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OPEN SEASON FOR

THE CALAMITY HOWLER:

It took just a column of editorial space in the Muncie Press for George B. Lockwood to convince himself that the result of the Chicago election was but a forerunner of greater things in store for the g. o. p. As a fitting climax, and there were several climaxes, all of them intended to be convincing arguments that President Wilson and his administration is a failure; that the democratic tariff law has not only disturbed but disrupted business; that the army of unemployed outnumber the army of unemployed at any previous time in history. All of which is cheap clap-trap and unworthy of space in any reputable newspaper. In the first place, what is the matter with President Wilson? Has he not piloted the ship through one of the greatest of all crises, and up to date has kept this great American country free from any tangling alliances while a world's war is in progress. Some day George Lockwood will be printing in his newspaper that Woodrow Wilson is rightly accorded a fitting place in history for the statesmanship displayed while President of the United States. In the second place the Underwood tariff law in the first year of its existence yielded a surplus of thirty million dollars to the government, thus proving for all time to come that the democratic position on the tariff is the right position. In the third place the war stopped imports as well as exports, and right now it would not make any difference whether we had a high tariff or no tariff at all. Every one except George Lockwood knows that the war and not the tariff is responsible for the lack of business this country is now doing with foreign nations. This country is just now adjusting itself to war conditions, and even with this adjustment in process, business in this country is prosperous. No one but the politicians are crying hard times and thus trying to alarm the country. Money is plentiful and easy to secure, big business everywhere is prosperous and there is little cause for the chronic politician

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to cry from the house tops that times are hard, cost of living going up, wages going down and that this country under a democratic president is going straight to the damnation bow-wows. On the same day that George Lockwood, in the Muncie Press, gave expression to his views that the republicans were going to win in the national election in 1916 because of hard times under a democratic tariff, Edward D. Easton of New York, one of the biggest business men of the country, gave out an interview in which he said he had always voted the republican ticket but that times had never been better with him and his business and offering due praises to the president who had so successfully piloted this nation through troubles that are world-wide.

It is unfair to criticize the city officials for enforcing the ordinance which prevents roller skating upon the sidewalks. Its a law just the same as is any law on the statute books. Citizens have complained. Those men have the same right as has the one who feels that his children have the right to use the walks for skating. When he calls attention of the Mayor to the fact that an ordinance is not being enforced there is nothing that officer can do but make an honest effort to enforce the law. That is the situation precisely. No petition for the repeal of the ordinance has been filed and the present councilmen and other officials have had no chance to do any thing, other than they have. They could not very well refuse to enforce a law in direct opposition to their sworn duty. Those finding fault should bear these facts in mind. That other ordinances are not enforced is not an argument. Neither was this one for many years until some citizen insisted that it should be. If there is some ordinance that you know of that ought to be enforced, and is not, it is up to you to demand that it be. Very often an ordinance is adopted to meet a certain condition and later it is not necessary to enforce it. The law remains on the books and can be enforced at any time it becomes necessary. We believe the children should have all the liberties possible but we have never advocated that an officer should not perform his sworn duty and cannot do so now, even though the children are for the present at least denied the delightful sport of roller skating.

New Castle, Indiana, is a sample of the hard times that the republican press is trying to convince you exists. That city is the most prosperous in its history. The Maxwell automobile plant is located there and on Tuesday of this week, its officials gathered there and issued orders to increase the number of men employed 300, making 1,800. They also ordered fifty new houses constructed and arranged for increasing each department of the factory. It is now said that the big plant will be doubled within a year. The plant now has a pay roll of \$30,000 per week or \$5,000 per day. Hard times? Only in the minds of a few republican leaders and big business men who are dissatisfied with the administration, because they can't control it.

The high school boys will start out soon to solicit funds for the new gymnasium—The Decatur Athletic club. When they call on you, treat them with respect, remember that they are entitled to support in this movement, that it means much to the future of Decatur and Adams county and subscribe liberally. A city of 5,000 without a place in which to play, without a single public amusement place at which the youngster feels at home, needs to hustle. Let's move rapidly.

Is the progressive party dead, as the republicans loudly acclaim? Well, let us see. In the campaign preceding the election in Chicago, Tuesday, every newspaper in that city was for Sweitzer except one lonely bull moose paper. It supported William Hale Thompson, the republican candidate, and he was elected by over one hundred thirty thousand, which ought to indicate a right lively progressive sentiment in Chicago.—Portland Sun

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.

Lutheran Ladies' Aid—Schoolhouse Eastern Star—Masonic Hall.

Saturday.

Evangelical Pastry Sale—Gas Office. The Leader Class—R. K. Fleming Home.

My Rosary.

The hours I spent with thee, dear heart,

Are as a string of pearls to me; I count them over, every one apart, My Rosary.

Each hour a pearl, each pearl a prayer,

To still a heart in absence wrung; I tell each bead unto the end, and there

A cross is hung.

O memories that bless—and burn! O barren gain—and bitter loss!

I kiss each head and strive at last to learn

To kiss the cross, Sweetheart,

To kiss the cross.

—Robert C. Rogers.

A number of the friends of Dell Locke, who last week sold the Bliss hotel to W. R. Swinford, of Kendallville, have planned a banquet as a farewell to Mr. Locke and a welcome for Mr. Swinford at the hotel on Friday evening. There will be between fifty and sixty covers laid and a program of toasts and music. The hour for the banquet is 7:15.—Bluffton News.

Mrs. Will Dowling was a pleasing hostess to the Wednesday Afternoon Five Hundred club yesterday afternoon, the first meeting of the club since lent. Guests besides the club members were Mrs. B. J. Terveer, Mrs. Minnie Holthouse and Mrs. Frank Parent. Prizes were won as follows: First, Mrs. John Wilson; second, Mrs. John Weber; third, Mrs. Fred Schaub; guest's prize, Mrs. B. J. Terveer. Mrs. Frank Barthol will entertain next week.

The Euterpeans had an unusually good musical study last evening when Mrs. Locke Bracken entertained at her home on North Second street. The leaders were Mrs. E. B. Adams and Miss Marie Patterson and the "Jew in Music" was the subject. Miss Grace Miller and Mrs. Bracken sang from the Jewish operas, and piano solos were given by Mrs. Fred Fruchte and Miss Rose Smith from Jewish composers. Faye Smith Knapp was a guest and the society had the pleasure of hearing her recite. Mrs. Bracken's mother was also a guest. Mrs. Fred Patterson will be hostess next Thursday and Miss Fanny Frislinger will be leader.

Mrs. A. J. Smith was assisted by Mesdames Henry Krick and C. H. Colter in entertaining the Methodist Woman's Home Missionary society yesterday. Mrs. C. D. Lewton and Mrs. D. T. Stephenson carried out a fine study of the Red Man, and the attendance and interest were good.

The United Brethren ladies' Aid society held a splendid meeting with Mrs. Tom Fisher yesterday afternoon, when the business of the society came up for consideration, and the social side of life was also considered.

The Christian Sunday school class, taught by Harvey Segur, met last evening at the home of Mrs. G. E. Mount, where the lesson was studied and a fine time enjoyed. The class will meet next Thursday evening at the same place, and at that time a president will be elected to succeed Mrs. W. C. McKinney, who has gone to Russellville to make her home.

Miss Frances Dugan, who is teaching at Winchester, arrived home this afternoon for a week-end stay. Miss Dugan has been exceedingly fortunate in getting home nearly every week-end, and from this on until the end of the term she expects to come home for an over-Sunday visit.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Elnora B. Allen has begun an action in the circuit court for a divorce from Eliza Allen. She also asks alimony and the custody of their three children—Bertha L., aged eight; Theodora D., aged five, and Russell J., aged three. The complaint recites that they were married August 11, 1901, and lived together until April 8, 1912. She charges abandonment and failure to provide.

The claim of George W. Patterson against F. M. Shirmeyer, administrator of the R. D. Patterson estate, and which was disallowed by the administrator, was docketed and will be heard as a case in court. The claim

is for \$121.86, and is on a note and interest.

Real estate transfers: John Warner et al. to Frank M. Sullivan, 199 acre, Monroe tp., \$1000; Albert N. Sprunger to Cyrus Lehman, lot 423, Berne, \$96.

Judge David E. Smith of Decatur arrived in the city on Thursday morning and took up the issues in the suit brought by Edward J. Kinney, guardian of Harriet J. Adams, against David Warfield Adams and Hettie A. Adams, in which it is sought to set aside and cancel a deed of conveyance to sixty acres of Wabash township real estate. The jurors had been called in to sit in the trial of the case but were excused and the case came up for trial before the judge alone. Mrs. Adams has twice been held to be of unsound mind and incapable of managing her estate, by juries in the circuit court. Prior to this, however, on December 11, 1913, she deeded a farm to her son and the latter's wife, with whom she now resides. The execution of the title to the real estate led to the unsoundness of mind proceedings being filed and much was heard of the land deal during former trials. The witnesses were excused during the afternoon and the cause will be heard later.—Portland Sun.

Mrs. Rachel Glendening qualified as administratrix of the estate of William Glendening, giving \$25,000 bond.

MR. HENSLEY'S OPINION.

Editor of the Daily Democrat:

Will you allow space to express my opinion of the act of our city officers regarding the innocent amusement of our children skating on the sidewalks? I understand that away back in Pharaoh's time our city councilmen passed an ordinance prohibiting skating on the sidewalk. I presume at the time this ordinance was passed that they had sharp runner skates, and you had to get a rasp or a piece of steel saw to make a pair of skates, and the author of this particular ordinance had no idea that roller skates would ever be invented. But it is a law, isn't it? And we had to enforce it, didn't we, because so and so said so?

I wish to ask So and So what his idea is of what the children's amusement should be, and what he has provided for them? We have no city park—no fields—no or two small lots with about six teeter-boards for about twenty hundred children to play on. Is it your idea for our children to play in the barns, back of them, in the alleys, or along the banks of the beautiful and sanitary Kekionga river? If you had been with me one Sunday afternoon last summer, you would have seen different gangs of boys, their ages ranging from ten to twenty-one years, sitting along the banks of our river, between Conter's ice cream factory and the lower bridge, playing cards. Do you think this is the place for our boys? Our children cannot play out in the street owing to the danger of automobiles and motorcycles. Isn't there a city ordinance as to the speed limit? Yes, but So and So says the children are ruining our cement sidewalks. I want to invite Mr. So and So to spend a half hour with me, and if I cannot convince you that the city and many other negligents have done more damage to our sidewalks than the roller-skating could do in the next five generations would do, I would then buy a hammer and join you knackers. Ags! they say noise disturbs them. I presume if these people lived along the railroad, they would want the council to stop the trains while they rested. If these same knackers would turn their attention to the improvement of our city, they would prove a very valuable asset. I am not an advocate of the children taking advantage of late hours and disturbing people late at night, but I cannot see where it betters condition to stop skating. A lady was telling me today, who lives quite a distance from the school building that by the time her son returns home at noon and makes a trip to the meat market it is too late for him to wait for his dinner. But since he has his roller skates he makes the trip in five minutes, giving him plenty of time to have something warm to eat. I presume these knackers have no children. The council says it is a law and must be enforced. I want to ask the councilmen how many ordinances there are on record that are not enforced?

Now, Mr. Knacker, allow me to make a suggestion. Go home, get your wife, buy a pair of skates and be a child once more, and see how much fun both of you can have. I am sure you will be better satisfied and join us in trying to get the city "dads" to repeal this shift-worn, crabwebby, mouldy ordinance, and make one that will fit the purpose, and give the lads and lassies some recreation.

D. M. HENSLEY.

Democrat Want Ads Pay.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER.

Marion, Ohio, April 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A charge of first degree murder was filed against Oliver Crow, Erie railroad engineer, of Huntington, Ind., following the death at noon of John Schoenell, a brother-in-law, also an engineer. Crow shot Schoenell on the street yesterday. Mrs. Schoenell arrived today and will remove the body tonight. It is understood railroad men will help Crow's defense.

APPEAL IS ASSURED.

Indianapolis, April 9—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—The United States court of appeals and if necessary the United States supreme court will be asked to pass on the sweeping indictments on the Terre Haute election conspiracy case, in which for the first time the conspiracy clause of the federal criminal code is made to apply to elections. The appeal to be asked by Roberts and the twenty-six co-defendants will not be based on the evidence, but simply on the law in the case. This statement was made today by an attorney for the defense who asked that his name be withheld.

INTEREST IS GROWING.

Paterson, N. J., April 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Billy Sunday is "getting 'em." Despite reports of Sunday's revival being a "frost" all Paterson admitted that Sunday's dramatic preaching was popularizing the saw-dust trail of conversions. The tabernacle bulged yesterday with offerings on the same scale. He had talked to 53,000 persons in eight meetings.

CLOSES MORE SALOONS.

Chicago, April 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Federal Judge Landis today issued a sweeping order which closed sixty-two saloons on Sunday and instructed them to comply with the laws of Illinois "in the interest of public order and decency." This makes eighty-nine saloons Judge Landis has ordered closed on Sunday within the past week. They are owned by the Ernst Posetti Brewing company in the hands of a receiver appointed by Judge Landis.

DIRECTORS HELD LIABLE.

New York, April 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—George Gould and other directors of the Wabash railroad were today held personally liable for \$5,123,000 for stocks wrongly issued. They were directed to pay that amount into the treasury immediately. Gould and the others are expected to appeal to the court of appeals. The lower court held that a \$30,000,000 issue was illegal but the appellate division found that the wrongful issue amounted to \$5,123,000 with interest, for which the directors are held liable.

CONTRADICTS STATEMENT.

Washington, D. C., April 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—In complete contradiction of Carranzista's claim a state department message reported the Carranza forces as having retreated from Irapuato to Queraparo, where they were said to be expected to make a stand.

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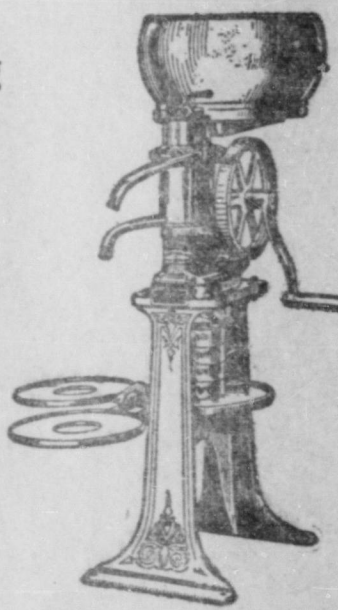
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