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Price Two Cents

IN CIRCUIT COURT

COST \$12,000 TO COLLECT \$2
Two Fines of \$1 Each Net Result of
Sunday Theater Crusade.

Mrs. Savine Allowed \$150
to Conduct Suit Against
Husband

THE PAGE CASE

Big Claim Was Before Court
Today—Other Items of
Interest

In the Elizabeth A. Savine vs. John Savine divorce case, a motion for a \$200 allowance with which plaintiff is to conduct her case was filed and sustained for \$150, same ordered paid within ten days. Peterson & Moran have appeared for the defendant and it promises to be a law suit.

Wisconsin Lumber Co. vs. Cardwell Box Co., suit on drafts, demand \$1,100, assigned to Judge John LaFollette for trial, who assumed jurisdiction.

E. P. Reed & Co. vs. Fred B. Tague suit on account, demurrer overruled.

PROF. LUCKY HERE

Former County Superintendent of Adams Co. Schools
Now College Instructor

HE WAS ABROAD

Last Year in the Interest of
American Colleges—Visiting Here

Professor George Lucky, wife and children, of Lincoln, Neb., arrived in the city Saturday evening for a week's visit with their many friends and relatives in Adams County. That this estimable family is being entertained in this county diverts the minds of the people to a time years ago when Mr. Lucky was professor of the Decatur public schools and his wife principal, simultaneously. It will also be remembered that Mr. Lucky served as county superintendent here for some time. Since then he has, step by step, gained imperishable renown as a college professor and at the present time is recognized as one of the oldest instructors in the University of Nebraska. At the annual meeting of the American Instructors' association held at Boston, Mass., Mr. Lucky was chosen to tour Europe in the interest of American colleges, to glean facts in regard to systems of education which may be employed to an advantage in the United States. He made an extensive tour in the foreign land, visiting England, Paris and many other places. The Adams county friends of Mr. Lucky, and they are innumerable, are pleased to learn that he has won a well earned fame as an educational man.

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NOT IN THE WAY

Senate Republicans Will Not Block County Option Repeal

THEY HAVE ENOUGH

Each Member Will Be Permitted to Vote as He Pleases

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—That the Republican members of the Indiana senate will not stand in the way of the repeal of the county local option law is the belief of a great many especially since the meeting Saturday of the Republican committee of the senate. While the purpose of the meeting was the appointment of the different senate committees, yet it is understood a legislative program was informally gone over. It is said this committee, which is composed of Senators Bland, Wood and Springer, had been in communication with their colleagues from over the state regarding prospective legislation and there is a sentiment, it was said, that if the Democrats in the legislature wanted to repeal the county local option law the Republicans should not stand in the way. "The party whip will be thrown under the table," was the way one senator reported to have expressed himself when asked what the Republicans would do about repealing the law. Many Republicans in the senate believe the enactment of the county local option law at the special session of the legislature was a mistake, and some have expressed themselves in favor of its repeal, it is said. Senator Mattingly, who is strongly in favor of temperance, will likely be chairman of the committee on public morals, and it is understood he is in favor of making changes in the law. Nothing definite was given out by the committee regarding the appointments that were under consideration, but it is believed that Senator Bland will be made chairman of the finance committee and Senator Hanna chairman of the committee on benevolent institutions. Senator Bland will likely be a member of the finance committee, but his experience especially fits him for the benevolent institution committee.

THE FINAL STRAW

Joe Eley Drove His Wife Away From Home on Christmas Eve

AND SHE RETALIATES

By Filing a Divorce Suit Wants Alimony and the Children

The family troubles of Joe and Bertha Eley will now be aired in circuit court. For several years they have figured more or less in police court, but this is the first time they have broken into the higher hall of justice. This morning Peterson & Moran as attorneys for Mrs. Eley filed a suit for divorce from her husband, Joseph. The complaint shows that they were married March 20, 1889, nearly twenty years ago, and lived together until the day before Christmas. They seem to have lived happily enough until three years ago, when Joe went to drinking heavily. He is accused of being an habitual drunkard, of beating his wife, cursing her, driving her away from home at night under threat of violence, failure to support and of even accusing his wife of infidelity. Mrs. Eley says that for six years she has made the living by taking in washings and going out to work. On December 24th Joe drove his wife from home and she has retaliated by filing this suit. They have three children, Elsie aged eighteen and married, Jennie aged fourteen and Robert aged eleven. Mrs. Eley asks for the custody of the two younger children, for a divorce and for \$200 alimony, also for \$120 per year for the maintenance of the two children.

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WANTS THE LAW REPEALED.

Hotel Keepers Association Do Not Like Local Option Law.

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—The repeal of the county local option law will be one of the principal topics of discussion among the members of the Indiana Hotel Keepers' association, which convenes in the Claypool Hotel today. Practically without exception the members of the association are in favor of seeing the law stricken from the statute books. The hotel keepers were active at the special session of the legislature, working to defeat the passage of the bill. Undaunted by their failure to accomplish the desired ends at the special session, the association will select another lobby to go into the regular session next month if there is a possibility of securing the repeal of the measure. If, however, there appears to be no chance to accomplish the ends desired, the hotel keepers will probably give up the fight and make the best of it. It is known that in the event of a town voting "dry" under the county unit law the revenues of the hotel are materially reduced, and examples are cited by members of the association where hotels have passed into the hands of receivers as the result of the elimination of the sales from the bar.

IS A NEW FEATURE

J. R. Fink, of Fort Wayne, Has Assumed Position of Traveling Freight Agent

FOR THE INTERURBAN

Results Have Been Obtained From His Efforts Already

A new feature added to the business interests of the Fort Wayne and Springfield interurban company, which has been the source of a noticeable increase in the freight business, is the employing of a traveling freight agent in the person of J. R. Fink, of Fort Wayne. Mr. Fink, who is a young man of energy and thoroughly versed in the freight business, assumed his new position two weeks ago, and results have already been obtained from his efforts. The duties he discharges are those which pertain to soliciting freight from Decatur merchants and Fort Wayne wholesalers as well as business men from other cities who ship goods to Decatur. The Fort Wayne and Springfield people are featuring the carrying of freight and are not only competing in price with steam roads, but are striving to give good service between Decatur and the summit city. Although Auditor Kataheinrich as yet, has not compiled the monthly report for December, a safe estimate shows an increase in business over the preceding months, of at least six per cent. Decatur welcomes Mr. Fink to her midst.

IT WAS SAD NEWS

Fred Smith, Motorman on Traction Line Hears of Father's Death

RECEIVED TELEGRAM

His Aged Parent Passed Into Eternity Last Evening—70 Years Old

Nothing in regard to the extension of the local traction line has been done of late, and facts regarding the intentions of the promoters are not obtainable at this time.

MET WITH THE BOARD TODAY

Commissioner Laughlin Able to Be Present at Board Meeting.

Commissioner Martin Laughlin was in his place at the session of the county commissioners today and while he is not in his old time form, yet his recovery is assured, although it will be some time before he will be entirely free from the effects of the illness. It was the first time that Mr. Laughlin had ever been under the care of a physician and that fact made the attack seem all the more severe. Recovery from such an attack is slow and it is hard on day to notice any improvement over the day before, but care and a lot of patience will do the work. The many friends of Mr. Laughlin are keeping that gentleman busy responding to sympathy expressed with the added hope that he will soon be right side up and as good as ever.

Several social events for the girls from college are being planned for this week, at all of which a very delightful time will be had no doubt.

BE PASSED OVER

Neither Party Can Gain the Advantage of a Gerrymander

WOULD LIKE TO

Both Parties Would Like to Draw New Legislative Lines

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 28.—Whether or not an attempt will be made to re-apportion the state for legislative purposes will be determined within the next month. It is possible that the entire matter may be passed over until the next session, inasmuch as the Democrats are in the saddle in the house, while the Republicans have control of the senate. If the Democrats had elected three more members of the senate they could have put into effect a gerrymander that would have given them control of the legislature for an indefinite period. It is understood that the Republican leaders had tentative plans for a re-apportionment that would have made it even more difficult for the Democrats to gain control of the legislature than it is now. Under the present circumstances if there is to be a re-apportionment it will be along lines that will not give either side a decided advantage. No re-apportionment bill that is unfair can be adopted with the Democrats able to block it in the house and the Republicans ready to retaliate in the senate.

There has been a suggestion during the last two or three weeks of a joint meeting of Republican and Democratic leaders for the purpose of submitting a re-apportionment bill that will more evenly distribute the voting population than it is at present. That is believed now to be the only hope of reaching an agreement. The law provides for a legislative re-apportionment every six years. If, however, it is not made at the coming session it can be passed over to the next one, which it is thought, will be the scheme of the Republicans, who are in hopes of being in control of both branches then.

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WEALTHY HEIR IS VAGRANT

Sentenced to Serve 180 Days in Los Angeles Workhouse.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.—Heir to \$500,000 and entitled to a position in Baltimore society, William Jefferson Powell was been sentenced to 180 days in the workhouse on a vagrancy charge. Powell is refined and well educated and says he will come into possession of his fortune at the age of 25 years. He will reach that age three months after he is released from the workhouse. Powell's parents are dead and he ran away from his guardian in 1903, enlisting in the Eighteenth Battery, Field Artillery, and was sent to the Philippines. Later he was sent to Vancouver Barracks, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hendricks, Monroe, Ind., entertained Christmas for dinner Mrs. Herb Majors, Cleora and Geraldine, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kopp, Preble; Mr. Omer Banta. A fine dinner was served with an eighteen pound turkey. An enjoyable time was had in the evening by Misses Mabel Hocker, Florence and Fern Hendricks, Messrs. Archie Bailey, Leo Scherer and Chester Hendricks.

AGAINST POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

Congressman-elect Korby Talks to Democratic Club.

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—Holding it is not the province of the national government to go into the banking business, Congressman-elect Korby, in a talk before the members of the Indiana Democratic Club last night, said he would not vote for any measure that may be offered in congress looking to the establishment of postal savings banks. He declared that the passage of a law authorizing the guarantee of bank deposits is a much more needed measure. "The proposed postal savings banks is merely an effort to meet the proposition of guaranteeing bank deposits," said Mr. Korby. "Personally, I am opposed to the postal savings bank. I am a Democrat and I do not believe that the government ought to be asked to do for the people what they are able to do for themselves. By the establishment of the postal banks the government will be placed in the banking business, and God knows the government ought not to be in that business. As your member of congress I will say now that I am against the postal savings bank."

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NEWS BOYS FEAST

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HAD A GREAT TIME

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