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POLITICAL CALANDAR

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 Ham-mell.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Representative R. C. PARRISH.
For Prosecuting Attorney, Twenty Sixth Judicial District J. FRED FRUCHTE.
For Clerk Adams Circuit Court WILL HAMMELL.
For Treasurer, GEORGE KINZLE.
For Recorder, Aa. C. AUGSGURGER
For Surveyor, PHIL L. MACKLIN.
For Sheriff, ED GREEN.
For Assessor, WILLIAM FRAZIER.
For Coroner, DAVID D. CLARK.
For Commissioner, First District, DAVID J. DILLING.
For Commissioner, Second District, WILLIAM REPPERT.

THINKING IT OVER:
The campaign is under way in Adams county. Each night in various school houses or halls over the country meetings are being held by the various parties. Of greatest local interest is the campaign being waged between the democrats and independents and what of that campaign? For fifty years and more the democrats have held office in old Adams county. When the majorities dwindled else-



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where and were wiped out, when others failed to measure up to the original majorities, this continued to be the one green spot and do you know why? It has been because of a square deal. It has been because our officials have striven to do the right thing in public office. It is because, and we say this with the knowledge of what has been said about taxes during the past six months, that the county officials have kept down the county tax, which is even now but fifty-six cents, including turnpike and bridges. Yet we have not been perfect. Officials are but humans after all and in every county, no difference whether the officers have been democrats or republicans, whether they have held office continually or not, there have been errors. But we claim this, that in Adams county there has been a desire and an effort by these democratic officials and by the men who have helped to fight the battles for many years to do the right thing, often insisting upon it when it hurt politically to do it. The democratic party in Adams county has always been for and with the people. Its nominees have been chosen by primaries because that is the fairest way in which to select a ticket. That plan was followed last December and at that time W. J. Archbold was defeated for the second nomination for county treasurer. His defeat was due to his own manner of campaigning more than anything we know of. While by some an effort was made to make it appear that his defeat was due to the part he had taken in the local option campaign, the figures do not prove that, for Mr. Archbold made a much better showing in wet territory than he did at his first election and in dry territory he did not have the strength which would substantiate such a statement. At any rate he was defeated, and a few days afterward published a card of thanks in which he declared his democracy. And then urged on by a few politicians and some partisan friends, always conspicuous at such a time, he agreed to become a candidate on an independent ticket. A meeting was held somewhere and Milton Miller, a young man, who had recently moved here from Hartford township, was decided upon as the "goat" who should organize. He sent out letters over the county asking for signers to a convention call, and secured some few over one hundred. In due time the convention was held in Berne and a ticket was nominated. Never in Adams county was a ticket slated in the fashion of this ticket. It was even arranged as to the number of candidates from each of the old parties and who those men should be. Al Graham, chairman of the progressive party, was the parliamentarian of the meeting, and Fred Rohrer and other prominent republican leaders and politicians were in evidence and it is said arranged the ticket which was known the day previous on the streets. Can you imagine more boshism? Who selected that ticket, the people? Compare that to the open primary of the democrats and in the midst of all this Milton Miller arose, threw out his little chest and poured forth a great secret—that somewhere on the books of one of the officials of the county, he could point out a shortage of over \$9,000. A mighty roar went up from the anti-democratic throats. In their mind's eye they had the enemy trapped and skinned, but as soon as the announcement of that great Websterian effort was made public, the explanation was forthcoming—the shortage was nothing more or less than the correction of the records by the state accountants, because three examinations of the books of the county treasurer had been made, and so they sought other fields. They announced that the county surveyor had drawn more money than he was entitled to, but yet no effort has ever been made to have him or any predecessor pay back a dollar, and every cent drawn by Phil Macklin and Charles Ernst, the former surveyor, and some drawn by others was credited to that office and the impression given out that this was the usual cost of maintaining that office. War cries were issued and every possible effort has been

made by these men who claim to be reformers, to blind the people. They made false charges against the Democrat and they have accused about everyone who doesn't agree with them of being corrupt and belonging to a ring. Have you ever heard just who composed that ring or what the purpose of it? Have you stopped to consider that Mr. Archbold and Mr. Macklin are the only two candidates for re-election who are now holding office and they on opposite tickets, and yet they say it's a ring? We know the democracy of Adams county and we know it is made up of men not so easily fooled and we therefore believe the verdict at the polls on November 3rd will be an increased democratic majority.

FRUITS OF DEMOCRACY

Today the fruits of President Wilson's administration, not yet a year and six months old, are piled high before us. We are warned that the passage of the tariff act, which was its first conspicuous achievement, would flood American markets with foreign goods, but the import statistics of the first nine months of its operation show that the normal annual increase of our import trade has not been equaled under the new tariff. We are about to put into operation a banking law acclaimed by the financial wisdom of this country and Europe. Our national good faith has been vindicated in the eyes of all the great carrying nations of the world by the repeal of the Canal tolls exemption act. Our relations with South America have been brought to the best condition they have presented since the Mexican War. And now, with all Europe ablaze with war, the United States, thanks to Woodrow Wilson's good sense, wide sympathies, political tact and colossal indifference to detraction and criticism when serving his nation as God has given wisdom to serve, is, at peace with all mankind and ready to serve the world with trade and assurance, with food and implements of work, as only a mighty nation at peace can serve a world broken and distracted and panic-stricken by war.

Some men have to wait until they are dead before the quality of their public service appears. To Woodrow Wilson's countrymen has been given the vision of the value of his work while he is yet alive. We can not heal the grief which is his portion, but, in view of the harvest of his labor which is before us, the least that we can say is the word: "Well done". We can at least join our wishes and our prayers that the sense of work, faithfully wrought may nerve his hand and brain for the tasks which still confront him, and that, with all the weight of his personal griefs, something of the deep joy of the reaper among the garnered sheaves may be his in these autumn days—St. Louis Republic.

Even the new editor of the Herald has troubles of his own. According to an editorial in last night's paper he has been accused of having bought an interest in that paper at the instigation of the democrats, to head off the venomous attacks that were being made by the former owners. He denies the charge, but says he is for the citizens' ticket. In other words he has joined the "seventeen precinct committeemen" in their efforts to deliver the republican party to the independents and bull moosers. For nearly a week the new editor steered clear of the mess but the pull seems to have been too strong and he surrendered, though rather mildly. No, the democrats, at least so far as we have any knowledge, had nothing to do with the change of ownership. We rather miss the daily slaps directed usually at the Democrat. We supposed that the Herald had been regained by the republicans but the announcement that they are still the "citizens' organ" should settle the matter. Sail in and tell the people of the county how things ought to be run.

In a letter to the Berne Witness and copied in the Decatur Herald, W. J. Archbold, present county treasurer,

defeated candidate for the nomination for that same place on the democratic ticket and the nominee of the independents, denies the charge which he says was made in a speech recently delivered by R. C. Parrish that he (Archbold) was short as city treasurer to the amount of \$873.61. We do not like to deal in personalities, either. It is disagreeable to everyone concerned, but we see no way to avoid it when a matter is given so much publicity and when both sides of a controversy deal more or less in personalities. We believe that Mr. Archbold is an honest man and that he never purposely misappropriated a dime, but the fact remains that the state board of accounts found him short and that there is in the hands of the prosecuting attorney a letter from the attorney general directing him to bring suit for the recovery of the amount mentioned above, the language, we are informed, being "Because of errors in credits, receipts and disbursements there is according to the report of the field examiners a shortage of \$571.22 and for excess salary drawn of \$302.39, making a total of \$873.61." Whether or not there is a shortage will probably have to be decided by the courts but the fact remains that this was the report of the expert accountants who went over his books for the last term of his office. No man is perfect and no man can so advertise himself without getting in bad, especially during a political campaign.

The Presbyterian Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary study of the lesson in the new book "The New America," lead by Mrs. L. A. Graham was interesting and well discussed by the members at the home of Mrs. James Fristoe yesterday afternoon. A reading by Mrs. A. M. Anker on "Woman's Sphere" was well given and well received. After discussion of various money-making plans, light refreshments were served by the hostess during a social period.

The Shakespeare club will give its opening picnic supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Suttles east of the city this evening. The ladies will go about 4 o'clock and will be joined at 6 by their husbands.

At the meeting held last evening with Mrs. L. C. Miller, the Historical club welcomed two new members—Mrs. Dr. W. E. Smith and Mrs. P. G. Williams. Mrs. Mary Eley lead the lesson which was on the early history of this state, and brought out some interesting features. The evening was a thoroughly enjoyable one. Mrs. Eley will be hostess next Tuesday and Mrs. Miller will have the paper on "The Northwest Territory."

The Presbyterian Ladies'Aid society will meet with Mrs. Will Kremers tomorrow afternoon.

The husbands of the Needles and Nod ladies were entertained with them last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Peoples. There was music and general social diversions, with a tempting luncheon. The place of the next meeting has not yet been decided on.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. August Brodbeck in Union township was the scene of a grand birthday party Saturday evening, given in honor of their son and daughter, Chalmers and Pearl, who were sixteen and nineteen years of age. As they did not know of the party they were completely surprised. The evening was spent in a social way. Music was furnished and games were played. Later a lunch was served. Those present were Messrs. Clinton Stevens, Vernon Erexson, Earl Fortney, Orley Leiter, John Bailey, Orvis Miller, Roland Bailey, Marvin Miller, Forest Walters, Gregg Knittle, James Darr, John Walters; Misses Lola Bailey, Orpha Sheets, Bernice Miller, Opal Knittle, Ethel Miller, Ruth Stevens, Mabel Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Brodbeck, sons, Vernon, Chalmers; daughters, Pearl, Marie, Bernice and Nellie. The guests departed at a late hour, wishing their host and hostess many more such happy occasions. Contributed.

Queen Esthers—Margaret Mills. Mite Society—Mrs. R. D. Myers. Miss Effie Miller will entertain the Good Times club Friday evening at her home on Seventh street.

"Labor for this life as if thou wert to live forever,
And for the other as if thou wert to die tomorrow."

Dr. Elizabeth Burns and daughter, Mabel, attended the wedding of their sister-in-law and niece, Miss Alice Burns, in Fort Wayne yesterday. Miss Alice was the guest of honor at a shower given by Miss Mabel Burns last Wednesday in this city. The Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette says: "A beautiful wedding took place yesterday morning at a nuptial high mass at the cathedral, which united Miss Alice Burns and Mr. John C. Hilker. A large assemblage of relatives and friends were present and the Rev. John R. Quinlan officiated. The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, who gave her in marriage, as the strains of the wedding march were played. She looked lovely in a handsome gown of brocaded crepe de meteor made with a long court train and trimmed with lace. She wore a long tulle veil and carried a white prayer book with bower markers. She was attended by her sister, Miss Anna Burns, who wore a lovely pink gown and carried pink roses. Miss Grace Barva, Miss Helen Mommer and Miss Gertrude Hagan were the three bridesmaids. They wore stunning creations in the pastel shades of pink, green and yellow and carried stunning large bouquets which harmonized with their gowns. After the ceremony an elaborate breakfast was served at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. George Gherkin, of California avenue. The house was decorated with a profusion of fall blossoms and roses and chrysanthemums. Last evening the bride and groom left on a trip through the east and on their return will be at home on Crescent avenue. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Hilker and is associated in the lumber business. The bride is a beautiful young woman with a gracious personality, who is very popular with a large circle of friends. The groom possesses many sterling qualities."

IN COMMISSIONERS' COURT.

The Decatur Foundry and Furnace company were awarded the contract for the heating plant at the county infirmary, the bid being \$785. P. J. Hyland was the only other bidder at \$875.

Specifications were adopted for blank books, blanks and stationery for the use of the county for the year 1915, as provided by law.

The commissioners and engineer on the William Anderson et al. petition for drain, asked and were granted spread of record.

The petition for the Pleasant Grove macadam road was found sufficient and according to law and ordered spread of record.

The Remington Typewriter company was awarded the contract for furnishing a typewriter for the county surveyor, their bid being \$70.00.

BIRD ON DOOR STEP.

This morning, when Raymond Kohn, the popular young clerk in the Callow & Rice drug store, came down to work he noticed a peculiar looking bird on the door step partly paralyzed. On taking it down to D. M. Hensley he was informed that the bird was a rail, a species of the Snipe family. Mr. Hensley has one just like it among his large collection of animals, so did not stuff it.

FANCY WORK.

I am doing all kinds of fancy embroidery at home. Leave orders early for Xmas. LETTY KINTZ, 'Phone 250, 2356.

WANTED—A 4 or 5 room house. Inquire at the Schafer Saddlery company. 2243.

LOST—At the fair grounds, a ladies' pocketbook. Will give reward for pocketbook and contents. Leave at this office or call phone 61. 2343.

WANTED—Lady to do washing at house. Have electric washer. Call phone 490. 2343.

FOR RENT—Six room house on No. 10th St. Will be ready for occupancy by Oct. 15. Inquire of Geo. W. Dutcher, 'Phone 14-R. 2353.

COURT

STREET ACCEPTED

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H. W. Johns-Manville Co. 14.02

Decatur Democrat Co. 22.92

Decatur Volunteer Firemen 74.00

Mike Miller 28.99

Sam Butler 16.46

Tom Buckmaster 2.99

Charles Bieneke 3.00

Wm. Schamerloh 6.00

Decatur Volunteer Firemen 15.00

City Firemen 87.50

Decatur Foundry & Mach. Co. 11.00

G. R. & I. R. R. 15.12

C. C. Pumphrey 1.00

Acker Cement Works 33.55

Citizens' Telephone Co. 11.10

A. C. Foos, extra labor 39.60

J. D. McFarland 2.00

E. L. Carroll & Son 1.00

Orval Harruff 37.50

M. J. Mylott 202.50

Waterworks pay roll 74.70

T. St. L. and W. R. 79.03

A. C. Foos pay roll 133.06

T. B. Robinson 3.00

The National Coal Co. 98.23

Indiana Elec. Appliance Co. 7.00

Standard Oil Co. 58.02

Bourbon Copper & Brass Wks. 28.65

Protective Elec. Supply Co. 16.64

Natl. Mill & Supply Co. 21.15

Elmer Miller Coal Co. 32.22

Century Tool and Metal Co. 25.90

Ft. Wayne Electric Works 50.27

Ft. Wayne Oil & Supply Co. 13.70

Pittsburg Meter Co. 1.00

G. R. & I. R. R. 356.57

J. Gloss 42.00

Ceph Melchi 84.00