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ITS ELECTION DAY

An Occasion of Unusual Interest to Every True American

THE VOTE IS LARGE

According to Reports from All Over the Land—Returns Tonight

This is election day. It comes, the real election day, only once in four years. Every one is glad when it's all over, even though many feel badly for several weeks, when they think of the might have been and ponder over the time and energy and money which has been spent, but it has to come, and every true American thrills today, for this is the occasion when he has equal chance with every other citizen to stand for his sentiments, be they what they may. Today, all over this greatest of all lands, from lake to gulf and from the Atlantic to the Pacific, men of every station in life are rubbing shoulders about the polls, working for that which they believe to be to their benefit. It's a great system after all, and no difference who wins, the other fellow will be up and coming just the same at the next election. Messages from over the country, from New York, Buffalo and other cities of the east, as well as from Ohio, from this state, and from the west say that the vote is a large one, and it is quite probable that the results when announced tonight and tomorrow will furnish even more than the usual surprises. In this county the election passed in the usual quiet manner, but with the indications that the vote will be large. This is due partially to the fact that this is a national election and partially to the fact that in several of the townships there are hot contests for trustee and assessors. Both the democrat and republicans have arranged to receive the returns this evening at their headquarters and have had special wires put in by the Western Union. The Daily Democrat has as usual made preparations to get the returns from over this county and same will be sent immediately to the democratic headquarters. Another twenty-four hours will probably tell the story.

GAVE A SMOKER

Democrats Fought Up to the Very Eve of the Election

MEETING A SUCCESS

Enthusiastic Speeches Made by Local Leaders Last Night

The smoker at democratic headquarters last night was the most intensely demonstrative of any meeting held here in years, showing that the voters of this locality are in dreadful earnest this year. The cigar smoke was thick enough to cut with a knife and the boys yelled themselves hoarse. Speeches were made by C. J. Lutz, Dore B. Erwin, D. N. Erwin, W. H. Fleiderjohann, Henry Krick, D. E. Smith and others and they were the kind of speeches that tend to make men work harder on election day. The voters were warned to be on the lookout for any move of the enemy that would tend to cut down the majorities and to work as they had never worked before to get out the vote. Every orator predicted democratic success and was cheered to the echo. The campaign has been one of the most vigorous in Adams county, ever known in this green spot of Indiana. Every township has been campaigned and the meetings in this city and at Berne, Geneva and Monroe have been of great interest. A number of the greatest speakers of the nation have appeared here to tell the voters about it, and now its all over but counting the votes and announcing the results.

EARLHAM IS RECOVERING. Now Determined to Administer Defeat to Rose and DePauw.

Richmond, Ind., Nov. 2.—Earlham college is gradually coming out from under the shock of the overwhelming defeat sustained at the hands of Butler on Saturday and will endeavor to retrieve itself by administering defeats to its oldtime rivals, Rose Poly and De Pauw. If Coach Vail can get his men into condition to win from these two schools, Earlham, while perhaps not technically secondary champion, would have practically as good a claim on the title as any of the other secondary institutions, and especially so should either Rose or De Pauw administer a defeat to Butler in the meantime. Vail has redoubled his energies and will not allow himself to be discouraged by the defeats at the hands of Wittenberg and Butler, both of which games had been conceded to Earlham in advance. The blame for the defeat of last Saturday is placed without question on the shoulders of the team, and not on Coach Vail, who had done his work well. The members of the team seem to have lost their heads. In practice they had been getting away with the forward passes, line backs and tackling in first class shape, but in the game with Butler they seemed to drop from first class to fifth class. Some are of the opinion that it was because they tried too hard.

SENSATIONAL CASE

Mrs. Bessie Brown Says Her Husband Threatened to Murder Her

OTHER CHARGES

Elmer Brown, Brother of Van Wert Murderer Says He Did Right

Attorney David E. Smith has filed a sensational divorce case, in which Bessie Brown is the plaintiff and Elmer Brown the defendant. The Browns were married January 26, 1907, and separated April 14th last after a stormy married life of but little over a year. The complainant alleges that soon after the marriage the defendant began a series of cruel and inhuman treatment. Brown is a brother of the Brown, of Van Wert, who about a year ago poisoned his wife who was ill with the grippe, by giving her strichnine instead of gripe powders, and who was given a life sentence for his act. Not the least of the cruel acts of this defendant is the fact that he frequently told his wife that he would make way with her in a similar manner, but would not be foolish enough to purchase the poison so near home, where the authorities could find it out. He also said that he did not blame his brother for murdering his wife. Another act of the defendant was that on several occasions he shook money at the plaintiff and told her that he was going away to spend it with other women, that he would then go away and return in a few days and tell her about the time he had. Failure to provide is also alleged. At a time when Mrs. Brown was sick in bed her husband even approached the bedside and cursed and threatened the woman whom he had sworn to cherish and love in sickness and in health. One child, Alonzo Columbus, was born to the union being now a year old. Last April Brown left his home, they were then living at Marion, Indiana, and told Mrs. Brown that if she was there when he returned there would be trouble, and frightened that he would carry out his threats to do the same as his brother, she came to this country and has since lived in this township. She asks for a divorce, the custody of the child, \$300 alimony and five dollars per month for the support of the child.

ILLEGAL VOTING

Is Charge Filed Against Fred Hayward this Afternoon

HE WAS CHALLENGED

Came Here from Michigan—Question is "How Long Ago"

An affidavit was filed this afternoon against Fred Hayward, manager of the Decatur Packing company charging him with illegal voting. Hayward it is said came here about June 1st, and moved his family here about the sixth of that month. To be a legal voter in Indiana a man must have resided in the state for six months. Accordingly when he tried to vote today he was challenged. He swore in his vote claiming that he came here about March 1st. A counter affidavit was filed but Mr. Hayward insisted on voting and did so. Immediately afterward an affidavit was filed against him, signed by Thomas J. Gallogly, the same will be entered in circuit court this afternoon some time. The law is very strict on this matter and the outcome of this case will be watched with interest. Mr. Hayward came here from Michigan. No other cases were reported up to the hour of going to press and the election was even quieter than usual.

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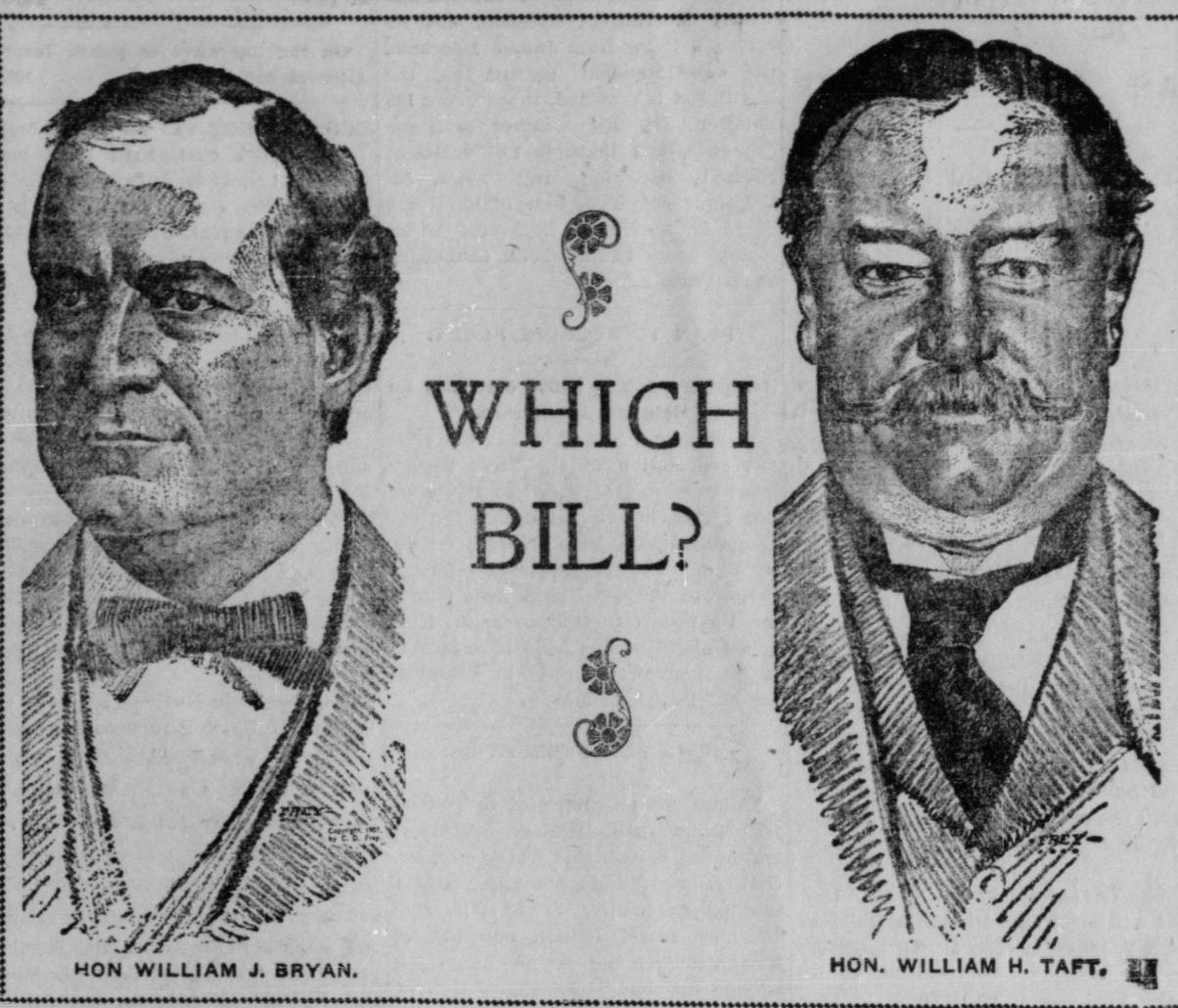
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BURGLAR LOCKS HIMSELF IN.

Gathers Plunder but Drops It When Servant Tries Door.

Lenox, Mass., Nov. 2.—A masked burglar entered the dressing room of Mrs. Newbold Morris at Brook Lawn and locked the door on the inside to prevent interruption while he was getting his plunder together, just before 10 o'clock. The servants were aroused and one of the windows leading from the porch into Mrs. Morris's room was found open. Beneath the window was a black mask made from a woman's hose. Next morning John Lahert a boy, found a black bag full of gold and silver trinkets. Later, when he heard of the burglary, he informed Mr. Morris. With the exception of the top of a small silver jar, all the stolen goods were recovered.

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EARLY RETURNS

Will Almost Certainly Favor the Democrats—Come from Cities

THE COUNTRY VOTE

Is What the Republicans Depend Upon to Overcome the Cities

Chicago, Nov. 2.—The Republicans around Chicago national headquarters are fortifying themselves for a blue time of it early tomorrow night. National Secretary, William Hayward says that the early reports may produce this effect around the Republican headquarters all over the country, and he wants all to understand beforehand that things are not expected to look very rosy in the early part of the evening. If they do, the leaders around the Chicago headquarters will be surprised. The earliest reports will come a little after 4 o'clock western time, from Syracuse, Utica, Rome, Buffalo, Niagara Falls, Auburn, Jamestown, Elmira, Troy and Rochester, N. Y. practically all of them big centers of union workers and the salaried class. These will be followed by reports from Indianapolis, Terre Haute, Evansville, and other Indiana machine voting cities immediately on the closing of the polls in Indiana.

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