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THE UNION MEET

Young People's Societies of the City Have Prepared a Great Program

SUNDAY EVENING

At Evangelical Church, Beginning at 6:00 O'Clock—Public Invited

The young people's meeting to be conducted at the Evangelical church Sunday evening will be interesting. It is the first union service of the young people's societies held in this city for years. The program as it will be rendered is as follows:

Opening Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Scripture.
Address: "Influence of Literature on the Mind," Thomas Perkins.
Solo, Della Sellemeyer.
Address: "Influence of Literature on the Morals," by Homer Knodle.
Violin Solo, Don Burke.
Address: "Influence of Literature on the Community," by Rev. Hesser.
Solo, Effie York.
Address: "Relation of Mind to the Soul," C. L. Walters.
Address: "Kinds of Literature That Strengthen," A. Van Camp.
Music.
Benediction.

MAY BUY THE RECORD-HERALD

And Convert It Into a Democratic Paper—Mrs. Palmer Interested.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 11.—The story is current here that the Chicago Record-Herald will soon pass from the hands of Victor F. Lawson, who is also the owner of the Chicago Daily News, to a syndicate of Chicago democrats with which Mrs. Potter Palmer is identified. The report has it that Mrs. Palmer's sons are desirous of entering the newspaper business, and that H. H. Kohlsaat, whose daughter is the wife of one of the sons, is not adverse to taking hold of the Record-Herald which he once controlled, and initiating the Palmers into the mysteries of journalism. H. H. Kohlsaat after disposing of the Record-Herald, became pressed for cash, and deposited as security for a loan \$400,000 of the Record-Herald bonds. These bonds it is said have passed to other parties, but can be purchased as can the bondholdings of Mr. Lawson. The Record-Herald carries a \$4,000,000 mortgage secured by the bonds, which draw four per cent. It has made no money it is claimed, and Mr. Lawson is entirely willing to part with the paper at a price approximately \$2,000,000. Local democrats are without an organ since the flip-flop of the Hearst papers, and are disposed to put up a large sum if Mrs. Palmer will raise the rest. The deal is now a matter of price, Mrs. Palmer objecting to paying \$2,000,000 for the Record-Herald which, if the sale is consummated, will be published as a straight democratic paper.

HE HAS FIGURED THEM OUT.

Forty-Eight Lawyers in the Indiana Legislature.

Representative-elect J. B. Merriman has figured out the complexion of the next state legislature with reference to occupations or professions of the members, and some very interesting facts are found. The figures show that lawyers predominate in both branches and in the senate they compose one-half the entire membership. The figures are as follows: Senate—Lawyers, 25; merchants, 3; publishers, 3; physicians, 4; farmers, 4; bankers, 3; manufacturers, 2; druggists, 2; contractor, 1; fire insurance, 1; coal operator, 1; and one is unlisted. House—Lawyers, 23; farmers, 22; merchants, 7; physicians, 6; publishers, 2; fire insurance agents, 5; contractors, 3; bankers, 1; secretary, 1; book binder, 1; conductor, 1; teachers, 2; carpenter, 1; tinner, 1; jeweler, 1; laborer, 1; minister, 1; photographer, 1; lumber dealers, 2; and grocers, 2. Fifteen representatives are not listed.—Bluffton News.

Chris Myers, the tailor, has a comfortable business room now that an addition has been added to the building in which he is located. Mr. Myers is doing a big business.

WILL ACT AS TOAST MASTER

Attorney D. E. Smith on Program in Hartford Township.

Attorney David E. Smith went to Hartford township this afternoon in answer to an invitation to take part in a school entertainment that will be given at the Bolds school house this evening. Jesse Kelley, is the teacher, and this is no doubt one of his many efforts to increase interest. The teachers and patrons of the school are to be present and it is understood that at the close of the program, a banquet will be served, at which Mr. Smith will act as the toastmaster. It is assured that a good time will be enjoyed. Hartford township's schools are unexcelled and they have a reputation for doing things up right there.

MAY TRY TO AMEND

Congress Talking About Uncle Joe's House Rules

DO NOT LIKE IT

Think Two Men Should Not Control Action of Congress

Washington, December 11.—It looks as if there would soon be a little ginger in the fight to amend the rules of the house. A meeting of the insurgents will be held, led by William P. Hepburn, of Iowa, and from that time on the movement ought to proceed in organized shape. There is a great deal of dodging over the issues, and, on the other hand, the issues are not as clear as they probably will be after a capable committee has whipped them into shape. The general purpose of the movement is to gain a little more freedom of speech and action for the individual member or measure. The "standpatters" have two or more sides to their argument—one that the rules give the speaker no abnormal power, and another that if they do, he ought to have it, otherwise congress would become but a disorganized mob.

Washington, December 11.—Washington just at this moment is inclined to take the interviews of Messrs. Taft and Cannon with reference to the tariff legislation with a grain of resentment. There is much unvoiced opposition to a system of control so absolute that two men, the president and the speaker, can sit down comfortably together and make out in advance just what legislation congress shall and shall not consider. Tariff standpatters object to the suggestion that a revision president should thus be able to make a deal with the speaker, while revisionists are fearful that their interests may be sacrificed in concessions which the speaker might be forced to make. In the present case the interviews were forced by the system—they were not a natural product of it—for Mr. Taft found his views regarding the tariff likely to be negated in congress by the excessive power of Speaker Cannon and threatened a veto if the tariff bill did not conserve the general instead of special interests.

CHILD WIFE'S SKULL BROKEN

Post-Mortem Examination Shows Brain Fever Did Not Cause Death.

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 10.—The mystery surrounding the death of Jennie Clark was increased today when a post-mortem revealed a fractured skull. The death is being rigidly investigated, the suspicion of the authorities having been aroused, although the death certificate gave the cause as brain fever. The relatives of the victim, who was married at 15, a mother at 17, and deserted at 18, say they know nothing of the wounds.

CHRISTMAS TREES ARE SCARCE

Chicago, Dec. 11.—Christmas trees are beginning to arrive in Chicago, bringing with them a whiff of the holiday spirit. According to dealers, the trees will be much higher in price than of late, owing to the forest fires which have worked havoc in many sections during the last few months.

WRITES A NOVEL

"The Masquerading of Margaret" an Interesting Novel

FORMERLY OF BERNE

Mrs. Clara Gottschalk-Welty of Lima, Ohio, the Authoress

S. W. Hale, manager of the Old Reliable drug store, has received a communication from Mrs. Clara Gottschalk-Welty, of Lima, Ohio, stating that she is the authoress of a new book, a novel, entitled "The Masquerading of Margaret," and that same will be ready to be placed upon the market on or about December 15. The plot is laid in Indiana, among the Amish, and as the authoress is a former resident of Berne, a daughter of Andrew Gottschalk, many of the names and places mentioned in the book will be familiar to people in this immediate vicinity. The volume is published by the Clark Pub. Co., and will be placed on the market at probably \$1.25. The Old Reliable drug store will have the books for sale as soon as a shipment of them can be obtained.—Geneva Herald.

E. E. Young was at Fort Wayne, last Thursday looking after business matters. Mr. Young has closed his saloon in the Manley room, his license having expired. This is the first saloon in Geneva to close its doors because of the enforcement of the Moore remonstrance law which was voted in this township last summer. That leaves Geneva with three saloons. A year ago there were five here, since which time one burned out and was never started up again.—Geneva Herald.

T. P. A. TO BANQUET

They Will Entertain State Officers Next Friday Night

MAKING PROGRAM

The Local T. P. A. Post is a New But Lively Organization

Unless all signs fail in dry weather there will be something doing here on next Friday evening, December 18. On that evening the local post T. P. A. will entertain some of the state officers, and the local post have decided to make the event one calculated to make the state officials take notice. Mr. John T. Gerhart, of Anderson, the state president, and Charles Moore, of Muncie, chairman of the membership committee of this district, are to be the guests of the evening. Local committees have been appointed, and while no arrangements have been made yet, it is on the books that a banquet at the Murray hotel, followed by toasts, the speakers being the visitors and several local members. The Decatur T. P. A. post is the latest society organized in Decatur, and while youthful, they are a frisky lot, and their first public event will set a pace that will make them hard to catch. The committees appointed will work out the details and they will be given the public later.

FOUR ECLIPSES FOR 1909.

Naval Authorities Announce Result of Observations.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 11.—According to the announcement of the naval observatory authorities there will be four eclipses next year—two of the sun and two of the moon. The first eclipse of the sun, June 17, will be visible in a large portion of North America, but the second, Dec. 12, will be invisible in the United States. The lunar eclipses will take place on June 3 and November 26. The first will be visible in a part of North America and the second throughout the continent.

SECTION MAN CAN'T RECOVER

When He Jumps from Moving Train Under Orders.

The appellate court has given a decision in an interesting railway case as follows: Chicago Railway Company vs. Sanders, Chicago C. C. Reversed. Roby, J. (1) A section man who was riding home on a train with his foreman and other men of his gang, and knew the train was running six or eight miles an hour, and could see the character of place where they must alight if they got off, who obeyed his foreman when the foreman told the conductor not to stop the train and told them to "Get off, boys," and was thereby thrown over a wall and injured, cannot recover from his employer, the danger being open and obvious. (2) Plaintiff's own evidence to the above effect and an entire lack of other evidence makes findings that the foreman knew of the danger and was negligent, and that plaintiff did not know of the danger and was not negligent, unsupported by the evidence.

HONEST REVISION

President-elect Taft Believes That Congress Will Act

PARTY PLEDGES

A Conference With Uncle Joe Relieves the Situation

Washington, Dec. 11.—President-elect Taft said that it was his belief that the house of representatives would make an "honest and thorough revision of the tariff" at the extra session which he is to call upon his inauguration as president. This belief he bases on a conference he had yesterday with Speaker Joseph G. Cannon and with a session today with the Republican members of the ways and means committee of the house of representatives. Mr. Taft said that he had not consulted with members of the senate on the subject, indicating at the same time the tremendous pressure upon his time since he had been in Washington as the reason. When the suggestion was made that the senate would undoubtedly have something to do with the tariff bill after the house had passed it, he replied with no uncertainty in his demeanor, that there was also some one else who also would have something to do with the bill, which, interpreted through the medium of previous utterances, indicates clearly that Mr. Taft is determined even to the exercise of the veto power to prosecute the pledges of the party. Mr. Taft dictated a statement which covered his interview with the Republican members of the committee, with the exception of Representative McCall of Massachusetts and Crumpacker of Indiana. With the latter member Mr. Taft had a satisfactory interview at Hot Springs. After he had finished his statement he was asked the substance of the interview he had with the speaker. His reply was that Mr. Cannon had said that he was in favor of an honest and thorough revision of the tariff in accordance with the party promises. The question of the speakership of the next congress, Mr. Taft said, was not discussed. He said that he had been somewhat misled regarding his interpretation of the attitude of the speaker by the press reports of Mr. Cannon's speech in November before the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. The official report of that speech, he said, had given him an entirely different impression.

Lafayette Ellis has returned from the jungles of Louisiana, where he accompanied by Ed Johnson, Frank Maples, Charles Cezar and several other Adams county men, went about two weeks ago on a hunting trip. The party went too far south at first and found no game to speak of, and they started northward to Delhi, which is the vicinity in which President Roosevelt has made several hunting expeditions. Mr. Ellis decided to come home and left the party at this place. It had begun to rain and the bottoms were filling with water, hence Mr. Ellis did not care to remain with the party. All of the Adams county men were enjoying good health when Mr. Ellis left them and they expected to land some big game, although up to this time they had not discharged a gun. They may remain for several weeks yet before returning home.

IS STILL A VERY SICK MAN.

Commissioner Laughlin Reported Not So Well Today.

County Commissioner Martin Laughlin is still a very sick man, and he does not seem to be recovering as rapidly as was hoped yesterday. He passed a very bad night and was but little better today. The first trouble, obstruction of the bowels, has been relieved, but he complains now of a severe pain over the right lung, which is said to be an indication of pleurisy. He is still at the home of J. C. Moran and no attempt will be made to remove him to his home in Jefferson township until he is much improved from his present condition.

SENATOR TO START MAGAZINE

LaFollette to Commence Publishing New Weekly Periodical.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 11.—Senator LaFollette, following in the footsteps of William J. Bryan and other literary statesmen, will shortly begin the publication of a new weekly magazine. The periodical will make its initial appearance within two or three weeks, probably during the Christmas holidays. The new journal will be devoted largely to politics, but will also have literary features.

IN CIRCUIT COURT

The Smith vs. Laisure Suit on Account Heard Today

GOES TO JURY

First Trial of the Term—Final Report on Ditch Was Filed

William G. Smith vs. Muri Laisure, suit on account, began before the court and jury last evening about four o'clock. The evidence was concluded at noon and the cause went to the jury about three o'clock this afternoon. The plaintiff is the father-in-law of defendant, and they have had more or less trouble for a year or two past. It will be remembered that Laisure sued Smith for \$5,000 damages for alienating his wife's affections, but failed to recover a cent.

A final report was filed in the William Glendening et al petition for drain. The report was approved by the court and the superintendent discharged.

The little account case heard today was the first of the term, though this is the twenty-third day. The jury reported two or three times, but this is the first real duty.

Real estate transfers: James H. Hardison to Wallace B. Hardison, lots 210 and 211, Geneva, \$2,000; Decatur Cemetery Association to Joseph S. Lower, lot 343, Decatur cemetery, \$90.

Mrs. Irma Syphers went to Fort Wayne this afternoon, where for a brief time she will be the guest of her daughter.

HUNTING IN SOUTH

Adams County Men Are Experiencing Difficulties in Louisiana

MR. ELLIS IS HOME

Was Gone Ten Days—He Left the Party at Delhi, Louisiana

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INDIANS IN WASHINGTON

Several Meet the President—Fairbanks Gives Reception.

Washington, Dec. 10.—President Roosevelt had a long chat today with Charles Hoff, a prominent Terre Haute citizen, who is here attending the Rivers and Harbors congress. Hoff was introduced to him by Representative Holliday. Vice President Fairbanks gave a reception at his residence this afternoon to all the members of the rivers and harbors congress. As originally planned, the reception was for the Indiana delegates but its scope was broadened to include the whole congress. Senator Beveridge introduced to the president today Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bash and Alfred Lukens, of Fort Wayne.

SLIGHT DECREASE

Less Drunks in Indiana this Year Than in 1907

BY SMALL MARGIN

Higher Than Previous Years Notwithstanding the Temperance Fight

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 11.—According to statistics compiled by Amos W. Butler, secretary of the board of state charities, and made public yesterday, the number of people arrested for drunkenness was less in the state of Indiana for the year ending Sept. 30, 1908, than for the previous year. The number was 13,596, of whom 452 were women. For 1907 a report of eleven months shows 14,361 confined in jail for drinking. With the exception of the year 1907 the year 1908 shows the greatest number of drunks of any year in the last seven years. The cause of the decreased drunkenness for the year 1908 over the year 1907 is probably the agitation of the temperance question in politics. The number for the previous five years were: For 1902, 11,364; for 1903, 12,394; for 1904, 12,773; for 1905, 11,687 and for 1906, 13,210.

Mr. Butler says: "Indiana's jails have for years been noted for the number of intoxicated persons confined therein. The effect is had upon the persons themselves, upon the jail and upon the community. The expense entailed is by no means light, even in boarding prisoners. When there is added the dirty, insanitary conditions produced, the spread of disease and vermin and the destruction of jail property cause thereby, the burden becomes many times greater."

An admirable record for "dryness" is made by Brown, Lagrange, Pulaski and Ripley counties, where there are no inhabitants reported as having reached the advanced stage of intoxication requiring a blue-coated guard. Pulaski county has no jail in its borders. Classified as to age the state of inebriation seems most popular with those between the ages of 17 and 35, the number reported in this range of years being 5,402. Those over 36 and under 50, run a close second, the number being 4,947. Of those over 50 years of age there are 2,435 reported. Sixteen years and under there are only 21 reported. The ages of 971 were apparently not obtainable.

DAVIS IS FOUND NOT GUILTY

Bank Official Charged With Slaying Dr. Rustin Goes Free.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 10.—The jury in the case of Charles E. Davis, charged with the murder, Sept. 2, of Dr. Frederick T. Rustin, today agreed upon a verdict of not guilty. It required nineteen ballots to reach an agreement. The case has attracted uncommon interest, not only on account of the prominence of the victim of the killing, who was one of the leading physicians and surgeons of the city, and the mystery surrounding the tragedy, but because of the family connections of the defendant. Although himself holding a minor position in the First National Bank, Davis is the brother of the vice president and uncle of the president, cashier and other officials of that institution and is related to men prominent in financial affairs in New York City.

CERTIFIED SHEETS

Shows More Than Half of Foreign Vote in Lake County Illegal

DEMOCRATS TO MEET

Informal Session of Legislative Members at the Denison Monday

Indianapolis, December 11.—Edward Simon, who was the Democratic candidate for representative in Lake county, yesterday received from Washington certified sheets bearing the names of 365 foreigners who voted in Lake county in the last election. Of the 365 names of foreigners of Lake county, on the sheets received yesterday, the immigration officials at New York were unable to find more than half in their records. Henry Seyfried, who is looking after the matter for the Democratic candidates for state offices, expects that more of the certified sheets will be received. The sheets received yesterday were not accompanied by any communication, but they bore the Washington postmark. It is supposed they were forwarded from New York to Washington and on to Indianapolis by Secretary Straus. Regardless of the receipt of these sheets, a personal representative will be sent to New York, Mr. Seyfried says. This man will take depositions in regard to the record of the Lake county foreigners from Mr. Watchorn, head of the immigration bureau, and from Byron Uhl, his chief clerk, whose home was formerly at Monticello, Ind., in the Tenth district. These depositions and the certified sheets will be used in the contest cases of Democratic candidates for state offices as well as in the case of Mr. Simon.

Indianapolis, December 11.—The meeting of Democratic members of the legislature will be held at the Denison Hotel, December 15. This agreement was reached after the matter had been discussed by Representative W. S. Wells, of Allen county, and Representative Al Zearing, of Marion county, both of whom had been making plans for the meeting. Mr. Zearing, thinking Mr. Wells had not issued a call for the meeting, conferred with some of the Democrats and took the matter in hand, sending out letters suggesting that the meeting be held December 17. Later he found that Mr. Wells had sent out the call for December 15. Yesterday Mr. Zearing sent out letters recalling his suggestion for December 17.

Indianapolis, December 11.—The attitude of the Republicans toward the county local option law was discussed but it is said that no definite conclusions were reached. It is fairly well understood that some of the Republicans will vote for the repeal of the law, and, on the other hand, it is said some of the Democrats will vote against the repeal bill. Senator Will R. Wood, of Lafayette, who predicted during the special session of the legislature that the passage of the option bill would result in the downfall of the party, attended the meeting yesterday. He was in conference several times during the day with Senator Oscar E. Bland, of Linton. Senator Bland, in the special session, declared that if the people at the election repudiated the county option law he would vote to repeal it.

ADMIRAL PILLSBURY RETIRES.

Chief of Bureau of Navigation to Give Up Post Dec. 15.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Announcement was made today of the retirement of Rear Admiral J. E. Pillsbury, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, to take effect Dec. 15, and of Rear Admiral W. H. Emory, who recently relinquished command of the second division of the Atlantic fleet at Hong Kong, to take effect Dec. 17. Admiral Pillsbury at the president's request will continue in charge of the bureau of navigation until the end of the present administration.

Mrs. Marvey Mygrant returned to her home at Van Wert today after a visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Asa Engle. She was accompanied by Mrs. George Kern and baby, who will make a visit with her.