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IN CIRCUIT COURT

C. D. Suttles Becomes a Member of Adams County Bar

NEW CASE FILED

A Rather Busy Session this Morning—Some Probate Court

Arthur D. Suttles was admitted as a member of the Adams county bar, after being recommended by a committee including D. E. Smith, Dore B. Erwin and C. L. Walters. He passed the cigars and was welcomed as a full fledged attorney and his name ordered placed upon the roll.

A cause entitled State of Indiana ex rel Attilia Ryf vs. Otto Green, paternity proceedings, has been filed in circuit court on appeal from the court of Justice Liddy at Berne.

E. P. Reed & Co. vs. Fred B. Tague, plaintiff files a demurrer to the counter claim of defendant.

Anson B. Cunningham vs. Chicago & Erie Ry. company, damages, defendant ruled to answer absolute within five days.

In the Sylvester Tinkham et al. petition for drain, Hooper & Lenhart attorneys, were allowed \$10 as additional fees. The bill of costs was also allowed.

In the guardianship of Warren and Savetta McQuiston, the report of appraisers was filed. Guardian ordered to sell real estate at private sale.

John F. Haene, guardian for Oscar and William H. Hoene, filed his final report, which was approved.

John Weaver, administrator for the Eldridge Weaver estate, filed his inventory which was approved.

In the Joseph Schroll estate an amended petition was filed. Finding that personal property is insufficient to pay debts and real estate ordered sold.

Grover Bucher, aged 21, a farmer from near Geneva, and Emma Kuntz, aged sixteen, of near Geneva, were granted a license to marry; a license has also been granted Edward T. Pusey, aged 26, of Hartford township, and Bertha Blanch Snow, 22, of Wabash township.

Hunters' licenses have been issued to W. B. Martz and William Badders. Paul G. Hooper has given Bessie I. Davis et al a commissioner's deed for 66 acres in Blue Creek township for \$34.50.

MRS. AULT IS NOT SERIOUS

As Reports from Unreliable Sources Would Indicate.

A report has gained circulation from unreliable sources to the effect that the life of Mrs. William Ault is despaired of which is not only vigorously denied by the relatives of the afflicted woman who reside in Decatur, but their denial is supported by a communication received by J. Ault yesterday which assured him that the woman is and has been constantly on the mend for more than a week and her early recovery is assured. Unless there are developments which would retard her recovery she will be able to eat Christmas dinner with one of her sons. There was nothing in the communication which conveyed the idea that the dread gangrene had set in, reports to that effect notwithstanding.

DYING MAN BURNED WEALTH

Russian Congratulated Relatives on Escaping Evils of Riches.

London, Dec. 14.—A special dispatch from St. Petersburg to the Daily Mail relates that a dying Moscow millionaire named Petroff, had his whole fortune withdrawn from the banks and the bank notes brought to the sick room. They were then piled before him and set on fire. Petroff summoned his relatives and showed them the ashes, congratulating them on having escaped from the evil of wealth.

TRIAL SET FOR FEBRUARY 1ST

Henry Marshall, a Former Lawmaker, Up Against It.

Indianapolis, Dec. 14.—Henry W. Marshall, former speaker of the Indiana house of representatives, will be tried in the criminal court on February 1st, on the charge of making and presenting to the city of Indianapolis a false and fraudulent claim for asphalt street patching done by the Western Construction company, of which he is president. This announcement was made this morning by Judge Pritchard. When the parties appeared in court today the judge informed the attorneys for the defense that he wished all the issues made up in the case before the day set for trial, as he did not wish the defense to come in on the day of trial and offer a plea of abatement. If such a plea was to be filed he wished it to be filed in advance of the trial day. He was informed by Marshall's lawyers that no such plea would be filed. Then the court set the first day of February as the time for beginning the trial. The indictment against Marshall is based on the same transaction that led to the arrest and conviction of Harry P. Brumbaugh, who is now serving time in the penitentiary at Michigan City. Marshall's home is in Lafayette, Ind.

GETTING FAMOUS

Fred Rohrer Submits to Interview at Indianapolis

GIVES EXPERIENCES

Tells of His Home Being Dynamited and His Late Ohio Trip

The Indianapolis Star said this morning: Fred Rohrer, of Berne, Ind., who has probably had more exciting adventures in campaigning against liquor forces than any other man in Indiana, took part in the Anti-saloon League field day services Sunday. Mr. Rohrer will speak this morning at the Second German M. E. church, Spruce and Prospect streets. Three times Mr. Rohrer's home in Berne has been dynamited, and he has been handled roughly and threatened with violence by mobs of men who did not take kindly to his expressed views on the liquor question. Mr. Rohrer weighs very little more than 110 pounds. Last night he had a new experience to relate. While in Archibald, O., he attempted to hold a street meeting in the interest of the "dry" element of the town. He was warned that trouble might be expected if he attempted an outdoor meeting. A number of saloons flourished in the town as well as a large brewery. "I stood in a wagon," said Mr. Rohrer, in relating the story to a number of other anti-saloon workers, and was about to be introduced when a big man pushed his way through the crowd and told me if I attempted to deliver a speech he would arrest me. He was the town constable but he was bluffing. Seeing that I would not agree to defer my speech, the constable ordered some of the boys in the crowd to take hold of the wagon and pull it down the street. They took the wagon and me about a block from where I was announced to speak and backed the wagon up to a saloon entrance. "Take him away from here!" the saloon keeper shouted and ran out into the street waving his arms. "I don't want him around my place." "Take the Hoosier down to the brewery!" some one else yelled. But they spared me that pleasure," said Mr. Rohrer in finishing his story, "and as they let me get out of the wagon and go away I told them I believed they had made more dry votes by their little stunt than I could have made if I had spoken. The county in which the little town is situated went dry at the election by more than 900."

Don't miss reading every advertisement in this issue of the Daily Democrat if you are interested in where to buy your presents for Christmas. It may be well to state also that you can save money and time by reading them from now on until the glad holiday arrives for our contracts are numerous.

WILCOX RESIGN?

A Report from Lagrange States This Able Minister Will Retire from Ministry

GONE TO MICHIGAN

And the Report Cannot Be Verified—Friends Think It Is Unofficial

A dispatch from Lagrange appearing in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette is to the effect that Dr. C. B. Wilcox, pastor of the local M. E. church, will, in the near future resign as a minister in the North Indiana conference for the reason that his voice has become affected. Mr. Wilcox is now out of the city, looking after business interests at St. Louis, Michigan, and we are unable to vouch for the authenticity of the statement, although we are inclined to believe that Mr. Wilcox is not entertaining such intentions. No one in his audience here has noted that his voice is failing him, and he has never as far as we can ascertain intimated to any Decatur citizen that he would either temporarily or permanently retire from the ministry. Dr. Wilcox was pastor at Lagrange before being assigned to this charge, and it is reasonable to anticipate that the report was made by one who is not in possession of the facts. The friends of Dr. Wilcox and they are innumerable, sincerely hope that he will vigorously deny the report as his services are much in demand by the congregation of the Decatur M. E. church. It is true that Dr. Wilcox has had many flattering offers outside the ministry and he owns a progressive newspaper in Michigan, but the consensus of opinion here is to the effect that he has never entertained an idea of retiring from the ministry.

BIG TOM TO WAYNE

Jack Hendricks is Negotiating for the Purchase of Tom Railing

FROM SPRINGFIELD

He Will in All Probability Be on Pitching Staff of Summit City Club

Tom Railing, of imperishable renown as a ball tosser, who, however, did not play his usual game last summer, bids fair to secure a berth on the Fort Wayne Central league club to materialize. Big Tom has played on many league clubs, his services having been secured by the management of the Springfield Three-I team for the season of 1908. He started the season well and although pitching great games was unfortunate in losing many of them by a single score. After being transferred to Bloomington, Ill., he was farmed to Flint, Michigan, by the Springfield management, where he finished the season. Since the close of the season Jack Hendricks, manager of the Fort Wayne club, has been negotiating for Railing's release, and it is said that he has offered Cantillon a neat sum of money for the big twirler. Tom is anxious to get on the Summit City club and his many Decatur admirers predict for him a most successful year. Fort Wayne would certainly draw patronage from Decatur should Tom be given a berth on the team.

CANAL WORKMAN IS KILLED

Wife and Six Children Left in Destitute Circumstances.

St. Marys, O., Dec. 14.—Marion Rice, laborer, 56, was instantly killed today by collapsing of a derrick while lifting concrete for the new state lock in the Miami and Erie canal. The boom struck him on the head crushing his spine. He leaves a wife and six children in destitute circumstances.

ENDORSED LEWIS' P. SHARP

Allen County Committee Don't Altogether Agree.

The Fort Wayne Sentinel says: After voting its endorsement of Senator Beveridge's announced plan to give a second term to postmasters who have given efficient public service, the republican county central committee Saturday afternoon, without questioning the efficient record of Postmaster Hanna, proceeded to give its endorsement to Lewis P. Sharp for the Fort Wayne postmastership. On the vote the result was: L. P. Sharp, 20; R. B. Hanna, 17; W. E. Doud, 5. The total shows that less than half the 103 members of the republican central committee were in attendance, and the session was at times tumultuous. After the vote had been taken there was a motion to make the endorsement unanimous. Committeemen who favored other candidates than Mr. Sharp promptly voted "no," but Chairman Rose declared the motion carried.

IN DEEP WATER

Postoffice Department Can't Figure Out the "Exams"

THEY ARE STIFF

Under Civil Service Rules—Other Items From the Capital

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Roosevelt and the postoffice department officials are in pretty deep water over the order blanketing fourth-class postmasters under the civil service. It is not an easy matter to make the order effective, for there are several knotty obstacles in the way. Should a man have to stand an examination in geometry, spelling, literary composition and a few other things to get a fourth-class postoffice paying him \$50 a year? Would a man able to pass a creditable examination in those subjects take a position paying \$50 a year? These, and similar questions growing out of the recent classification of fourth-class postmasters were discussed at a conference at the white house today, those with the president being Senator Penrose and Representative Overstreet, chairmen respectively, of the senate and house committees on postoffices and post roads, and Postmaster General Meyer. Fourth-class postoffices are those paying less than \$1,000 a year to the postmasters. Over that the office becomes a presidential appointment. Is the examination for \$50 offices to be the same as the \$900 offices? Would the same class of men respond for one as the other?

Speaker Cannon today appointed Representative Watson a member of the house committee on territories. Mr. Watson returned to the capital this afternoon expecting to have rather an easy time of it this winter, and to rest up after his hard labors in congress and the campaign. He resigned from all committees last spring and was in a fine position to enjoy himself. He was surprised when the speaker put him on the territories committee, which has before it the statehood bills for Arizona and New Mexico, which are certain to provoke long and intense fights.

Congressman Lincoln Dixon will call tomorrow on Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus to insist that the department take immediate steps toward ascertaining what naturalization frauds, if any, there were in the Lake county election. He will ask that the department send at once an adequate force of inspectors to Ellis Island to ascertain the dates of entry of about 1,650 men who voted in Lake county and whose right to do so is challenged on the alleged ground that they were not in this country long enough to be naturalized under the law.

With the closing of the fall work among the farmers the number of real estate transfers are becoming more numerous. Nearly all of the farms which are being sold bring good prices. Not a few reach the \$100 an acre mark, while many go even better than that. Real estate men predict that the real estate of Adams county will bring even better prices in the near future than it brings at the present time.

HELD JANUARY 4TH

Farmers' Institute Will Be Held at Berne on That Day

A GREAT PROGRAM

Will Be Rendered—Joseph Lower and C. S. Mumma Were There Today

Joseph Lower and C. S. Mumma went to Berne this morning where they completed arrangements for the Farmers' Institute, which will be held at that place January 4, 1909. This institute will, according to its promoters, eclipse all former similar events ever held in the county. Mrs. Henrietta Colvin, an instructor at Purdue university, will speak in the morning and afternoon, her first subject to be "Fireless Cooking" and the afternoon subject will be "Making of Coking Boxes and Labor Saving Devices of the Household." A. G. Burkhardt is also scheduled for addresses in the morning and afternoon, his subjects to be "Duties and Privileges of the Farmers' Wife" and "Shall We Feed or Sell Our Grain." These lectures are the best in the state on their particular subjects and will without doubt be greeted by large and enthusiastic audiences. Local people will also be called upon for short talks. Messrs. Mumma and Lower will make an effort to engage a room at the Berne school house for the institute and in that event the school children will furnish music.

The institute to be held at Decatur will convene during the days of January 27 and 28, 1909, and most interesting sessions are promised. The executive committee will meet next Saturday to perfect arrangements for this meeting, although it is now known that J. B. Burris, of Putnam county, and J. M. Cantley, of Cass county, will be the principal speakers.

A STATE MEETING

Programs Printed at this Office for Duroc Breeders' Association

AT ENGLISH HOTEL

J. D. Nidlinger is Secretary and Treasurer of the Organization

For the first time in the life of the Democrat's job department, unexcelled by the way, for good work in that line, we are this week printing an eight page program for the Indiana Duroc Swine Breeders' Association, to be used at the annual meeting of that organization at the annual meeting which will be held at the parlors of the English Hotel in Indianapolis, on Wednesday, January 6th. This work comes to Decatur this year because of the fact that Mr. John D. Nidlinger, the well known Union township farmer and stockman is the honored secretary of the association, and he is likewise the treasurer. A splendid program has been arranged for the occasion and the event is to close with a barbecue, served at the English in the evening, as the programs state it, a "prettily prepared, petted, pampered, pedigreed pig barbecue to a queen's taste." The State Live Stock Breeders' Association will meet the day following and the Duroc breeders will take advantage of the opportunity to attend both sessions.

TO RUN TRAINS BY 'PHONE.

Present Method of Telegraphing Will Be Abandoned Soon.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 14.—It is only a matter of a few years when the present method of handling the movement of trains by telegraph will be almost entirely supplanted by the telephone, according to the unanimous opinion of the delegates who are in attendance at the quarterly meeting of the western section of the railway telegraph superintendents of the United States, which convened here today.

WANTS NEW RECEIVER NAMED

Cooperage Company at Monroeville Airing Troubles.

W. W. Tackaberry, secretary-treasurer of the Monroeville Cooperage company, which went into the hands of a receiver in the circuit court Saturday, asked in a petition filed today that Frank Gebert, who was appointed to be removed, and demands, if it is found that the company's affairs are in shape to demand a receivership, that an experienced man be named by the court. He also states that the application was filed surreptitiously during his absence from the city with the statement that he had left permanently, which was known to be untrue at the time the proceedings were placed upon the docket. He says the company was formed to take over the business of the Monroeville Heading company and that after he had taken twenty shares of the stock and been made an officer he ascertained for the first time that the company was indebted to W. K. Noble in the sum of \$11,000, which was secured by a mortgage on Alvin Pettit's farm and that as soon as Noble became indebted to the company in the sum named he turned in notes for the sum that had been given him and this was followed by cancellation of the mortgage.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

BLUFFTON KIDDER

Tells Sad Tale of Experience of Young Men Who Waited on Train

IN THIS CITY

He Does Not Know That the Boys Regard Station As Lodging House

Train No. 5, east bound, hours and 30 minutes late." This was the message that brightened the depot at Decatur last evening, when the regular Sunday evening callers from this city were thinking of home and mother. The fire was out and the thermometer stood about zero in the little shack, known to the Clover Leaf officials as a depot. The engine pulling the Commercial Traveler went to pieces at Willshire, O., and there the passengers waited for a new locomotive from Delphos. Some of the more industrious in the Bluffton bunch scoured the tracks for coal and succeeded in building a fire to keep warm until the delayed train arrived. When the train did arrive in the Adams county city the trip home was comparatively short until they reached the steep grade east of the city and the engineer whistled for a clear signal at the Wabash Valley junction. Here the passengers were again halted and for some time could hear nothing but the lost blasts of the locomotive whistle, which awakened every resident between Butter Milk cut and Craigville. Again the Bluffton boys showed their right spirit and climbed from the train and went to the tower where they found the supposed to be operator of the signals apparently in deep slumbers. He claimed he had not been asleep and the engineer had not sounded the whistle. The train could not be started for several minutes on account of the conductor and the operator chewing the rag and the Bluffton party hooped the trip to town claiming that they would prefer the C. B. & C. to the Clover Leaf.—Bluffton Banner.

Bluffton people would not be started by the fact that representative chaps from their town remained in the depot here a few minutes overtime if they knew that they usually stay with their lady friends too long to catch the train and then go to the station and bunk on the seats or floor until morning, soiling their white vests but saving two bits for a bed. The operator has been instructed to extinguish the fire on Sunday evenings as the railroad company does not care to engage in the hotel business.

Emory Wasson, now confined in the Hartford City jail, adjudged of unsound mind, may be taken to the village for epileptics at Newcastle instead of to Easthaven. Supt. Smith has stated that epileptics cannot be admitted to Easthaven. Wasson is said to be improving and expresses a desire to take treatment.

WITH POLITICANS

Democrats Gather at Indianapolis for a Big Talk

ALL ARE BUSY

Candidates for Senator and Applicants for Various Jobs

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 15.—With the arrival of Democratic legislators and politicians from all parts of the state at the Denison Hotel yesterday a two days' round of political activity was begun. While there will be no attempt at formal action on any part of a legislative program, the legislators nevertheless will get together and exchange views, and by the time today's sessions have ended they believe much will have been done toward bringing order out of chaos. Some of the Democratic lawmakers arrived in the city Sunday night, Representative John Sweeney, of Tell City, the fiery lawmaker, being among the first. Many more came yesterday, and the lobby of the Denison was buzzing with political talk. The number of political visitors will be increased this morning, and it is expected that with one or two exceptions every Democratic legislator in the state will be present by the time the first session opens this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Room 370, at the Denison.

Word received here from Congressman Lincoln Dixon, of Washington, announces that the investigation in the immigration offices at New York of foreigners who voted in Lake county at the last election is being pursued with vigor. Sheets giving the records of 235 foreigners who voted in Lake county have been received by those in charge of the investigation in this state. Of the 235 whose names were given, 137, it is said, had obtained first papers in Lake county in a fraudulent manner. About 2,000 more names are to be investigated. Sheets showing the records of these foreigners on file in the immigration office will be used in the contest case of Edward Simon, who was the Democratic candidate for Representative in Lake county and in the contests of Democratic candidates for state offices.

There is a growing feeling among some of those who are keeping in touch with political affairs that all of the talk about a United States senator being chosen on the third or fourth ballot is not well founded. A belief prevails that the senatorship contest will drag out to considerable length and that the caucus may continue for three or four days or longer. Friends of Kern have declared that Kern would be chosen on the second or third ballot, and friends of Slack have said that their man would land safely not later than the third or fourth ballot.

It is announced by John C. Billheimer, auditor of state, who has been aiding in collecting election returns for the Republican candidates for state office that were declared elected, that verified returns have been received from every county, and that each of these candidates is shown to have made gains when the verified vote is compared with the original returns. All of those who were elected are perfectly safe, according to the verified returns. Mr. Billheimer says his own gain amounted to sixty-five votes.

State Senator-elect Steve Fleming, of Fort Wayne, is said to be making plans to be a guest at the Denison Hotel during the legislative session. Friends of Mr. Fleming declare the Fort Wayne man will have two rooms at the Denison throughout the session. The fact that Mr. Fleming will make his headquarters at a hotel which is the headquarters of Thomas Taggart and in which Mr. Taggart is interested is surprising to some who have watched the course of political events. For several years, or ever since Mr. Fleming was a candidate for the chairmanship of the state committee, he and Mr. Taggart have been at swords' points politically.