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HE SENT CONGRATULATIONS

Bryan Wishes Mr. Taft Success During His Administration

THE LATE RETURNS

Adair and Marshall and Bryan Carry Eighth District

MISSOURI IN DOUBT

Counties in this Locality All Chose Democratic Officers

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 5.—(Special)—William H. Taft, the president-elect, today received a congratulatory message from his democratic opponent, William J. Bryan. The message read as follows:

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5, 1908.
To W. H. Taft, Cincinnati, Ohio:
Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for the success of your administration.

W. J. BRYAN.
Indianapolis, Nov. 5.—Belated returns up to this afternoon have caused the Republicans to become interested in the remainder of the state ticket outside of governor. Fred Sims candidate for secretary of state, thinks he is elected. Democratic Chairman Jackson claims the ticket entire is elected by not less than six thousand.

Sims would not believe this, and thinks that the official count will elect a few of the Republicans. No one else shares the views of Mr. Sims.
Indianapolis, Nov. 5.—Later returns verify earlier reports that the Democrats will have an easy majority on joint ballot in the legislature.
Positive returns show the election of Democrats for congress in eleven of the thirteen Indiana districts—an astonishing gain of seven districts.
The most surprising Republican defeat was that of Charles B. Landis in the Ninth district. Landis called Goodrich by long-distance telephone at Republican state headquarters in the Claypool hotel, yesterday, and told of the congressional victory in the Ninth.
The eleven Democrats elected and their districts are:
First—John W. Boehme, Evansville.
Second—W. A. Cullop, of Vincennes.
Third—W. E. Cox, of Jasper.
Fourth—Lincoln Dixon, of North Vernon.
Fifth—Ralph Moss, of Brazil.
Seventh—Charles A. Korbly, Indianapolis.
Eighth—John A. M. Adair, of Portland.
Ninth—Martin Morrison, of Frankfort.
Eleventh—George W. Ranch, of Marion.
Twelfth—Cyrus Cline, of Angola.
Thirteenth—Henry Barnhart, Rochester.

It was known that a strong fight was being waged against Congressman Landis in the ninth district, but there were few who even had hope that he would be defeated. Two years ago Landis carried the ninth district by a plurality of 2,332.

In the Second district the Democrats made a special effort during the campaign to elect Cullop and defeat Congressman Chaney. They put their strongest speakers and cam-

paigners in that district and did more hard work there than in any other district in the state. But the effort brought the result.

The victory of Ralph Moss over Howard Maxwell in the Fifth district was due to the labor vote in Terre Haute more than anything else. Moss is a member of the state senate and the coal miners of his district seemed to be for him.

It was taken as a foregone conclusion long in advance of the election that Cline would defeat Congressman Gilhams in the Twelfth district and the vote proved this to be true.

It was some time before Republicans were willing to admit the defeat of John W. Foster in the First district and Charles W. Miller in the Thirteenth. Although Congressman Overstreet ran far ahead of his ticket, the Seventh district man was buried with the rest in the Marion county landslide.

One of the surprises of the election was the defeat of Samuel R. Artman, judge of the Boone circuit court, who won the friendship of Prohibitionists by deciding that the state had no legal right to license the liquor traffic.

James E. Watson, the defeated Republican candidate for governor, who ran behind Taft in almost every other county in the state, carried Rush county, his home county, by about 600. Two years ago when he ran for congress he carried Rush county by only 99.

Whitley county, where Thomas R. Marshall lives, gave him a plurality of 304, which was 150 more than the remainder of the Democratic ticket obtained.

OFFICIAL VOTE FOR CONGRESS.	
Counties	Adair Hawkins
Adams	1,902
Delaware	5
Jay	1,111
Madison	2,013
Randolph	789
Wells	1,407
Total	6,433
Adair's plurality	5,639.

The election returns continue to come in slowly from over the country, and as they come, the majority of W. H. Taft continues to grow. It is even now asserted that the electoral vote in Missouri is in doubt and may go to the republicans. Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, West Virginia and other states have elected governors and state tickets and in most of these the legislatures will send a democrat to the United States senate. The exact vote in the electoral college is not known, but it is believed that Taft will receive about three hundred votes. The returns in Indiana show that the democrats have elected eleven of the thirteen congressmen and will have the Indiana legislature on joint ballot.
In Jay, Madison, Wells, Allen and other counties of this district, the democrats have secured every county officer and consequently, the boys in this section are feeling rather better than might be expected after the decisive defeat of Bryan and Kern.

DIES FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

Boy Bitten Slightly on Cheek by Stray Dog.

New York, Nov. 4.—After suffering from hydrophobia four days, David Waxman, 15 years old, died in Bellevue hospital. He was bitten by a stray dog in Bayonne, where he lived at the time with his parents. The wound was in the right cheek—just a scratch, it seemed. He showed the preliminary symptoms of the disease, but they were not recognized. The Waxmans lived at 94 Madison street, and neighbors told the father that a physician should be called in. This was done, and the boy was at once taken to Bellevue, where he was at once placed in the alcoholic ward. His parents were with him when he died.

Misses Inez Snellen and Veda and Fern Ward went to Fort Wayne this afternoon to spend the remainder of the day.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Nothing Doing in Court Today—September Term Closes Saturday

A WEEK'S VACATION

Election Commissioners Conclude Work—Grand Jury Meets Soon

Judge Merryman convened court at the usual hour this morning, but there was no stir, not a solitary entry being made on either the circuit or probate docket.

This is the last week of the September term of court, which closes Saturday. A week's vacation follows and the November term convenes on Monday, November 16th, promising to be a busy one.

The semi-annual session of the November grand jury will begin on Monday, November 16th. If you have been naughty, boys, it's time to begin worrying.

The election commissioners, R. S. Peterson, D. E. Smith and County Clerk Haefling, completed their work this afternoon. Any one who thinks this job an easy one have another thing coming. For over twenty-four hours at one stretch these men never left the court room, their meals being carried to them. Mr. Peterson was ready to quit last evening when the last report had arrived, his strength being at a low ebb.

The only real estate transfer recorded today was Catherine Allison to Samuel E. Hite, lots 5 and 6 Decatur, \$1,500.

County Auditor elect Michaud will move here at once from Berne and will learn the work at the office between now and January 1st, when he takes his office. He was here today looking for a house.

ESTABLISH OFFICE

P. & M. Railroad Company of Which J. W. Vail is President Moves Offices

TO ST. LOUIS, MO.

From Cardwell—A Railroad Office is Established—Chas. Merryman Auditor

The P. & M. railroad company in Missouri, of which John W. Vail, of this city is president, Dan R. Vail, secretary and treasurer, and Charles Merryman auditor, has established a railroad office at St. Louis in the Frisco Building, where their permanent headquarters will hereafter be. The headquarters heretofore were at Cardwell, Missouri, but the location of same at St. Louis will greatly facilitate the company by establishing a closer relationship with other railroads. The P. & M. railroad, at one time a tramway, is now recognized as a very good road, notwithstanding the fact that it is but twenty miles in length. While years ago the road was used for the hauling of logs principally, a good passenger and freight business is being done now and the company is progressing wonderfully. It will be remembered that four years ago Charles Merryman of this city was chosen auditor of the road and he has fulfilled his duties efficiently. His headquarters will now be at St. Louis also, at the new office. Dan R. Vail has gone to St. Louis to aid in the preparatory work and it is not unlikely that he will remove to that city some time in the future.

The bereaved family of the late Elijah Krick wish to express their heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted during the sickness and death of the husband and father.

BOY PLAYS INDIAN; DIES.

"Fort" of Railroad Ties Collapses, Killing Him.

New York, Nov. 4.—While playing "Indian" with a dozen of his little companions in a pile of railroad ties in the rear yard of 2452 Hughes avenue, The Bronx, Michael Glenova, 6 years old, was caught beneath a fall of the heavy timbers and crushed to death. The children used the pile of ties as a "fort," and young Glenova was the leader of a band of "braves" who fought to hold it against the "scouts." With several of the little fellows as "scouts," Ralph Trunda, 5 years old, of 2457 Belmont avenue, climbed up the pile and tried to force the "Indians" out. The pile shifted and the Glenova boy was carried beneath. Trunda was caught by the leg between two logs and painfully bruised. Dr. Reilly, of Fordham hospital, said the Glenova boy had been killed instantly. The body was later removed to his home at 2457 Belmont avenue.

FOR CHARITY SAKE

Woman's Society Establishes Wearing Apparel Bazar at City Offices

A DOUBLE PURPOSE

For the Sake of Unfortunate Humanity Has Been Inaugurated

Their sympathies aroused by the onset of bitter cold weather and the attendant suffering of the unfortunate and in keeping with the high charitable ideals of their noble organization the ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the local Methodist Episcopal church have established a wearing apparel bazar in the front room of the city offices on Madison street, where for an indefinite period of time the people of oppressing circumstances can purchase clothing, which will afford warmth and comfort at meager prices. Ever thoughtful of welfare of the poor, these ladies are equal to all emergencies. They have inaugurated a double charitable purpose in establishing this bazar. The clothing they are offering for sale, partly worn, but as serviceable as new, is selling at very low prices; in fact a man and woman but yesterday clothed themselves for less than two dollars each and in taking advantage of these low prices, no man, woman or child is depreciating his independence in the least, regardless of position in life. The goods consisting of coats for boys and girls, overcoats for men, coats for women, shoes and stockings, warm dresses, suits for boys and men, underwear and many other articles are offered for sale, and the purchaser who takes advantage of the prices does not jeopardize his independence in the least. The money obtained by the ladies by this movement will be applied to relieve abnormal conditions in the homes of the deserving Decatur poor, hence it can be readily seen that those who buy are not only benefitting themselves, but are simultaneously supporting a worthy cause. The ladies do not confine their sales to members of the M. E. church. Any one can buy and members of the various denominations may contribute articles to the ladies' sale if they so desire. The nobility of Christian women is working wonders in the country and their achievements in the charity world will be long remembered by thousands of America's unfortunate people.

YOU WANT A BABY?

Mr. Daniel J. White is Here and Can Furnish Them for You

IS CHARITY WORK

Represents Catholic Home Bureau for Dependent Children

Do you want a bright, attractive, healthy, winsome little baby girl or boy? Are you willing to take into your home some poor orphan child to whom a mother's love and care is unknown? Mr. Daniel J. White, traveling representative of the Catholic Home Bureau for Dependent Children of New York City, is in town and will be pleased to give to interested parties all information concerning the method of securing the children for whom he is anxious to secure good homes. The little ones now offered for adoption are bright, healthy, attractive and range in age from two to eight years. They have been carefully trained by the good Sisters of the different convents of which they now are inmates. You can have a boy or girl, or if you prefer, a nice little brother and sister. The Catholic Home Bureau, a special work of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, has received the endorsement of prominent Catholic clergymen and laymen throughout the country. Those who have studied its methods, rank it among the best placing-out agencies in existence. Perhaps some of the readers of the Democrat have contemplated adopting an orphan child. Interested parties would do well to call on Mr. White who is stopping at Murray Hotel, where he can be reached by phone or letter. Mr. White has a fund of information on the subject.

PAYING AN ELECTION WAGER.

Andrew Welfly is Wearing a Taft Banner About the Streets.

Andrew Welfly is game. Every one knows that. When he bets on the result of an election and loses he pays. Recently he wagered with Herbert Pennington, that Bryan would be elected president, but he wasn't. The bet was that the loser should wear about the streets a banner, on which was a hurrah for the opposing victorious candidate for president, or the loser was to forfeit a ten dollar bill. Of course Andrew is wearing the banner and his friends are having no end of amusement out of it. He must carry the banner two hours each day for ten days.

COUNTY OPTION

Many Elections Expected Under County Option Law

MANY PETITIONS

Publication of Law Will Be Made at Once

Indianapolis, Nov. 5.—With the election out of the way the next thing of a political nature to demand the attention of the voters will be the county local option elections under the law passed at the special session of the legislature. Publication of the law was held up until after the election that it might not interfere in the campaign. Since the passage of the law the state printer has been working on the books and has about completed them. It was said yesterday that the law will probably be published within the next week and will become effective upon its publication.

E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league, said yesterday that the league cannot petition and secure an order for any local option elections until the first of next month at the earliest. An attempt will be made to make several counties dry before the incoming Democratic administration gets a chance to alter or repeal the law, but the officers of the league are not saying what counties they will enter.

"We could not possibly petition for county local option elections before next month," said Mr. Shumaker. "We will have until Dec. 1 to circulate petitions. The petitions will have to be presented to the commissioners' court and acted upon at a regular sitting of the commissioners. The petitions may be presented at any time, but the commissioners must act at their regular monthly sittings. An election cannot be held in less than twenty days nor more than thirty days after it is ordered, and ten days' notice must be given. Nothing in the way of holding county local option elections can, therefore, be done before the latter part of next month."

ALL OVER AT VERA CRUZ

No Saloons Now in Operation in Vera Cruz.

This evening at midnight the saloon of John Lobsiger at Vera Cruz closes its doors and it will be no more for a year and maybe two. Since the mind of man runs back in dim and musty history Vera Cruz has not been without a saloon. The community was largely German and favored a place to get their beer and it might be said that so far as they were concerned there was very little drunkenness, the two saloons in the village forming a sort of a club to gather in the evening. However, people drove from Bluffton and surrounding points and made the name of Vera Cruz a rather bad one. There has been much temperance sentiment in that part of the county in the past few years, and it rallied to the support of the remonstrators this spring. Gottlieb Rolle is in the grocery business in place of the saloon, but Mr. Myers does not know at this time what he will do with his room. He is well fixed, owning a farm and other property.—Bluffton News.

PICKING OUT ONE

Friends Consoling James E. Watson in His Defeat

CABINET CHANGES

The Taft Cabinet Will Contain Many New Faces

Washington, Nov. 5.—Leading Republicans were predicting that James E. Watson would be invited to a seat in President Taft's cabinet. He was mentioned for the head either of the navy department or of the department of commerce and labor. Mr. Taft has a high opinion of Mr. Watson's integrity and ability. His name was under consideration for secretary of the navy under President Roosevelt's administration at the time Mr. Watson was serving as member of the house committee on naval affairs.

Throughout the campaign the Republican nominee has shown the keenest interest in Mr. Watson's race and frequently has expressed his profound concern over the local conditions which were combining to pull him down. Mr. Taft's friends here say he realizes he would not have secured the electoral vote of Indiana but for the magnificent fight made by the state organization, led by Watson and Hemenway. There will be a reorganization of the cabinet when President Taft takes hold.

It is considered probable Elihu Root will be elected senator from New York to succeed Platt. The president desires Mr. Root's election. If that plan should fail the Roosevelt premier will succeed to one of the vacancies in the United States supreme court, of which three are likely to occur soon. Chief Justice Fuller and Associate Justices Peckham and Brewer are eligible to retire, having reached the age of 70. The first two named are Democrats. Mr. Root has been mentioned for chief justice. Other vacancies in the cabinet will probably be made by the retirement of Secretary Cortelyou, who may be succeeded by George Von L. Meyer, postmaster general, or William Loeb, Jr., secretary to the president. Attorney General Bonaparte has announced his intention of retiring with the Roosevelt administration. Secretary Wilson may also go. It has been suggested he has made plans already for becoming president of a western college. One of Secretary Wilson's closest official associates said today he had been told already by Mr. Taft that in case of the election resulting favorably he would be asked to remain. It is considered likely one of the first announcements to be made by Mr. Taft will be the appointment of Fred W. Carpenter as secretary to the president. Mr. Carpenter acted as private secretary to Mr. Taft while he was at the head of the Philippine Commission and later when he was secretary of war. He was appointed from San Francisco. President Roosevelt made it clear to several persons that he will make no suggestions to the president-elect as to the personnel of the new administration. "Taft is now the man," said the president. "The public must look to Taft. I'll bet he will not have as much fun out of the job as I have had."

LIKE OUR SCHOOLS

Three Poneto Teachers Pay Tribute After Visiting Our Public Schools

WERE AFTER IDEAS

Attendance Large—Interest is Growing—Prof. Beachler to Indianapolis

The Decatur public schools have undergone unprecedented progress thus far in the 1908 term in more ways than one, and all who are interested to know of the welfare of the public institutions will gladly receive the information that the attendance is greatly increased, interest intensified among both instructors and students and the system of education is pursuing a course which every day adds to the prestige of our educational affairs. The increase in scholarship is probably more noticeable in the upper grades than elsewhere, that is, the eighth grade and high school fully fifty more students being enrolled than ever before. However, the lower grades are sharing in the glowing success and the interest taken by the attendance of the Decatur public schools in its entirety is indicative of the attainments lying in store for the ever progressive students as well as the good name of our schools. Our institutions are gaining a reputation outside of Decatur. An exemplification of this fact was evidenced Tuesday, when three teachers from Poneto, Indiana, Prof. E. E. Garwig and the Misses Gamble and King, paid our schools a visit. Their visit here was for the purpose of examining our work and securing ideas about our management of affairs. Before their departure, all expressed themselves well satisfied with information secured and spoke words of praise for the educational institutions. Every citizen should lend his efforts for the advancement of the schools.

Prof. W. H. Beachler left today for Indianapolis to attend a meeting of the superintendents. He will return Saturday night. At this meeting school government and school management will be extensively discussed and the question of legislation for the coming year will be raised.

DOING GOOD WORK

Mrs. J. W. Vail's Report to Be Read at Convention Reveals Interesting Facts

\$7,762.34 CONTRIBUTED

By the Woman's Home Missionary Societies of North Indiana Conference

Mrs. J. W. Vail, John Niblick and Mrs. Daniels will go to Peru next week, where they will attend the convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North Indiana conference. A most interesting session is expected. Mrs. Vail, who for more than ten years has been treasurer of the organization, will read a report which reveals many interesting facts in regard to the workings of the society. Her reports will show that during the past year \$7,762.34 has been paid by the societies in the North Indiana conference. This is a very creditable recognition. Of this amount Fort Wayne (this district has paid \$1,014.36 and the Decatur ladies have paid \$98.70 cash, beside their local work. A glimpse at these figures will convince that this great organization is doing good work. Its mission is indeed important. Every cent of this money is applied to assist causes affect the deserving poor and the ladies are entitled to the support of the people.

O. Godfrey Bell, who was operated upon several weeks ago at Chicago for gangrene appendicitis, has returned to Adams county for a several days' stay with friends and relatives. He is recovering nicely.