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GIVE IT UP

The special elections held in various Indiana legislative districts on Thursday certainly emphasize the truth of what The Star has so often said about the result of the November election, so far as the state ticket and the legislature are concerned, being in doubt. All of the elements tending toward Democratic gains were out in full force in the contests which brought the Republican plurality in Delaware county down from 2,334 to 272, and in one senatorial district supplanted a Republican by a Democrat. If these two elections are trustworthy indexes of the state at large Indiana will elect Marshall as its governor and a Democratic legislature to choose the successor to Senator Hemenway.

It is unnecessary to do more than briefly enumerate the causes of this Republican disaffection, as we have frequently presented them. There is intense dissatisfaction with the rule of the so-called Fairbanks machine—a feeling especially strong in the Eighth congressional district, including Delaware county, as Mr. Cromer's recent vicissitudes and the election of a Democratic congressman abundantly testify. The elevation of the liquor question to pre-eminence if not to the exclusion of everything else in the campaign has driven from the Republican party the so-called liberal element, which has hitherto helped it to many a victory, and the accession of temperance Democrats in equal numbers is so far problematical. The Democratic hope of Bryan's election and the popularity of the Democratic candidate for governor seem to have imbued the party with unusual courage and cohesiveness, so that the discipline at the disposal of leaders like Taggart and Lamb is evidently of remarkable force and effect. It is an impressive sight to see well-known temperance Democrats in the legislature openly organizing the minority against county option and in favor of the brewery dictated Democratic program.

No estimate of the situation would be truthful or complete that does not take account of the personality of Governor Hanly which, on the one hand, has been advantageous to his party in arousing to enthusiasm men

and women already converted to the anti-saloon cause, but which, on the other hand, has angered and alienated many Republicans who resent any one man's arrogating to himself all the wisdom of the party and all the moral virtues of the entire population. If county option fails, and if the Democrats should win in November, we believe the chief contributory cause will prove to have been the resentment engendered by Governor Hanly's dictatorial habit and arrogant demeanor, and the blame for Republican defeat, should it come will lie on him.

Of course the fight is not yet over. The campaign of education on the brewery saloon issue has not yet reached its climax. It is easily conceivable that numbers who voted on Thursday to rebuke Mr. Hanly and other numbers, as in Delaware county, who did not go to the polls at all, will vote the Republican ticket in November. It is noteworthy that the rural districts of Delaware county returned a larger Republican plurality than usual on the county option issue, but that in Muncie itself the anti-saloon districts did not poll anything near their normal vote, while in the "wide open" districts the vote was very heavy. When these Republicans come to the November polls, attracted by the presidential issue, they may vote the Republican state, legislative and local as well as the national tickets. On the other hand, the vote in the rural senatorial district of Newton, Jasper, White and Starke counties certainly contradicts all that we have been lead to believe of the strength of county option and Governor Hanly in the state at large. —Indianapolis Star (Rep.).

Since Rev. W. E. McCarty (for fifty years a preacher and equally as long a grafter) has admitted that he is on "Uncle" Nate's pay roll, the senator fully realizes that his days of usefulness as a letter writer are over and on Thursday the senator had another renegade preacher cornered and another letter may reasonably be expected. —Portland Sun.

The statement that the temperance voters remained away from the polls in Delaware county is hardly borne out by the figures. Two years ago the total vote for representative was 9,988. This time the total vote is 9,768, or 216 votes less than were cast two years ago, when the Republican majority was 2,334. What the stay-at-home vote might have done is problematical, with the chances about even. —Columbia City Post.

Congressman Adair is now speaking to his own friends and neighbors in Jay county, and at each and every meeting he is being enthusiastically received, and the crowds outnumber those of any former campaign. Notwithstanding the mean and contemptible back door methods that characterize the campaign of "Uncle Nate" popular sentiment is clearly and unmistakably with Mr. Adair, and Jay county will furnish its share of the

votes that will again elect him as a representative from the eighth congressional district.

The National Bank of Commerce of Kansas City was the largest bank in the Missouri Valley. It was so large and so prosperous that it excited the jealousy of all its rivals. It had about \$25,000,000 of deposits when the Republican "fury" came in the fall of 1907. The Standard Oil company jealous of its growth, started false reports, and caused depositors to withdraw their money. On the second of December, when the government report was called for, it was shown that these false reports had caused a reduction of \$16,000,000 in deposits. The bank officials did not dare to reopen on the following Monday for fear of a run and the sacrifice of securities at half value. So they "liquidated" and the stockholders and officers lost largely. Had the bank been guaranteed, the tongue of slander would have been harmless. No withdrawals would have been caused by false reports. The premium of one 20th of one per cent for guaranty of deposits would have been cheap to the bank's stockholders.

DISCUS POLITICS

Hon. D. E. Smith and J. C. Moran Deliver Great Speeches in Blue Creek

ORGANIZE 30c CLUBS

Speeches Were Made in Several Other Townships Last Evening

Perhaps one of the most enthusiastic meetings of a political nature that has ever been held in Blue Creek township was that of last night, when the Hon. J. C. Moran and D. E. Smith of this city entertained a large audience at election school house by addresses which were indeed interesting. Accompanied by County Chairman Thomas Gallogly and a representative of the Democrat, the speakers left the city last evening at five o'clock, arriving at the school house in ample time to convene the session at eight o'clock, and it was but a few minutes until the room was packed to its capacity with advocates of Democracy as well as Republicans. Attorney Moran was first called upon an eloquent and forceful manner he discussed the issues of the pending campaign to the complete satisfaction of all; in fact he evoked vociferous demonstration from his hearers as he would score points or pay tribute to Bryan, the greatest of all statesmen, and using the words of the speaker, the only real representative of the common people. For more than one hour the attorney indulged in a fair and convincing argument dwelling principally on the temperance, trust and guarantee deposit questions. The closing of this address was a signal for the opening of an eloquent speech by David E. Smith and he too consumed an hour's time in impressing the voters of Blue Creek township as to their duty in this campaign. The speaker, always oratorical, seemed to be at his best last evening, and he scored many points in favor of Democracy, and he was well received by his every auditor. Mr. Gallogly assumed control of the meeting at the conclusion of the address and he announced the intention of organizing a Bryan and Kern thirty-cent club. The officers were chosen, after which but a few moments elapsed until a large membership had been enrolled and a goodly amount of money collected to be used in aiding to defray the expenses of the campaign.

John F. Snow of this city addressed a large audience at Monroe last evening, and in the course of the session created much enthusiasm in behalf of the representatives of Democracy. For an hour and thirty-five minutes he talked, and at the close of same he organized a Bryan and Kern club with a membership of at least forty. It was a great session.

Attorney H. B. Heller of this city and W. L. Thornhill of Wabash township held a Democratic meeting in Jefferson township last evening, and a rousing session was experienced. The able speakers left nothing unsaid that would tend to explain the political situation and the large number present. (Continued on page four.)

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Arnold Ditch Petition Declared Sufficient—Commissioners Appointed

LOU KELLER GUILTY

And Pays His Fine—Two Notaries Appointed—Other Legal Affairs

Herman L. Conter vs. Fort Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co., damages \$250, motion filed by defendant for an order against plaintiff to make each paragraph of complaint more specific.

The Edward L. Arnold et al drain petition was submitted, finding that petition is in legal form and in all things sufficient and referred to L. I. Baumgartner and Charles Morrison and Joseph D. Winans, who will meet at the country clerk's office on Friday, September 25, to qualify and will report their action to court on October 15.

Louis Keller, indicted by the grand jury for permitting persons in his saloon on July 4, 1907, appeared and pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.00 and costs.

W. A. Lower, as administrator of the Massius M. Dailey estate, filed an inventory and a petition to sell hay press at private sale and same was ordered.

Earl B. Adams and L. A. Graham, both of this city, have been appointed notaries public and filed bonds for \$1,000 each.

Christopher Byer et al transferred to Monroe Myer a tract of land in Blue Creek township for \$2,600; Susan Kirk et al sold a farm in Wabash township to Henry Decker for \$1,000.

The case of Joseph Wolfe vs. Washington Wolfe, for appointment of guardian, has been dismissed.

A marriage license was issued to Henry Hogist, aged thirty-seven, a salesman at Reno, Nevada, and Augusta Kirchner, aged thirty-one, of this county. Mr. Hogist was born in Baden, Germany.

HE SAILED TODAY

John Frisinger Left Antwerp on His Way to this City

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John Frisinger, of the firm of Frisinger & Sprunger, of this city left Antwerp today on his trip home, with thirty head of the finest draft stallions and mares ever brought to this country. The trip usually requires thirteen days on the water, which would land him in New York on October 2nd and allow him to reach here two weeks from today, though it is more likely that he will not get here until two weeks from Monday. This firm are becoming known as one of the largest and best in their line, and each year dispose of more stock than the one before. Mr. Sprunger, who manages the business at this end, has just returned from a trip to the state fairs of Indiana and Michigan, where they won a large per cent of the premiums. It is said the animals now enroute are the best ever brought to Decatur and that's going some. The arrival of this load of horses will be awaited with interest by the many who admire good stock.

The M. E. Sunday school will make promotions tomorrow. All pupils are requested to be present.

The C. B. L. of I. will meet at their hall in the Allison block next Tuesday evening, September 20th. A full attendance is desired as arrangements will be made for an entertainment.

MILLINERY OPENING.

Thursday, Sept. 24, at Mrs. Boesse, 225-5t

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WESTERN CANADA

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tion from it. However, he seemed to have been principally impressed with the good things he had had to eat and drink, and the people with whom he had traveled, one of whom was Hon. Arthur Hawkes, of the Canadian Northern R. R. I do not blame him for either. We had Mr. Hawkes with us for two days, and besides being a splendid courteous gentleman, he is a thoroughly well informed man on everything pertaining to Canada. He has a forceful convincing way of telling things that makes one remember them, for instance, when he told us the sample of wheat he was showing—he had a special car decorated with all kinds—but this particular brand was in a tin wash basin, yielded fifty bushels to the acre and weighed sixty-five pounds to the bushel. I for one remembered it, although I hadn't an idea before whether it ought to yield sixty-five bushels to the acre and weigh fifty lbs. to the bushel. The Record-Herald man seemed to think Canada and the United States would annex each other through their mutual admiration for mint juleps and Scotch high balls. However, the mint julep and Scotch high ball part of our population is not what they want in Canada: it is what we would like to give them. They want the good, honest, capable farmer and business man. Everywhere they told us the farmers from the States were the best settlers they had, and we told them we had the best in the United States right here in Adams county. They have land to give away, land to sell from three dollars an acre up to fifty. As Mr. Hawkes said it's worth a hundred, but we sell it for four. I wish I could give you an impression of the Canadian wheat fields. As far as eye can reach to the right and to the left, rising up to meet the blue of the sky is the unbroken fields of golden grain. Most of it was cut and shocked ready for the threshers the latter part of August, being their harvest time. As we looked and thought of the wealth each year produced from that rich black soil the marvelous growth of the towns we visited, and the railroad over which we were traveling, did not seem the fairy tale it had before. The Canadian Northern R. R. way has a record of building a mile a day for twelve years.

Fort Frances in the Rainy River district was our first stop in Canada. We were to have had some time in Winnipeg, the Chicago of Canada, but owing to a wreck which I have mentioned before, we were compelled to miss both that city and Portage la Prairie. We arrived at Kamsack early Wednesday morning, Aug. 26th, and as it was our first glimpse of a Canadian frontier town, we were much interested. Soon after we left this town we began to notice the thatched roofs of the Doukabor homes. Mr. Hawkes kindly explained their history, manners and customs to us. Their religious fanaticism has been much exaggerated by the newspapers. Only a few of them having gone on the pilgrimage generally supposed to have been the whole settlement. They are an industrious, economical class of people. Their land is well kept and they are exceptionally kind to animals. The story that they work their women to the plow to save their horses was emphatically denied by the Canadians. When they first came to Canada from Russia they were so poor they had no animals, so perhaps fifty women would get hold of a plow and pull it. The men have all the latest improved machinery, but the women still use the most primitive methods of doing work, washing in the river in the old fashioned way. They have accomplished what no other community have ever been able to do. Eight thousand of them live in a commune, that is hold everything in common, each drawing whatever is necessary from the general fund. Mr. Hawkes predicted that when the first Doukabor woman wore a feather in her hat it would be all off. Each family would then have to look out for itself. The women do exquisite drawn work, which in the early days of struggle to get a foothold was quite a source of revenue to the community. We passed a great many small lakes or rather ponds on which were hundreds of wild ducks. The sportsmen in our party wished for their guns and a little time. We arrived at Humbolt a bustling little business place, at noon on Wednesday, August 26. Here we found ready one of those appetizing meals already referred to. The land around Humbolt sells from ten to fifteen dollars an acre and is adapted to mixed farming. We arrived at Saskatoon at 17 o'clock 5 o'clock p. m. Saskatoon, the word has a little jingle all its own, and the town is a wonder. Five years ago it was open prairie except for a few straggling houses. Today it is a town of seven thousand, a railway center and distributing point. Beautifully situated on the banks of the Saskatchewan river with broad streets, good sewerage and pure water. There

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are three large school houses, ten hotels fifteen churches, three hospitals. The stores looked good to me. One meat market especially attracted my attention. The counters were of white marble from the floor up, all fittings being nickel. Nothing could be bought in Saskatchewan province after six o'clock. That is the law and laws are made to be kept in this country. Everybody respects and obeys the law which is a mighty good thing. The hotels in a town of seven thousand seemed a great many. They were all large buildings, well kept and well furnished. There are two reasons why every town in Canada is well supplied with good hotels. Many people are coming, some seeking homesteads, others investment. A man to obtain a license for the sale of liquor must run a hotel with at least fifty rooms. There are no buffets, saloons or other places for obtaining drinks except at the hotel bars. Saskatoon has also two daily newspapers. If there is one thing more than another the people believe in it is printer's ink. Our train looked like a well stocked job printing established every time we returned to it after being in a town for an hour. If any one who reads this article would like to know more we can surely supply him with literature, giving full particulars. In the evening a reception followed by a dance was tendered us at the city hall. A doctor's wife who had formerly lived at Rochester, N. Y., told us how

much she liked the country. She said she missed some things she had at home, but the opportunities in western Canada were so great it entirely overbalanced other considerations. Saskatoon will soon have seven railroads, the most important one being a branch road, the ownership of which has not been entirely determined, that is, whether the government will build and lease it, or grant the franchise to a corporation. This road will run directly to Fort Churchill on Hudson Bay, thus shortening the distance to Liverpool many thousand miles. As Europe must always be Canada's best grain market, the towns along this road will be wonderfully benefited by its construction. (To be continued.)

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