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HERE'S A NEW ONE

A Patent is Granted to Decatur Gentleman for Automatic Chicken Picker

A CLEVER DEVICE

Joe Berling and D. Bainter Display Their Rare Inventive Ability

Probably the most unique device that has been invented in recent years and one which promises to be in great demand when placed upon the market, is the one for which Messrs. Joseph Berling and D. Bainter of this city have received a patent from Washington authorities. The invention is to be known as an automatic chicken picker, composed of four distinct parts, which work harmoniously in divorcing a fowl from its rought and pin feathers. For the rough feathers, the device is of large dimensions, while the pin feathers will be removed by a smaller device, for which a patent has also been secured. As an evidence of the practicability of the invention, six hundred fowls can be separated from their feathers in a single day by its usage, while by hand, two hundred is a day's work. These gentlemen worked on the device more than two years and more than a year ago, they submitted it to the patent authorities through their attorneys, Hooper & Lenhart. However, as the device had four parts, all of which were to be inspected, a considerable length of time has been consumed in securing the patent, it arriving yesterday afternoon. The patentees will arrange in the near future for the manufacture of the contrivance, and that they will have a ready sale for the article is assured. The new system will primarily be installed at the Berling packing house where its qualities can conveniently be demonstrated and in the meantime, advertisements will be inserted in leading magazines, exemplifying its advantages. These gentlemen will no doubt reap a bountiful reward for their inventive ability.

CONVENTION HERE

Christian Endeavor Societies of Fort Wayne District to Convene Here

NOVEMBER 26th and 27th

An Excellent Program is Being Prepared—Large Delegations

The Presbyterian Christian Endeavor Society of the Fort Wayne district will hold a convention in Decatur on the days of November 26th and 27th, and interesting sessions are promised. Preparations are under way to entertain a large representation of delegates from over the district. A fine program is being arranged by district superintendent, Willson, of Fort Wayne, and speakers of ability are scheduled for addresses. Several of the city churches of the city will co-operate in the brilliant event. The Christian Endeavor Society is doing a great work. As an auxiliary to the church it has proven to be a great benefit. The aim of this organization is to train the young people along the line of christian devotion and in this, they have been successful indeed. That Decatur will have the pleasure of entertaining the delegates to this convention is appreciated by all, and the hospitality of our good people should be much in evidence during the two days the convention is to be held.

James Taylor Hogg, of Washington, is in this city on his way to Ireland. Hogg gets homesick for the Emerald Isle every two or three years and comes back to this city, visiting here for a time and then goes on to the fatherland. He has purchased twenty acres of fruit land since going to Washington and has several houses and lots. The fruit land is worth several hundred dollars per acre.—Bluffton Banner.

HENRY KOENEMAN FILES SUIT.

In the court items in the Fort Wayne Sentinel we find the following items:

Henry Koeneman entered suit in the circuit court today against the New York, Chicago and St. Louis Railway company in which he demands pay for injuries alleged to have been sustained by a shipment of cattle which were the victims of a running switch. He states that he had the shipment sold for \$1,500, but after they were loaded at Rader the railroad employees tried to do some fancy switching and jammed the car into another and killed and injured about \$500 worth of the stock. He was forced to sell for \$1,000 and wants the railroad company to make up the difference. Judge R. K. Erwin is his attorney.

The bond of Lemuel Wormcastle, charged with criminal assault upon a woman of unsound mind, was forfeited in the circuit court today under the direction of Prosecutor Albert E. Thomas. An appealed assault and battery case against Edward Waters was dismissed by the prosecutor.

WILL DO IT AGAIN

Decatur Order of Elks Will Give Another Minstrel this Year

IS ALL FOR CHARITY

For the Sake of Charity They Will Create a Fund to Help Unfortunate

Again the Decatur people are promised a great time in the minstrel line. For the third consecutive year the local order of Elks will give another of their famous entertainments at the Boose opera house, arrangements to that effect having been made at their last night's meeting. It is needless to say that the performance will be of intense interest and one that will appeal to the humorous inclinations of the people. In the two former shows, the audiences were kept in a continuous roar of laughter from beginning to end by the fun provoking sayings, unique costumes and clever dancing and we are even told that new and brilliant features will be added this year. The arrangement committee consisting of Messrs. W. P. Shrock, Dr. E. G. Coverdale and Geo. Maddy was appointed last evening and these gentlemen will select the date and execute other preliminaries. The advertising committee consisting of F. Mills, D. E. Smith and John Falk will see that the doings is well advertised. The Elks, recognized as one of the most charitable organizations in our city, employ this scheme to create a fund for the benefit of the poor. Well filled baskets, purchased by the proceeds of the show, are delivered to all parts of the city and homes are thus brightened. Clothing is oftentimes furnished to half clad people by the Elks and their efforts are deserving of the hearty commendation of every citizen who is thoughtful of the needy and forlorn. Decatur is proud that an organization, so sensitive to the needs of the unfortunate exists within her boundaries and but few people know to what extent the Elks have relieved trying situations in homes during the blasts of a bitter cold winter. Every charity loving man, woman and child get ready to attend the show. You are needed. Frederick LaDelle, the famous magician and Frank France will be seen on the stage, beside the other old time favorites. Prof. True R. Frisoe will have charge of the musical program.

COLLECTING ELECTORAL VOTE

United States Marshall Kerwood Was Here Today.

Asbury Kerwood, United States marshal, whose home is at Muncie, was here this morning, collecting the vote on the national electors, as compiled by the election commissioners. The vote on electors is always gathered in this manner, this result not being forwarded to the secretary of state as is the rest of the state ticket, but it is taken charge of by the direct representatives of Uncle Sam. His work requires but a few minutes in each county seat, but he has to go to each place.

LOST GOOD PLACES

Indiana Lost Several Good Committee Chairmanships

OUR DELEGATION

Indiana Will Present Many New Faces in Next Congress

Washington, Nov. 7.—What Indiana has lost in the national congress in prestige and influence by the result of the election is a matter of general comment among politicians and in the local press. By the defeat of Hemenway the state will lose representation in the senate committee on appropriations. The state lost the corresponding place of influence in the house by the death of Representative A. L. Brick. So Indiana probably will not be represented in either appropriations committee in the next congress. Representative Charles B. Landis was in line for chairmanship of the house committee on foreign affairs, to succeed Robert G. Cousins of Iowa, who retires with this session. Landis is now at the head of the committee on printing. The committee rank he held was attained as the result of years of service. Jesse Overstreet, who is at the head of postoffices and postroads, having been defeated, the state will lose that chairmanship. Representative Crumpacker is chairman of the committee on census. It has been suggested that he be made chairman of the committee on judiciary to succeed Jenkins of Wisconsin, who was defeated for renomination. This would be in line with his ambitions. The retirement of James E. Watson will lose Indiana a place on the ways and means committee equal in importance to a chairmanship. The state cannot expect more than one prominent committee assignment in the next house, that due to Mr. Crumpacker because of service, and a contingency may deprive the state of even that honor. (Continued on Page Two)

STORY OF NORTH

W. B. Koon, Partner of Fred Martin, is Visiting Here

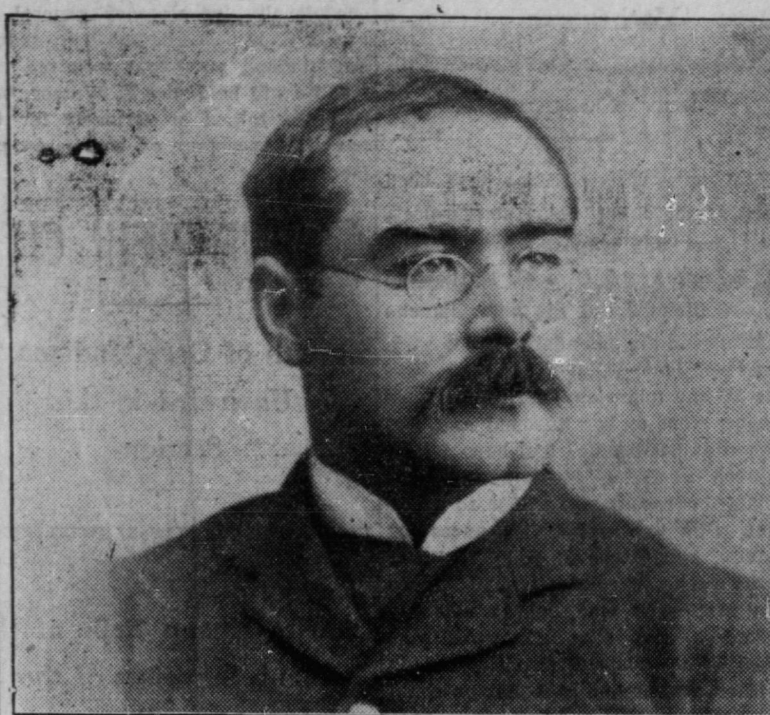
AND IS INTERVIEWED

Tells of Life in Fairbanks, Alaska, Where Money is Plentiful

W. B. Koon, of Fairbanks, Alaska, a most interesting gentleman and a very entertaining one, is here for a few days. His reception here has been particularly cordial because of the fact that he is in business in that city with Mr. Fred Martin, formerly of this city, and Mr. Koon's stop off here was for the purpose of becoming acquainted with Fred's father, Mr. Jacob Martin and his other relatives and friends in this locality. Mr. Koon reports that Fred is in excellent health and is likewise doing well in a financial way. They own and conduct the largest pleasure house in Alaska, their place including a billiard and pool and bowling alley department, as well as a moving picture show. Fairbanks is a town of about 5,000 people, with twice as many more people who live in the locality and trade at that place. In this country, such money denominations as nickels and dimes are unknown, the smallest piece of money in circulation there being the quarter or two-bits piece as it is known there. He brought with him a bill of fare which he picked up at a cafe the morning he left last August. A glance at it convinces one that money is plentiful. For instance, a double porter house costs a five dollar note, and the other prices are in comparison. A sandwich and cup of coffee costs fifty cents, a bottle of beer will tax you half a dollar, sliced tomatoes come at seventy-five and so on down the line. Egg omelets range in value from \$1.00 to \$2.00 and its a difficult matter to find any meat dish on the card that

FAMOUS PEOPLE

BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



RUDYARD KIPLING
The Greatest Living English Author

A small man, tanned and bronzed to a clear light mahogany, squarely built, with broad shoulders, keen blue eyes, heavy straight eyebrows, a thick dark mustache and square resolute jaw, dressed in clothes that shout defiance to fashion plates—this is Rudyard Kipling. Alive, alert, aggressive and intense, quick in movement, a bit cynical and quizzical, he at first suggests one thoroughly self-satisfied; one who is his own court of appeals. At Bombay, the most cosmopolitan city of Asia, Kipling was born in Christmas week of 1865. His father was an Englishman, a professor of architectural sculpture in a Bombay college, and when Rudyard was six he was shipped back to England to be educated. At thirteen he entered the United Service College at Westward Ho, under the direction of old Indian officers. The atmosphere was military and Indian, and was doubtless a potent factor in coloring the mind of the boy, who acquired more by unconscious absorption than by direct study. It is true that he carried off the prizes in English literature in a matter-of-fact kind of a way, as if it were his assigned share of the plunder; but otherwise revealed no symptoms of genius. At seventeen he went to India to work on the "Civil and Military Gazette" at Lahore, where his talent began to be recognized in a half patronizing way by the editor-in-chief. Strange, however, the "Plain Tales from the Hills," which gave him his first European success, and his "Departmental Ditties" were accepted under protest, to humor the boy, rather than for any merit the editors discovered. A man of supreme individuality, he has the splendid courage of his convictions. He dared to lash England into a fight when the Boer war seemed to him imperative; he scourged the country he loved for her treatment of her soldiers; he inspired those soldiers by his stirring, tingling lines and martial stanzas, while Alfred Austin, the Laureate, was writing pink-lemonade verses guaranteed to offend no one. Then came his magnificent "Recessional"—a new classic added to our literature. Kipling is the apostle of the strenuous; he loves color and paints it with love; he is thrilled by struggle, by power, by conquest. He shows man with the primal instincts and passions, nature unvarnished. He is often blunt to brutality, fearless to the point of frenzy, but always sincere, and always best when he lets the Oriental in his nature keep him close to the India he has reared to the world as no other English writer has ever done. Copyright transferred to Wm. C. Mack, 1908.

J.W. KERN WANTS IT

He Announces His Candidacy for the Senatorship

AN OLD WAR HORSE

He Has Been Fighting the Battles of Democracy Since 1870

Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—Authoritative announcement that John W. Kern is a candidate for United States senator to succeed James A. Hemenway was made yesterday. This is the latest development in the senatorial contest, which is growing in interest and excitement every day. Mr. Kern's friends have high hopes that he will win. The suggestion was made yesterday by Democrats who are getting in line for Mr. Kern that if the selection of a senator were left to primaries Mr. Kern would prove an easy winner. There is a growing belief that if the fight for senator is fought to a finish in the old-fashioned way, each candidate reaching out for all the delegates he can corral, there is likely to be a mixup that will shake the foundations of Democracy and prove a bad thing for the party. One objection, however, to the primary plan is the cost. There is no law covering such expenditure, which must be paid either by the candidates or by the party committee. Nor is it likely that all of the candidates would agree to enter a primary. After all of the obstacles had been considered the scheme was pronounced of doubtful practicability. Ex-Auditor of State Oscar Henderson, who will be one of Mr. Kern's most active backers in the senatorial race, said: "Mr. Kern has been fighting the battles of Democracy since 1870. Now that there is a chance to elect a senator the Democ-

IS CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Former Wells County Man Held at Pittsburg.

George Foulks, formerly of the

Bethel neighborhood, in the northern part of the county, and a son-in-law of the late Jacob Clark, is under arrest in Pittsburg charged with the murder of Frank Saunders, a friend with whom he had been quarreling while drinking in a saloon where the murder was committed. Foulks had asked for the loan of a dollar and Saunders had cheerfully made the loan when a quarrel over some old time matters came up, the lie was passed and the shooting occurred. The young man at once sank to the floor muttering the words "you coward," relapsed into unconsciousness and soon died. The murder was so cold and unprovoked that a mob was ready to lynch the murderer when the officers rushed him off to prison. Mr. Foulks formerly lived in Fort Wayne, where he separated from his family, a wife and daughter, both of whom are now dead, and while there was a railroad employee in a trusted capacity. Leaving there he went to Pittsburg, Pa., and for a long time has been a detective for a leading road entering that city. His parents, Chas. S. Foulks and wife, formerly lived near Sheldon where he grew to manhood and where numerous development in his senatorial career.

racy owes it to this veteran to name him. The younger Democrats can well afford to wait. Their turns will come later. If the people of Indiana were to name the senator by direct vote there would be an overwhelming verdict in Mr. Kern's favor." To prove his point Mr. Henderson, in the presence of a group of politicians standing at the entrance of the Denison Hotel, stopped several passersby and asked them their preference for senator. In every instance Mr. Kern was the choice. "Didn't I tell you?" asked Mr. Henderson, with a look of triumph. B. F. Shively of South Bend came to Indianapolis yesterday to see that his name is in the senatorial pot. He introduced his candidacy to the leaders and the members of the legislature who were here. He stated to the newspaper men that he is a candidate, but that he had no interview for publication. There are now four active candidates for the senatorship, as follows: John W. Kern, of Indianapolis. John E. Lamb, of Terre Haute. B. F. Shively, of South Bend. L. Ert Slack, of Franklin.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

September Term Closed Today—Week's Vacation Follows

ASK NEW TRIAL

In Ford vs. Shoemaker Case—Several Probate Causes

This was the last day of the September term of the Adams circuit court and the court made his usual allowances. After a week's vacation, the November term will convene on the 16th.

Joseph Bremerkamp vs. Mary Bremerkamp, removal of guardian. Judge Merryman being disqualified to try this cause, Robert S. Peterson was named as special judge and assumed jurisdiction.

In the case of Daniel Straub et al vs. Chicago & Erie Ry. Co., damages, an answer was filed by the defendant.

Malinda DeArmand, guardian for Ora DeArmand and six others, filed final report as to Ona and Hattie and account current as to Forest. Discharged as to first two.

Joseph W. Smith, executor of the Polly Steele estate, filed proof of publication and posting of final report. Said report filed and allowed and executor discharged.

A. Gottschalk, executor of the W. H. Shepherd will, filed vouchers for payments as shown in report heretofore filed. Leave granted all parties to withdraw all evidences of indebtedness on which there is sureties or liabilities against other persons. Executor discharged.

A marriage license has been issued to Volney Steiner, 22, a farmer, and Blanche Mildred Jack, 18 years old, today, from Monroe township.

William W. Eley has transferred west half of lot 373 in Berne to Salome Wittwer for \$800. Orlean S. Marshall sold to Benj. F. Brown, 20 acres in Washington township for \$2,000.

SPECIAL LEAGUE SERVICES.

Will Be Held Tomorrow—A Good Program

The Epworth League services tomorrow evening will be interesting and instructive. The features of special interest will be a vocal solo by Miss Hammond, a piano duet by the Misses Gay and Teeple and an address by Mr. Don Burke on the subject "Miriam of Migdol." Persons who know of this address speak in the highest terms concerning it. Dr. Wilcox will have charge of the question box and Dr. Wade will lend encouragement by his presence and a short talk. All are invited to be present at 6 p. m.

THE LATE RETURNS

Give Taft 321 Electoral Votes and Bryan Only 162

FINAL LINE UP

Colorado, Nebraska and Nevada Only Western States for Nebraskan

The official returns from the Tuesday's election are about complete and the election of Mr. Taft by a majority at least as large as that of Mr. Roosevelt four years ago is conceded. A few items of interest are found in the reports from the various states. Ohio went to Taft by about 75,000, though Harmon, the democrat was elected by nearly 25,000. Maryland gave six of her electoral votes to Bryan and two to Taft, due to the fact that in the state there is no emblem at the top of the ticket and one must vote for each man. Taft carried West Virginia by over 20,000. Nevada went to Bryan by about 500 and Nebraska by 2,000. Missouri got mixed up again and gave the vote to Taft by 4,200 but Colorado lined up for the Commoner with nearly 6,000 votes to spare. North Dakota selected a democratic United States senator by publicans. Kansas went to Taft by over 30,000 and Iowa by over 60,000. John A. Johnson was again made governor of Minnesota by over 20,000, while Warner the republican candidate in Michigan won by about 7,000. Nevada went to Bryan while Montana and Washington gave their vote to Taft. According to the present figures Taft has received 321 electoral votes and Bryan 162.

One of the important football games of the season was that of Indiana university against Notre Dame at the Washington street park at Indianapolis this afternoon. Among the fans here the Notre Dame boys seem to be the favorites.

STILL UNDECIDED

Official Count Not Complete on the State Offices

RESULT IN DOUBT

Republicans Still Claim a Portion of the Plums

Indianapolis, Nov. 7.—Official figures from all but a very few counties in the state and reliable figures from the rest of the counties, show the following election results on the national and state tickets in Indiana: Taft's plurality over Bryan is 10,732. Marshall's plurality over Watson for governor is 16,025.

The Democrats also elected the following on the state ticket, the figures showing the pluralities: Hall, lieutenant governor, 1,592. Bailey, auditor of state, 2,405. Lotz, attorney general, 2,590. Kelleher, state statistician, 483. The Republicans elected and their pluralities are as follows: Sims, secretary of state, 368. Hadley, treasurer of state, 2,114. Self, reporter of the supreme court, 1,890. McTurnan, superintendent of public instruction, 564. Myers, judge of supreme court, 6,830. Myers, judge of appellate court, 229. It is not improbable that some changes will be made in these figures when the last of the official returns are in. The above figures were tabulated from official returns received at the office of the secretary of state and from official figures obtained by correspondents of The News in places that had not yet reported to the secretary of state.

Thomas R. Marshall will take office as governor on January 11, 1909, along (Continued on page 4.)