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THE DEMOCRATS

NOT PLEDGED TO REPEAL

Any Democrat, Republican or Prohibitionist who now contends that the legislature is justified in the repeal of the county option law, forgets the late political history of the campaign. They forget the Hanly special legislative session; they forget the passage of the very law of which they now sanction repeal; they forget its passage by a Republican legislature; they forget that after its passage both Democrats and Republicans finished the campaign making broad the statement that local option was settled, and by reason of that settlement it was no longer an issue in the campaign. When these facts are recalled, it will be hard to justify any effort of repeal.

Above all other arguments, however, against the repeal of the law, is the fact that the law has not been tried and its merits are as yet unknown. It cost forty thousand dollars to get that law on our statute books, and while the cost was extravagant, yet it is worthy of a fair and impartial test.

While the Democrats pinned their faith to a platform declaration favorable to a township and ward local option law, yet when that was done no law covered this much discussed point. The Democrats did not agree to repeal a law in order to give expression to

their particular brand of local option. And the people now do not expect any laws repealed touching upon the regulation or extermination of the saloon. Be the law what it may, good, bad or indifferent, it is a Republican law and the Republicans will have to stand sponsor for it. It is not on the card that the Democrats should help pull Republican chestnuts out of the fire. The Democrats should play good politics, and good politics does not mean the repeal of the county local option law at this particular time.

Republican papers say that 500,000 idle men will be re-employed in this country by the first day of January. With eggs selling at 30 cents a dozen, butter at 26 cents a pound, beefsteak at 12 and 15 cents, potatoes at 75 cents a bushel, coal and wood a little higher than ever and all kinds of necessities way up, it is indeed a good thing that the laboring men, or a portion of them, are to get work in the near future. Even the fellow who has a fairly good job finds it quite a proposition to make ends meet, especially during the winter season, at prevailing prices.—Columbia City Post.

James P. Goodrich is not a candidate for re-election as chairman of the Republican state committee, and may be succeeded by ex-governor Winfield T. Durbin. With Durbin as state chairman and Senator Beveridge the big buck in the state, the Republican party in Indiana is likely to retrograde and become more friendly again to the liberal elements.—Berne Witness.

Think of Jim Godrich keeping the Republican party sober. And then to think, too, we are going to lose him. How we will miss his long and pious countenance and his beautiful tributes of praise to the Lord and the Republican party.

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BERT LYNCH'S HOME DAMAGED

Fire Started from Furnace—Loss Several Hundred Dollars.

The Jonesboro (Ark.) Daily News of Monday said: A fire alarm was turned in this afternoon from the large brick residence of Bert Lynch, on south Main street. The firemen were unable to gain admittance to the house for some time after arriving, being prevented by the intense smoke, which was pouring out in volumes from every window and door in the house. The fire, it is thought, originated from the furnace in the basement. The interior was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars by smoke.

TO SUNNY SOUTH

Two Decatur Parties Are Scheduled for Hunting Expedition

ONE PARTY HAS GONE

To Kansas, the Other Will Leave Next Week for Louisiana

A party of Decatur gentlemen, including, Ed Johnson, Charles Zeser, Frank Maples, Mr. Wellerman will leave next week for Winnfield, Louisiana, where they will hunt for bear and deer for one month. They will hunt in the vicinity of where President Roosevelt has sauntered on hunting expeditions several times, although they do not claim to have an ability equal to his in the great game. The gentlemen have not decided just when they will leave for the sunny south, but it will be some time next week.

Messrs. Chris Buuck, Henry Gallmeyer and Conrad H. Doebrman left last night for Notonia, Kansas, where they will remain for several weeks on a visit. While there they will also hunt jack rabbits and other game. The boys expect to have a great time and will not lose any opportunities in enjoying themselves. Several other Decatur parties are anticipating leaving on hunting expeditions.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

The Shakespeare Club Met With Mrs. Emma Daniels this Afternoon

THE HISTORICAL CLUB

Many Other Items of Interest to Society Are Here Given

One of the pleasant social events of last evening was the surprise planned and executed upon Mrs. A. J. Hill. The perpetrators of the daring deed met at the home of Mrs. L. G. Ellingham, and at six o'clock thirteen brave women bombarded the Hill home on Mercer avenue. The surprise was complete. After every one came to, a most delicious picnic supper was served and this was followed by a pleasant social evening. Mrs. Hill will soon leave for Ashville, South Carolina, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Reynolds. Those present last evening were Mrs. Schrock, Mrs. Congleton, Mrs. Dorwin, Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Dugan, Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Ellingham, Mrs. Kauffman, Mrs. D. D. Heller, Mrs. Tyndall, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. Chamber, Miss Dunathan and Miss Johnson.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet tomorrow evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. True on Winchester street. Music and games are scheduled for amusement features, and the society extends a cordial invitation to the public.

A splendid social session characterized the regular meeting of the Rebekah lodge last night including the rendition of musical numbers and the serving of refreshing dainties of the season. The ladies of the organization whose names begin with A. B. or C were the entertainers. A novel smelling contest found expression in the event in which Miss Nellie Winnes proved to be the best smeller and accordingly was given the first prize. Harvey Rice being declared the least sensitive to the odors, he was awarded the booby. We are in possession of a confidential tip to the effect that the majority of the Rebekahs are good smellers. A ladies chorus rendered a beautiful selection. Those of the order whose names begin with any of the alphabetical letters ranging from D. to H. will entertain next Tuesday evening.

The girls of the Y. L. E. club had an enjoyable time at the home of Miss Amelia Webber on Fourth street last evening. Sewing was the principal features of the occasion, dainty refreshments being served before the departure of the guests.

Miss Lillian Myers entertained the members of the Only Original Club last evening. A good time was had by all present.

Mrs. Jesse Daily will entertain the Thimble Club tomorrow afternoon at her home.

The ladies of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church are packing a barrel with clothing, bedding and other things which will be sent to the Mitchell Orphans' Home in North Carolina. Another act of charity.

A very interesting meeting of the Historical Club was held at the home of Mrs. M. Burns last night. The paper read by Mrs. R. K. Allison and the discussion by sub-topics was very educating.

An important meeting of the Shakespeare Club was held at the home of Mrs. Emma Daniels this afternoon, the principal paper on Alaska being read by the hostess.

A full attendance is desired at the regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church which will be held at the home of Mrs. F. V. Mills tomorrow afternoon.

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Mr. Hoffman has accomplished more during his brief life than most men achieve at three score. He has all the qualifications of leadership, and if elected senator he will take rank as the equal, if not the superior, of Beveridge.

Jesse Niblick was one of the interested visitors to "The Servant of the House" at Fort Wayne last evening.

George Braun was at Fort Wayne last evening consulting a physician concerning his health which has been very bad for a few days.

It is reported that a popular young couple are to be married in the very near future and that the announcement will be made within a very few days.

A trip in the interest of the proposed Bluffton, Berne & Celina Traction company was made to Berne today by Joel Gerber, Peter Neuenchwander and W. H. Eichhorn.—Bluffton Banner.

Affidavits against the five Poneto young men who are alleged to have hunted on Sunday were filed in Squire Rinehart's court. The boys have not yet been arraigned for trial. The cases bear the unusual feature of having as a prosecuting witness the uncle of two of the boys, Carl and Ralph Lee. The affidavits were filed by John Lee. The other three boys accused are Charles and Tod Collins and Bing Sellers.—Bluffton Banner.

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

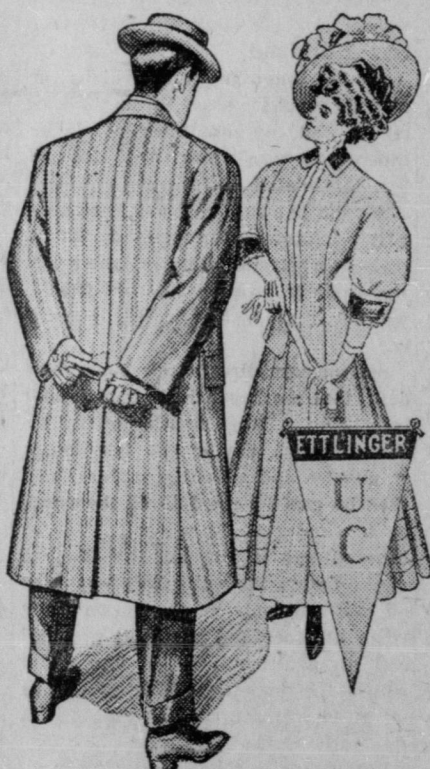
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