

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 beens 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 lakes 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. Fiedlerjohann, 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 it's 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 bucks 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

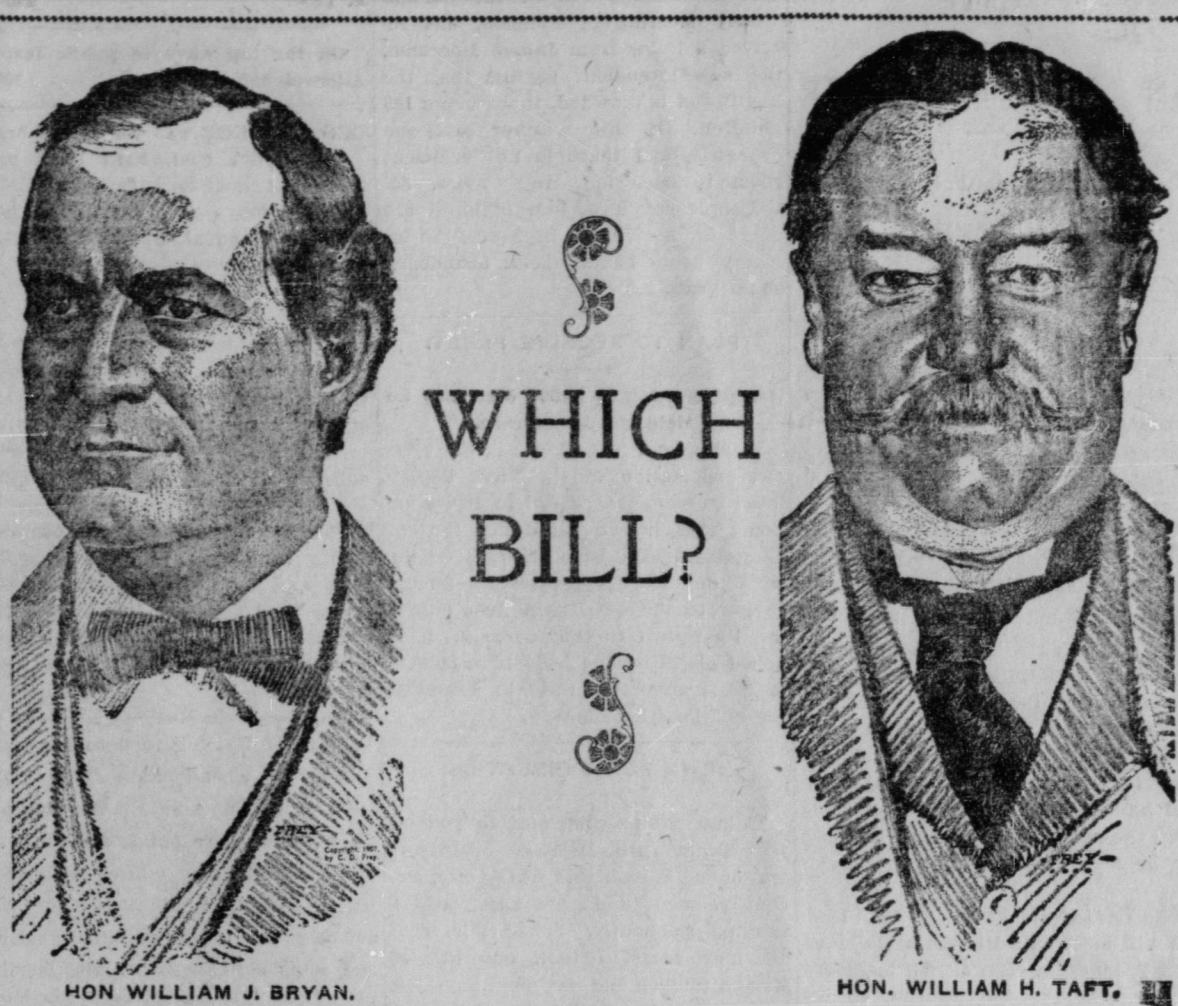
Elmer Brown, Brother of Van Wert Murderer Says He Did Right

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 complaint 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 strychnine instead of gripe powder, 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 county 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 VOTERS IN DANGER.

Four Hundred Bench Warrants Issued by St. Louis Judge.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 2.—Judge Allen of the circuit court today issued 400 bench warrants for men who are accused of illegal registration and these warrants will be served tomorrow if the suspects attempt to vote. Indictments were returned against eighteen ex-convicts who have registered.



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.

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.

MRS. WILSON WILL VISIT HERE

Mrs. Emory Wilson, of Boston, formerly Miss Mary Myers of this city, and who is now in Bellefontaine, O., visiting friends and relatives, is expected to return here for a further visit with relatives within a short time. While at Bellefontaine, Mrs. Wilson has had two rather serious operations performed, but is now well on the road to recovery and it is believed will soon be restored to her former good health. She has many good friends here who sincerely hope she will entirely recover.

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. New York city will begin to come in about the same time, and all of these centers are expected to show a tremendous slump in the Republican vote. On the reports from these centers in Indiana and New York, say the Republicans, one may be able to figure that Bryan has taken about all of the votes in the electoral college.

"But"—say the Republicans—"but"—wait! Wait until the corn fed districts are heard from, and, while the majorities are going to be far short of those of McKinley or Roosevelt, they will pile up about 300 votes in the electoral college for Taft." Some of them put it a little below that figure. The Republicans are still relying on the farmer with the hope that he has been scared by the "Farmer's Scare Envelope" into believing that if he does not vote the Republican ticket things on the farm will go clear to smash, and that prices will not only get so low that he will burn his corn and wheat rather than truck it over to the elevator, but that he will also lose his rural telephone and the rural free mail delivery.

The Democrats on the other hand, think that the early reports will not be so misleading as the Republicans indicate. They believe that they will indicate a heavy slump toward Bryan "up state" in New York that will so cut down Republican leads as to indicate, after making allowance for the slower country vote, that the state has gone for Bryan. They are not expecting the farming class in New York to make much of a change from its old lineup with the Republicans, but

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PRANK ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

Maryland Man, Shot for Pulling Child's Mask, Dies.

Washington, Nov. 2.—A Halloween prank had a tragic ending in the death here tonight at Georgetown Hospital of Frank Kretzmer, a prominent young merchant of Rockville, Ill., as the result of wounds said to have been inflicted by Nicholas Offutt, also of Rockville. The shooting occurred last night in Kretzmer's store in Rockville. Offutt claimed, it is said, that Kretzmer had insulted his little sister by pulling her mask from her face when she entered his store with several youngsters in Halloween garb and played childish pranks. Offutt disappeared immediately after the shooting and has not been found.

HIT HIS BROTHER

Jack Augustus Young Desperado Inflicts Serious Wound to Brother

A SERIOUS CHARGE

May Be Instituted Against Him—Injured Man in Serious Condition

The most disgraceful affray which has occurred in Decatur for many years was that of this morning when Jack Augustus, a young man of questionable repute, struck and knocked forcibly to the ground, his brother Samuel, the latter sustaining an ugly wound above the left eye and other injuries which may prove serious. Samuel Augustus was walking southward on Second street when his brother walked sneakily up behind him and without a moment's warning struck him in the back and followed with three severe blows in his face while the former was lying in the street. Blood oozed from the injured man's mouth and nose as he told of the enmity his brother had for him, because of the fact that he (Samuel) had bought his father's property and as a consequence Jack, who had lived with his father, was forced to find shelter elsewhere. Marshal Bohnke arrested the man, and if reports in regard to his brother's condition are true and in consideration of the premeditation with which the deed was committed and the severity of same, the serious charge of assault and battery with intent, to kill may be instituted against the young desperado. The indignity of all who witnessed the affair has been aroused, and they will see that the intruder is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Marshal Bohnke filed an affidavit against Augustus in Squire Smith's court and he was fined \$5 and costs after pleading guilty. He is trying to secure bond.

ATTACK THE JAIL.

Thirty Men Secured Prisoner in Kentucky.

Kingston, Tenn., Nov. 2.—A mob of about thirty men attacked the Roane county jail shortly after midnight and killed George Cook, held on a charge of murdering John King, a ferryman at Southwest Point, a few weeks ago. Of the members of the mob, all save two were masked and these unmasked men were strangers to the sheriff. The identity of any of the mob is not known. It is presumed the men intended to hang Cook, as they had a rope in their possession. However, when his cell was reached he offered resistance and produced a razor. With this weapon he made a defense and cut one of the members of the mob. This, it appears, enraged the invaders and Cook was quickly shot dead. Four bullets entered his body. The sheriff and deputies are scouring the county today in quest of evidence as to the members of the mob. Governor Patterson will be asked to offer a reward for their apprehension. Previously to the time he killed King, Cook was under a similar charge in Chattanooga, where he was arrested after escaping from this county following the King crime. The Chattanooga authorities yielded the prisoner to the Roane county officials, and no indictment was returned against Cook by the Hamilton county grand jury.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Tax Paying is Over—Over \$20,000 Taken in Yesterday

DELINQUENTS FEW

Administrator Appointed—A Divorce Granted—A Marriage License

Tax paying is over, unless you was careless enough to allow your fall installment to become delinquent. County Treasurer Lachot says that his office was busy from 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning until ten last night and over \$20,000 was taken in, a total of over \$50,000 since Saturday morning. There will be few delinquents this fall, in fact it seems to have been a record breaking season for this line, for, excepting a few receipts in Decatur, the county was practically cleaned up and John wore a broad smile this morning. The fact is accounted for because the people have learned that the tax must be paid within the specified time and the penalty is a heavy one.

John Weaver has been granted letters as administrator of the Eldridge Weaver estate and filed his bond which was approved.

Cora Baumgartner was granted a divorce from William Baumgartner, the evidence being heard Monday evening. Mrs. Baumgartner was given the custody and possession of the minor child. Judgment for costs was rendered against the defendant.

A marriage license has been granted Joseph Lengerich, 30, a farmer of this township, and Clara Tonnellier, 22, daughter of John Tonnellier, of Root township.

TO FIGHT FOR NATIVE LAND.

Spokane, Wash., Nov. 3.—Five hundred natives of the Balkan provinces, of which number more than 125 are residents of Spokane, will leave this city for their fatherland in a few days to fight against the oppressions of Austria. Hundreds of Servians and Montenegrins in other parts of the Pacific northwest have thrown down their shovels and picks and are heading for Spokane to join the exodus. The Balkan club has established headquarters in Main avenue, where patriotic speeches are made nightly, and it is given out that a cablegram is looked for soon, advising the band of patriots that arrangements have been made for the protection of the men across the ocean. The organization committee in Spokane is composed of Radovan Bojich, J. K. Dulich, Radak Adzick, Milo Ragenovich, Cren Stanish, Radwica, Rade Tadich, Spiro Radovich and Jerreni Usomilich. Bojich, who is at the head of the local organization, says the party will start for the east about November 10.

WHO IS DESERVING

Of Your Patronage in the Cigar Line—The Home or Foreign Manufacturer

AN IMPORTANT ITEM

We Think the Local Factories Are Deserving—What Do You Smoke?

Do the local cigar manufacturers deserve your patronage? We desire that this question be answered by the people. If they do deserve it, do they get it? Answer his, Mr. Individual. These are civil questions and should be answered civilly in the minds of the people. If the cigar makers, who for years have labored to please their customers, who for years have patronized home merchants and who have expended their money here are not entitled to the support of the people, we would be pleased to hear from some one who contends that there is a single cause deserving of the commendation of the people. A booster is not one who supports one good cause and by his actions condemns another, but a real booster gives encouragement and support to every good cause. Are we to sit by and without any discontent, allow foreign cigar manufacturers to fill their coffers at the expense of home people and permit them to take our money from the vicinity in which we live? Or will we divorce ourselves from the drugged goods which is only selling on its passed reputation and buy home made cigars? Above all else every merchant should buy home cigars. How quickly they make it known if a man gets "bit" by Sears and Roebuck when every day they are biting on drugged cigars and think they are good, and furthermore they will register their kicks if a Decatur man goes to Fort Wayne and buys a stick of black jack chewing gum, when at the same moment they are lighting an Old Virginia cheroot or some other foreign made cigar. Is this consistent? No, far from it, and not until the merchants, as an example, smoke home made cigars, at least in public, should they preach home trade to the public. Begin today. Here they are: Standard, 252, Lone Star, N. H. C., and Royal Ribbon.

THE SLUSH FUND

Bluffton Banner Says New York Republican Committee Sends Money

TO THEIR COUNTY

To Corrupt Voters—Men Were Exchanging Bills That Never Had Money

The slush fund which was sent from New York to the state committee at Indianapolis, to be distributed among the different county committees has finally found its way here. Wells county G. O. P. received its share of the fund Sunday and today people have got money who are never known to have it except the day before election. All day today men have been going up and down the stairs of the republican headquarters. At the headquarters these men have been taken back in one of the rooms and the door locked. Shortly afterward the men could be seen walking down the streets and later in the day many were intoxicated. Just how much of the slush fund was received here is unknown at present. The G. O. P. managers put on an injured expression and say they never heard of such a thing when the matter is broached to them. One thing is certain the banks have been changing five and ten dollar bills for men who were never known to come in with that amount to have changed. All of the slush fund may not have come from the republican state committee either. A hired hand of Nate Hawkins was here Saturday in consultation with republican leaders. When he left there was a smile on the man's face. —Bluffton Banner.