago the wheels of the Coppock Motor car factory will start in operation. To begin with, fourteen expert machinists will be employed for the purpose of making the necessary tools that will be used in making the different parts of the car. During the time this work is in progress, however, more men will be employed each week and within a short time this new institution will be a busy place. As an evidence of the prospective outlook for the future of the Coppock company, we are authorized to announce that many orders for their great commercial car have already been received from the larger cities and it is safe to say that the smaller ones will fall in line when the practicability of the car has been fully demonstrated, and its merits are really known as they exist. To advise the people of Decatur in regard to the volume of business that has already been done through the salesmen and office force, we take pleasure in stating that beside the orders we published a short time ago, a car has been sold to the Suburban Auto and Garage Co., of Cincinnati, one of the largest institutions of its nature in that city, and it will be the first shipment from the factory. Acting as agents for the Coppock people, Merkle Brothers, of Cincinnati, will arrive in this city in about two weeks and travel overland back to their home in a Coppock car which will be loaded to its capacity. This will be done for advertising purposes and shows that the car is well constructed. Although in its infancy, the Coppock Motor company promises to rank among the foremost institutions in the country.

## THE 100TH SHOW

Poultry Association Satisfied With Outlook for Next Week's Exhibit.

## ENTRIES ARE COMING

More Prizes and Premiums than Ever—A Famous Judge to Serve.

President D. M. Rice, of the Adams county poultry show, requests us to again call the attention of our readers to the fact that their fourth annual exhibition will be held in this city next week. The entries close Monday evening and the show opens Tuesday morning in the north room of the Weber building on North Second street. Mr. J. E. Gault, of Sycamore, Ohio, one of the noted poultry judges of the country, will serve here and it is believed his work will be decidedly satisfactory. In addition to the cash prizes offered the association will also give a large number of handsome and valuable specials, such as silver cups and club ribbons. Enough entries have already arrived to guarantee a bigger show than ever and if you care to see the greatest lot of chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys ever shown in this section, you should arrange to attend the poultry show here from Tuesday to Friday. The competition is open to the world.

## ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH.

There will be English preaching at our church Sunday evening at 7:00 o'clock. The text chosen for the basis of discourse is found in Matthew 2:1-12. The theme will be: The three stars to illumine our earthly path as we journey through this life. A cordial invitation is extended to the public in general to come and hear this sermon. J. H. Klausung, Pastor.

## CRUSADE ON CORPORATIONS.

Administration Will Take a Few Passes at the Trusts.

Washington, January 3.—Attorney General Bonaparte is disposed to renew with the beginning of the year 1908, the anti-corporation crusade in which his department was engaged prior to the money famine. He will start a new suit soon, and will announce in a formal statement his plans in that connection with reference to the Union Pacific. His suit against the railroad will resemble in many particulars the suit that Attorney General Knox instituted against the Northern Securities Company. It will not, however, be against E. H. Harriman personally. It is understood that the exact grounds for the suit have not been determined, chiefly because one of the special counsel already appointed to represent the government is in Europe. The petition will be filed in Omaha or Kansas City, asking for a dissolution of the combination existing between the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific.

## IN THE SOCIAL WAY

Methodist Ladies Missionary Society to Meet this Evening.

## THE OTHER EVENTS

Big Crowd Attended Country Dance—St. Vincent de Paul Officers.

By Perle Burd, The church societies which are to meet this afternoon to hold their business meetings, and as the day is a regular old time spring day, although it is winter time, there is no doubt that each society will have a full attendance as they deserve.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church meets with Mrs. Fred Snyder of north Ninth street.

The Ladies' Home Missionary society of the Methodist church meets with Mrs. John Niblick on Third street. The leading affair for this evening is the lecture which will be given by Shinzo Ohki, a Japanese lecturer and impersonator, who will take you a ninety days journey over Japan, illustrating with 150 magnificent stereoscopic views. The scenery and noted buildings and places represented in the pictures are fully and graphically described and as Mr. Ohki had himself seen most of the scenes he will be able to give a full and complete description of each. He comes highly recommended and deserves a large house full. It will be given at the Baptist church. Don't fail to hear the lecture. It commences at eight o'clock. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

The Misses Genevieve Mylott and Bessie Baumgartner were the complimentary guests at a six o'clock dinner last evening. The dining room was decorated with nolly and bells, the decorations were very simple, yet gave the finishing touch for this season.

Over one hundred elderly people as well as young people attended from Decatur the dance which was given by Robert Miller on the old Niblick farm, four and one-half miles southeast of the city last evening. As the crowd gathered several games of pedro amused them for a short time, after which they toed the light fantastic until a wee hour of this morn. The music was especially fine and each minute was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests.

Miss Pansy Bell will entertain this evening the Menu-Ates at her home on Third street in honor of Misses Winfred Johnson and Fanny Frysinger.

Mrs. T. R. Moore pleasantly entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Meyers and daughter, Florence, Arthur Hall, John Kemp, of Ithaca, Ohio, Mrs. Laura Crill and son Ralph, at a twelve o'clock dinner yesterday.

Mrs. C. A. Dugan was a hostess at a prettily appointed six o'clock dinner given to small company of

## ANNUAL REPORT

Rev. Wilkens' Statement of Events at St. Marys Church for Past Year.

## READ NEW YEAR'S

Shows Forty-Four Baptisms Ten Funerals and Twelve Marriages.

As is the usual custom, Rev. Theodore Wilken gave out his annual report Wednesday morning as to the marriages, baptisms and deaths of the people of the St. Marys church during the past year. As the record shows there were forty-four baptisms, ten funerals and twelve marriages during 1907, as follows:

Baptisms—Margaret Helen Anderson, Robert Wm. Boyd, Marcella Fr. Keller, Louis Herald Miller, John Elmer Wilson, Mary Ann Herman, Herbert Ed Gass, Mathilda Anna Prover, Agnes Maryha Brown, Clarence C. Helman, Frances H. Meyer, Ester M. Friong, Elizabeth C. Friong, Charles A. Miller, James Smith, Ester Mary Debolt, Mary C. Schafer, Mary Ag. Schmitt, Rosa Mary Johnson, Lawrence Wm. Wulpert, Agnes Fr. Gase, Richard Fr. Mougay, Bernard M. Beckmeyer, Margreth Em. Miller, Mary O. Barnette, Marg. Virg. Lang, Ed. Anth. Voglewede, Bertha Cath. Lengerich, Frances Rosetta Omlor, Ida Ell. Baker, Bernardina A. Christen, Wm. James Holthouse, Theodore H. Knappe, Dolora Margd. Wagner, John H. Alberding, Delphina Leot, Blume, Herman Peter Lashe, Herald R. Tester, Herald Smid, Herald Fl. Christen, Cath. E. Christen, Martha Bl. Freiburger.

Funerals—Barbara Weber, Clara Lengerich, Anna Rumslog, Mary Meyer, Nicolaus Baumgartner, Bernard Beckmeyer, Wm. Miller, Edward Gilson, Josephine Gase.

Marriages—John E. Wilson and Mary Smith, James Neptune and Celestine Kintz, Charles Rumslog and Clara Kortember, Howell D. Chesley

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Motion Filed for New Trial in the Hamil Replevin Case.

## PROBATE BUSINESS

Petition Filed to Sell Real Estate—R. S. Peterson Appointed Special Judge.

Separate and several demurrers were filed by each defendant to the amended complaint in the case of Sarah Gleason, admx. vs. Edward E. Young et al, damages \$5,000.

A motion for a new trial on written reasons was filed in the case of Edward Hamil vs. Otto Bolds, replevin.

Old Adams County Bank vs. John H. Yager et al, to foreclose lien, demurrer overruled; leave granted plaintiff to file additional third paragraph of complaint and same filed.

Amos Hirschy, administrator of Peter Inniger estate filed a petition to sell real estate. A summons for Edward Inniger was issued returnable January 16.

In the matter of the William Elzey estate, John Elzey, executor, the judge of the court having been a counsel for the executor and thus disqualified, appointed Robert S. Peterson as special judge to try this cause.

The new officials at the court house are getting down to business and affairs in each of the offices are gliding along as smoothly as though no change had been made.

Mrs. Laura Baxter and daughter Naomi returned to Fort Wayne after spending the holidays with relatives. Her sister, Mrs. Blanche Elzey, accompanied her back home on business.

## WAS AT RELATIVES FUNERAL.

Decatur Gentlemen Attended Services for Mrs. Overman.

Peter Holthouse, John B. Holthouse, Henry Voglewede, John Voglewede, Ed Myers and Anthony Voglewede returned last evening from Covington, Ky., where they were attending the funeral of Mrs. Overman, an aunt of the above named men. The services were held Thursday morning at the Catholic church of that city. Mrs. Overman was the only aunt of these men and was one of Covington's best known women. She was also well known in this city, having visited here upon numerous occasions. Interment was made in the family burial plot at Covington.

After a vacation of two weeks, during the holidays, the public schools will open again Monday and the regular routine will be carried out. The scholars have seemingly enjoyed themselves and will no doubt be ready to resume work again. School will now continue until the spring vacation.

## POLITICAL ISSUE

Rev. Hinshaw's Act May Defeat Wabash Candidate for Sheriff.

## WOMEN AT WORK

They Say Freeman Should Have Denounced Wife Before Election.

Wabash, Ind., January 3.—Rev. William E. Hinshaw, who was committed for murdering his wife in 1895, and who was paroled by Governor Durbin as the latter was about to retire from office ten years later, has become an issue in the politics of Wabash county. Two years ago George Freeman, a well known business man of the county, was elected sheriff, and two days after the ballots were counted he made complaint to Durbin in effect that Hinshaw had invaded the sanctity of his home. Investigation showed that Mrs. Freeman and Hinshaw had been sweethearts in their youth and that they had met clandestinely. It also developed that Freeman knew of the liaison, but that he concealed this knowledge and continued to live with his wife through fear of the effect that publicity might have upon his canvass for sheriff.

But as soon as he was sure of his election he cast his wife off and made public his charges against Hinshaw.

The minister-convict was arrested and brought before Governor Hanly on charges of having violated his parole, a condition to his release from prison having been that he deport himself like a man and violate no laws of the state. Freeman appeared as prosecutor and told the story of his broken home, not concealing the fact that he had condoned his wife's offense for months out of fear of defeat for sheriff and that he had cast his wife off as soon as victory was assured.

Hinshaw made no reasonable defense and he was sent back to prison to serve out a life sentence. This was followed soon after by notice that Mr. and Mrs. Freeman had buried their differences and she had been received again into his home as a wife.

Freeman is a candidate for a second term as sheriff and the women of the county are making a bitter fight upon him. Some of them are going over the county visiting wives and mothers, exhorting them to use their influence in Freeman's defeat. It is charged that in order to compass his election two years ago, he concealed his wife's offense and held her before the community as a worthy wife and respectable woman, and then cast her off when the act could not jeopardize his election. They declare that such a man is not fit to hold office and they promise to labor incessantly for his defeat if he is re-nominated.

Several of the games in the billiard tournament are scheduled for this evening at the DeWitt smoke house and tomorrow may see some very decided changes in the standing. Bart France is still leading, but is being pressed closely by his fellow competitors. The tournament has been a success to date and has caused considerable sport for the fans. As soon as this one is completed another one will be started.

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## STRIKE CONTINUES

Muncie Still Excited Over Street Car Strike—Streets Crowded.

## MANY ARRESTS TODAY

A Hundred Special Police on Duty—Don't Want Militia to Come.

Muncie, Ind., January 3.—(Special) —The strike continues in full blast and though no rioting occurred up to noon, the streets were crowded all day and frequent demonstrations occurred, though nothing serious. Mayor Guthrie says that he will positively not ask for the militia as he thinks the local officers will be able to handle the trouble. A hundred special policemen were put on duty this morning and the labor leaders are assisting the officers in every way possible to quell the disturbances. The riot leaders are being arrested as fast as possible, the jail and city prison being full of rioters and more coming in constantly. At present the outlook for an immediate settlement does not seem at all bright. The trouble is all on the city lines, there being no effort to cause damage along the interurbans, the first report of any kind coming from near Bluffton, where one of the high tension wires was cut last evening.

## ARE AFTER HUGHES

The President's Friends Oppose Endorsement of Hughes.

## TARIFF AGREEMENT

Advocates of a Ship Subsidy Are Getting Busy in Congress.

Washington, January 3.—Heroic efforts to prevent the republicans of New York state from presenting Governor Hughes as a presidential candidate are being made. It is now pretty well understood here that the white house is in direct command of the anti-Hughes campaign. Herbert Parsons, the president's lieutenant in the fight that is being made, has caused a poll of the New York republican county committee to be made, and from white house sources comes the information that this poll shows a majority of the members of the committee have promised to oppose any endorsement of Hughes at the meeting of the county committee on January 16, the date of the next meeting. Hughes' friends have also been making a poll of the committee and are disposed to believe they will have the votes to put through the Hughes resolution.

Washington, January 3.—The finishing touches were today added to the draft of an agreement between America and France under section 3 of the Dingley act, which has been in preparation.

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