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### IT WAS A

#### TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN

No plank or no place in the Democratic state platform pledges the party to a repeal of county local option and the adoption in its place of township and ward option. When the Indiana Democracy held their state convention, there was no county local option law. The convention was held early with a view of giving advanced pledges in favor of temperance. This preliminary pledge was adopted as a part of the Democratic creed, and the party went forth to battle for more and better laws to restrict the sale of intoxicants by retail. Since that convention a county local option law has been made a part of the laws of our state. Sincerity in a township and ward local option law, should compel respect for a county local option law, which is now in full force and effect. Democratic legislators cannot or should not treat this fact too lightly.

Economy in public life is a better and more convincing card for Democrats to win an election, two years hence. State taxes are extravagant, and petty offices have become an abomination. The legislature should set the example of economy and thereby practice that which they have been preaching. They will do it, too.

The longer we know Mr. Taft

the better we like him.—Winchester Herald.

Now you quit flirting with Mr. Taft; he's married.

But few congressional districts in the United States have changed political complexion stronger than has this district. In 1904 George Cromer was elected as a Republican congressman by a plurality of 7,394. This year John A. M. Adair was elected as a Democratic congressman by a plurality of 5,663. A change of over 13,000 votes in four years.—Winchester Journal.

Let no one imagine for a moment that Stephen B. Fleming, the state senator from the counties of Allen and Adams will not be an important factor in the contest for the United States senatorship. "Steve" is a hustler. Grass is never permitted to grow under his feet. And what a long memory that untiring little man carries in his head!—South Bend Times.

#### ABOUT YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

Lady Who Tried Chasing Early Says Its Great.

What do you say to buying your Christmas presents now? Think ahead six weeks and in your mind's eye see the hurry and scurry and hurly-burly that will dominate your home and favorite shops as it did just before Christmas last year and ever has and ever will unless you wish to avoid it. Can't you just see the tired, overwrought woman's scramble at the bargain counters that is as inevitable before Christmas each year as is the twenty-fifth of December itself? A wise young matron of this city says that she has made it a practice for several years to have all of her Christmas shopping done on the first of November, the "Merry Xmas" cards written, the gifts properly apportioned and the packages neatly wrapped and ready to mail or express ten days before the annual festival. "You have no idea," this woman says, "what a relief this is to me. I have time to select the gifts for my friends deliberately and know what I am buying, and I believe on some articles I actually save money. I know that I am not buying from the frazzled

end of the merchant's stock. And, too, presents have not been pawed over by a thousand shoppers. However, the real fun of the thing is to sit back in my easy chair during the month of December and watch all of my poor, dear, foolish friends, in the holiday shopping riot."

#### KEEP CHURCH AND STATE FOREVER SEPARATE.

When there is danger of a union of church and state the people of America ought to see it, and raise the warning signal and "avoid the consequences by denying the principle." Is there such a danger today? When the church loses her connection with her source of strength, her living head, Christ Jesus, and begins to seek the assistance of the civil power to further her ends, especially to protect her day of rest which she cannot sustain by the Bible, the principles of a union of church and state are being laid. The state is to protect its subjects as citizens, showing favors to none. Is not to legislate in favor of any religious institution or day the church may establish. The work of the church is to save souls by the might and power of God and not by the power of state. The relation that should exist between the church and state—an entire separation—taught by Jesus Christ and the founders of this republic, is very little studied and adhered to today. Notwithstanding the grand principles upon which this government is based—Republicanism and Protestantism—which has made this nation great, efforts have repeatedly been made during the past few years to get congress to commit itself to the principle of religious legislation by enacting laws to protect the day of rest set apart by the church. Strenuous efforts were made at the last session of congress to that effect and stronger efforts are to be made at the next session which is to open Dec. 7, 1908. Once committed to this evil principle this republic has taken a backward step which will end in every principle of the constitution being repudiated. Shall we who love the principles of religious liberty protest against such a course? J. E. Dunn, Bluffton, Ind., R. D. 3.

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## SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

St. Vincent de Paul Society  
Gave a Pedro Party  
Last Evening

#### LADIES' MITE SOCIETY

To Be Entertained by Mrs.  
Roy Archbold—Other  
Social Events

There will be a special meeting called for this evening at the I. O. O. F. hall. Let every member be present as business of much importance will be transacted, which will be of interest to all members. W. B. Johnson, Secy.

The pedro party given at the K. C. hall last night under the auspices of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, was a marked success in every respect. A large number of guests gathered early in the evening and were seated at small tables when progressive pedro ensued. After indulging in the popular pastime for the time allotted, the prize winners were announced and presented with beautiful presents. The gentlemen's prize were as follows: Harmon Colchin, first; Martin Mylott, second; and Fred Deininger, third. The ladies prizes: Miss Rose Kleinhertz, first; Mrs. C. V. Connell, second, and Miss Anna Volmer, third. At the close of the card party Miller and Frisbee and Miss Kohn furnished music, while these present tripped the light fantastic until the small hours of the morning. A most delightful time was enjoyed.

Mrs. Roy Archbold will be hostess at a meeting of the Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. church tomorrow afternoon and every member is requested to be present. The proceeds of the meeting will be used for local charity.

The people of Decatur are promised a rare treat in the entertainment to be given at the Christian church tomorrow evening. The lecture to be delivered by Miss Mary B. Cox on the Passion Play will be great, and one that will interest all who attend. Besides this an excellent music and literary program will be rendered. The small fee of admission, fifteen cents, will be charged.

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. church was held at the home of Mrs. F. V. Mills this afternoon and the session proved of unusual interest. Reading of reports and a paper of "Our Missionaries" were the principal features.

The ladies of the Washington M. E. church will give a dinner and supper on Thanksgiving day.

The entire membership of the Christian church surprised Dr. Marie L. Holloway, who is to leave about the first of December for Branson, Mo., where she will make her future home with her daughter. The event occurred last evening and proved most delightful. The ladies prepared for the occasion by taking along the necessary requirements for serving a luncheon, and this was done in a very satisfactory manner. Mrs. Holloway has long been a resident of this city and held in high esteem by the many who know her. Her services will especially be missed in the church, and that she may remember those who have appreciated her work in that line the members of the Christian church presented her with a beautiful Bible, Nelson's teachers' edition, American standard version. The proprietors of the Racket store gave her a handsome Japanese teapot. The evening was happily spent and will long be remembered.

#### GLENDALE FARM HERD DUROCS

Now is the time to buy your tried sows and get ready for next year's spring pigs. You sold your sows this last fall and winter, so why not buy a tried sow or spring gilt and start right. I have them in the reach of every farmer. If you need a good malpig, I have them and will sell them right, and will register all hogs, sold to farmers during the next thirty days. My fall sale is on Oct. 29. Write or phone at my expense for prices and Oct. 29, 1908.

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#### IS A TARIFF THIEF

(Continued from page 1.)  
actly the position of myriads of others, and then they say we do not exist. Meanwhile, I do know this. On every occasion when of late I have addressed an audience any reference to "protection run mad" or to the tariff as the "mother of trusts," has invariably elicited a more spontaneous response than any other utterance I could make.

"The feeling is abroad, becoming stronger, and will certainly sooner or later be in evidence at the polls. Meanwhile, the tens of thousands of persons who feel in that way, like myself, cannot afford either the time or more frequently the money to go to Washington to ask to be heard before a committee which they know in advance is both prejudiced and packed against them. I have in this letter set forth the situation, so far as the revision of the tariff is concerned, as it exists within your personal knowledge and my personal knowledge. You are welcome to make such use of it before the committee or elsewhere as you see fit. I should have no objection, even, to seeing it in print. Meanwhile have it well understood that my position is exactly that of tens of thousands of others scattered throughout the country. To ask us to put aside our business affairs, and at our own expense, go to Washington on a desperate mission is asking a little too much, whether the demand comes from the committee or from a president-elect."

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