

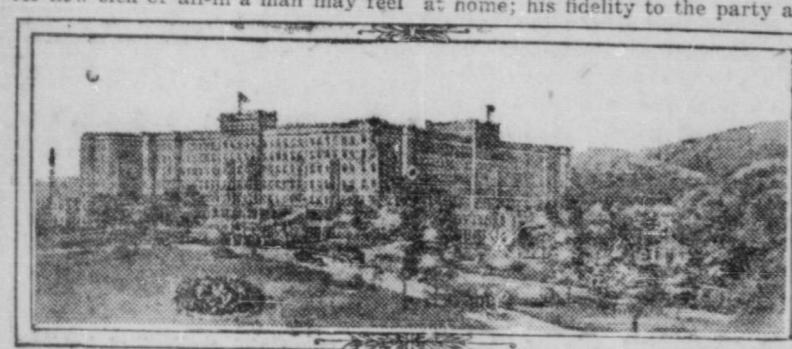
## EDITORS GUESTS OF THOMAS TAGGART

Spend Restful Hours at the Famous Health Resort.

### FRENCH LICK SPRINGS HOTEL

Governor Ralston Joins Party and in Speech Gives Unstinted Praise to Administration of President.

When the train bearing the members of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association left Orleans and headed for the stub end of the line there was an ever-increasing feeling of welcome permeating the air and as the Monon train lunged forward the feeling became more apparent as the distance between the tired editors and the journey's end grew less. Why should it not? Every man, and especially every editor, who has ever been to French Lick knows there is something about the place, its environments and location that makes one feel like getting back home. No matter how sick or all-in a man may feel



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when he arrives at French Lick he forgets it all after he is there a few days and when he is ready to leave, it is with a sigh and a resolution that he will come back some time, no matter whether he has any business there or not.

The visit this year of the Democratic editors of Indiana with their wives and sweethearts at the French Lick Springs Hotel, as it has often been, was upon the invitation of the genial host of the place, Thomas Taggart. When the meeting of the association was announced for New Albany Mr. Taggart immediately sent word that as the folks were that close to his house he would be glad to have them run over and pay him a visit and enjoy the refreshing waters of old Pluto and the picturesque ride down the beautiful French Lick Valley. The invitation was accepted and Saturday evening the happy party reached the place and a father never welcomed home his children with more downright good cheer than did genial Mr. Taggart receive the moulders of public opinion on this occasion.

Since the editors met at French Lick last the handsome hotel has undergone vast improvements. An addition, much larger than the main



THE FAMOUS PLUTO SPRINGS.

building was, has been built, the bath houses and swimming pool have been completed and modernly equipped, the grounds have been further beautified and the whole estate has been added to with an eye single to the comfort, convenience and entertainment of the thousand of people who visit the place every year.

Old Pluto still works at its job of sending forth the health giving waters. The supremely good service that always was maintained about big hotels has been kept up to standard and if there is anything that has not kept abreast with the progress of the age it did not make itself manifest to the inquiring and searching eyes of the newspaper men and women as they strolled over the grounds or enjoyed the delightful rest on the cool porches.

Many of the older members of the editorial party found much to entertain themselves by comparing the French Lick of today with what it was before it came under the management of Mr. Taggart. Many of the older writers had visited French Lick in its early history but there was nothing left of the old landmarks to remind them of the former ownership. The last of them have been done away with to make room for the new modern way. The unceasing effort of Mr. Taggart is to make the place an ideal one where rest from the toils and business cares of life

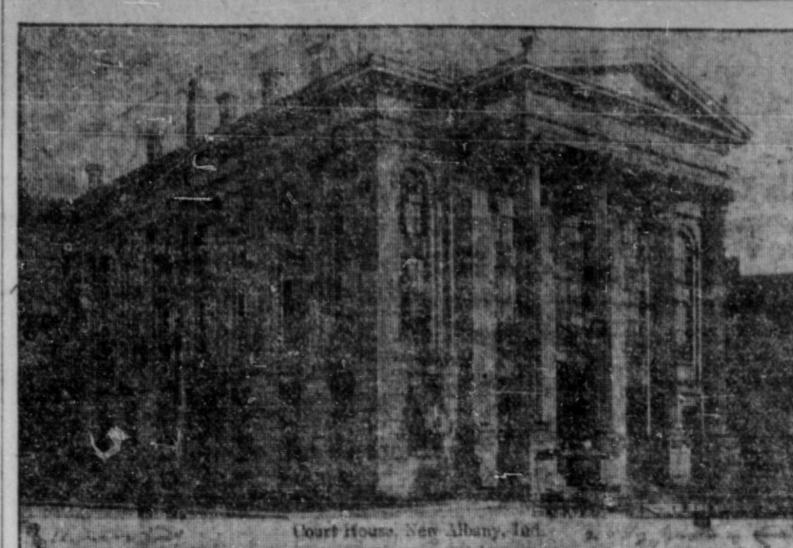
can be had and combine this relaxation with the healthful waters of Pluto by drinking it and bathing in it helps nature to throw off the worn out tissues of the body and makes life really worth living.

Another asset of French Lick that must never be overlooked and which no other place can claim is the genuine good fellowship and soul inspiring companionship of the host, Mr. Taggart. Had the waters no medicinal qualities nor the place the pleasant location it enjoys there is enough in the life and companionship of Mr. Taggart to make a sick man well or the worst fagged brain to regain its vigor and be ready for the battle of life again.

The visit this year to French Lick by the newspaper men and women of Indiana was indeed one of the pleasant events of the midsummer outing.

The entire stay in Southern Indiana was filled with pleasure. The hospitality of the people, the warmth of welcome of the different cities and above all the entertainment and general good time afforded the visitors by Mr. Taggart and the freedom of his palatial hotel and beautiful grounds were certainly calculated to renew energy and give all of them a better view of life.

The vote of thanks given Mr. Taggart by the editorial party was not a formal affair. It was genuine and came from the heart. His devotion to the cause they uphold in their papers at home; his fidelity to the party and



COURT HOUSE, NEW ALBANY, IND.

## A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR SOUTHERN CITY

New Albany Organized Oct. 13, 1813, Is Older Than State.

### TO CELEBRATE CENTENNIAL

One of the First Towns in Indiana to Build a Public School—Many of Its Citizens Prominent in History.

Written for local committee Indiana Democratic Editorial Association by EDWARD FITZPATRICK.

NEW ALBANY will be 100 years old October 13, 1913. The event will be duly celebrated by her citizens, many of whom are descendants of the pioneer settlers. The centennial ceremonies will continue during the week of October 13th and will consist of varied appropriate exercises the main idea being to draw attention to the historic events which have transpired during the century, and incidentally to let the world know something about the city's present commercial importance. The celebration therefore will be more sentimental than commercial, yet her citizens would be glad to let the world know just what New Albany affords in the way of educational advantages, of her splendid facilities for manufacturers and commerce in all of its phases.

The editors were loth to leave, but their business required them at home. They left with that same feeling that they would come back again just as soon as they could and if not sooner would be when the invitation was extended again.

The midsummer meeting of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association was more largely attended than any former meeting and will be recored as one of the most enjoyable.

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