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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 feels that it is warranted in 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 Veysey, 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 political 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 op-

tion 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 Purley, the position is thus stated:

"The Catholic church has always taught that the state is, of itself, an independent and perfect society. In his encyclical, 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 pontiff 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 a farewell 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 Miss Emma and Frank Schultz of this city, and Miss Irene Baker of Fort Wayne at her beautiful home northeast 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 Haubold 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 Haubold, 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 was 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. Minnie 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 Mr. Humble, a sturdy ex-blacksmith of Georgia, who had become a man of political consequence.

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

"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."

M. Marigny was about five feet eight inches in height, and his adversary was seven feet. The conceit 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 good son 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?"

"Female," replied the erudite juvenile.

"Her that agen!" cried the delighted father. "A', noo, Tommy," he proceeded, picking up the family repeat, "what gender is this?"

"Neuter," said Tommy.

"Sam's face tell."

"Well, well," he exclaimed, "it's all this way. Still, not but what the little lad was far out. He only said neuter instead of pawtier, that's all!"—London *Times*.

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

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 that 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 retired and Henry Zwicker assumed 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 1898. 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.

LOST—Black and tan dog with white feet and white in face. Answers to name Sport. Finder please notify Geo. G. Flanders. 303-61

WANT TO BUY—C. M. Foreman, of Willshire, wants to buy a second-hand, rolltop office desk. Notify him by letter. 303-41

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

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 distractingly. 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 gnashing of teeth.

"What?" cried the crowd.

"The letter?" cried the young man as he escaped.

Dignity of the English Waiter. The English hotel waiter is in a race which is slowly but surely becoming extinct and carries about him the melancholy sure of the doomed. Every head waiter at a British inn has in him at least the making of a dake's butler. No glimpse of avarice mars the perfection of his monumental manner, and if at the last he condescends to accept your vail 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.—Tr-Bits.

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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. 307-61

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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 these 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 rent 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 hand-springs by way of good measure. While the boys were settling down to their seats one of them blew a package of "snerez" into the air, which for the time kept them busy in attending to their neglected noses but it did not distract from their appetites. Taking one consideration with another the newsboy dinner was a signal success and in each heart the 200 newsboys had a warm place for the whole-souled Dick Townsend, the giver and patron of the feast.

and stables; slate roofed granary, cribs, and sheep and hog stables 10 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 4/5 black land no open ditches and about 100 rods of tilling; is on the public road a quarter of a mile from the north and south road; is well fenced and has god buildings; the barn alone is new and cost over \$1,000; has a comfortable story and a half residence, drow 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 tie timber; for the next six days this land can be bought for \$82 an acre.

728—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 st