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C. E. CONVENTION

Delegates from Five Counties Will Gather Here Tomorrow

FOR TWO DAYS

Interesting Sessions to Be Held at Presbyterian Church—the Program

The Christian Endeavor Society for the district comprised of Adams, Allen, Huntington, Wells and Whitley counties will convene at the First Presbyterian church in this city tomorrow evening and the affair promises to be a very enjoyable one. About seventy-five delegates are to be here and we are informed that the committee in charge are having a great amount of difficulty in finding accommodations for the visitors, the people here not offering to open their homes as might be expected. It is to be hoped that this trouble will be overcome and that the delegates will be well taken care of. The program for the event as prepared is as follows:

THURSDAY EVENING.
7:30. Song and Praise Service
Devotional.
Music.

Address—"The Christian Endeavor Training for Service".....
Rev. H. H. Elwinger, Andrews, Ind.
Address—"Why Use the Bible".....
Rev. H. T. Sell, D.D.

Song and Announcements.
FRIDAY MORNING.
Song and Devotional.

"Alone with God".....
Miss Gladys Williams
Practical Method Session.

General Theme—"The Local Society" Problems and Possibilities—Five Minute Talks:

"Small Society;" "Large Society;" "Country Society;" "City Society;" "Inter and Junior;" "Run Down."

Discussion.
Music.

Missionary Activities of Your Denomination:

"Where to Help and How."
"Whom to See Regarding the Methods."

Miss Cora D. Altman, Huntington
Discussion and Questions.
Reports of Committees.

Place of Meeting; Resolutions; Nominating.
FRIDAY EVENING.
7:30.

Song Service.
Devotional.

Address—Persia: Its People; Customs; The Opportunities.....
Miss Lilly Beaber, Missionary at Tabriz, Persia.

The Five-Fold Campaign—The Opportunities and Purposes in Indiana.
Miss Florence Lanham, Indianapolis

Consecration Service.
Rev. T. B. Terhune, Huntington, Ind.

General Theme—"The Individual Member"
His Tools and Work:

"Our Daily Bible;" "Speak Out;" "Your Best;" "The Master's Call;" "Christian Endeavor Mistakes".....
Miss Anna Biddle

"The Soul Winner's Pledge".....
Miss Florence Lanham, State Secy., Indianapolis, Ind.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.
Song.

Practical Method Session. Part II. The Pastor:

"In the Society;" "Use of the Society."
Making Christian Endeavor a Power in your Church:

Discussion.
The Importance of the Prayer Meeting:

"Preparation For;" "Committees Plans;" "Purposes;" "Results."
The Other Things to Be Done.
Discussion.

PROPOSE TRACTION MERGER

Chicago, Nov. 24.—John A. Spoor and Henry A. Blair, Chicago capitalists, left Chicago today to confer with J. Morgan in New York. They are said to be members of a committee selected to discuss with Mr. Morgan the proposed \$200,000,000 traction merger of Chicago's elevated and surface lines. They are expected to place before Mr. Morgan a concrete idea of unification plan as outlined in a preliminary meeting in Chicago. The interests of Mr. Morgan in Chicago city railroads are represented by Mr. Spoor and John J. Mitchell, also active in the unification plan.

MR. WELLS WANTS HIS BOY

Who Left Home Recently With Floyd Martz.

W. B. Wells, of Monroe, writes us to publish the fact that he is very desirous of securing information concerning the whereabouts of his son, Orville, who left home Sunday night with a neighbor boy named Floyd Martz. The boys took Mr. Wells' horse and are supposed to have started for Michigan. Mr. Wells asks us to say also that if any one sees the lads to have them arrested and notify him. Martz is eighteen years old, five feet four inches in height, and of light complexion. The Wells boy is but fourteen, is tall and slim and is looking, and is also of light complexion.

UNCLE JOE ONDECK

Trying to Make Agreement With New Administration

NOW IN CONGRESS

The Liquor Question Will Be Given National Importance

Washington, Nov. 25.—Speaker Cannon arrived here last evening. His friends expect him to lose no time in getting to the bottom of the talk about President-elect Taft taking a hand in the organization of the new house of representatives. A voice from the Cannon wing of the party says the president-elect is making a grave mistake if he really is planning to oppose the re-election of Cannon to the speakership. The Cannon supporters are unable to see how Mr. Taft can accomplish anything in view of the fact that Cannon for two weeks has had pledges of more than enough votes to elect him. It is apparent that the Cannon people do not know just what to say or do until they have more light on the attitude of the president-elect. Up to this time Mr. Taft has not said that he intends to oppose Mr. Cannon, but he has permitted friends to say as much for him. Representative Burton's announcement of the intention of the president-elect is the most specific yet made. The general expectation here is that before Speaker Cannon has been here many days, statements will be forthcoming from both sides to the effect that Taft and Cannon understand each other, and that there will be no contest over the speakership. According to white house information, President Roosevelt deprecates the Burton interview intimating that Taft might go after the speaker's scalp. A knowing Republican remarked today: "If some one else does not pull Taft off Roosevelt will. There will be no fight between the new president and Mr. Cannon."

Washington, Nov. 25.—The recent victory of the "wets" in the state elections of Indiana, Ohio and elsewhere has given a national setback to the temperance movement and has rejuvenated the liquor forces more than any other event that has happened within the last two decades. Emboldened by the belief that the so-called temperance wave is receding, the lobbyists of the brewing and distilling interest of the country are turning toward Washington and are concocting plans to use the advantage gained by the recent elections in a campaign to secure legislation from congress that will put permanent handicaps on the anti-saloon crusaders. Some of the leading liquor lobbyists of the country are now here and quartered at the Willard hotel. They are elated over the elections, and are devising several interesting schemes which they hope to work out at the coming session of congress.

Bert Koontz was in Petroleum today attending to matters in connection with the construction of the new bank at that place, which he holds the contract for building. He will make a final report about the first of the month, when the new building will be ready for occupancy. The new institution will be one of the finest small banks in this part of the state, having a tile floor and all the up to date improvements of the city bank. —Bluffton Banner.

MR. BORDEN DEAD

Well Known Geneva Man Breathed His Last at Noon Today

ILL MANY MONTHS

Suffered from Stomach Trouble—Formerly Lived in Decatur

Geneva, Ind., Nov. 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Charles Borden, one of the best known citizens of this place, died at his home at noon today after an illness of several months. He was about fifty years of age, and for a great many years had served as night policeman in this town. He formerly lived at Decatur, where he will be remembered, being known there as Chiff Borden. He was an efficient officer and an industrious and well respected citizen. About a year ago he began suffering from stomach trouble and within a few months he was reduced from a man of two hundred pounds to almost a skeleton. He finally gave up his work and went to the home of his son in Illinois, but the rest failed to restore him to health and he came home about two weeks ago, desiring to spend his last days at this place where he has lived so long. He is survived by the wife, and three children, Carl who lives at home and O. V. Borden and Mrs. Mary Barrett, of Westfield, Ill. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, awaiting the arrival of the children.

TWO MORE COUNTIES DRY

Fulton and Miami, in Ohio, Vote to Abolish Saloons.

Columbus, O., Nov. 24.—Fulton county today voted dry by 945, and Miami county dry by 1,350, in the former there are twenty-four saloons and in the latter sixty.

NEED MORE ROOM

The Decatur Furnace Company Needs More Room

LOTS OF BUSINESS

They Could Employ Twice the Number of Men

In one respect the management of the Decatur Furnace company are in a pleasant frame of mind. Their contracts for furnaces and foundry supplies are greatly exceeding their capacity. They are now discussing and figuring out some way to double the capacity of their foundry. At present thirty-five men are employed, and if they had the necessary room twice that number could be employed. This state of affairs makes the stockholders feel good; but if thirty-five more men could be employed, the decks should be cleared for their employment. We hope that the necessary building room can be supplied, and that without delay. The Decatur Furnace company has grown rapidly, and its growth has been substantial. It will be one of our leading industries, especially if permitted to grow in size as the demands grow.

SPECIAL DOINGS AT THE GRAND

The Grand theater will make a special effort to please its patrons on Thanksgiving day. In addition to the two high class reels and the other attractions, the new song, "Decatur," composed especially for the occasion by Prof. True Fristoe, will be rendered and with it will be shown a number of views from this city. The matinee begins at 1:30 o'clock and the show will continue during the afternoon and evening excepting at the supper hour.

FIGHT ON TRACTION CAR

Whites and Negroes, Who Were Drunk, Have Melee.

Princeton, Ind., Nov. 24.—Drunks, both white and colored, took complete possession of an E. & S. I. traction car between Haubstadt and this city last night, and fought all the way from Haubstadt here. A negro local talent company had been giving a minstrel performance in Haubstadt, and while there it is said white men from Fort Branch and Princeton tried to get the negro women drunk. This, was the cause of the trouble which broke out on the car. Several were severely beaten and cut, windows were broken out, and it was not until the police met the car here that the trouble was stopped. A number of arrests were made.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

A. B. Cunningham Files Case for Damages Against C. & E. Railway

FOR LOSS BY FIRE

Assault Case Filed on Appeal—A Marriage License—Other Items

Through his attorney, C. L. Walters, Anson B. Cunningham, a well known farmer of Root township, has filed suit against the Chicago & Erie railroad, demanding \$500 for damage caused to the said Cunningham farm by fires. The complaint is in three counts and alleges that on September 10th and October 6th and 13th, sparks from a C. & E. engine set fire to grass and weeds along their right of way which spread to the 138 acre farm of Mr. Cunningham and caused a loss of several hundred dollars, by burning hay, grass, grain and fences. Attorney Beatty will look after the interest of the railroad company.

In the Mathias Miller et al drain, an additional allowance of \$75 was made to Peterson & Moran as attorneys for petition. Superintendent of construction ordered to pay same.

Henry A. Tindell et al vs. Jacob Fogie, partition, demurrer filed to complaint. The case of the State vs. Henry Roth, assault and battery, appealed from the justice court in Wabash township, has been filed in court here. The case is the result of the collision of two buggies and is a rather peculiar one.

John A. Cook, guardian for Jessie Cook and others filed a report which was spread of record.

Eli W. Steele, guardian for Andrew J. Robison, filed a petition for an allowance and an order to keep ward at guardian's home. He was allowed \$15 per month until further order of court.

Philip F. Luley, 30, a machinist from Fort Wayne, and Anna Wolpert, 36, of this city, were granted a marriage license.

Real estate transfers: Decatur Cemetery Association to W. D. Drummond lot 434 Decatur cemetery, \$32.

Clerk Haefling has sent a fee bill to Bluffton, calling for \$1,405.23, the costs in the Studabaker-Faylor case. This is the largest fee bill ever prepared in this county.

A marriage license was issued to Otto B. Lehman, 23, a bridegroom of Berne, to Hulda Habegger, 21, of Berne. Another couple to secure a license were William Schenbeck 22, a stock buyer, of Wabash township, to Mary Hawbaker, aged 20. A license to wed was also issued to William G. Neuschwander, 23, a Wells county farmer, and Lizzie Swartz, aged 21, of this county.

NO PAPER TOMORROW.

In compliance with our custom of former years, the Daily Democrat force will not be on duty tomorrow—Thanksgiving day. Consequently there will be no issue of the Daily Democrat. *****

CAUSED A BIG STIR

Mrs. John Witte Traveled Eight Miles Over Public Highway

WITH BABY CAB

Was Running Away from Her Husband—Parents Took Her Home

The Bluffton News said: Ossian was thrown into commotion at dusk last night when Mrs. John Witte, wife of a farmer in the Freidheim neighborhood in Adams county came into the village wheeling a baby buggy in which were her two little sons, aged four and five years. She had pushed the go-cart with the children therein a distance of eight miles on foot. The woman was running away from her husband, who had taken a load of grain to Decatur. Taking advantage of his absence she had loaded her boys in the buggy, put in some eggs and butter, which she sold on the road to a huckster, and was trying to get work in Ossian. The telephones were put to work at once and in a few hours three carriage loads of her neighbors, members of the Lutheran church, came to Ossian and tried by all means to get her to return. They had finally come to the point where they thought it best to use forcible means, when her father, William Hockmeyer, arrived with her mother and she finally consented to go to the parental roof with her children. In a conversation with various persons she said she was tired of her husband and would never return to him. He had not mistreated her, she said, but she would never live with him again. The family have a fine farm and are surrounded by every comfort, and the impression prevails that Mrs. Witte was slightly unsettled mentally. She is a fine looking woman with two handsome and healthy children, and her actions could be ascribed to no other cause. Her husband did not get back from market until ten o'clock, and found his home deserted.

THE FIRST MEETING

Boys of the Holy Grail Met Last Night and Elected Officers

A SPLENDID TIME

Was Enjoyed by All Present—More Debates and Socials this Winter

The Knights of the Holy Grail met last evening for the first time since their summer meeting and the session was of unusual interest. A goodly number of the members were present and after pursuing the usual routine, it was announced that the election of officers would be in order. As a consequence the following young men were presented and elected to the positions as follows: Knight commander, Harold Wilcox; vice K. of C., William Conrad; knight of scroll, Joe Hunter; herald, Marion Watkins; esquire, Sherman Beery; page, Frank J. Mills. The boys are anticipating a great time this winter and it is probable that several debates will be indulged in by the local and surrounding castles. Since the organization of their order, the Holy Grail boys have had a great time. They have learned much about parliamentary law and discipline and the public will hear from them this winter in various contests.

\$1,000 FROM SELF DENIAL

Wabash District Methodists Raise Sum for Missionary.
Wabash, Ind., Nov. 24.—Of the 19,400 Methodists in the Wabash Methodist Episcopal district, 5,000 took part in the self denial week just ended. According to Dr. B. S. Hoppeter, presiding elder, about \$1,000 will be realized from the self-denial, which will go to help maintain the Rev. A. W. Greenman, administrative head of the Italian mission at Rome.

SELLS OUT AT BLUFFTON.

W. S. Hughes Will Locate in California.

W. S. Hughes, of Decatur, who has conducted a monument works on north Main street for the past two years, has closed up shop and sold all the stone on hands. He is the owner of considerable land in California and Florida and with his family will move to the former state to make their future home. Mr. Hughes will embark in the monument business in his new home and will run this in connection with his other business interests. The room occupied by Mr. Hughes has not been rented to any other business. James Hughes and family of this city, may decide to accompany the Decatur family to their new home. —Bluffton Banner.

IT'S NEW TO THEM

Philippinos Surprised at Rapidity of American Surveyors

WORK THROUGH RAIN

Bert Segur Writes Another Interesting Letter of Our Possessions

Tagabalaran, P. I., Sept. 26, 1908.

Dear Father:—Sunday again and a great day it is after the rain that we have had this last week. We have now returned to Lobok and will return to Camp 6 next Thursday. We have been making the people here open their eyes by the rapid surveying that we have been doing. They are not used to American swiftness, as they are in the roads department, but I think by the time that they start the road through here that they will get used to it. We certainly had some tough surveying to do last week. We ambled up to Carmen and had to live in a tent that happened to be leaky and it started some of the worst rains that I have ever seen and as we were in a hurry we were compelled to survey in the rain. Luckily I had a rain coat with me and so I fared better than the rest of the men. I am at Tagabalaran today. I did not have anything else to do today and so I got a horse and came over here to see one of my friends that came over with me on the Mongolia.

I hardly know what I have not described to you that we see out in these provinces, unless it is the dirt of the Philippinos and I can say to start in that no description of the Philippinos is complete, as it does not take in the smell. Nearly every Philippino has a good crop of lice, and it is a very common sight to go along the road and see the Philippinos looking over each others head for lice. They all use coconut oil and that smells just what it is, rotten coconuts. They never clean up anything and you can smell a house long before you see it. They all have a greasy appearance. When they stay with us a little while we make them clean up and be a little more decent in their personal appearance, as far as washing is concerned, but if I had anything to do with it I think I would make them and some of these Americans go farther than that. I have nothing good whatsoever to say for the morals of the Americans over here. There is nothing to say. I am going to stay here in the quarters of the cantabulary over night and go back in the morning.

So long. BERT.

AERONAUTS LAND SAFELY

The Balloon United States Makes a Voyage of 250 Miles.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 24.—The balloon United States, which ascended in this city at 10 o'clock yesterday morning for a test of the coast air currents, landed at Ehrensbarg, Ariz., on the Colorado river, nearly 250 miles from Los Angeles. This advice was received by telegraph today. The balloon landed yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock.

The union church service at the Methodist church tomorrow morning will be well attended. The sermon will be by the Rev. Richard Spetnagle and there will be special music for the occasion. There will also be services at the St. Marys church and at the German Reformed church.

TO MAKE THE FIGHT

Anti-Saloon League Will Not Stand for Repeal of Local Option

TO PUSH ELECTIONS

In this Way the Sentiment for Temperance is to Be Revived

Indianapolis, Nov. 25.—The Indiana Anti-Saloon League will fight hard to prevent the repeal of the county local option law. This was decided yesterday at the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the league, held in the headquarters in the Claypool building, Illinois and Washington streets, when the members adopted a legislative program for the coming year. Not only that but the league will also try to get the legislature to adopt a resolution to submit to the people at the 1912 election a constitutional amendment for state-wide prohibition. These two propositions are the principal ones of the program that the league will follow. Probably forty members of the board of trustees were present, coming from all parts of the state. E. S. Shumaker, state superintendent of the organization, read his annual report in which he reviewed the work done during the last year. He showed that eighteen counties went dry by remonstrance since the last meeting of the trustees. There are now twenty-seven dry counties. Twenty-one county-seat towns also drove out saloons during the year. There are now more than 800 dry townships. Mr. Shumaker recited the history of the local option fight, and showed how the law was passed. He expressed regret at the defeat of James E. Watson for governor, though he said that the people of the state appeared to believe that the good qualities of Thomas R. Marshall overbalanced the good qualities of Watson. In his report Mr. Shumaker recommended that temperance work be kept out of politics and the trustees adopted this as a part of their program for the coming year. They will keep it out of party politics if they can. The report showed that the total receipts of the league during the last year amounted to more than \$27,000, which was \$9,000 in excess of what it received the previous year. Hundreds of thousands of pamphlets and campaign documents were printed and sent out through the state. On motion of the Rev. Joshua Stansfield, of the Meridian street Methodist church, the trustees decided to have the affairs of the league conducted during the coming year along the lines laid down in Shumaker's report. Dr. P. A. Baker, of Columbus, O., national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, was present and made a short speech, in which he advised the trustees to get busy at once and hold all the county local option elections they possibly can before the legislature opens its next session. "If you held a number of elections in various counties you will find that the sentiment in favor of local option will be so strong that a party will dare undertake to repeal your law," he told them. "Select the counties in which you know you will succeed, the ones that you feel certain of going dry. Hold all the elections you can before the legislature opens. Make careful preparation, however, in each case. Organize your forces in each township and precinct. Have a county headquarters, with a chairman and a stenographer. Let them have telephone communication with the workers in the townships and precincts. Send out speakers and literature that will work up the sentiment. Get everything in good shape, and then when the election is held you will find the result as we have found it in Ohio. On September 25 there were seven dry counties in Ohio. In the last seven weeks forty-seven more counties have gone dry through local option election. It is much easier to carry a county dry now than it was before the election. This is why I advise you to begin at once. By the time the legislature convenes you will have accomplished so much that your county local option law will be safe from all attack."

Workmen were busy today putting in a cement floor in the cellar below the Joseph and Colchin ice cream parlor preparatory to the installation of a candy kitchen. The firm will make all kinds of candy.