

The Daily Democrat

Published Every Evening, Except

Sunday, by

LEW G. ELLINGHAM

Subscription Rates:

Per week, by carrier 10 cents
Per year, by carrier \$5.00
Per month, by mail 25 cents
Per year, by mail \$2.50
Single copies 2 cents

Advertising rates made known on application.

Entered at the postoffice at Decatur, Indiana, as second-class mail matter.

J. H. HELLER, Manager.

NOT A WORD

OF COMFORT OR PRAISE

It is perfectly clear that President Taft is out of touch with American public sentiment on the tariff question. Not in the Philippines, nor on the Isthmus of Panama, nor in the sordid political atmosphere of Ohio, least of all in the isolated precincts of official Washington, can our national opinion be imbibed. There is no justification in the party but what it stands for; there is no merit in it but what it does.

Very illuminative on this score is his reference to the wool schedule. This he admits is bad and should have been changed. The reason for its perpetuation, he calmly informs us, was that the woolen manufacturers and the woolgrowers had combined their forces on the floor of congress in such wise that if their pet schedules had been interfered with they would have beaten the bill.

Now it is the most impulsive thing in all the president's Winona address that he finds it possible to speak of this dastardly conspiracy against the people without a show of feeling. In all his speech there is not a note of disapproval of any of Mr. Aldrich's bargains. He treats the tariff as dispassionately and critically as if it were a problem in geometry or a formula for making orange marmalade.

This is not the way the American people feel about it. They do not care so much about the comparative cost of production at home and abroad, or the court decisions or the cotton schedules, or the beautiful tables so industriously and ingeniously compiled by Chairman Payne, as they do about the apparent control of the house and senate organizations in the interests of gigantic protected corporations which demand continued protection, not because they need it, but because they seek inordinate profits at the expense of the masses.

The president is a man of wide and

warm sympathies. His heart goes out to the poor Filipinos, the union laborer, the persecuted "scab" the disfranchised negro, the criticized south, the hapless litigant, the endangered trainmen. But he has no word of sympathy for the millions who asked and expected relief from tariff burdens, but upon an impious moral conviction that their welfare is entitled to some consideration in congress besides the sneers of Aldrich and the oaths of Cannon.

It is unfortunate that the president's bowels of compassion yearn to Aldrich, Cannon, Payne and Tawney and the powerful manufacturers they represent, but manifest no response to the great unorganized public or to the men in both houses of congress who tried to scale these exorbitant duties down. The country has acclaimed the president as the one force that was able to wrest concessions from the conference committee. If he knew he was doing anything meritorious then, or it he had any feeling of sympathy at the time with the popular demand for tariff reform, he has most effectually concealed it from the public gaze. If the Winona speech truly denotes his attitude toward the tariff his sympathy has been with Aldrich and not with the people.

On this sort of tariff doctrine the president could not have carried Indiana if the Democrats had had a candidate who commanded the confidence of intelligent men. It is doubtful whether he could have carried it even as against Bryan, if he had talked the wisdom and patriotism of Aldrich instead of encouraging the people, as he did, to expect downward revision. The president may not know, but the people do, that whatever downward revision was secured is attributable not to Aldrich and Cannon, whither his admiration goes out, but to the progressive Republicans, for whom he has no word of comfort or praise.

—Indianapolis Star, ep.

A large number of the street lights are old and almost useless and many of them fail to give light most of the time. The wires are in many places also badly worn and will soon have to be replaced with new ones.—P. L.

Here is another righteous condemnation by a worthy but unpretentious critic. The council have been derelict in their duty in not keeping the wires oiled and when the weather was bad they should have taken them inside and not left them exposed to all kinds of unseasonable weather conditions.

We presume that they thought that

being purchased several years ago by a Republican council at an exorbitant price, they could stand any old thing, but the best will wear out—hence the present council are entitled to nothing short of the wrath of a long suffering people.

We are not maintaining or attempting to do so that the plant is not worth the sum of \$125,000.—P. L.

Barney Kalver has just furnished us his latest quotation on "junk" and the list does not embrace municipal plants at that price. He says that he could not begin to get first cost out of those worn out wires and useless street lights, to say nothing of that expensive "concreting on the face of the earth." While we hate awfully to dispute or disagree with one so well qualified to speak upon this important public question as you are P. L., and knowing too, how sincere and honest your motives—not even a blush of partisan zeal or personal rancor—yet we believe your figures a little high. Just as a friendly tip, we suggest that you never again admit that "junk" might be worth more than the market price.

SOCIETY COLUMN

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Tyndall Gave a Dinner Last Evening

OTHER DINNERS

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ellingham Entertain—Other Social News

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller of Indianapolis, and Mr. Ed Hoffman were honored guests at a dinner party given Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ellingham. The evening was spent delightfully at bridge whist.

A very pleasant event was a dinner given Sunday evening by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Tyndall at their Monroe street home, and the repast was a delicious one, daintily served. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller of Indianapolis, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ellingham and children, Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Heller and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heller.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol Sheets, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Baker and family entertained a company of guests from Fort Wayne at their homes west of the city yesterday, dinner being served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sheets and after a pleasant afternoon the guests were seated at the table at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Baker and luncheon was served, the party returning to Fort Wayne late in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Shackley entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Walters and family of Garrett, at dinner yesterday. The day was spent very pleasantly.

Mrs. John Fleming pleasantly entertained Saturday night guests being relatives. Mr. Harold Henneford, who left this noon for Tiffin, O., where he will continue his studies at Heidelberg university, Mrs. Henneford and Miss Kate Henneford. It proved to be a farewell gathering for Mr. and Mrs. Fleming, who will move to Kenton, although Mrs. Fleming and guests did not know it till late in the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Walters entertained in an enjoyable way by giving a dinner party yesterday. Those composing the party were Mr. and Mrs. George Steele and daughter Jeanette, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Pillars, Mrs. Sadie Cowley and Mr. Andrew Teeple.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church is planning for an interesting program to be given soon. At a meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Trisch Monday, the twenty-eighth, a business meeting will be held.

The Entre Nous Club members enjoyed a happy day yesterday at Linn Grove. In the morning the girls and Herbert Lachot drove to that place, where they made calls on their friends and spent the day, socially. Dinner was served at the home of Miss Clara Mashberger and supper at the home of Miss Martha Ashleman.

(Continue on page 4)

CRYSTAL SPECIALS

Two Big Vaudeville Specials at the Crystal Airdome this Week

BEGINNING TONIGHT

Magician and Wild West—Watch for the Big Drive Tomorrow Afternoon

The Crystal theater has the greatest card of high class vaudeville ever offered in this section for the price, five cents, for the first three nights of this week. Besides his big motion picture show the manager, Mr. Biggs, has a double vaudeville attraction, including Daniels the world famous magician, ventriloquist, mind reader and wonder worker. This man comes highly recommended. Tomorrow afternoon a committee consisting of Marshal Butler, Mayor France and Henry Thomas will hide some articles about town, and Daniels will be blindfolded and will drive a spirited team of horses to the place and secure the hidden article. It's a hair raising scene and is free. This man gives an exhibition at the Crystal each evening, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Then they have Dakota Max and Susanna Brady, the original cowboy girl, who have just closed a successful season with Pawnee Bills big wild west. They will give a wonderful exhibition of dare devil feats at the Crystal, the first three nights of this week. Every show a good one at the Crystal. Price five cents.

PINCHED BY CARS

Harry Bowman, a C. & E. Brakeman, Was Painfully Injured Here

SATURDAY EVENING

Was Taken to Home in Huntington—No Bones Broken—Will Recover

Harry Bowman, a brakeman on the Chicago & Erie, was painfully but not seriously hurt Saturday evening, while a west bound freight was switching in the yards here. Bowman was standing on the ladder between two cars when the air was thrown on and the train slackened so quickly that the cars jammed together and caught the man. His hips and legs were badly pinched and it was at first feared that the bones had been crushed. He was taken to the station and sent to his home at Huntington on the five o'clock fast train. A report from that city this morning said that Bowman was recovering and that it is not believed that he will suffer from any serious effects. It was a mighty close call, however, and the man's companions feared that he was severely hurt. It was at first reported on the streets that he had been killed and several people went out expecting to find this true. The young man's friends were glad to hear today that his injuries will keep him from work but a few days.

Crystal Theatre

The Newest Shows, The Best Films, Courteous Treatment.

TONIGHT

Entire Change of Program Each Evening

Orchestra every Night

IT'S 5 CENTS

W. P. BIGGS, PROP.

Ed Berling of Fort Wayne, was in the city yesterday and spent Sunday with his mother. He was accompanied by a friend, Ben Beckerman.

Harmon Bosse, living in the west part of the city, is very bad sick with muscular rheumatism, and is suffering very intense pain. He is now on his third week, and it is hoped that he will soon obtain some relief.

Dr. W. R. Brayton, John Didot, Bert Redout, Frank Hale, Frank Sullivan of Geneva, were here today on business. Mr. Didot will soon leave Geneva, but his exact location is as yet undetermined, but it will be in some good live business center about the size of Decatur, although it may not be spelled that way.

SMITH CHAPEL CEMETERY

All the people who are interested in the Smith Chapel cemetery are invited to meet there on the morning of Friday, September 24, and assist in the work of cleaning the cemetery. Every year a general cleaning goes on at this place and this year they propose to make it look cleaner and better than it ever has before.

JUST RECEIVED

A fine lot of gold fish, consisting of

medium sized and extra selects, 3 to

4 inches long, Fan Tails and Swallow Tails, Fish Food, Green for fish,

and ornaments for aquaria and fish Globes, at the greenhouse.

223-66 Ernsberger Bros. & Moses.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Our shop will be closed on next

Saturday, September 25th, on account

of its being a Jewish holiday. The

public is asked to take notice ac-

cordingly, if they have business trans-

actions at our place.

223-66 B. Kalver & Son.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that Monday,

Nov. 1, 1909, will be the last day for

paying the fall installment of taxes.

If not paid on or before the above

date same will be delinquent and 10

per cent. will be added. Please be

governed accordingly and save extra

expense. Yours very truly,

J. F. LACHOT,

County Treasurer.

SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY

We have a complete stock of all school books and school supplies

MAKE US PROVE IT

HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

GIRLS WANTED

We need Girls or Women to do sewing at the factory. Please call at once if you want work.

WARING GLOVE COMPANY

CONRAD & MOORE Offer The Sublime Histro Biblical Drama By Henry Thorn Hum

Saul of Tarsus



PAUL RESCUED FROM THE MULTITUDE

In witnessing this grand play, the knowledge that one is within the walls of a theatre is forgotten and as scene after scene uplifts the soul and carries it into an atmosphere where all is pure, enabling and sublime it becomes a powerful sermon, as uplifting and grand as ever was in Cathedral preached.

OPERA HOUSE WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 29

HERE IS A CHANCE You Have Been Looking For

Coloring your Suit, Overcoat, Dresses, Skirts, and Curtains at the following prices.

One Suit	\$3.00
One Coat and Vest	\$2.00
One Pair of Pants	\$1.00
One Heavy Overcoat	\$2.50
One Light Overcoat	\$2.00
One Dress Skirt	\$1.00
One Full Dress	\$2.00
One Pair Portiers	\$2.50
One Pair Chenille Curtains	\$3.50

You to pay express charges one way.

Steam Cleaning

One Suit	\$2.00
One Coat and Vest	\$1.50
One Pair of Pants	75c
One Heavy Overcoat	\$2.50
One Light Overcoat	\$2.00
One Dress Skirt	\$1.00
One Full Dress	\$2.00
One Pair Portiers	\$2.50
One Pair Chenille	\$3.50

Bring in your goods in time so I can send them on every Monday at noon.

CHRIST MEYER
THE TAILOR
DECATOR
INDIANA