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WILL MEET ISSUE

Democrats are Prepared for Mr. Beveridge on Child Labor Argument.

HAVE HIS RECORD

Which Does Not Compare Very Favorably With that of the Democrats.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 7.—The pose has been assumed by Mr. Beveridge as the one and only champion of the children and enemy of child labor. He has been subjected to the test of history, and the democrats are prepared to meet him on that issue and show that everything that has ever been done to lessen the evil of child labor in Indiana has been done by the democrats. The records show that the first child labor law ever enacted in this state was born of the brain of Senator John W. Kern twenty years ago while he was serving as a member of the state senate. At that time the industrial development of the state did not make child labor such a menace as it has become in recent years, but the possibilities of the evil were so impressed on the mind of the democratic successor of Beveridge in the United States senate that he prepared a bill and fought successfully for its enactment into a law. As the years went by and the industrial life of the state became more complicated and important, experience showed that the law ought to be strengthened, and efforts were made from time to time to strengthen it. The republicans were in control of the legislature from 1896 until 1910, the senate in 1908 still being republican. The legislature of '99 and that of 1905 were both republican and both elected Mr. Beveridge to the senate but nothing was done to throw additional safeguards about the oncoming generation in the way of a stronger child labor law. It was not until the democrats came into complete control of the legislature in 1911 that the law fathered by Senator Kern twenty years ago was made more rigid and effective.

The records show that Senator Beveridge while a member of the senate introduced a bill against child labor, spoke upon it, and then let the matter rest, but he has been speaking upon the subject from time to time outside the senate ever since. The democrats of Indiana have not tried to make political capital out of a purely humanitarian effort to better the condition of the children. Senator Kern has never posed as a crusader because he fathered the first child labor law. But the record sets off Beveridge's futile talk as against the democratic accomplishment.

The law upon the statutes as a result of democratic legislation provides that no child under the age of fourteen shall be employed or permitted to work in any gainful occupation other than farm work or domestic service, excepting that children between the ages of 12 and 14 may be permitted to work in the business preserving and canning fruits and vegetables from the first of June until the first of October when schools are not in session. It provides that these children shall not be permitted to work more than 48 hours a week. And it further provides that children shall not be employed in any tobacco warehouse or factory where cigars are made, in hotels, theaters, or places of amusement, in or about any saloon, brewery, concert hall, etc. It also provides that no girl under the age of 18 shall be employed in any capacity which requires her to remain standing constantly.

This child labor law, one of the best in the country, of democratic origin, has also been strictly enforced as never before by the democratic state bureau of inspection, and no law is receiving more attention today from the democratic state administration.

INVITATION.

The Grady Army boys and the Relief corps are invited to meet at Mrs. M. H. Hey's residence, 724 Adams street, Thursday evening at 7:30 sharp and enjoy a good time.

MACCABEES' NOTICE.

All Maccabees are requested to be present at the regular meeting to be held at the hall Tuesday night, at which time the lodge will take up the matter of having the hall decorated.

CLUE TO MEET.

The Wilson and Marshall first voters' club will hold another meeting tonight at the democratic headquarters, commencing at 8 o'clock at which there will be several speakers to address the men. Every voter should be present at these meetings and if not enrolled in the marching club should at once enroll so as to get the greatest good out of the campaign. About one hundred and fifty enrollments have been secured to date and it is expected that a hundred or more will be handed in tonight. The club will march at each rally and demonstration and will mean much for democracy in this county. Enroll now and get your neighbors in.

WM. COOK HELD

In Jail Pending Arrival of Van Wert Sheriff—Accused of Taking Horse.

FROM MAN THERE

Says He Sold Van Wert Man the Horse and Settlement Was Not Made.

William Cook of North Fifth street, was arrested this morning at 2 o'clock by Deputy Sheriff Kelly and Night Policeman Melch and taken to jail to await the arrival of Sheriff Henry B. Wilson of Van Wert, Ohio. From present indications Cook may have to answer a very serious charge growing out of his alleged taking of a horse from a colored man at Van Wert. The colored man, it is said, is a horse trainer, and some time ago Mr. Cook sold him a horse, for which the colored man did not settle in full. The story goes that Mr. Cook left Sunday morning on the train for Van Wert, taking with him twelve-year-old Johnny Corbett. Little Corbett says that while in Van Wert, Mr. Cook told him to go and get the horse and take him out of the stable and start home as fast as he could. This he did and Sheriff Wilson overtook the boy and horse Sunday night about 7 or 8 o'clock, just before he had reached the state line, and took the horse from him. The sheriff then telephoned here Sunday night for the officers to arrest Cook, which they did. Cook denies telling the boy to get the horse and says he simply went to Van Wert to try and get a settlement from the colored man.

He claims that he left Van Wert and started to walk home Sunday night in the hope of overtaking the boy, but that he did not see him and continued his walk here. Cook is quite willing to return with the Van Wert sheriff to that place without extradition papers, and seems to think he can settle his difficulty without trouble.

The Van Wert official arrived later today and took Cook to Van Wert, leaving at 2:15 o'clock by automobile. The charge against him is horse stealing.

DISTRICT MEET CLOSED.

Miss Margaret Daniels Re-elected Co. C. E. Secretary.

The three days' session of the Fort Wayne district Christian Endeavor convention closed Sunday evening at the Mennonite church at Berne, which has the distinction of being one of the best conventions ever held. Very little change was made in the district official staff, which is: District chairman and secretary, O. F. Gilliom, Berne; district junior and intermediate secretary, Mary Landsdowne, Fort Wayne; district missionary superintendent, Mrs. Rev. Shepardson, Ubee; Adams county secretary, Miss Margaret Daniels, Decatur; Whitley county secretary, Miss Ruby Bair; Huntington county secretary, Miss Ethel Moore; Allen county secretary, Miss Ina Maxwell. The program was carried out in full as announced, and the musical service was even better. Sunday afternoon the chorus of 250 children, ranging in age from two to fourteen years, pleased all, and the climax of the music came Sunday evening, when the two hundred-voice male chorus sang. The ladies of the Berne church, as usual, are commended for their hospitality, serving dinner and supper in the church basement dining room.

THE BALL GAME

Decatur Led Out and Was in no Phase in Danger of Losing the Game.

VERY EASY MONEY

Says Curley Ellis—Will Play Ft. Wayne White Socks Next Sunday.

The Shamrocks beat the Columbia City league team on the local diamond Sunday to the score of 7 to 2. With Biersdorfer and Coffee batteries for Decatur and Diederick and Geisler for Columbia City the game proved an easy victory for Decatur, who at no stage of the game was in danger of losing the game.

The local players put up a sensational game displaying great team work and proved themselves amply able to cope with a fast team.

No home runs were made and three base hits there was only one by Raymond, of the Columbia City players; of two base hits McMillen, Engle and Baxter put one each over the grounds. Biersdorfer struck out nine men to Deiderick's five, and the game was played in one hour and forty-five minutes. Entirely through the game Decatur showed their superiority and "Bones" was badly beaten. The score read:

R H E
Decatur . . . 0 0 3 2 2 0 0 0 7 3
Col. City . . . 0 0 0 0 1 1 0 0 0 2 5 3

Next Sunday the locals will meet the Fort Wayne White Socks, the team which put over such an easy victory a few weeks ago. The locals want to win but are not quite sure of it, so they will hold a meeting tonight at Manager Will Hammell's office, commencing at 7 o'clock to talk the thing over. Raber, of the Central league, will umpire this game. His work yesterday is deserving of praise.

Only two more games will be played in this city and the fans are given due notice of this fact. If you want to see base ball you had better attend the next two games. There will be no more.

ARE DECORATING

Business Houses Are Being Trimmed for the Biggest Week in History.

VISITORS ARE COMING

One from Washington and Another from Kansas City—Have You Rooms?

That Decatur will be decorated for next week as never before in her history is evidenced from the fact that the work has already begun and in such profuseness that no one doubts we will be a city beautiful by a week from today. The Old Adams County bank and Niblick corner is complete as is the Gass & Meibers store and they should be seen to be appreciated.

Acceptances have been received from Mr. and Mrs. Felix Kindley, Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Diggs; Ora Roe, Craigville, and regrets from Mrs. W. H. Stone, nee Ellsworth, Ft. Scott, Kans.; Mrs. Flora Spencer, Gardner, Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Clara H. Bennett, Longmont, Col.

Willard D. Hower of Okanagon, Wash., has arrived for Old Home Week, after an absence of many years. He will remain here for some time after the big event, and may not return until next spring.

Charles Spencer is another wanderer who has returned to help us celebrate, also to register and vote the democratic ticket. He has been located at Kansas City for several years, where he is engaged in the telephone business, representing the United Telegraph and Telephone company. He is looking well and happy and prosperous and we believe he is all those things.

The committee will start out to-

morrow morning to make a personal canvass for rooms to accommodate those who wish to rent them for the week. If you have a room that you want to rent, let them know the price or send word to Dr. E. G. Coverdale.

The work on the new bridge will be practically completed this week. The filling will be completed by tomorrow evening and the bridge will then be ready for use and will be opened next week. Later it will be macadamized. (Continued on Page 2)

YE OLDEN TIMES

Vividly Recalled in Interesting Letter from Ben Williams of Montana.

HIS BOYHOOD DAYS

Were Spent Amidst Scenes so Familiar to People of Adams County.

Pardon me, if I am presuming too much in trying to tell of a former Decatur. I have inherited the right to say something. My great-grandfather was the first white man who settled in the present Adams county, and both my grandfathers were pioneers of St. Mary's township. Many of my earliest days were spent in listening to my great-grandfather's stories of pioneer life; that is, when I was not engaged in running "granny's" spinning-wheel—inverted for a wheel-barrow—up and down the old lane.

Just before we moved to Decatur we lived on the old Raudenbush place, south of the county farm. George Raudenbush (Gol Darn) used to put wheat grains on a pin-hook for us to catch minnows from a brook which ran through the place; it was a larger brook than it is now. In that spring Tom Merryman taught the Raudenbush school. One day when I was visiting the school with Sister Os, I fell asleep in one of those old high double seats. The "teacher" almost scared me to death by throwing a bunch of keys back into the seat where I lay. "Joe" and "Lem" Johnson used to haul wood past our house to Decatur. They were almost always together. One day when one of them was seen going alone, brother "Col" ran out to the road and shouted, "Hello, Joe, where is Lem? Is he sick?" "Dad" Fristoe was supervisor of the county farm road at that time.

When we moved to Decatur we lived in the old MacAvoy (?) house, a double house, which then stood at the site of the Erie passenger station, but now is located, I think, north of the old cemetery. The old cemetery was an awful thing in my childish mind. I remember, the old Boldman monument which stood above all else. We did not extend our excursions into that plot of ground. "Lish Elzey lived in the other half of the house. His son, "Ab," planted a little garden and tried to raise onions which my brother and I just as persistently pulled up. This brought on hand-to-hand conflicts, which did not die out until the storm extended to the maternal side of each household.

Page Blackburn, Andy Welfley and I used to drive our cows out to Dr. Jelliff's field, south of McBurnessville. On the way back one day Andy stopped to play with me under our house. On the way out little white-headed Harry Cordus used to run out to play with us. Dr. Jelliff had a negro hired hand that we were deathly afraid of, though he was a jolly good fellow. Frank Linn used to haul Andy to school. I shall never forget when he was for several weeks unable to do this, because he had accidentally shot himself while examining his father's revolver. With awed whispers we used to slip past the Linn home and felt real deep sorrow for both Frank and Andy. "Granny" Baxter, who lived next door, used to call frequently at our home. She would trot me on her lap and sing German lullabies to me or tell me stories about the hardships of the war. "Uncle Charlie" Miller lived across the street. Besides "Dink" I remember "Safe," a great big fellow, "Wick," a few years older than myself, who condescended to play with me occasionally, and "Lover," of my age to a day, with whom I dally played and fought. Once father made "Wick" a pair of moccasins from a piece of buffalo skin. That night he, Wick, went howling down

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THE THIRTY-THIRD

David E. Smith Receives High Masonic Honor—The Final Degree.

CAME AS SURPRISE

Will Take the Work at Philadelphia Third Week of Next September.

David E. Smith, worshipful master of Decatur lodge, No. 571, Free and Accepted Masons, has been elected as a member of the thirty-third degree of that ancient and honorable order. It is an honor that comes to few men, and Mr. Smith is the first ever chosen from Adams county. He will take the work at Philadelphia the third week of next September. The good news came entirely unexpected in a letter received from William Geake, Indiana deputy, this morning, written from Boston, where the annual meeting has just been held. The letter said: "David E. Smith, Decatur, Ind.: 'Congratulations. You have been elected to the thirty-third degree as a reward for services to be performed rather than for services rendered. Please accept this in the same spirit in which it is intended, and all will be forgiven.'"

"Fraternally,
"WM. E. GEAKE,
"Deputy for Indiana."

One of the requirements before one can become a thirty-third, is that he be a member of the Scottish Rite and Knight Templar lodges, this work having been taken by Mr. Smith some years ago. Another requisite is that one can earn the degree by having performed services in the lodge. Mr. Smith has for many years been the highest officer in the lodge here and has always taken a great interest therein. The present honor is one richly deserved and Dave has been receiving the sincere congratulations of his many friends today.

A GREAT EVENT

Was the Methodist Sunday School Rally Sunday—Six Hundred Attend.

THE FLAG DRILL

Given by Classes Unique—Collection Was Thirty-six Dollars.

A great event was the annual rally day service at the Methodist Sunday school Sunday. Five Hundred attended the regular Sunday school service, while six hundred or more attended the program that was given later. The collection taken at the regular Sunday school hour was the largest in the history of the organization, amounting to more than thirty-six dollars. The class of eight boys, taught by Prof. E. E. Rice, gave ten dollars the highest amount; the women's class, taught by E. M. Wagner, was second, with \$9.25. The church was nicely decorated with flowers and flags and potted plants, done artistically by the A. J. Smith class. Unusually good was the program in which many of the little boys and girls as well as the older ones, took part. Mrs. Joe McFarland and Mrs. C. D. Lewton had charge of the general program, while Miss Nellie Blackburn had charge of the infants in their contribution. Miss Nellie Nichols assisted in the music for the special program, while Miss Frances Merryman was at the organ for the organ numbers. The flag drill, a long and intricate drill, was especially well given and well received.

FUNERAL LARGELY ATTENDED.

The funeral of Henry Schmidt the well known Preble township pioneer, was largely attended at the Friedhelm Lutheran church yesterday, where the pastor delivered a fine sermon, in tribute to this estimable man.

HOW TO KEEP SICK.

Keep the windows closed all the time, especially when you sleep—fresh air would keep you healthy. Keep the sunshine out of your home—germs don't like sunshine. Never take a deep breath—that would give your lungs some needed exercise, and besides you might rip a button off your vest. Don't disturb the flies—you'll miss a lot of filth if you do. Never take a bath—soap and water are enemies of disease. Keep a dirty house—dirt and disease go hand in hand. What's the use of being healthy, anyhow?

POLICE COURT NEWS

Joe Mersman Up Again on an Assault and Battery Charge Before Mayor.

\$10.00 AND SIXTY DAYS

With a Promise of the Limit on His Next Appearance for Same Cause.

Charged with assault and battery upon the person of Minnie Knapke, his step-sister, Joe Mersman was up before the mayor this morning and drew a fine of ten dollars and costs and sixty days in jail, making a total of eighty days in all, he being released the day before Christmas.

He pleaded not guilty and his brother-in-law and step-sister appeared as witnesses against him. His step-sister testified that at various times he entered the home, there abused, cursed and struck his mother, sister and herself, that it was seldom he ever came home sober and that he was dangerous when drunk, and that she feared he would kill some of them at some time. And that last Saturday after the sale he locked the goods that were sold in his room and made away with the keys and that they were unable to turn the goods over to the purchasers because of his threats.

More specifically she testified that on the 22nd of June he struck her and she carried a black eye for a week, and last week he locked all the doors and pocketed the keys and attacked his mother and that she interfered. This evidence was substantiated by Joe Knapke and also Marshal Peterson, to whom Joe said he would kill the whole family, while he was taking him to jail. Joe said he did not remember anything of the transactions and the mayor, after considering the number of times he had been up on similar charges, decided that the case was deserving of more than a fine and assessed a fine of ten dollars and costs and sixty days in jail. Joe cried, as usual, during the whole proceedings, but tears were of no avail. The mayor notified him that after he got out of jail, if he did not behave, and did not conduct himself as a man should, and he came before him on a similar charge again, he would be forced to assess the maximum penalty of one thousand dollars' fine and six months in jail, which would make about three years.

I would advise anybody coming to Los Angeles not to be in a hurry to buy land, houses or lots. Everything is for sale and most everybody has his fingers in the real estate business. A great many find just what they think they want the first week, only to be disappointed later by finding something better. My first experience in Los Angeles was on the morning, at 8 o'clock, of April 19, 1911. Arrived via Salt Lake railroad, which has a depot that is a disgrace to the city. I had a sick wife and a very much tired-out little girl. So we went straight to a first-class hotel for a little rest. Bought a map of the city, then spent the evening with my map and telephone directory. Picking out the most likely business firms that I might apply for a position, next morning I started with my list. First place I applied, found my job, Cooper, Coate & Casey, wholesale dry goods company. So I must say my experience hunting a job in Los Angeles is limited, as I am still with them and satisfied. I find wages are 20 to 50 per cent higher here than any place I have worked. Also there is lots of work for any man that is capable in his line. The small business is overdone here, and is not very paying in most lines. Still there are great opportunities in some of the nearby smaller towns.

SUES FOR WAGES.

Harley Lyons, formerly an employee of Holty's Cafe, entered suit this morning in Squire Stone's court against Clarence Hothhouse, alleging that \$11 due him for wages is withheld. In an interview with Holty he said that the wages were withheld on account of his knowledge of Lyons keeping out money he had taken in. The affair will be taken up in court Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

DEATH OF SISTER.

Jack Ross received a telegram late this afternoon apprizing him of the death of his sister, Mrs. Rebecca McCabe, aged eighty-three, of Pendleton. She had been ill from old age infirmities and a severe cold. He will leave tomorrow morning to attend the funeral which will be held Thursday morning.

K. OF C. NOTICE.

The election of officers for the coming year will be held tonight. Final arrangements for Home-coming week will also be made at this meeting. Every member is urgently requested to be present.

LIKES THE WEST

Bert Fuller Writes Interesting Letter from New Home in Los Angeles.

TO J. R. COFFEE

Says There Are Many Opportunities for Everybody—Climate is Great.

Mr. J. R. Coffee, who will leave with his family on the 10th for Los Angeles, has received the following interesting letter from Bert Fuller, formerly of Pleasant Mills:

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 29, 1912. Mr. J. R. Coffee: Dear Sir:—Received your letter this day, and will answer at once. California is just waiting for the man who is tired of mud and snow. Los Angeles has about 500,000 people, and everyone a "booster," except a few who get homesick. You see we have 365 days of real summer every year. Not the real hot kind, as you will find more extremely hot days right in Decatur than here. Besides, every night is cool, and you need your blankets. The ocean is only a short ride to the west and south of us; 25c and 50c round trip fares.

The hills and mountains are to the north; 25c fare will take you into the most beautiful mountains. Los Angeles harbor is at San Pedro, about 25 miles south. The city owns a strip of land extending to the ocean, which takes in San Pedro. The harbor is being made one of the finest in the world. The Panama canal will be opened in about one year. Then you will find that Los Angeles will be the New York of the west coast. The soldiers' home is a little northwest of the city.

Santa Monica, Ocean Park, Play del Ray, Venice, Hermosa, Redondo, Long Beach, are all fine bathing and beach towns. Venice is cut all up with canals and it ranks very close to Coney Island in New York for amusements.

Pasadena is to the north. It is sure a wealthy city, forty-one millionaires living on one street. The orange groves are mostly to the north and east. Good land near Los Angeles is very high in price—\$250 to \$5,000 per acre. We have no special time of year to plant garden truck. But the larger ranchers or farmers usually take advantage of the winter months as most of our rains come at that time.

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Any man can by one to five acres here, build a little house, buy 1,000 little chickens, plant some garden, set his fruit trees out, and be very independent in most things. But he should have from \$2,000 to \$5,000 when he gets to California. Some might tell you that the egg and hen business will be overdone. Never! We are now buying from 50 to 80 per cent of our eggs from the east. Then when the large boat lines of the world stop at Los Angeles after the canal is opened, think what a de-

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