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## THE KERN SPECIAL

Great Array of Statesmen to Be in Decatur

### AN EVENING RALLY

A Hot Time in the Old Town Next Tuesday Evening

The Democratic state committee have re-arranged their schedule for the Kern special, and that train carrying a great array of the country's statesmen will be in Decatur on Tuesday evening, October 27. The special will arrive between seven and eight o'clock and in the party will be Hon. John W. Kern, Democratic candidate for vice president, Congressman Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama, and who was permanent chairman of the Denver convention; Congressman Charles D. Carter, a full blooded Indian of Oklahoma; General James B. Weaver, of Iowa; Congressman H. D. Flood of West Virginia; Hon. B. J. Smith of Omaha; Hon. Claude McCoy, of Oklahoma, and Hon. Fred L. Flecht of Garrett, the great labor leader. It is a high honor to entertain so many great men, and Decatur will prove equal to the occasion. Arrangements for their entertainment are now being made. A large stand will be erected on the west side of the court house, and in addition to the committees named for Marshall Day the following have been added:

Lighting—M. J. Mylott, Tom Haefling, George Kinzel, Jacob Eady, Will Parent, Frank Barthol and George Braun.

Parade—D. N. Erwin, Dr. D. D. Clark, J. T. Myers, A. D. Suttles, J. D. Reiter, J. H. Heller, Samuel Doak, Charles Lose, Abe Boch, Jesse Sellemyer and Daniel Myers.

The above committees will meet at Democratic headquarters Friday evening to arrange the details for this great event. Many things are being considered, among them an old fashioned torch light procession and evening rally, but the details of these plans will be announced later. At all events it will be a hot time in the old town.

It is hoped to entertain all these distinguished Democrats, and at the same time not detract any from the Marshall meeting already advertised for Wednesday, October 28, at two o'clock. The schedule as here announced will stand, the Kern special Tuesday evening, October 27. Marshall Day Thursday, October 28.

CRUSH AT EAST LIVERPOOL.

Women Shrieked and Fainted in the Crowd About Train.

East Liverpool, O., Oct. 21.—So great was the crowd at this place to greet W. J. Bryan that after making a few remarks he was compelled to suspend, in order to save human life. As it was, a number of women shrieked and fainted and the crowd was swerving in such a way that a catastrophe was only averted by Mr. Bryan's decision to cease talking. As his train pulled out several men followed his car shouting "This is not '96." "No!" responded Mr. Bryan as the train gained speed, and recalling the hostility displayed toward him here in that year.

GOSPEL MEETINGS INTERESTING

The meeting at the Evangelical church last night was well attended, and the interest was good. J. W. Metzner spoke from James 4:17. "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin." He said that the sources of knowledge are revealed truth. The book of nature and experience. The door of knowledge is open to Bible interpretation, the needs of the people and rapidly growing evils.

The American people are facing a tremendous responsibility. Are you doing your duty toward the church as a citizen, parent and member of the church? Services this evening at 7:30. There will be special singing.

FRANCHISE WAS PASSED.  
Ossian Will Now Soon Have a Lighting System.

The Ossian council Monday evening finally passed the ordinance granting to the Ft. Wayne & Wabash Valley Traction company a franchise for a lighting system in the town of Ossian. The franchise is for a period of twenty-five years under stipulations and rates previously published as laid down in a new franchise which was submitted by Attorney R. W. Stine of this city. A building to cost \$2,500 to \$3,000 is to be erected by a body of Ossian men and leased to the traction company at a figure that will pay them at least six per cent on their investment. The franchise grants a year's time in which to have the lighting system at Ossian installed and in operation. The building to be erected at Ossian will be used by the traction company as a substation and the station at Sheldon may be abandoned entirely after the new one is completed.

### SOLD FIVE AUTOS

Coppock Motor Car Co. to Furnish Cars for Huntington Auto-Transit Co.

### CONTRACT IS CLOSED

Special Salesman Shonacker Closed Deal at Huntington Yesterday

John C. Curtis, head of the Huntington Auto Transit company, announced today that he had closed contracts for five fine cars to be built by the Coppock Motor Car company of Decatur, which will be used in the auto rapid transit system in Huntington. Operation of the new system will begin about December 15. First delivery of the cars will be December 1, the contract calling for the completion of two cars by that date. The other three cars are to be finished at the earliest possible date thereafter and all cars are expected on the ground not later than the middle of January. These cars are to be novel in arrangement and after designs of Mr. Curtis, who holds to the idea of general utility. Each car will carry sixteen passengers. The general plan of construction will be along the lines of a street car. There will be a platform on the rear, with approaches from each side; also sliding doors and side windows that can be raised or lowered the same as in electric street cars. The cars will also be electrically lighted. Seats will be upholstered and ventilation of the best. Driving these cars will be engines of 35-horse power. Special attention in awarding this contract was the class of engine intended and Mr. Curtis considers he has secured the best possible motive power for the service to be demanded. The engine will be in the front, so that in case of engine trouble at any time patrons will not be inconvenienced as in car designs where the engines are under the mid-frame. For the color, it is probable that standard street car yellow will be used. It is argued that this color withstands the elements better than other shades. With this color, too, an attraction is assured for the service, in distinguishing the transit company cars from those used by private parties and other business firms—Huntington Democrat.

Special representative Shonacker of the Coppock company has been negotiating for several days for the consummation of this deal, and the promoters of the auto transit company were here Tuesday making an examination of the cars. They stated that the Coppock people have the most practical and up to date car on the market, the identical verdict reached by all who have seen it. This is only one of the many orders closed by the Coppock people during the course of the past few months. You will hear from them again.

The cars purchased by the transit company are to cost \$3,000 each, making a total of \$15,000, a transaction well worthy of mention.

Mrs. W. H. Lichtenwalter, of Fort Wayne, who has been here for several days, the guest of Mrs. S. E. Eddington, returned to her home this morning—Bluffton Banner.

### HORSE TOO FOXY

Animal Belonging to W. Selby, of Vera Cruz, Breaks Away from Thieves

### WENT BACK HOME

People Saw Two Men Leading the Horse Away—A Great Stunt

The fact that the horse of William Selby, butcher, Vera Cruz, had never been trained to lead, probably saved Mr. Selby the animal last night, which is valued at \$200. As a result when the M. B. & E. car pulled in there was quite a crowd of people congregated around the depot waiting to hear the news. The accident, however, did not amount to anything, the regular car having run off from the rail. The car was in charge of Motorman Wagner and Conductor Martz and in approaching the Erie tracks the car ran too close to the derail which was thrown, before it stopped. As a result the front trucks went onto the ground. The wrecking crew from Fort Wayne was called and as there was no Valley car between here and Kingsland the M. B. & E. company was asked to send a car to bring the passengers here—Bluffton Banner.

### RHEUMATISM OF HEART

Caused Sudden Death of P. A. Macklin, of Geneva

### IN USUAL HEALTH

Family Heard Him Groan and Found Him Dying

### ATTENDED THE STATE MEETING

Judge Merryman performed a ceremony at the clerk's office at 2:15 this afternoon, which united the lives of Joe Barror, a Wells county young man, aged twenty-one and Carrie Runyon, aged nineteen, daughter of Alonso Runyon, of Lin Grove. The witnesses were Deputy Clerk Dan Roop and Sheriff Eli Meyer and both say the judge did his part in a most graceful manner. In fact Dan has spoken for the judge to reserve a date for him in case he should need it at any time.

### VENUED TO WELLS

\$600 Damage Suit in Which G. R. & I. is Defendant Venued to Bluffton

### SULLIVAN, PLAINTIFF

Is Alleged That Sparks Set Fire to Grass and Caused House to Burn

A suit which will be watched with interest by the farmers of Wells county was venued here this morning from the Adams county court, in which Frank Sullivan is suing the G. R. & I. Railroad company for \$600.00 damages, caused by sparks firing the grass along the right of way of the railroad and spreading to the house in which Sullivan lived in Geneva, destroying his household goods. According to the complaint the sparks from the engine set the grass on fire and the fire soon spread.

The complaint alleges that the company failed to keep the grass cut off, thus making a regular fire trap. There have been several fires along the rights of way of the railroads in Wells county the last few weeks, the sparks causing the grass along the railroad tracks to burn and this fire spreading to the woods and fields. No houses have been burned yet, but hundreds of dollars worth of timber has been destroyed and many places in the lowlands the muck has been burned, leaving the land practically worthless. Should Sullivan get his damages it is probable that several suits will be started by Wells county people—Bluffton Banner.

### EXCITEMENT AT KINGSLAND

Reports That Erie Train Struck Interurban Car.

A report which caused considerable uneasiness in this city was received shortly after noon today to the effect that a Fort Wayne & Wabash Valley passenger car had been hit by an Erie passenger train at Kingsland at noon and several people injured. An M. B. & E. car was sent from here to bring the passengers to this city. As a result when the M. B. & E. car pulled in there was quite a crowd of people congregated around the depot waiting to hear the news. The accident, however, did not amount to anything, the regular car having run off from the rail.

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### COURTHOUSE NEWS

Everett Labor Claim Has Heard in Court this Morning

### BOY IS TAKEN UP

Lloyd Harris, Again Guilty of Larceny, Must Go to Plainfield

A hearing on the motion of John T. Everett for an order on the superintendent of construction to pay a labor claim was heard in court this morning. Gabriel Everett was the contractor.

Herman L. Conter vs. Fort Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co., answer to interrogatories filed.

### BOWLING ALLEYS TO OPEN

Palace Alleys Will Furnish Sport for Many.

The Palace bowling alleys, finest in this part of the state, will re-open about November 1st, after a rest of over a year. While no definite arrangements have been made, it is probable that they will be in charge of Mr. Thomas Peterson, who managed the Klendyke alleys last year. The alleys are the Brunswick continuous, the same kind used in the national tournaments and the popular sport promises to be more popular than ever this year. A city league may be organized and a club to visit surrounding towns and cities will soon be at practice. Decatur will again send a club to the national tournament and expect this year to bring home some of the prize money. Bowling has the same place in winter sports that base ball has in summer, and each year becomes of greater interest. The date of opening will be announced within a few days.

### LOOKS LIKE BRYAN

New York Lining Up for the Great Comedian

### A FORECAST

The Tide Has Set in and Even Money Will Fail to Stop It

(Special to Daily Democrat.)

New York, Oct. 21.—After all is said in the lineup of electoral votes, New York on which the election will swing, pivot on which the election will swing. Its thirty-nine votes will decide the day unless there is a landslide in the west. As to that there are no heavy rumblings—as yet. I find good reasons for forecasting victory for Bryan in Indiana, Ohio, Nebraska, and Colorado, due to local conditions and causes, but even that combination, hopeful as it looks, will not save Bryan without the aid of this great Empire state. He may lose one or two of the lot and still win if he carries New York. I refuse to admit a chance for Bryan in Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota or Illinois, so turning to this state for analysis I find conditions wholly without precedent. For twelve years there has been no presidential campaign in New York. It has been a cloud-burst for the Democrats. Their campaign has regularly blown up by Oct. 15, all have agreed to the result, and the interest has been fixed only on state and local candidates. This year it is different. The democratic party is standing up, swinging with both gloves at an adversary that appears at this moment to be giving ground. New York, to my amazement, after months of absence, is not merely doubtful; it is turning Bryanward, and unless the tide is stayed by buckets of money next week Bryan will carry it. I say this without regard for the views of Wall street gamblers, who know as little of the situation as a Shrewsbury oyster. I have talked with every leader of both parties worthy of note from Montauk Point to Dunkirk and from the St. Lawrence to the Susquehanna. I find grounds for the belief that Chanler will beat Hughes for governor by a majority resembling that of Grover Cleveland over Folger in 1882, something like 192,000. If a maelstrom like that doesn't carry Bryan with it then I must abandon all basis for election forecasts. A sweep of that size brings all ships to port. Cut the figures by half and Bryan would still come in by a small majority.

Mrs. John Niblick, Miss Hattie Studabaker and Mr. S. B. Fordyce are at home from South Bend, where they attended the state meeting of the Indiana Board of Charities and Correction. They report a most interesting and successful meeting. Miss Studabaker and Mr. Fordyce were delegates from the Adams county board of charity and board of children's guardians.

### A SOCIETY EVENT

Quite a Number of Decatur People Were at Fort Wayne

### THREE SISTERS MET

For First Time in Many Years—Party at the Vesey Home

A party that included three sisters who had not been together before in nearly thirty years, and many relatives of the Studabaker family, of Decatur, was held at the home of Judge and Mrs. W. J. Vesey today. At noon Mrs. Vesey gave an elaborate dinner for visiting relatives and a few guests from the city. The rooms were handsomely decorated with chrysanthemums, both yellow and pink, large and small being used. The guests included Mrs. W. W. McBride, Mrs. Fred McBride, Miss Maude McBride and Mrs. E. Wiecking, of Bluffton; Mrs. E. A. Deam, Mrs. Rose Dean Halliday, of Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Ella Mosher, of Kinsley, Kansas; Mrs. Catherine Champer, Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, Miss Hattie Studabaker, Mrs. David Studabaker, Mrs. Arthur Suttles and children, Mary and Josephine, all of Decatur; Mrs. O. P. Edwards, of Leipsic, Ohio, and from this city, Mrs. B. W. Vesey, Mrs. A. J. Vesey, Mrs. Elida Henderson and Mrs. George Beers. Mrs. W. W. McBride, Mrs. Deam and Mrs. Mosher are sisters who have not met together in many years—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

W. R. C. SELECTS BEDFORD.

District Organization Names Next Place of Meeting.

Bloomington, Ind., Oct. 21.—With a big campfire meeting in the Grand Army Hall the Woman's Relief Corps convention of the Third District ended here tonight. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Lottie Butler, Bedford; senior vice, Mrs. Mary Freese Bloomington; junior vice, Mrs. Mary Bridges, Seymour; treasurer, Miss Lydia Lemon, Bedford; secretary, Mrs. Oscar Hartley, Bedford; inspector, Mrs. Maude Howard, Montpelier. The next meeting will be at Bedford.

### WHO ARE THE THIEVES

Four Decatur Business Houses Were Pillaged During the Night

### IS IT HOME TALENT?

Is the Question Asked—One Victim Has a Very Good Clue

With but little compensation for their bold acts, robbers entered four Decatur business houses last night, pillaged drawers, tampered with safes and stole a small amount of money from Burns' harness shop and W. H. Nachtrieb drug store. Circumstances indicate their first visit to have been paid to the Berlin packing house, where, by the use of a knife a space large enough to permit the passing of a hand was made in the lattice work erected over the rear door and thus entrance was forced. Once inside, they proceeded to the office where the desk was forced open, contents of drawers examined and the silver mountings of the safe hinges had been removed and were found lying on the floor. Their initial stunt did not prove profitable as nothing of value was obtained. Their next visit was paid to the H. H. Bremerkamp flour mill, where the rear window in the office was forced open. Here they found the safe unlocked and unhesitatingly examined every drawer therein, forcing them open with instrument. They also tore the cash drawer from its place, all this without obtaining one cent for their crookedness. These burglaries occurred between 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock last evening. Clarence Bremerkamp, who went to the mill on an errand, heard some one in the office and thinking it to be employees, he called to them. The intruders hearing the voice, took to their heels, easily making their escape. A bottle of turpentine dropped at the Bremerkamp mill will no doubt lead to the identification of the robbers, as it had evidently been purchased last evening. The work of the intruders at the above stated places has every appearance of being local talent, but not so with the burglaries of the Burns and Nachtrieb stores. The means by which they gained entrance to these stores is indicative of their cleverness in the burglary line. The window of the Burns harness shop was pried open, leaving but a slight mark where the instrument was used. Pipes, cigars, chewing gum and about \$1.50, in change was the extent of the theft, although the safe, which bore the following notice, "It is not locked" was opened, interior drawers examined and papers thrown over the floor. The same tactics of entering were employed at the Burns harness shop, where, beside obtaining a little more than \$2, he tampered with the combination of the safe. Opinion differs as to the proposition as to whether or not local people committed the deeds. One of the victims of the thieves states that he will be able to bring to justice the parties who entered his place of business. He further says that the reading of dime novels has inspired a crowd of young boys whom he knows to engage in the dastardly work.

MOTHER DIED IN CANADA.

T. M. Reid of this City Received the Sad News of Death of His Mother.

A message was received here yesterday announcing the sad news to Mr. Thomas M. Reid, that his mother had died at her home in Canada. Mr. Reid was on the road and was not located until late in the afternoon. He arrived home last night and left this morning with Mrs. Reid for Canada. His mother was past eighty years of age, had been in poor health for some time, but it was not believed that she was near. Mr. Reid had expected to go home in a few days and he might again see his mother before her spirit was called.