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### STATE FINANCES

#### PROVING EMBARRASSING

People are wondering what Governor Hanly will say about the state's finances when he reads his last message to the assembled legislators next week. In his inaugural address four years ago Governor Hanly severely criticised the administration of his predecessor, Governor Durbin, for anticipating the state's revenues. He declared that the revenues for the then current (1905) fiscal year had already been anticipated to the extent of \$529,659, and he said that such a condition would so embarrass the treasury that money would have to be borrowed or the revenues of the next fiscal year be drawn on in advance. From all this it was thought that Governor Hanly intended his administration to be economical. But what happened? Why, the Republican state officials just kept on anticipating the revenues until at the end of the fiscal year 1905 the counties had been compelled to advance \$994,449. During the next fiscal year (1906) these advances had risen to \$1,245,500. And during the fiscal year 1908 these advances had grown, according to the state treasurer's report, to \$1,772,823. Just how Governor Hanly is going to explain this serious "embarrassment" of the treasury during the last year of his administration is a matter that is claiming attention. There is no denying the fact that the state is desperately hard up and that the financial problem confronting Governor Marshall and the general assembly will be a difficult one to solve. If the treasury was embarrassed by the anticipation of the revenues that Governor Hanly found when he entered office, how much more serious must be the embarrassment now when the anticipation of the state's funds is almost double what it was then! In order to tide over the trouble four years ago without borrowing money on the state's bonds, the Republican legislature, on Governor Hanly's advice, diverted the 3-cent sinking fund levy into the general fund. In this year's tax collections, however, the sinking fund levy must be credited to that fund where it was before. With a largely increased general expense account and with large building projects on hand, it can be seen that it is going to take hard thinking to make ends meet. One does not like to say it, but the truth is that from a practical point of view the state government is in a condition of bankruptcy. There is no question about its credit, for in all this land there is none better, but it has been living beyond its means to such an extent that it has been able to pay its bills only by drawing on the future the amount so drawn in advance during the year 1908 being nearly \$2,000,000, as shown above. And who is responsible for this condition? Certainly not the Democrats, because they have not been in power for twelve years. It would have been a splendid thing for the taxpayers of Indiana if they had succeeded in their desire to give the Democratic party full control. That can be done at the next election, but until then the Democrats will be seriously handicapped. Governor Marshall and a Democratic house can do much, but it will not be possible for them to do all that should be done. The draining of the state treasury has been terrific for years. Some of this draining has been open and some more or less subterranean. Doubtless many leaks can be stopped, but it will take time and careful engineering to reconstruct some of the channels through which the state's money has raced from the treasury. So far as their power goes, the Democ-

rats will give a good account of their stewardship. On that point the people may rest easy.

The Fort Wayne News is right in opposing further needless expense in the Dunn case. A conviction seems almost if not entirely impossible. With that fact known, why waste any more time or money?

The message comes sizzling to us from Dixie Land that on New Year's day over one-half of the sunny south will be dry territory. Who said the Democrats were the whiskey party? The fellows in Indiana who gag at county option can witness the spectacle in the south of the people swallowing state option down there and never once making a "rye" face in the process.—Columbia City Mail.

Beginning next Monday Indianapolis will begin to take on the appearance of a legislative season. The sessions begin on Thursday and on the following Monday the governor's inaugural will occur. After that the session will settle down to the real business for which they are assembled. No legislation has yet taken any tangible form, and likely will not until the members get their heads together.

It can at least be said that all the candidates for United States senator are making a dignified and gentlemanly effort, none of them indulging in the use of personal assaults upon any other candidate. This is not only wise, but it shows that peace and harmony reigns within the ranks of the Democratic party and its leaders. The place of United States senator is an exalted one, and above the usual methods which involve the seeking of political preferment.

It might be well for the Democrats of Indiana not to pay any attention to newspaper articles setting forth the attitude of Governor-elect Marshall on any question or matter of state interest. He has no time to deny rumors and is not giving out anything for publication. You cannot, therefore, rely on statements sent out from Indianapolis. Although he has not said so, judging him by the past, it is not likely that he will announce in advance what he intends to do in any respect. After the act is performed the people will know where he stands, and not till then.—Columbia City Post.

## IN CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Macy, of Winchester, Held Session Here Today

### MARRIAGE LICENSE

Issued to Couple Each of Whom Has Passed Three Score Years

A marriage license has been issued to Daniel J. Vermilyer, 61, a cheese maker from Oconomowoc, Wis., and Catherine Day, 64, of this city. The groom has been married once, his wife dying twenty years ago and the bride twice, her last husband having died thirty years ago.

Jacob D. Augsburger et al have deeded to Samuel Opliger, a small tract of land in Jefferson township for \$110; the Eureka Oil & Gas Co. has transferred an oil lease in Wauash and Jefferson townships to M. P. Colt for \$3,000.

Judge Merriman held court at Winchester today, while Judge Macy of that place heard issues in several causes here.

Judge Macy of the Randolph circuit court assumed jurisdiction in the case of Conrad D. Gallmeyer, trustee, vs. Edward Gallmeyer et al. Attorneys argued a demurrer filed by the plaintiff to the third paragraph of the separate answer of Dora Gallmeyer but no decision was rendered.

A final report was filed in the David Welling et al petition for drain, and was allowed. The superintendent of construction was discharged.

## SOCIAL COLUMN

### REV. FOX CLAIMS A BRIDE

Married Monday to Miss Grace Glenn.

St. Vincent de Paul Society to Meet With Mrs. H. H. Bremerkamp

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS  
Young Peoples Society of Evangelical Church Hold Meeting

The St. Vincent de Paul society will meet tomorrow afternoon with Mrs. H. H. Bremerkamp and it is especially requested that every member be present as at this time occurs the election of officers.

From now on for a month or two there will be various social events in and about Decatur. We will be more than thankful if you will call phone number 51 and tell us about the doings you know of. It will cause you but little inconvenience and will help us to make our paper bighter and newsier.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hower entertained at a turkey roast yesterday in honor of their grandson, Bice Thomas Dille's first Christmas. Those present were Mr. Frank Hower, Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dille, Miss Ilo Dille, Georgian Dille, Josephine Hower, Carl Hower. The hours were happily spent. All departed wishing Mr. and Mrs. Hower more such happy Christmas.

The Young People's Society of the Evangelical church held their business meeting at the parsonage. There was a full attendance and following the business session officers for the coming term were elected: President: Mrs. Runyon; vice president, Miss Ella Edgington; recording secretary, Miss Vernia Smith; corresponding secretary, Miss Gladys Kern; treasurer, Mr. Eugene Runyon; organist, Miss Vernia Smith; chorister, Mr. George Kern. After the business session a social time was enjoyed by all, after which light refreshments were served.

Attention is called to the meeting of the Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. church on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 30, at the home of Mrs. W. H. Nachtrieb. A musical program will be given and a very pleasant afternoon is promised. Let all members and friends of the society be sure to attend.

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### LEAVES FOR WEST

### VOTE WAS SEVEN TO FIVE.

The Dunn Case Assumes a Peculiar Shape.

Following the disagreement of the jury on Saturday, Charles W. Dunn, who has three times undergone the ordeal of trial on the indictment which charges him with the murder of Alice Cottrell at Wauash more than seven years ago, has gone quietly back to his work. He is at liberty under a bond of \$5,000 and is living with his son, uncomplainingly awaiting the final disposition of the case which has become unique in the annals of the Allen county courts. Dunn has little comment to make beyond the reiteration of his declaration that he is innocent and the expression of entire satisfaction with the efforts and the course of his attorneys. When Judge Watkins dismissed the jury at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon it lacked but ten minutes of forty-seven hours since the panel of twelve men had received the court's instructions and retired to the jury room to deliberate upon a verdict. Subsequent developments show that the jurors were hopelessly divided in judgment, and that agreement was impossible. The vote of the jury it is learned, stood steadfastly at 7 to 5 in favor of acquittal of the aged man. The future of the case is entirely problematical. There is a persistent belief in many quarters that it will never come to trial again, but that it will be dismissed by the state. Under the law the prosecuting attorney may, with consent of the judge of the court, nolle pross a case of this character, but Prosecutor Thomas has given out no statement regarding his intentions in the matter.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

### SAVED THEM

Dr. J. O. Greson, State Secy of American Veterinary Medical Ass'n., Kokomo, Ind., says: "The herd of hogs on which the Bourbon Hog Cholera Remedy was used, was sold yesterday. We give this remedy the credit of saving them."

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## WED TOMORROW

Harold Cantwell. Prominent Young Attorney of Hartford City Takes Bride

IS WELL KNOWN HERE  
Both Parties Hail from Indiana's Most Highly Respected Families

Harold Cantwell, of Hartford City, a promising young attorney, who is quite well and favorably known in Decatur, is to be married at Rushville tomorrow evening to Miss Hazel Carr, who is one of the most prominent young ladies of that place. Mr. Cantwell has visited Decatur on several occasions, and while here made numerous friends who will join in wishing for him the success he deserves. The compact between the contracting parties originated while they were attending DePauw University and the announcement of their coming marriage interests their hosts of friends. Both parties hail from the most highly respected families of the state, and they start on their matrimonial career under most pleasant auspices. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sprang and Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Allison, who became acquainted with the Cantwell family at Oden, Michigan, have received invitations to the wedding.

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and stables; slate roofed granaries, cribs, and sheep and hog stables 50 by 50 feet in size; wind pump, good fencing, and an average quality of land; this farm can be bought for \$28 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 tilling; is from the public road a quarter of a mile from the north and south state 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, drawn 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 \$100 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 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 30 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, grapes, 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 an acre.

729—Is a well improved five acre tract on the gravel pike near Decatur. This 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 11 1/2 acre tract on the gravel pike near Decatur. This land has running stock water throughout the year; is well fenced and tiled, 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. Buildings are worth at least \$3,000 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 \$100 an acre.

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

WE HAVE A LARGE LIST of smaller tracts ranging from 40 to 160 acres. The smaller tracts not given in the list.



### 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. 751—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 nearly new barn, cribs, 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. Good buildings, some good fruit trees and young timber. Drove well, wind wheel, cistern, etc.

A nice house, good barn, etc. Has a good cistern, drove well and wind pump, nice surroundings—a grove of native trees about the house. Possession can be given at once if possible. 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.

No. 698—Is a well located 79 acre tract on the stoned road within two miles of a good market, graded school, and cement floor, in a nice