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**J. H. HELLER, Manager.**

The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette now names Hon. E. G. Hoffman for chairman of the democratic state committee, and as he is a democratic blood worth talking about, the mention of his name is worthy consideration by the leaders of the party.

The democratic state committee meets next week to issue the call for organization. At that time the apportionment will be handed out and the date for the district meetings will be named, and following that comes the meeting of the new committee and the election of a chairman who will have in charge the affairs of the campaign next year. The democrats all over the state seem eager and are at ready on their toes, all of which indicates activity and good fellowship in the ranks of democracy.

In all probability Madison county will present to the next democratic district meeting the name of Mr. George T. Beebe, one of their favorite sons, as a candidate for district chairman and a member of the state committee for this congressional district. As Mr. Beebe is one of those fighting democrats that never has to be wound up, and is a born leader of men and an organizer of skill and ability, he will doubtless win an easy victory in the preliminary skirmish in the committee organization. The woods of Madison county are full of democratic thoroughbreds, but none of them surpass Mr. Beebe in the many excellent qualities of consistency and constancy to the noble cause of democracy. He

is a yard wide and all wool, and the Democrat is glad to bear testimony to that fact.

**WILL VISIT WASHINGTON.**  
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 8.—The Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, is to visit Washington on behalf of the government in connection with the tariff. It is understood that with congress in session the minister will seize the opportunity of quietly and unofficially sounding the official representatives of the United States as to their views on the tariff relations between the two countries.

## JUST IN RATIO

**As Santa's Pack Increases,  
Do Those of the Mail  
Carriers.**

**THE HOLIDAY RUSH  
At Postoffice Will Begin  
Next Week—Continue  
Till New Years.**

Just in ratio as the pack of old Santa Claus increases do those of the mail carriers increase, and about Christmas time employees of Uncle Sam are about the busiest people on earth. The local postoffice clerks state that the holiday rush has not yet made itself felt here, but predict that with the beginning of next week they will have just about all the two hands of each clerk and carrier can well handle. The rush grows gradually heavier until two days before Christmas time when the volume of mail is three or four times the normal amount. This congestion continues until after the New Year, as old Santa carries about as many New Year presents as Christmas presents. Never in the history of the local office has it been found necessary to increase the postoffice force at holiday time, though the force is kept busy working over time. The holiday season is not exactly a picnic for the postoffice boys, and the government has given suggestions for the patrons that if they wish a sure and speedy delivery of their parcels, to send them out several weeks ahead of the Yule tide, marking them "Do not open until Christmas time."

## FRANK WAITE IS COMING

**One of the Survivors of the  
Cherry Mine Disaster  
Will be Here To-  
morrow.**

Mr. W. S. Proctor, of Chicago, manager for Frank Waite, one of the twenty survivors of the recent Cherry mine disaster, is in the city and has arranged for Mr. Waite to appear at the Star theater in this city on Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings of this week with a matinee on Saturday afternoon. Several views of the terrible mine accident are given and Mr. Waite, an Englishman, aged twenty-three, tells the story of eight days spent 30 feet beneath the earth when they expected every hour to be the last. He appears exactly as he did the day he came out of the mine, in the same clothes and the attraction promises to be the greatest ever brought to this city. In addition Happy Jack Zierath, a black-faced comedian, will appear in monologues and parodies, making a wonderful show for ten cents.

## GRAND JURY INDICTS SHELTON.

New York, N. Y., Dec. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The grand jury today returned an indictment against George Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phoenix Insurance company.

Fair, continued cold tonight and Thursday.

## FRANK GRIMES CHEATS JUSTICE.

**Sentenced to Electric Chair But  
Decides to do Own Executing.**

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Frank Grimes, who was yesterday sentenced to be electrocuted on March 25th next for the murder of Blanch McKnight, hanged himself in his cell in the county jail this morning, thus cheating justice, but saving the state the expense of his execution. He tore up a sheet and weaving a rope therefrom did the deed.

## SOCIETY COLUMN

**Election of Officers Demands  
Attention of the Local  
Lodges.**

## TWO WERE INITIATED

**By Rebekahs on Tuesday  
Evening—Mrs. Herman  
Gerke Entertains.**

The Eastern Star lodge will meet Friday night for the election of officers and attention to other matters of importance. All members of the order are requested to be at this session.

Mrs. Henry Gerke of near Monmouth is entertaining Mesdames Henry Lankenau and Henry Gunsett of this city today, these ladies being guests at dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Brown and family of Monroe and Mr. Henry Cook and Miss Ona Durbin were guests at dinner Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Stickler of Monroe.

The Royal Neighbors announced that the annual election of officers would take place Tuesday evening, but on account of the inclement weather the meeting was postponed and the election set for next Tuesday evening.

The Pocahontas lodge is planning for special services for Thursday evening of this week at which time the installation of the newly elected officers will take place.

Important business will come before the Modern Woodmen this evening and all members are requested to be at the hall by 7:30 o'clock.

Quite a pretty initiation service was conducted Tuesday evening by the Rebekah order, Messrs. Cook and Adam Weiss being received into membership. On next Thursday evening two other candidates will receive the initiation degree, and this will be followed by a banquet.

## FOR THE SOLDIER'S WIDOW.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Adair today introduced a bill in behalf of soldiers' widows. At present widows are not able to draw pensions unless their marriage to the soldier husbands took place prior to June 27, 1890. Mr. Adair's bill extends the time limit to April 19, 1903. This would entitle widows to draw pensions at the rate of \$12 a month.

## TELEPHONE MEN IN CHICAGO.

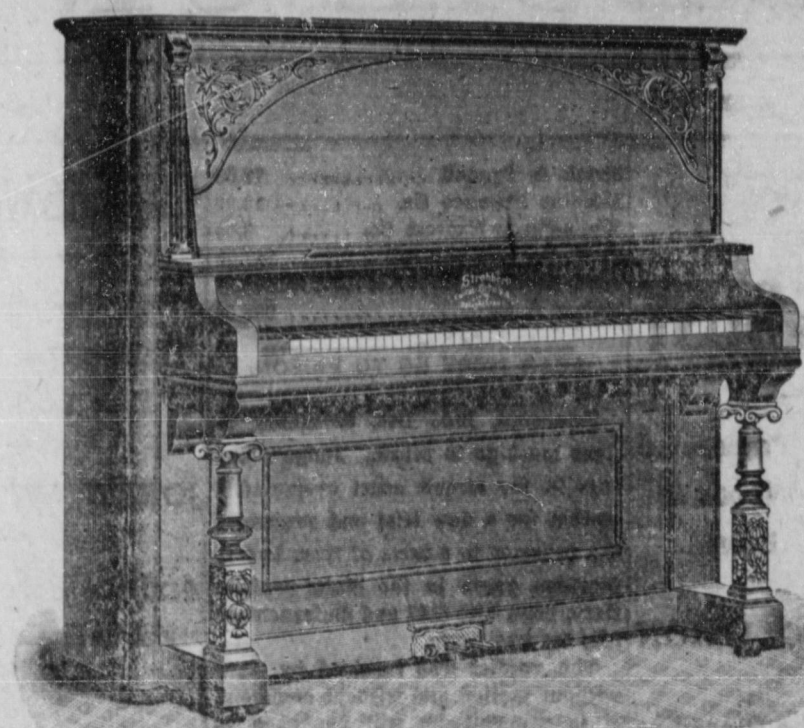
J. S. Bowers and G. Kinzie Represent Local Company.

The National Independent Telephone Association of the United States is holding its annual convention in the auditorium in Chicago, continuing in three days' session. The Citizens' Telephone company of Decatur is represented at this meeting by J. S. Bowers and George Kinzie of this city.

FOR SALE—Favorite soft coal stove and a laundry stove; phone 319 or see Dallas Hunsicker. 6t

## NOTICE.

Pay your gas bill before the tenth of the month and avoid the penalty.  
Indiana Lighting Co.



## YOUR CHRISTMAS PIANO

**SHOULD BE A  
GOOD ONE....**

**By far the most important consideration in a Piano is the QUALITY.**

**Call at our store and play the player piano. Let us show you all of them and explain their merit.**

**Your Christmas Piano should be a good one. Make your selection here.**

**The Packard,  
The Steck,  
The Auto-Piano,  
The Emerson,  
The Sterling,  
The Lawton,  
The Angelus,  
The Knabe.**

**Yager Bros., & Reinking.**

## A Man's Christmas

**YOU MAY HUNT FROM NOW UNTIL  
"DOOMS DAY," BUT YOU WON'T FIND A  
PLACE WHERE THERE ARE SO MANY  
APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR MEN & BOYS**



**Buy the Men's and Boy's  
PRESENTS at the men's and boy's store. We  
know what's right and correct and we know  
what they like.**

## Our Whole Store

is a veritable Christmas tree of gifts. Beautiful ties, Faultless shirts, Comfortable underwear, Guaranteed half hose, Elegant handkerchiefs, Handsome umbrellas, Silk suspenders, Smoking jackets, bath robes, and mufflers, cuff buttons with pin to match, Hose, Handkerchief and necktie to match.

## If you appoint us

as your "official stocking filler" we guarantee the men and boys to be well pleased this Christmas.

**ELZEY VANCE & HITE**

Corner East of Court House.

Decatur, Indiana.

## MRS. JOHN REARDON DEAD.

Lived in Fort Wayne—Had Relatives in Adams County.

Mrs. John Kelley, residing three and a half miles west of the city, was called to Fort Wayne this morning by the death of Mrs. Margaret Reardon, wife of Mrs. Kelley's brother, John

Reardon, and known to many here.

Mrs. Reardon was forty-one years of age, her death occurring Monday evening at 6 o'clock after a several weeks' illness. She leaves a husband and five children. The funeral will be held Thursday morning from the St. Patrick's church.

## COLDS: PREVENTION AND CURE.

How to prevent and cure colds will be taught this evening at 8 o'clock at the library by Miss McIntyre. This is free to all women.

FOUND—A business key; owner can have same by seeing J. C. Atz and paying for this ad.

**Our Special for This Week.**

**A Beautiful \$3.75**

**Skirt for \$2.98.**

**TRUE & RUNYON.**