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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.—Delayed 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. Korby, Indianapolis.

Eighth—John A. M. Adair, of Portland.

Ninth—Martin Morrison, of Frankfort.

Eleventh—George W. Rauch, 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 2,232.

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-

COURTHOUSE 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 think 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 record 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 Frisell 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 Eliot Krik 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 Trunoda, 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. Trunoda 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 Bazaar 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 bazaar 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 bazaar. 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 benefiting 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.

PAYING AN ELECTION WAGER.

Andrew Welfley is Wearing a Taft Banner About the Streets.

Andrew Welfley 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

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 remonstrants 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.

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.

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 of 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 \$1,014.36 and the Decatur ladies have been paid by the societies in the North 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 report 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 contribution.

Mesdames John W. Vail, John Niblick and Mrs. Daniels will go to Peru on 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 appointed to the president. He has made plans already for becoming president of a western college. One of Secretary Wilson's closest of 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 \$1,014.36 and the Decatur ladies have been paid by the societies in the North next week, where they will attend the convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North Indiana conference.

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

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

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.