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THERE IS NOTHING WRONG

There is evidently something radically wrong down in Adams county. Word comes from there that a petition is being circulated for an election under the existing county option law and that it is being very generally signed. Scores of unwavering democrats are affixing their names thereto and it is declared that when the election is held the county will go dry by a rousing majority. It is hard to reconcile this alleged condition with Adams county's vote at the recent election. This vote gave a tremendous majority in favor of the party pledged to the repeal of the county option law and endorsed the candidacy of Stephen B. Fleming, the brewer candidate for the state senate, by a very substantial lead. In short, Adams county contributed very materially to the democratic victory in Indiana, the size of her plurality being eclipsed only by that of Allen county. Her voice in the election was clearly, emphatically and unmistakably against the county local option law and those who stood before the people as its champions. It is on the strength of the vote cast by Adams county as well as that cast by Allen county that the democratic majority in the legislature is repealing the law in question.

Yet here we have the spectacle of Adams county preparing to go ahead with an election under the county option law and declaring that a victory under it is assured. We have more. We have the spectacle of the democratic organ of that county, which bore Mr. Fleming a vigorous support and which refused to accept even as paid advertisements appeals in behalf of Judge Vesey, now declaring against the repeal of the option statute and insisting that it be given a fair trial.

Just what will the people of Indiana think of this remarkable contradictory conduct? The News does not know, but it nevertheless has a little theory of its own. It is this: The good people of Adams county have been voting the democratic ticket for so long a time that they simply cannot break the habit. Like Ephraim they are joined to their idols.—Fort Wayne News.

It appears from the above that the Fort Wayne News is still harboring a bad case of bellyache. This, too, in the face of the fact that it is now two months since the people registered their disapproval of the hypocrisy being preached and practiced by the Fort Wayne News and the "litical party it represents. They were "beaten to a frazzle" and yet have not the good grace to show even a slight inclination to like it. They have been fighting the civil war over every campaign for forty years; and when not engaged in this noble enterprise they are preying upon prejudices of the people in other ways.

In order that the Republican party may gain political advantage. But to the inaccuracies which the News editorial abounds:

First, there is no petition in circulation in Adams county, and it is not being signed by scores of unwavering democrats.

Second, the Democracy of Adams county or the state are not pledged to the repeal of the county local option law. They could not be so pledged. When they met in state convention and adopted their platform there was no county local option law. How could they pledge a repeal of something that did not then exist?

Third, the majority given the candidates on the Democratic ticket in Adams county was neither for or against county local option. It was, however, against the rank extravagance of our state government; it was against the wholesale graft of piling up taxes and turning over the money to a lot of office holding commissions whose principal duty is to help themselves and support the Republican party; it was against dishonesty, either by word or act. County local option had nothing whatever to do with the result in Adams county. Here we believe in and respect all laws, and are willing to give them a fair trial and judge them impartially. Hence we believe in giving county local option a "square deal." The fact, too, that the Fort Wayne News is so eager to repeal and repudiate its own party law, tends to strengthen us in our position.

Fourth, it may seem incredible to the News that the Democrat does not sell its columns to candidates for political office. Such a sale would not be made to members of its own party, much less to a candidate of an opposite party. We are not in the market, and the News can make all the capital it likes from this old fashioned notion of a duty all newspapers owe its readers and the public.

The discussion as to religious beliefs or denominational allegiance affecting a citizen's eligibility to office, or the support which might be given him by fellow-citizens of other church affiliations, has called out a statement of the Roman Catholic position on the relation of the church and state in his country. In a sermon preached by the Rev. Father Purke, of the Paulists, in the presence and with the approval of Archbishop Farley, the position is thus stated:

"The Catholic church has always taught that the state is, of itself, an independent and perfect society. In his encyclicals, and especially in those in which he spoke in the highest terms of American institutions, Leo XIII insisted clearly upon this point. There are two powers that govern mankind—the ecclesiastical and the civil. These have their distinct spheres and their distinct limits. No matter how much the church may advocate the union of church and state where ideal conditions prevail, no matter how much she has insisted upon such a union in other lands and in other times, she has never advocated a union of church and state in America. On the contrary, in her principles and in the writings of her supreme pontiffs she has ever told the Catholics of America that they should give their entire allegiance to the constitution of the country, and, if necessary, give their lives in her defense. With conscientious rectitude, therefore, every Catholic does, unequivocally, subscribe to the constitution.

RESOLUTIONS.

With the beginning of a new year comes a change in the administration of the school officials of the several townships.

Whereas, Henry Hite, Trustee of Washington township, retires with the present year;

Therefore, Be it resolved, that the teachers of Washington township hereby extend their most sincere thanks to their retiring trustee, Henry Hite, for the many acts of kindness shown and for his hearty co-operation in the advancement and upbuilding of the schools of Washington township during his term in office.

Be it further resolved that he shall have the best wishes of the teachers of Washington township for unlimited future success in whatever vocation of life it may be his choice to engage.

Be it also resolved that said teachers extend a hearty greeting to the incoming trustee, Samuel Butler.

Committee.

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well.

THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

SOCIAL COLUMN

Historical Club Will Hold Interesting Meeting Tuesday Evening

WITH MRS. THOMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Baker Entertain—Other Items of Interest

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Baker, of north second street, entertained at twelve o'clock dinner yesterday in honor of U. S. Drummond and family, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. Steele.

The Historical Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Thomas tomorrow evening at which time Mrs. Gilling will have the principal paper on general outline of Book of Acts. Subtopics as follows will also be discussed: "Authorship and Purpose of book;" "Beginning of the Church;" "Day of Pentecost;" "Conversion of Cornelius;" "Customs of the Early Church." The meeting will be of unusual interest and every member should be present.

The Rebekah lodge are preparing to give a delightful social function tomorrow night at 8 o'clock to Mrs. U. S. Drummond, who moves to Pleasant Mills Wednesday. The affair will be ideal in every respect, the Rebekah ladies having the reputation of being royal entertainers.

Miss Anna Bucher entertained at a six o'clock dinner Sunday evening Mrs. Emma and Frank Schultz of this city, and Miss Irene Baker of Fort Wayne at her beautiful home north-east of Decatur.

A most enjoyable time was spent at Jacob Hellers home on Christmas day, when a big family reunion occurred. Those present were William Heller, wife and family; Warren Jones wife and family; Benjamin Fisher, wife and family; Mr. and Mrs. Roy Heller, Pearl Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Heller, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Walburn and two little sons from eastern Colorado. There were ten grandchildren in the crowd. Mrs. Walburn is a niece of Mr. Heller, and this was her first visit to Indiana for sixteen years, during which there has been many changes to talk over. The Christmas was certainly a merry one.

A greatly enjoyed occasion was a six o'clock dinner given Saturday evening by Dr. and Mrs. P. B. Thomas for Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hausold of Evanston, Ill. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Allison and daughter, Miss Marie, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewton and daughter Eloise, Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Hooper. On Sunday evening the same party enjoyed a similar affair at the R. K. Allison home.

Tomorrow evening Mrs. P. B. Thomas will entertain the Ladies' Historical Club at her home and in compliment to her daughter, Mrs. Otto Hausold, of Evanston, Ill., will also entertain several invited guests.

Mrs. C. A. Dugan will entertain a party of ladies at cards tomorrow evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Frances. Among the guests of honor also will be the Misses Anna and Elizabeth Carlisle, of Cincinnati, guests of Mrs. George Flanders.

The Xmas tree was the attraction at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alva Nichols Sunday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Nichols were calling on friends, while Lena Miller, Josephine Lang were entertaining their gentleman friends at the Nichols home. They lit up the Xmas tree and were seen dancing around the tree with gollies and playing with toy dishes and toy hobby horses and in fact all the play things that dear old Santa Claus left for the wee little children at the Nichols home.—Contributed.

Henry Meuer and wife residing on R. F. D. No. 3 gave a delightful country dinner yesterday for the family. All the children were at home to partake of the hospitalities of the parents. The home was prettily decorated and presented a beautiful appearance. The party consisted of Henry Meuer wife and son and Fred Meuer an dwife of this city, besides the members of the family who live at home.

A meeting will be held by the Masonic Tuesday evening for the conferring of the Fellowcraft degree.

Democrat Want Ads. Pay

AVERTED A DUEL

The Soft Answer That Was Returned to the Challenge.

Mrs. Maude Walter Myers, in her "Romance and Realism of the Southern Gulf Coast," gives an account of one of the last challenges to a duel which occurred in Louisiana. The affair was between M. Marigny, who belonged to one of the oldest families of Louisiana, and a Mr. Bumble, a sturdy ex-blacksmith of Georgia, who had become a man of political consequence.

Mr. Marigny took offense at some remarks of the Georgian and sent him a challenge. The big ex-blacksmith was mollified.

"I know nothing about this dueling business," he said. "I will not fight him."

"You must," said his friend. "No gentleman can refuse."

"I am not a gentleman," replied the honest son of Georgia. "I am only a blacksmith."

"But you will be ruined if you do not fight," urged his friends. "You will have the choice of weapons, and you can choose so as to give yourself an equal chance with your adversary."

The giant asked time in which to consider the question and ended by accepting. He sent the following reply to M. Marigny:

"I accept, and in the exercise of my privilege I stipulate that the duel shall take place in Lake Pontchartrain, in six feet of water, sledge hammers to be used as weapons."

Mr. Marigny was about five feet eight inches in height, and his adversary was seven feet. The concept of the Georgian so pleased M. Marigny, who could appreciate a joke as well as perpetrate one, that he declared himself satisfied, and the duel did not take place.

Only a Letter Out.

"Talk about scholars," said the proud Sam Smith. "Listen to my little lad talk about grammar. Tommy, what gender is thy father?"

"Masculine," said the learned Tommy.

"Isn't it wonderful?" said the proud father. "And thy mother, Tommy?"

"Feminine," replied the erudite juvenile.

"Hear that, agen?" cried the delighted father. "Ar, noo, Tommy, he proceeded, picking up the family teacup, 'what gender is this?'"

"Neuter," said Tommy.

Sam's face fell.

"Well, well," he exclaimed, "it's all the way. Still, not what the little lad was far out. He only said neuter 'stead of pawter, that's a'!"—London Tit-Bits.

SPECIAL SESSION

The Board of Commissioners Holding Forth at the Auditor's Office

A CONTRACT IS LET

W. B. Burford to Furnish Stationery for Adams County Another Year

A special session of the board of commissioners is in progress, it being the intention of the board to finish all business that will come before them for the closing of the affairs of the county during this year. Many matters are to be attended to but it is not expected that the session will be of any great length. When they meet again a change will have taken place in the personnel of the board. On Friday the first day of the new year, David Werling retires and Henry Zwick assumes the roll of commissioner for the first district. Mr. Werling has served for six years and during that time has made a capable and efficient officer and that there is no question but that his successor will also prove a valuable member of this board.

Bids were opened for the stationery contract for Adams county, two bids being filed and considered, those being made by W. B. Burford of Indianapolis, and the Fort Wayne Printing company. A comparison of the bids revealed that the Burford bid was by long odds the best one for the county and contract was entered into with him for the same. The contract covers all books, records and stationery for the use of the county during the coming year of 1909. Mr. Burford has had the Adams county contract for a long number of years. He has perhaps the largest printing house in the west, and is well equipped for this kind of work.

Bills were allowed and a general cleaning up indulged in of the accumulated business, much of which had to be disposed of before the beginning of the new year. At this time the county starts with a clean slate, in so far as the business of the county is concerned.

In Vain!

"In vain, in vain!" cried the young man distractedly. His hair fell in long wisps about his brows, and his countenance was deathly white.

The crowd pressed close.

"In vain, in vain!" he cried again, with wringing of hands and gasping of teeth.

"What?" cried the crowd. "What is in vain?"

"The letter 'T'!" cried the young man as he escaped.

Dignity of the English Waiter.

The English hotel waiter belongs to a race which is slowly but surely becoming extinct and carries about him the melancholy aura of the doomed. Every head waiter at a British inn has in him at least the making of a duke's butler. No glimpse of avarice mars the perfection of his monumental manner, and if at the last he condescends to accept your call it is with something of the air of a disrowned king.—London Sketch.

Where Women Are Wanted.

What strikes you about Auckland is the dearth of women. It is said to be the same all over New Zealand. There are far more men than women, and lots of men have to go without wives.—New Zealand Herald.

Not Sanguine.

Majestic Person—Do you know, my lad, that every British boy has a chance of becoming prime minister of England? Youngster (thoughtfully)—Well, I'll sell my chance for a shilling.—Tit-Bits.

LOST—Black and tan dog with white feet and white in face. Answers to name Sport. Finder please notify Geo. G. Flanders. 306-64

We have two cars of wash nut range coal for \$3.25 per ton delivered long as it lasts. Must be sold for cash. Reynolds & Wagner. 307-64

WANT TO BUY—C. M. Foreman, of Willshire, wants to buy a second-hand, rollout office desk. Notify him by letter. 303-45

NEWS BOYS FEAST

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In good order. Arrived there they took their seats with precision and awaited the oncoming of the viands. These were speedily served by the large force of waitresses which had been increased for the occasion and then the attack began. Dick Townsend had resolved that there would be a sufficiency of supplies to enable the boys to gorge themselves and a plate with liberal slices of roast turkey, flanked with cranberry sauce, celery, stewed corn, mashed potatoes and bread and butter was placed before each of them with cups of steaming coffee to wash the solids down. Then followed big slices of pie and later came cake and when the ice cream was brought on a cheer went up that threatened to crack the ceiling. This concluded the banquet and when each boy was stuffed to repletion they went the air with shouts of "He's all right!" "Who's all right?" "Dick Townsend." This was repeated until it had been considered that the giver of the feast had been paid the usual compliment and that his efforts were gratefully appreciated. During the evening a colored newsboy named Brown, did a vaudeville stunt by walking on his hands the full length of the dining room and back and the spectacular effect was heightened by a large crack in the bosom of his pants at the sight of which the house came down. In the spirit of emulation a similar feat was performed by a white newsboy named Lofthouse who duplicated the hand-walking feat and threw in a few handspins by way of good measure. While the boys were settling down to their seats one of them blew a package of "sterns" into the air, which for the time kept them busy in attending to their neglected noses but it did not detract from their appetites. Taking one consideration with another the newsboys' dinner was a signal success and in each heart the 200 newsboys have a warm place for the whole-souled Dick Townsend, the giver and patron of the feast.

LOST—A boys' gauntlet glove. Please return to Mrs. Fred Linn or this office.



HERE ARE A FEW SAMPLE PROPERTIES WE ARE NOW OFFERING FOR SALE

We have a large number of others on the market, and may have just what you are wanting. If you are interested in the purchase or sale of business rooms or residence, town or city property or farm lands in Indiana, Texas and New Mexico. Examine our recent large descriptive lists of these properties. If you wish a buyer for your property, see what we may be able to do for you. No charge for advertising property if left on the market for the time listed.

THE SNOW AGENCY DECATUR, IND.

- No. 701—Is a nineteen acre tract on the gravel pike northeast of Decatur. Good average soil, a mixture of sand and clay loam; has ordinary fences and inexpensive buildings. Price \$1,050.00.
- No. 743—Is a desirable fifteen acre tract of well improved land within about two and a half miles northwest of Decatur on the traction line. The buildings consist of a nearly new barn, cribs and cow and hog stables, etc., and a good five room story and a half residence. This tract is an ideal berry and poultry farm, within a few rods of the traction station. \$2,800.00.
- No. 753—Is a well located 40 acre tract northeast of Decatur on the gravel pike. Good buildings, some good fruit trees and young timber. Drove well, wind wheel, cistern, etc. A good frame barn 30 by 45 feet in size; ordinary fences. This farm is within a half mile of school and about three miles from Decatur. Price, \$3,200.00.
- No. 750—Is a fifty-nine acre tract about three miles from Decatur on the gravel pike. Is about half black land, good frame buildings, seven room house, cribs, barn, etc. Has good cistern, drove well and wind pump, nice surroundings—a grove of native trees about the house. Possession can be given at once if sold soon. Price, \$4,200.00.
- No. 747—Is a number one 80 acre tract of land within a mile and a half of Decatur on the stoned road. Is about two-thirds black land with good drainage. Is near school, and has several hundred dollars worth of good saw timber. For a short time this farm can be bought for \$75.00 an acre.
- 710—Is a three quarter acre tract on the gravel pike just outside of the city limits of Decatur. Has all new buildings is in a good location: house a story and a half frame, six room building with nice front porch, good cistern and natural wood finish throughout. Can be bought for \$1,025.00.
- 674—Is a three quarter acre tract of well improved ground just outside the city limits of Decatur on the traction line south. Has good frame story and a half house, good garden plenty of fruit and shade, has large chicken, small stable and some other buildings. Good location just beyond the corporation at \$1,550.00.
- 675—Is a 110 acre tract on the public road near market and about 1/2 mile to school also near graded school and church. Has ordinary house, large barn, and some other buildings; productive soil, a mixture of clay and sand loam with some black land. If sold soon the farming implements, stock, etc., can be sold with this farm. The tract alone can be sold for \$3,000.00.
- 690—Is an 80 acre tract on the stoned road about five miles from Decatur. Is about 1/2 black land has new buildings which consist of a convenient story and a half ten room house on stone foundation, large horse and hay barn, new cribs, granary, etc. This farm is a half mile from school and church, is on the telephone and rural free delivery lines, and for the next 60 days can be bought for \$90.00 an acre.
- 696—Is a well located 79 acre tract on the stoned road within two miles of a good market, graded school,

church, etc. Is within a half mile of the public school building and is a good location. This farm is nearly all black land, has good drainage, has nearly new frame buildings, a cottage house of perhaps five rooms, a frame horse and hay barn, cribs, granaries, etc. Has some good timber on this land. Price of this farm is \$96.00 an acre. There is no better land in Adams county than this farm as a whole.

706—Is a well located 160 acre tract in western Union township, in good location on the rural free delivery route and telephone lines. Is in a thrifty German neighborhood near the stoned road, is near school and church, on two public roads, the two 80s face the roads to the south and west and could be divided. This land has good drainage, a large two story frame house, about as good as new, a good frame barn 40 by 60, on stone, also a horse and hay barn about 20 by 50 feet in size. Hog and sheep houses, double corn cribs and wagon shed, tool house, buggy house, etc. Has a drove well and windpump, besides small fruit, grape, etc., there are about 100 trees. This land is well fenced, with principally wire; the soil is largely black land, and properly cultivated will produce good returns of any crops grown upon it. If taken soon, this farm can be bought for \$85.00 an acre.

728—Is a well improved five acre tract on the stoned road within one-half mile of Decatur; is well fenced and in good location; has ample buildings for a poultry farm or trucking garden; has a dug well, a drove well and force pump, small stable, new chicken house and park, and a good story and a half six room residence in good condition. This is a good piece of ground and if sold soon can be bought for \$1,450.

732—Is a good 51 acre tract on the gravel pike within about three miles of Decatur; is well fenced, has good average buildings, which consist of a comfortable cottage house, summer kitchen, woodhouse, milk house with cement floor, drove well, sheep and hog houses, cribs and wagon shed, cattle and tool house 15 by 60, and a good frame barn on stone 40 by 60, with threshing floor, granary, etc.; large bearing orchard, and about seven acres of nice young timber worth at least seven or eight hundred dollars; price of this land \$71 an acre—\$5,804.

673—Is a 94 acre tract on the proposed traction line in southeastern Adams county, is well located, has some good improvements, which consist of a comfortable story and a half house good frame barn 40 by 60 feet in size with cement floor in mow

and stables; slate roofed granary, cribs, and sheep and hog stables 20 by 50 feet in size; wind pump, good fencing, and an average quality of land; this farm can be bought for \$82 an acre.

727—Is one of the best 80 acre tracts of land in Monroe township; is fully 1/2 black land no open ditches and about 1600 rods of till; is on the public road a quarter of a mile from the north and south stoned road; is well fenced and has good buildings; the barn alone is new and cost over \$1,000; has a comfortable story and a half residence, drove well, large cement water stock tank, double cribs, good bearing orchard, and about seven acres of woods with plenty of material for buildings or for the timber; for the best sixty days this land can be bought for \$100 an acre.

712—Is a 162 acre tract on the traction line near Decatur. On this farm is an extensive gravel pit that yields a handsome income annually. The land is largely black and yellow sand soil, easy to cultivate and brings splendid crops. This land has good outlet for drainage, wire and rail fences, good orchard, and ordinary frame buildings; is on the gravel pike and traction line, station near the residence; this is an ideal location for a stock farm and this proposition cannot be matched in Adams county for \$75 an acre.

664—Is a desirable 117 1/2 acre tract on the gravel pike near Decatur. This land has running stock water, throughout the year; is well fenced and tilled, has ten acres of good young timber, a number of good trees for lumber; is a good quality of soil, sand loam, clay and black land, all a productive quality. The buildings are worth at least \$2,000 and consist of a large barn built on stone foundation, a good seven room dwelling house, on stone foundation, with large good cellar; stock scales, cribs, granary, etc. If sold soon this farm can be bought for \$190 an acre.

733—Is a desirable twenty-five acre tract, largely black land, on the stoned road, about three miles from west of Monroe. Is on the road mail route and telephone line. In good neighborhood near school. With the exception of a new barn 24 by 40 on tile block foundation, it has ordinary buildings. Has a comfortable story and a half room residence, summer kitchen, milk house, double crib and wagon shed, drove well, etc. Has also orchard of apple, plum, etc. Can be bought for \$2,750.

WE HAVE A LARGE LIST of smaller tracts ranging from one to five acres and some good 40, 60 and 100 acre tracts not given in this list.