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The Chicago Tribune prints an interesting item about one of the leading business men of that city. Samuel W. Allerton, at the age of eighty-two, has relinquished his allegiance to the republican party and has become a democrat. The antagonism of the veteran ranchman, packer, banker and capitalist has been aroused against the republican party on account of what he terms its tendency toward paternalism and meddling. Mr. Allerton has a controlling interest in the Chicago stockyards, and in the years past has been a heavy contributor to the republican campaigns. It is evident that he has given serious thought to his course, as men do not lightly change their party allegiance at the age of eighty-two.

The primary election in Kansas on Tuesday shows an overwhelming victory for the progressives. The candidate for governor, W. R. Stubbs, has a phenomenal majority. Madison and Murdock, the progressive congressional leaders, had scarcely any opposition to their renomination, and in four other congressional districts the progressives are triumphant. In only two is the result in doubt, and there may not be a single standpatter on the ticket in November. The issue was squarely drawn on the tariff in general, the rubber schedule in particular, Aldrichism, Speaker Cannon and the rules. It had been better for the standpatters had Uncle Joe kept out of the state. The importance of this result upon current political action can hardly be over-estimated. Party conventions and nominations are now at hand. The

progressive spirit is abroad in the land, and the Kansas victory will encourage it, and will also lead party leaders to heed the tendency of the times. For, if progress is not made at time of nominations, it may become marked at the elections.—South Bend Times.

CHAMPION RIDING EXPERTS.

Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows Replete With Equestrian Features.

The new and wonderful European equestrian features that have been added to the Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows, appearing here Wednesday, August 10th, are many and varied, but none stand out so prominently in the brilliant galaxy of star feature acts as the Holland-Dockrill Troupe, imported from Europe by Mr. Wallace, now seen for the first time in America. These clever people are acknowledged the champion riding experts of Europe, and appear in what is classed as the only original equestrian acts known to the circus for the past half century. Their simplest feats are not within the range of accomplishment of the average equestrian, and their heroic efforts are the bane of envious rivals. They are noted for their dexterous individual and conjunctive performances, which embrace a series of riding and athletic stunts entirely new to the American arena, concluding with simultaneous bounding leaps from the ground to the backs of horses. The introduction of a comedy element by two dogs, adds zest and novelty to their performance, and the certainty of execution with which all their feats are accomplished gives a finished touch that is so frequently lacking in ordinary riders. The Holland-Dockrill Troupe are not alone, however, in the Hagenbeck-Wallace equestrian contingent. There are many other riders of both sexes whose names are synonymous with the best and greatest in equestrian achievement, and the majority of whom are progeny of illustrious riding families, thus combining acquired skill with hereditary genius. They represent every school and style of riding—bounding, jockey, somersaulting, hurdle, menage, and race riders and heroic horsemanship of the frontier.

In the list are Mlle. Jeanette, Winnie Sweeney, Olga Reed, Maud Hayward, Mary Turginoff, Flora Bedina, Anita Connor, Sadie Lichet, Joe Lichet, Everett Hart, George Holland, Frank Harcourt and Harry Althoff, all of whom are artists in their respective lines, and complete the marvelous equestrian features of the Hagenbeck-Wallace Shows.

Democrat Want Ads Pay.

SOCIETY DOINGS

Neighbors Surprise Mrs. Jacob Gloss on Birthday Anniversary.

MANY PICNIC PARTIES

Zion's Lutheran Aid Goes to Robinson Park, Fort Wayne, Today.

Wednesday. Concord Lutheran Aid—Mrs. John Evans.

Thursday. C. W. B. M.—Mrs. W. C. McKinney.

Thirty members or more of the Concord Lutheran Aid society were in evidence at the regular monthly meeting held at the home of Mrs. John Evans in Root township Wednesday afternoon. After the devotional service and the program, which included a reading by Mrs. W. A. Fonner, a jolly social time was spent. Mrs. John Christen of this city will be hostess at the next meeting, which will be held Wednesday, September 14th.

The Junior Endeavorers of the Christian church will give an ice cream social Saturday evening on the church lawn and the public is cordially invited to lend their assistance to make the affair a social as well as a financial success.

Mrs. Jacob Gloss of Adams street was the honored guest at a birthday surprise party given for her last evening by a number of her neighbor friends, who came in to extend to her the best greetings of the day and pass the evening pleasantly with music, conversation, and closing with a tempting lunch. The present were Mesdames Staker, John Baker, Frank Gass, Floyd Smith, Mary Fullenkamp, Dallas Reed, Fred Johns, P. K. Kinney, Zeser.

Mrs. Floyd Smith and children, Pascaleine and Marquette, Herbert Bremerkamp and Miss Anna McLean of Circleville, Ohio, went to Fort Wayne today, where they were joined by Mr. Floyd Smith and sister, Miss Celia. They all then went to Robinson park, where they enjoyed a picnic.

Rev. and Mrs. H. Bauer of Vincennes and their daughter, Miss Bess Bauer of Chicago, are being entertained.

ed today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Weiland on West Monroe street.

Twenty-five members of the Afternoon club enjoyed the entertainment accorded them Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. U. Deininger. Mrs. Julius Spies of Cleveland, Ohio, was an out of town guest.

Rev. and Mrs. B. E. Parker and children of Hartford City, J. Fred Freese and family of Nappanee and Mrs. J. D. Hale left this morning for Robinson park, Fort Wayne, where they spent the day.

The Aid society of the Zion's Lutheran church went to Fort Wayne this morning, where they will be met at Robinson park by their pastor's wife, Mrs. Wehmeyer, who is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Fisher, at Fort Wayne. They expected to have a most happy day at the park. The party included Mesdames Fred Scheumann, Charles Heckman, Chris Boese, Gus Reinking, Will Zwick, Herman Dierkes, Misses Lulu and Clara Lankenau of this city, Mrs. E. A. Goldner of Preble and Mrs. Ed Luttmann of Magley.

The Sunday school class taught by Mrs. Amos Yoder went to Maple Grove park this morning, where they had a very delightful picnic. The class was accompanied by Mrs. Yoder and Miss Gaily Nelson, and included the following: Helen and Dorothy Walters, Genevieve Smith, Ramona and Dorothy Smith, Gladys Flanders, Ireta Butler, Fanny Heller, Ursel Amsbaugh, Lucile Coppock, Mabel Hower and several others, whose names could not be learned.

A large number of Royal Neighbors left on the early morning train today for Craigville, where they will be entertained during the day by Mesdames Meyers and Roe.

The Misses Naomi and Merle Poling, Ireta Beavers and Donna Parrish were guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Parrish, at dinner today, an event heartily enjoyed by all.

Mr. Charles Mosel of Dixon, Ohio, son of Peter Mosel, a prosperous farmer, was united in marriage to Bessie M. Erexson, daughter of Edward Erexson, of Union township, on August 3rd at noon at the M. E. parsonage at Bobo by the Rev. D. A. J. Brown. This young couple carries the respects of the community in which they reside, both being estimable young people. Their friends wish for them a long life of usefulness and prosperity.

CLERK'S OFFICE

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Due on sheriff's fees 3.57

Total \$351.55
The examiners say of Mr. Gerber: "In the examination of the accounts of Mr. Gerber, clerk of the circuit court of Adams county, we find him to have been a competent official. We have found but few errors in the keeping of his records and we take this opportunity to compliment him on the manner in which he conducted the affairs of his administration."

The reports undoubtedly show that these two officials have conducted the affairs of their office as near the lines of the law as is possible—especially when the construction of the fee and salary law is disputed at nearly every turn of the road. The comments of the examiners must be appreciated by the officials named, and we know that the people of Adams county congratulate them upon the excellent reports of their official conduct.

A GREAT CAMPAIGN

(Continued from page 1.)

Michigan for a few weeks of rest and will spend some time at Petoskey, Macinac and Duluth. He expects to return to Indianapolis late in August and will then give his attention to campaign matters.

John W. Kern, democratic nominee for the United States senate, returned Tuesday from Bay View, where he has been spending his vacation, and will return after attending to a few matters of pressing business. He will remain at Bay View until September.

The republicans are to hold in Indianapolis tomorrow what they say is to be a very important conference. It is the same kind of a meeting held recently by the democrats, at which plans for the campaign were made and announced by Samuel M. Ralston, chairman of the democratic campaign committee. The meeting aroused so much enthusiasm among the democrats that reports of the good it had done penetrated the republican camp. They decided to have one just like it.

FLOWERS AND FRUITS

Elaborate Shows of Both at Indiana State Fair.

The Indiana State Florists' association is taking an active interest in making the flower show at the State Fair a glowing success this year. The association arranged the premium list so that it would be attractive to professional growers, and the amateur flower growers are also well provided for. Women from both town and farm who cultivate flowers about their homes will find open to them many classes in the fair's show. Special features in flowers have been provided for each day of the fair.

David Wallace of Indianapolis, who for years has been active in the management of the fair, will have charge of the flower show as well as the table luxury department, another division of the fair that is very popular. The choicest products of Indiana home kitchens will be displayed, including breadstuffs, pastries and preserved fruits, and the prizes offered the amateur exhibitors are very inviting.

Fruit from Indiana soil by Indiana growers makes up another division of Mr. Wallace's department, and it is always in keeping with the quality and quantity of the rosier crop. Some of the best orchards and some of the more active horticultural societies are always represented in the fruit show by large exhibits.

Upbuilders of Indiana State Fair.

Four men who are widely known over Indiana and who have long been actively identified with the upbuilding of the State Fair will at the coming fair again be in charge of departments in which they have for many years been interested. Each of them has served as president of the State Board of Agriculture. John L. Thompson, one of the pioneer sheep men of Indiana, and who is known over the world as an expert on Shropshire sheep, will have charge of the sheep department. Mason J. Niblack has expanded the swine department to a point where it is one of the largest livestock divisions of the fair. Sid Conger has made the poultry show of the fair one of the largest of its kind in the country. James E. McDonald has for a decade had charge of the art department of the fair, and year after year through his efforts one of the largest buildings on the grounds is filled to overflowing with displays of especial interest to women. The outlook for this division is especially good for the coming fair and it will abound in displays of knitted and crocheted work, hand-made laces and embroideries, hand sewing, fancy work, photography, arts and crafts, paintings in oils and water colors by professional and amateur artists, china painting and photography, with many other features popular with women.

The other divisions of the fair and the experienced members of the board in charge are: Agricultural products, C. B. Benjamin, Crown Point; horticulture, David Wallace, Indianapolis; mechanical, E. S. Tuell, Corydon; speed, C. H. Anthony, Muncie; horses, J. Lynn VanNatta, Lafayette; cattle, Clem Graves, Bunker Hill; admissions, John C. Haines, Rockport; grandstand, Dan C. Reed, Attica; concessions, H. Nowlin, Moores Hill; coliseum, Knode Porter, Hagerstown; amusements, I. Newt Brown, Franklin. Oscar Hadley, known over Indiana as a cattlemen, is president of the board; J. W. LaGrange of Franklin is treasurer.

ROADS IN CHINA.

They Are Narrow and Crooked and Edged With Ditches.

The Chinese road is private property, a strip taken from somebody's land. This is done much against the will of the owner, since he not only loses the use of it, but also still has to pay taxes on it.

One consequence is that it is wide enough for only one vehicle, and carts can pass one another only by trespassing on the cultivated land. To prevent this the farmers dig deep ditches by the roadside. As the surface wears away and the dust blows off it gradually grows lower, and after awhile it becomes a drain for the surrounding fields. A current forms in the rainy season, which still further hollows it out, and thus has arisen the proverb that a road a thousand years old becomes a river.

Those whose lands are used for roads naturally prefer to have the roads run along the edge of their farms instead of cutting across them, and this accounts for the fact that Chinese roads are often so crooked that one may have to go a considerable distance to reach a place that is in reality but a few miles away. This always interests the stranger.

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