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BRYAN WILL BE HERE

Democratic Candidate for President Will Visit Decatur October 31st

AT EIGHT A. M. Peerless Commoner Will Deliver Speech in this City

William Jennings Bryan, the great commoner, Democratic candidate for the presidency, will visit Decatur, arriving at eight o'clock a. m. on the morning of Saturday, October 31. It is needless to say that although the hour is early, this greatest of all Americans who has been honored in nearly every state and nation of the world, will be received by an immense throng of his admirers. On two former occasions when Mr. Bryan came to Decatur, he was heard by thousands and as his visit this year comes on the very eve of election it is quite probable that the largest crowd which ever gathered in this city will be here. No arrangements have been made nor will they be announced for a day or two. The news was received by the local committee from L. G. Ellingham, the district committeeman, who has been in Indianapolis for a day or two. Whether or not the day will be the occasion for a day celebration or not has not been determined, but at any rate it will be a big occasion. Of that you may rest assured. For the first time in history the two candidates for the presidency will visit this city within a week, Mr. Taft coming on the 24th and Mr. Bryan just one week later. Get out your campaign horn for its going to be hot enough from now on to election day to suit the most exacting democrat or republican.

WOLFE IS RELEASED

Was Admitted to Bail in Sum of \$5,000 this Morning

WHICH IS FURNISHED

Young Man Liberated—Grand Jury Will Probably Investigate

Charles Wolfe, the young man accused of the murder of Jacob Mangold, on October 8th was this morning released from the county jail. His attorneys, Peterson & Moran and Dore B. Erwin filed a motion that he be admitted to bail and after considering the matter the judge granted same, fixing the amount of said bail at the sum of \$5,000. This was promptly furnished, the paper being signed by Charles Wolfe, the defendant and by his father, Joseph Wolfe, William Adler, a well known farmer of Kirkland township and Frederick Schaefer the hardware merchant of this city. The bond was immediately given his liberty. Just what further action will be taken is not known at this time, but it is probable that the investigation will be completed by the grand jury which meets next month, when the charge may be changed from murder to assault with intent to murder.

The ticket holders for "A Bachelor's Honeymoon" will please remember that the reserved seat sale opens at 7:30 a. m. Monday, October 19th, instead of eight o'clock as previously announced.

LEAVE GREEN FOR SOCIALIST

Germans of Peru Alliance Object to County Option Vote.

Peru, Ind., Oct. 14.—The German Alliance of Peru, which consists of more than 300 Democrats who are members of the Marshall Club, has endorsed Robert Duderstadt, the Socialist nominee for representative from Miami county. The action of the alliance is due to Burton Green, Democratic nominee voting for county option at the extra session of the legislature.

A \$12,500 PATENT

J. F. Hocker and B. M. Smith of Monroe Dispose of Lawn Mower Sharpener

A GREAT INVENTION

Vermont Firm Buy Patent With View That It is Best on Market

An invention but a few months ago looked upon by many to be but ordinary, has, as a consequence of a business deal of yesterday, annexed \$12,500 to the wealth of Messrs. J. F. Hocker and B. M. Smith, of Monroe. These gentlemen, for years engaged in the hardware business at Monroe, conceived the idea that a lawn mower sharpener, one that could be purchased at a reasonable price and operated conveniently, was in great demand, and they at once set to work to employ their ideas in the invention of such a device. They began work during the early part of last winter and realizing that success was assured, they disposed of their hardware store to give their entire time to the invention. Months of diligent work and study culminated in the realization of their fondest hopes, and a patent was immediately secured from the government. Hocker and Smith then placed advertisement in many of the leading papers and magazines and inaugurated the construction of a building in which the sharpeners were to be made. Thousands of orders had been received by the men from many of the big city wholesalers. However, a gentleman representing a Vermont firm called on the patentees yesterday afternoon and he was there for business. Having seen the picture of the invention in a paper he was convinced that it was the best on the market and he had called to buy at any price. After a lengthy conference, it was agreed that the Vermont firm pay \$12,500 for the patent in cash with the option of paying \$17,000 in yearly payments of \$1,000 each. An iron clad contract was duly signed and the patent disposed of. A royalty of 15 cents on each one dozen sharpeners sold is to be paid the Monroe men in the event that the firm pays for the patent in annual installments. Hocker and Smith also reserved the right to supply the orders they had taken. This great invention not only reflects credit upon them, but should cause a sense of pride to characterize each Adams county individual. The price paid for it is indicative of its practicability and the inventive ability of the inventors. The sharpener spoken of sells at fifty cents retail. It is arranged so that it can be placed on the mower and the blades will be sharpened by simply operating the mower back and forth.

"THE QUEEN OF THE ROCKIES"

"The Queen of the Rockies" which will appear at Bosse's opera house for one night, Friday, October 16, is one of the latest melodrama hits on the road today, having had a run of 300 nights in New York and Boston. A romance of the golden west, with a powerful company and elaborate scenic effects. An American play for American people. The New York World says: "The immense house scarcely recovered its equilibrium and was trembling with excitement and rattling the roof with shouts and hand clappings from beginning to end."

A SERIOUS INJURY

Was Sustained by Dr H. E. Keller this Morning as Result of Runaway

HORSE FRIGHTENED

At Passing Automobile and Dashed Into Electric Light Pole

Frightened by the muffling of an automobile driven by Edwin Fledderjohann, the horse belonging to Dr. H. E. Keller lunged desperately down Mercer avenue this morning, coming in contact with an electric light pole and hurling the doctor twenty-five feet the physician sustaining a serious wound in the head as a consequence thereof. Dr. Keller had driven south to visit a patient and returning, had reached Mercer avenue when the automobile passed. The horse did not display signs of fright until the machine was nearly passed, when he strated on the wild rampage. Mr. Keller made an attempt to stop the animal, but in vain. It dashed into a pole, the buggy being left there, while the horse proceeded on its way. Mr. Keller held to the lines until he was dragged several feet, loosening his grasp responsive to his hard fall on his head and shoulders. His head struck a projecting stone, leaving a gash three or four inches long and quite deep. Mr. Fledderjohann conveyed the injured man to his home, where the wound was cared for and it is thought he will recover without much inconvenience. In the meantime the horse was captured by John Robison and returned to the Keller home. James Fristoe, who witnessed the terrible accident, cared for Mr. Keller by washing the wound before he was taken to his home.

LET'S BEGIN TODAY

Everybody Get in Line and Smoke Home Made Cigars—Why Should We Not?

THEY ARE THE BEST

And Furthermore We are Duty Bound to Encourage Home Industry

A question which is indeed difficult to answer is, Why are not the Decatur cigar makers entitled to the patronage of home people? Many are willing to say that they are, but few are willing to make it real by smoking home cigars. Why it is that towns like Bluffton, Fort Wayne and others give the home cigar manufacturers their unswerving support and Decatur does not is a fact calling for the careful consideration of all. It is true that the people of these towns respect this industry as one which greatly benefits the city and why should they not? The cigar makers deal at home, they spend their good money with the local merchants, and are a factor in the business interests of a city not to be underestimated. If this is applicable at Bluffton, Fort Wayne and other places, why would it not be good in Decatur? Decatur cigar consumers, to the man, have a perfect right to smoke home cigars, they are duty bound to do it and if they stop for a moment and consider what it will mean to them, they will do it. Think of the many brands made here. Look them over, try them, and then if you say that you must buy a foreign cigar to satisfy a peculiar taste you are certainly impartial to home industry. The local cigar manufacturers are striving hard to please their customers; they are bidding for the patronage of the people who owe them their support and let's everybody get in line, buy home made cigars and smoke them with a consciousness that we are thus advancing the business interests of old Decatur. Begin today, do not delay for to neglect will never pay. Try a Stand.

INFECTED CATTLE EXAMINED

Tuberculosis Conference at University of Illinois.

Champaign, Ill., October 14.—A tuberculosis conference, in session at the University of Illinois, has brought together a number of scientists. Prof. R. H. Russell, dean of the college of science at the University of Wisconsin; Dr. Bang, of Copenhagen, Denmark; Dr. Pierson, dean of the college veterinary science at the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Dyson, a prominent veterinary scientist at the Union stockyards, Chicago, are among those who have delivered addresses. This afternoon, five cattle, infected with tuberculosis, were slaughtered and a practical investigation of the diseased parts was made. The sessions will come to a close tonight.

TABOOS INSURANCE SCHEME.

Tennessee Commission Excludes Security Life of Chicago.

Nashville, Tenn., Oct. 14.—State Insurance Commissioner Rea U. Folk today ordered that the contracts issued by the Standard Trust Company of Nashville on policies issued in the Security Life Insurance Company of America, with executive offices in Chicago, be discontinued, and if the Security Life Insurance Company of America desires to operate in Tennessee it must offer its policies on their merits and without any scheme such as he has designated, the guarantee bond, issued in connection with such policies by the Standard Trust Company of Nashville.

KEEPS HIS WORD

Bryan's Promised Announcement of Campaign Contributions

IS MADE PUBLIC

Tom Taggart Gave \$1,000 and Abe Simmons of Bluffton Gave \$200

New York, N. Y., Oct. 15, 1908.—

(Special to Daily Democrat)—Bryan's promised announcement of the list of contributors to the Democratic national campaign fund was made today.

I came in the form of a statement over the signature of National Chairman Mack and Treasurer Herman Rieder and shows that of the \$248,567.55 received up to and including October 9th, \$97,712.33 came in contributions of one hundred dollars or more and \$115,355.22 came in contributions of less than \$100 each and \$42,500 was left over from the Democratic convention fund subscribed by Denver for receiving the convention. The statement also shows that \$225,962.88, has been spent and the balance on hand is \$22,604.67. A plea is made for \$100,000 additional to carry on the remainder of the campaign. The number of contributors is estimated at fifty thousand and of the whole amount \$100,000 came through the efforts of the newspapers. The statement adds that printing ordered and undelivered expenses of the bureau at Chicago and New York, and traveling expenses necessary for the speaking campaign will necessitate the additional \$100,000 for which the appeal is now made.

In Indiana Tom Taggart gave \$1,000 and Abram Simmons, of Bluffton, gave \$200, these being the only two contributions from individuals in Indiana of over \$100.

The next morning at six o'clock we arrived in Souris, not too early, however, for the good citizens to be up and doing. There were carriages waiting to take any who cared to go to see the country, although we had just an hour to stay. Several men took the drive and pronounced the country around the thriving little town of 1,800 people as good as any we had seen. One million bushels of wheat last year was marketed at Souris.

We had all been looking forward to the next town on our schedule—Brandon, the home of Hon. C. W. Speers, of whom I have spoken before. Mr. Speers' two young daughters were waiting at the station and when Mr. Speers introduced them we knew he had reached the climax of the best and most beautiful he had to present to us in Canada. Brandon is a thriving city of 15,000 inhabitants, with broad streets, fine public building and beautiful homes. Near the city is an insane asylum, a large stone structure with fine grounds. We were much interested in the experimental farm and Methodist school for Indian children. The government pays \$25 a year for each pupil. In the city is a grand building used for a winter fair. Brandon being situated in the heart of the wheat-growing district of Manitoba, with good railway facilities, makes it a center for shipping and manufacturing. The liberal policy of the municipal government toward new industries is bringing many institutions to this place. At noon we enjoyed a splendid luncheon with the usual speaking which was in a particularly happy vein.

Late in the afternoon of the same day we left Brandon for Winnipeg.

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W.R.C. CONVENTION

Convened at Hartford City this Morning at Ten O'Clock

A GREAT TIME

Is Anticipated—Several Decatur Ladies Left for That Place

The annual convention of W. R. C. of the eighth district convened at Hartford City this morning and a general good time is anticipated. The district is composed of Fort Wayne, Decatur, Marion, Portland, Bluffton, Hartford City, Montpelier, Jonesboro, Geneva, Fairmount and Matthews and delegations representing each of these cities were present. The following Decatur ladies left this morning to attend the convention: Mesdames John Mylott, Joshua R. Parrish, Geo. Louthan, Michael Wertzberger, Joseph Hower, Theodore Kennedy, Ed Lyons, Cap. Hildebrand, Elias Crist and Thomas Mallonee. The convention is being held at the G. A. R. hall at Hartford City and the members of that corps have made preparations for a great time. The district officers are: President Estella Huffman, Hartford City; senior vice president, Emma Sturgis, Bluffton; junior vice president, Louise Kennedy, Decatur; secretary, Eppie M. Stewart, Hartford City; treasurer, Minnie Porter, Montpelier; chaplain, Lydia Seegar, Marion; conductor, Sarah Daugherty, Hartford City; guard, Ida B. Crim, Portland; assistant conductor, Amelia Wilber, Hartford City; assistant guard, Mary Pope, Jonesboro; press correspondent, Lucia Kintz, Fort Wayne; color bearers, Bessie Cline, Jonesboro, Maggie Louthan, Decatur, Elizabeth Thorn, Fairmount, Annie Winans, Fort Wayne; musician, Lydia DeVore, Montpelier.

END OF JOURNEY

Mrs. Ellingham Writes Closing Account of Canadian Trip

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ARREST STEALERS OF WAGONS

New York Authorities Capture Gang of Merchandise Thieves.

New York, Oct. 14.—By the arrest of nine men, who were arraigned in court today, the police believe they have solved the mystery of the disappearance of 100 delivery wagons and horses and merchandise valued at \$100,000 in this city in the last few months. Twelve of the stolen rigs, all repainted, were found in a stable at Central avenue, Brooklyn. Nearly every one of the wagons was taken while delivering goods.

TREND IS TO BRYAN

Cincinnati Enquirer Straw Vote Shows Great Democratic Gains

MANY IN INDIANA

Have Decided to Cast Their Vote for Bryan and for Marshall

Cincinnati, October 14.—The chief feature of the Enquirer's secret straw vote, published today, is the part devoted to the canvass at Indianapolis. Included in the voting were the employees at the H. Lieber picture frame factory, Ott Furniture company, Hetherington and Berner plant, Century building, together with a general canvass. Stores, factories, office buildings, cigar stores and saloons were polled to get a line on the sentiment in the city.

At Lieber's picture frame factory the vote was: Bryan 37; Taft 12; Debs 2; Hisgen and Chafin 1 each. Forty-two voted the Democratic state ticket and 7 the Republican. Ten Republicans will vote for Bryan, but no Democrat will support Taft. The changes in the state ticket are: Republican to Democrat, 16; Democrat to Republican 3.

At the Ott Furniture company's plant the majority of the men are for Bryan. The returns from there were: Bryan 28; Taft 7; Debs 2; Hisgen and Chafin 0. The vote on the state ticket was as follows: Republican 3; Democrat 26; Socialist and Prohibition 3 each.

Five Republicans will vote the national and state Democratic tickets. Two Democrats will vote for Taft, but no Democrat will change his vote on the state ticket.

The men employed at the Hetherington & Berne structural iron works gave Bryan 33 votes; Taft 13; the other three candidates were ignored. State ticket: Democrat 33; Republican 7. The only changes in votes will be Republican to Democrat, Bryan will get 10 Republican votes and the candidates on the state ticket 7. In the Century building, where there are a number of manufacturing concerns, the vote was: Bryan 46; Taft 38; Debs and Hisgen 0; Chafin 1. State ticket Democrat 51; Republican 26. Nineteen Republicans will support Bryan and only 2 Democrats will vote for Taft. In the state election the change from Republican to Democrat is 25, and Democrat to Republican 2.

In the general canvass of Indianapolis Bryan's vote was 423; Taft 353; Debs 14; Hisgen 2; Chafin 7. State election: Democrat, 469; Republican 253; Socialist 9; Prohibition 17. The change in vote on the national ticket will be: Republican to Democrat, 178; Democrat to Republican 14. State ticket: Republican to Democrat, 235; Democrat to Republican 19. Twenty-five members of a German singing society voted for Taft and against the Republican state ticket.

All told of the votes taken 222 Republicans will vote for Bryan and 140 Democrats for Taft. On the state ticket 278 Republicans will change their votes and twenty-four Democrats will go to the Republicans.

The Enquirer says: "The fact that the figures are not guess work, but come from the voters themselves, makes this information the best line on the national and state elections the public has ever had. In nearly every city polled in this and other states the returns show that the Democratic party will gain almost seven times more Republican votes (Continued on page 2.)"

ADAIR'S SPEECH

Congressman Explains His Position on the Issues of Importance

IN FAIR MANNER

Branded Various Charges as False and Proved Them So

A crowd that extended far out into the corridor of the second floor of the court house, and packed the court room listened for an hour and a half last night to the Hon. John A. M. Adair, present congressman from this district and candidate for re-election. His speech was an appeal for votes for himself, an explanation of his policies and a reminder that he had faithfully kept every promise made to the voters two years ago and a renewal of similar pledges if elected. In a manly, straightforward manner which convinced his hearers, he went over his record in the sixtieth congress, told what he had done and had tried to do for the farmer, the business man, the soldier, the soldiers' widow and the citizens of his district in general. He declared as false the Sullivan letters, proved the utter ridiculousness of the Patterson booklet and the other attacks made upon his character during this campaign by his opponent and his hired assistants. He impressed the people who heard him as a man amply able to represent the eighth district and we believe that few people listened to him last night who did not leave the room with their mind fully made up to support him. Mr. Adair's record in congress is an enviable one, unequaled by men who have served in that capacity a half dozen terms. He accomplished many things and the voters know that if returned he will continue to do things. He speaks at Portland tonight and is dated for every evening and afternoon up to the election day. He is a thorough gentleman and it is the consensus of opinion that his enemies made a serious mistake when they attacked his character, which in public and private life has always been above reproach.

A BIG MORTGAGE

Was That Filed Today by Indiana Lighting Company—for \$5,000,000

OTHER COURT NEWS

Judgment Against John B. Duer in the Intermeddling Case

One of the largest mortgages ever filed at the county recorder's office here was recorded today, it being for the vast sum of \$5,000,000. It is given by the Indiana Lighting company to the Central Trust company of New York and was filed today in nineteen other counties. It is in pamphlet form and covers forty-one printed pages. The Indiana Lighting company is a company of which C. F. Deitrick is the president and which will engage in the business of lighting and heating many towns and cities in this territory, dealing in gas, artificial and natural, electric and hot water plants. They have bought up all of the defunct gas plants in this locality and will soon it is supposed establish new concerns. The mortgage covers the gas lines in this county and city, also all their other property, including lot number five of the Jacob Freang addition to the city of Decatur. Five thousand \$1,000 bonds bearing four per cent interest and running fifty years have been issued by the company, under date of August 1, 1908, and the mortgage was written in New York October 5, 1908.

Daniel Straub et al vs. Chicago & (Continued on page 4.)