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POLITICAL CALENDAR

CEYLON MEETING.

The democrats of Wabash township will meet at the Ceylon school house Thursday evening, October 8, to nominate advisory board, justice, constable and supervisors. Speeches by Judge D. E. Smith and Will Hammett.

BLUE CREEK TOWNSHIP

A democratic convention for Blue Creek township will be held at the Wechter school house, Saturday evening, October 3rd, to nominate advisory board, justice of peace, constable and road supervisors. Speeches by Hon. J. C. Moran and R. C. Parrish.

WAR CLOUD

IS LIFTING:-

Three or four items of news that have not figured on the front page of the last day or two are a good deal more important to us in a business sense than the reports of desperate battles in Belgium and France. One was the statement published in a dispatch from Philadelphia that as a result of the rapidly increasing foreign demand for anthracite coal a number of colliers which were closed last spring are making preparations for early resumption in September. Thousands of men who have been out of work or on half time are promised full time, beginning on Monday. Orders for coal are pouring into Pennsylvania from every part of the globe. The Belgian and Russian coal fields are affected by the war, which has also curtailed the activity of the Welsh mines. Europe is calling for our coal, just as she is calling for our wheat.

Another encouraging item comes from Pittsburg, which reports that the steel companies there are completing arrangements that are expected to develop a tremendous amount of actual business out of the wide inquiry for steel now steadily coming to them from Europe, South America and other countries. Within forty-eight hours inquiries for semi-finished steel, totaling more than 100,000 tons, had been received from England alone.

Another cheering note is sounded in a New York dispatch which points to the re-employment of a large number of stevedores and ship laborers, indicating the gradual return of normal conditions in the commercial field.

All these are rainbow signs showing that the flood of business disturbance is beginning to abate. We are still short of ocean transportation, but we have got the foreign demand, we have got the goods to supply it, and we have the money to get the ships. Under the circumstances it will be impossible to bottle up our commerce much longer. Its outward flow has, in fact, already been resumed to some extent. But it will not be long before

fore it will be represented by a great armada of peaceful ships conveying to Europe and South America the food and the industrial products which they can get nowhere else.—Baltimore Sun.

MONDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO QUALIFY FOR VOTING. DO IT.

BE SURE TO REGISTER MONDAY THAT YOU MAY VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3RD. IT IS AN IMPORTANT DUTY THAT YOU OWE YOUR NEIGHBOR AND YOURSELF.

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The Berne Witness wants us to make another denial of the untruthful charge that we drew \$5,700 from the county last year. For their benefit we shall do so in due time, though we believe they know now just exactly what we did draw and that they are making misleading statements on this matter purposely.

TOMORROW IS THE DAY SET APART BY PRESIDENT WILSON WHEN EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS GREAT NATION SHOULD OFFER A PRAYER FOR WORLD-WIDE PEACE. DON'T FORGET IT. DON'T NEGLECT IT. IT IS AT LEAST A SPLENDID EXAMPLE FOR OTHER NATIONS OF THE WORLD AT THIS TIME OF EUROPEAN CONFLICT. LET YOUR PRAYER BE SINCERE AND EARNEST AND ACCOMPANY IT WITH A PRAYER OF THANKFULNESS THAT THIS GREAT COUNTRY IS AT PEACE WITH ALL THE WORLD.

Election day comes four weeks from next Tuesday and they will be busy weeks. The democrats have been attacked during the past six months by office seekers who are willing to wreck the party that they may hold office, and every man who loves the democratic principles for which we have fought so long and so consistently should buckle on the harness and help fight. Any one who cares to investigate will find that nearly every charge that has been made by the anti-democrats is either false or exaggerated, the work of professional politicians. Get ready for a four week's battle.

CHARGES ARE FILED

By Geneva Girl Against a Bluffton Boy

An affidavit has been filed in the

court of Squire J. K. Rinehart by Miss Lillie Butcher, a Geneva girl, against Paul Painter, second son of John H. Painter, of this city, and Constable L. K. Plessinger is carrying a warrant which will be served on the young man late this afternoon. The affidavit is in the form of paternity charges, and it is understood that an effort today by Painter's attorneys, Mock & Mock, to get a settlement of the proceedings without prosecution in court proved unavailing. Until an arraignment in court further facts in the case are unobtainable.—Bluffton News.

BURNING STRAW STACK.

Endangered Barn of George Berning, Near Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berning, living a mile and a half south of Williams, who were here on business this morning, were called home about 11 o'clock by a fire which started in a straw stack about six feet from their barn, endangering the buildings. The grandmother and two children were at home alone at the time, but neighbors came to the assistance and the barn was doused with water to prevent its burning, while all possible means were taken to get it under control. They were successful and the fire was confined to the straw stack. Mr. and Mrs. Berning left their horse and rig in this city and were taken home in quick time by automobile. The origin of the fire is unknown.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Hammond, Ind., Oct. 3—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Four persons were burned to death, one seriously injured and four others saved themselves by leaping from the second story window in a fire which destroyed the home of John Stultz, ten miles south of here early this morning. Mrs. Elizabeth Stultz, aged 72, an invalid; Mary, aged 13; Fred, aged 9; Tracy, aged 6, all children of John Stultz, were the victims.

HANDS IN REPORT.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 3—(Special to Daily Democrat)—W. K. Hatt, engineer of the Indiana Flood commission, and named by the governor to study the flood conditions and to make recommendations to be acted upon in the next legislature, has made his report to the committee. The report is of a general nature and declares that "detailed surveys and studies" were necessary before works could be constructed.

MR. BUTLER ON VACATION.

Omer Butler is working for City Mail Carrier Mel Butler, who is taking a short vacation, and Will Trout is taking care of the parcels post deliveries.

REGISTER MONDAY

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 3—The three state committees are working under a full head of steam to complete arrangements for the final registration period beginning Monday. For several weeks the republican and democratic leaders have been devoting practically all their energy toward perfecting an organization to be used on registration day.

The importance of the registration was voiced today by one of the managers of the republican campaign who said his party will either win or lose the election on Monday. What he meant was that if republicans do not take an interest in the registration it will be very difficult for his party to make a good showing on election day.

The republicans had a sad experience with the registration two years ago when fully 60,000 voters of their party either failed or refused to register. The failure of a large per cent of the voters of either party to register Monday will mean, as a matter of course, that the party will be seriously handicapped on election day. At all of the headquarters a large number of stenographers and clerks have been getting out letters to the voters impressing upon them the importance of taking an interest in the election.

At the democratic headquarters today confidence was expressed that the democrats generally are manifesting a deep interest in registration matters. However, Chairman Bernard Korby called attention to the fact that no man who fails to register will be permitted to vote at the election in November.

The law is very plain on this subject. Either a voter must register at

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday. Pythian Needle Club—K. of P. home

Tuesday. Presbyterian Missionary — Mrs. James Fristoe.

Wednesday. Wednesday Afternoon "500" Club—Mrs. Ansel Bremerkamp.

Shakespeare Picnic—A. D. Suttles Home.

"When the spirit of love and charity fills the heart, there is no room for malice and unkindness.

Harry Daniels arrived from Chicago to spend the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Emma Daniels.

Mrs. Clyde Stauffer and Miss Hetty Ainsworth of Willshire, Ohio, attended the fair and were guests of Miss Flora Flederhofer.

The Zion Lutheran Ladies' Aid society enjoyed a fine meeting yesterday. After the work, Mrs. Christian Bieberich served a tempting lunch.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Henderson and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Archer of Fort Wayne motored here and were guests of the W. A. Kuebler family yesterday and attended the fair.

Miss Lilah Lord returned to Monmouth this morning. She attended the shower given for Mrs. Robert Mann and remained over night with her aunt, Mrs. Godfrey Kurt.

The Presbyterian Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society will hold its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. James Fristoe. The program will be announced Monday. Members should make it a point to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Wolfe of Delong, whose marriage occurred last Tuesday at Rochester, are here visiting with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Chronister, on their honeymoon trip. Last evening they were given a belling by the small boys of the neighborhood and a jolly time ensued.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mann were given a miscellaneous shower last evening at their home on Tenth street by the members of the Concord Lutheran Aid society. Mrs. Mann was formerly Miss Helen Evans and has long been a member of the Concord Lutheran congregation. A very good time was spent and a jolly evening resulted. Many pretty gifts were received.

A marriage license was issued this morning to Archibald Lee Hickman, dentist, of Hammond, born January 24, 1886, son of Roger Will Hickman, to wed Edna Steele, born May 8, 1896, daughter of Dayton V. Steele.

Harriet C. Ribble vs. Della F. Fetzer et al., quiet title. Separate and several demurrs to complaint by guardian ad litem.

Howard Passwaters, aged nineteen of Willshire, Ohio, who came here a few days ago with his wife, and had gotten a job as tender for the plasterers of the new bank building, was arrested last evening by Sheriff Durkin and Mercer county, Ohio, Constable Simon Brindle, on the charge of larceny, which is said to have arisen from the alleged theft of chickens in Mercer county. Sheriff Durkin escorted the party across the state line. He was taken to the jail at Celina, Ohio.

Miss Vera Hunsicker, Miss Gertrude Butler, Miss Inola Frank and Miss Evelyn Marshall of Bluffton motored to Pleasant Mills last evening, for a pleasant ride. Miss Marshall who has been Miss Hunsicker's guest, returned home last evening.

Miss Ruth Hubbard was a charming hostess to the girls of the Kewpie club at a slumber party last night and breakfast this morning. In the evening they visited the picture show, had refreshments of candy with a midnight lunch. The girls, however, did not set to sleep until 6 o'clock this morning, it was gently whispered to a listening ear, and it was not until 11 o'clock today that they found their ways home. The place cards were decorated with Kewpies. The party included Genevieve Smith, Fanny Heller, Gladys Flanders, Alta Teeple and Ruth Hubbard.

Miss Sophia Oliver of Fort Wayne is the guest of Mrs. Sarah Blackburn.

INTERURBAN FREIGHT CHANGE.

After Monday, October 5, there will be another change in the interurban freight schedule. The freight car will leave Decatur at 8 instead of 7 o'clock, but the return hour, leaving Fort Wayne at 12 o'clock, remains the same. Patrons should take notice of the change.

FOR RENT—Six room house, with 12233

FAIR CLOSED

LAST EVENING

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

Mr. Winings and the others who watched the meeting throughout pronounced it one of the best they had seen anywhere this year. Much credit is due D. W. Beery, Fred Frisinger and Mr. Streider for their untiring efforts for the fair. It was a great big success and these men and their assistants, together with several local men, C. S. Niblick, J. W. Melberr, Dr. D. Clark, Ed Ahr and others are entitled to all the praise. Say so.

THE COURT NEWS

Court Awards Mother Roxie Springer, Possession of Her Child.

NEW CASES FILED

Decker Damage Case Adjudged Until Monday Morning.

While Art Smith, "the bird boy," was looping the loop at the fair grounds yesterday, Judge D. E. Smith came very nearly making some loops on the circuit court bench, while court was in session. The bolt in his chair broke, and the seat gave way, but fortunately, for the dignity of the court, Judge Smith saved himself foremost, instead of making a backward turn. No damage was done, except to the chair, and a slight straining of the court's dignity.

Real estate transfers: Emil Pluess et al. to Abraham Kneuss, realty in Wahash tp., \$12,750; Wm. J. Springer et al. to Tobias Springer, lot 244, Berne, \$200; Elizabeth Springer et al. to Albert W. Liechty, lot 211, Berne, \$300; Mary J. Moser to Albert W. Liechty, lot 210, Berne, \$200; J. O. Sellmeyer et al. to Isadore A. Kalver, north half of lot 215, Decatur, \$3,550; Lawrence L. Yager to Rebecca Reisen, lot 237, Berne, \$60; Philip Huser et al. to Aaron Ausburger et al., lot 283, Berne, \$950.

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C. L. Walters, attorney for Frank Halberstadt, filed a suit this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, against George C. Strickler, on breach of contract, demand \$500. Halberstadt had leased land to the defendant, and charges that he has failed to properly keep up the land. He states that they are in joint ownership of certain crops and stock, which Strickler is attempting to dispose of. He asked and was granted a restraining order preventing Strickler's disposing of or encumbering this personal property until the court can determine the matter. He asks for possession of the property, besides the damages of \$500 and costs of the case.

Justice G. F. Kintz has filed in the circuit court the transcript and papers in the case of Fred Stauffer vs. John S. Swartz, on account, demand, \$75. This was venued to Mr. Kintz court from the court of Joel Liddy of Berne.

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WAS DECLARED INSANE.

At an inquest held this morning at the county infirmary, Elisha Everhart, aged sixty-seven, late of Monroe, was pronounced insane, and application will be made to get him into the hospital at Easthaven. Justice G. F. Kintz and Drs. Thomas of this city and Parrish of Monroe conducted the inquest. Everhart has been kept at the infirmary for several weeks, on account of his condition. While not particularly violent, he is somewhat difficult to manage, and among his delusions is one that someone is trying to get him.

PREMATURE DISPLAY.

Jersey City, Oct. 3—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—An explosion in a powder magazine of the Detwile & Street Fire Works company partially destroyed the factory and from three to five employees are reported killed, while many were injured. The explosion occurred shortly before noon. All of the ambulances in the city were called.

DEMOCRAT WANT ADS PAY BIG

A QUIET WEDDING

Characterizes Nuptials of Miss Edna Steele and Dr. A. L. Hickman

AT NOON TODAY

Couple Left for Week's Visit at Chicago Before Going to Hammond.

AT THE CHURCHES

REFORMED CHURCH.

9:30, Sunday school; lesson, Mark 14:1-11.
10:30, German service; text, Mark 5:9, "The Making of Peace."
6:30, C. E. meeting; topic, "The Trust Verse," Isaiah 12:2.
7:00, English service; text, John 2:11, "The Purpose of Christ's Miracles."

ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

Low mass, 7:30.
High mass, 9:30.
Christian doctrine, 2:00.
Vespers and benediction, 2:30.

FATHER SEIMETZ, Pastor.

Mission festival.
German service, 10:00 a. m.
English service, 7:30 p. m.
Rev. P. Schmidt, from Sherwood, O., will speak in the morning and Rev. J. Ga