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YOUR HOME
PAPER—
LIKE ONE
OF THE
FAMILY

BODY OF MURDERED WOMAN FOUND

FARM VOTE IS "DIRECTED" TO SUPPORT SMITH

Corn Belt Committee En-
dorses Democratic Plat-
form In Full

"THUMBS DOWN" ON HERBERT HOOVER

Des Moines, Iowa, July 17.—(INS)—
Organized agriculture through the
medium of the corn belt committee
was on record today as turning
"thumbs down" on Herbert Hoover
for president.

Although Governor Alfred E. Smith
of New York, democratic candidate,
was not mentioned by name, the
democratic platform was endorsed
"lock, stock and barrel."
"Any effort to obscure or submerge
the farm issue by 'religious intoler-
ance or wet and dry prejudices' was
declared to be subordinate to 'the
paramount issue of the campaign—
the farm problem.'"

No Beating About Bush
In the meeting of the committee
here yesterday, called for the purpose
of making the agricultural line-up in
the national campaign, there was no
beating about the bush as to where
the farm vote would be "directed" by
its leaders.

The resolutions committee, number-
ing fourteen, counted eleven publi-
cans, two democrats and one "in-
dependent."

Although not a member of the corn
belt committee, George H. Peek, Mo-
nroe, Ill., chairman of the eleven-state
committee of 22, sat as a member of
the resolutions committee.

Peek who came out several days
ago unreservedly for the democratic
platform and Governor Alfred E.
Smith, said in a statement to Inter-
national News Service, that while he
did not assume to speak for the com-
mittee as a whole he had no doubt
that his action and that of the corn
belt committee would meet with the
approval of the committee of 22.

Two Girl Hikers Are Attacked By Young Men

Pittsburgh, Ind. July 17.—(U.P.)—Two
girl hikers from Hazleton, Ind., were
attacked by two unidentified young
men from whom they accepted a
ride in an automobile, police said
here today.

Russell Hobson, 19, and Elizabeth
McQuarry, 16, told authorities that
the men took them to a deserted
house six miles west of here and at-
tacked them. One of the girls waved
a handkerchief and attracted the at-
tention of John Blaine and his son,
Vivian, driving on a road nearby. As
theaines approached the house, the
assaults fled.

Price Of Steel Advances

Pittsburgh, Pa., July 17.—(U.P.)—The
Carnegie Steel Company announced
today the advancement in prices of
bars, plates and shapes, the basic
steel products, \$2.90 per ton.

The previous prices were \$1.90 per
hundred.

TWELVE MEN STILL MISSING

Ice Breaker Krassin Enroute
To Spitzbergen; 16 Res-
cued Men Aboard

Moscow, July 17.—(INS)—With six
members of the Noble expedition
and six members of the Amundsen
relief squad still missing, the 10,000
ton Russian ice breaker Krassin was
on its way to Spitzbergen today to
rescue and to transfer to the Citta di
Milano the seven members of the
Noble party that had been rescued
from the ice.

There are 16 rescued men in all
aboard the Krassin, the other nine
being members of relief groups that
had been searching for the lost ex-
plorers. All on board the ice breaker
were described as being in good
health and spirits save Alfredo Ma-
ttoni, who is still suffering from the
last Thursday, the ship's doctor fears
gangrene may develop.

Search Likely To Continue
The soviet relief committee met
this afternoon to decide whether the
Krassin should continue the search
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Legislator Dies



Henry R. Rathbone of Kenilworth,
Ill., congressman-at-large from Illinois
since 1922, whose two-year illness
ended his life at the age of 57. He
championed the cause of farm relief
and promoted an amendment to the
constitution prohibiting child labor.

CONTRACT FOR BRIDGES LET

Commissioners Accept Com-
bination Bid For Bridges
And Retaining Wall

The contract for building the Mesh-
berger bridge in Hartford township,
the France bridge in St. Marys town-
ship, the Graft bridge in Preble town-
ship and the river retaining wall in
St. Marys township was awarded to
Yost Brothers, of this city, on a com-
bination bid of \$9,800, by the county
commissioners in continued session
yesterday.

Bids for building these bridges and
retaining wall were received by the
county commissioners at the July ses-
sion, but as the bids on the river re-
taining wall exceeded the estimate, the
commissioners did not award the con-
tract. The county council appropriat-
ed an additional \$1,200 and the com-
missioners then accepted the combin-
ed bid of Yost Brothers. The bridges
will be improved this year.

Reject Basement Floor
The county commissioners rejected
the floor in the men's toilet room in
the basement of the court house and
ordered the contractor to repair same.
Today, workmen were busy taking off
the top dressing. New toilet fixtures
have been installed in the room. The
room has not been opened for some-
time, due to the making of the im-
provements.

To Improve Two Roads
Bids will be received by the county
commissioners on August 6, for the
improvement of the Buick road in
Preble township and the Meyers road
in Monroe township. Both roads are
a mile in length.

Pastor Of Rural Church To Take Tour In Europe

The Rev. L. A. Linz pastor of the
St. Mary's Catholic church in the Irish
settlement, east of Geneva, left last
Sunday for an extended trip through
the old world. Rev. Linz will spend
a few days in Pittsburgh, before going
to New York, where he has booked
passage on the liner, Cleveland, for
Hamburg, Germany. He will sail July
21. Rev. Linz expects to spend several
months in Europe, most of the time in
Germany.

Rev. Linz was born and reared in
Germany, coming to America as a
young man. He has many friends and
relatives in the old country, whom he
expects to greet once more. The Rev.
G. E. Spaeth will have charge of the
St. Mary's parish during the absence
of Rev. Linz.

Police Slay Ex-Convict In Gun Fight With Bandits

Indianapolis, July 17.—(U.P.)—One
ex-convict is dead and another prob-
ably fatally wounded as the result of
a close up gun fight between bandit
hi-jackers and a squad of Indianapolis
police near Cumberland, Ind., early
today.

The bandits had created a region
of terror along highways between
Anderson, Greenfield and Indianapolis.
The dead bandit is Ed Rider, 23, In-
dianapolis, a paroled convict. Three
rifle bullets ended his life. The other
victim of police gun fire was shot
through the head.

OLD HOME WEEK TO OPEN MONDAY EVENING, SEPT. 10

Each Day To Be Designated
As Special Day; Program
To Be Finished Soon

VISITORS TO BE
GUESTS AT PICNIC

Old Home Week will start Monday
evening, September 10, at a formal
opening, with city and county officials
in charge, and will close Saturday
evening, the 15th, with a display of
fireworks, if the recommendations of
the program committee are approved
by the general committee.

Tuesday will be School and Limber-
lost day; Wednesday will be Farm
day; Thursday will be Fraternal day,
and Friday, Industrial day. The de-
tails for each of these events are now
being worked out. A separate com-
mittee will be in charge of each day
and will endeavor to make it bigger
and better than any other part of the
week.

Program Being Filled
The general committee will supply
the free attractions, music and other
features for the week and there will
be something doing every minute.
Ferd Christen, county agent, is in
touch with Purdue and will secure an
exhibit of special interest to the farm-
ers and will also plan for the farm
day, the calf club show and other
features. The complete program will
be announced as soon as details are
completed. The committee will rec-
ommend that a picnic be held at the
Country Club one evening during the
week, with the registered Old Home
Week visitors as guests of honor, giv-
ing each an opportunity to tell of his
experiences here.

The big event is coming right along
now and indications are that it will
surpass the one of 1912. The general
committee will meet Thursday eve-
ning to hear the finance report and
appropriate funds to the various com-
mittees.

Another feature that promises to
create much interest will be a quilt
show, with premiums to the oldest,
best patterns and finest display. It
has also been suggested that during
the week a public wedding be held,
the bride and groom being given pre-
sents sufficient to start them along
well towards going to housekeeping.

INSTITUTE TO OPEN AUG. 27

Annual County Teachers'
Institute To Be Held In
This City

Clifton E. Striker, county superin-
tendent of schools, announced today
that the dates for the annual teachers'
institute in this county are August 27
to 31.

The institute will open on Monday
and continue throughout the week.
Mr. Striker stated that the session
would be held in the court room of the
court house in this city. He is now pre-
paring the program and obtaining the
speakers for the five-day session.

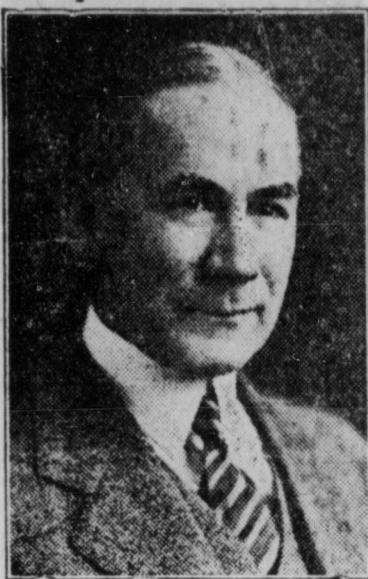
Up until last year, the county teach-
ers' institute was held in connection
with Decatur Chautauqua, but since
Decatur has dropped out of the Chau-
tauqua circuit, the teachers' institute
will be held separately again this year.
Mr. Striker said.

Several of the Adams county teach-
ers are attending normal schools and
college summer courses this year, pre-
paring for next fall's school work and
the last week in August will see all of
them back and ready for the opening
of school.

Details Of Fire At Rensselaer Received

Details from fire at Rensselaer, early
Monday morning were received to-
day. The blaze started at 1 o'clock in
the morning in the Bob Fendig shoe
store which is connected with the
building occupied by the Van R. Grant
dry goods and ready-to-wear store. The
Fendig store was a complete loss and
the Grant store lost sixty per cent of
the stock on hands with sixty-five per
cent insurance. On the second floor,
which was occupied by several physi-
cians, two X-ray machines and other
valuable equipment were destroyed.
The building was a complete loss and
the only goods saved was that taken
from the Grant room by volunteer and
firemen.

Lions' President



Benjamin A. Ruffin
Benjamin A. Ruffin was elected
President of the International Asso-
ciation of Lions Clubs at the last ses-
sion of the twelfth annual convention
of the association, held in Des Moines,
Iowa, July 10-13, 1928. Mr. Ruffin was
born and reared in Richmond, Vir-
ginia, which has always been his home.

The new President of Lions Inter-
national is engaged in the general
one of the leading firms of architects
of the city, and also a director of
insurance business and is a partner of
many other companies. He is the
author of various insurance papers
and insurance forms which have
been adopted by the American
Bankers' Association and has spoken
before many bankers' conventions in
various states.

TWO MORE SLOT MACHINES TAKEN

Total Of 11 Gambling De-
vices Confiscated By Po-
lice In Last Few Days

Two slot machines were confiscated
at the Rice Hotel last night by the
night policemen, Burl Johnson and
Burg Womack, assisted by Sheriff Earl
Holdingsworth and a deputy, Chester
Brandyberry. The machines were not
in use, and were found in a closet. Mr.
Rice told the officers he had sold the
machines and made arrangements to
have them hauled away today. The two
confiscated last night makes a total
of 11 slot machines taken by local po-
lice in raids on local business houses
within the last few days.

John T. Kelly, prosecuting attor-
ney, said today that affidavits charg-
ing the owners of the machines with
keeping gambling devices in their places
of business probably would be filed
in mayor's court tonight or Wed-
nesday. Mayor Krick, who issued the
orders for the police to confiscate the
machines, has been out of the city
this week and will not return until to-
night.

ENJOYING TOUR THROUGH WEST

Misses Dorothy Walters And
Marcella Nelson Write
About Trip

An interesting trip is being enjoy-
ed by Misses Dorothy Walters and
Marcella Nelson, of this city, who left
here on Friday, July 6, on a motor trip
through the west. According to infor-
mation received in letters, up until
Friday of last week, the girls had tra-
veled 1,900 miles, with an average
of 30.4 miles per hour, and a little bet-
ter than 20 miles to the gallon of gas-
oline. Neither have they had any pun-
ctures. The two young ladies are travel-
ing in the new Ford coupe owned by
Miss Walters. They stated that the
roads traversed had been very good
with the exception of short strips of
mud road in Nebraska.

Leaving here on Friday, July 6, they
spent the first night at Effingham, Ill.;
the second night at St. Louis;
went on to Kansas city where they
spent Sunday night; and were in Lin-
coln, Nebraska Monday night. From
Lincoln, they went on to Denver,
where they have spent several days
sightseeing.

Letter written on Friday of last
week contained the following infor-
mation of their visits there. Their first
trip was to Big Bertha Mountain, on
top of which is a range known as the
"Berthold Range", which is 11,306
feet above sea level, and the highest
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HIGHER TAX RATE IN ADAMS COUNTY IN 1928 PROBABLE

Increase In Rate Expected
To Be Made To Meet
Loss In Valuations

BUDGETS EXPECTED
TO BE USUAL SIZE

Based on tentative figures and
assuming that the state board of tax
commissioners will not increase the
assessments in Adams county, indi-
cations are that the tax rates in the
county, township and incorporated
towns will be higher next year. The
increased rates will be necessary on
account of the loss in valuations,
which, based on tentative figures,
totals about \$3,000,000 in the county.

All towns in the county show a de-
crease in valuations. The loss in val-
uations, compared with the totals for
last year, not taking into consideration
the deduction for mortgage exemp-
tions or the additions for the state's
assessment, which will remain about
the same, total \$496,360. Based on a
loss of \$3,000,000 for the entire county,
the loss in the towns is equal to about
16 1/2 per cent of the total.

Little Change In Budgets
Budgets for next year will not be
reduced to a great extent, for the
reason that it takes about the same
amount of money to operate the differ-
ent taxing units. School costs are
still high and roads have been built
in a number of the townships.

The valuations in Decatur, Monroe,
Berne and Geneva for this year are
given below. The totals include only
the value of lots and improvements
and personal property. They do not
include the assessments for railroads,
pipe line companies and utilities,
which are made by the state. The
comparison figures for last year do
not include these assessments either.
Town 1928 1927
Decatur \$5,988,090 \$6,196,360
Geneva 503,030 603,170
Monroe 263,720 299,740
Berne 2,180,630 2,331,560

The loss in valuations in the above
towns follow: Decatur, \$205,270; Mon-
roe, \$36,020; Berne, \$150,930; Geneva,
\$100,140.

The state's assessment on railroads
(CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

G. E. BAND TO GIVE CONCERT

First Of Series Of Open Air
Concerts To Be Given
This Evening

Marches and overtures will predom-
inate in the program for the first of
a series of open air concerts to be
given tonight on Liberty Way, by the
General Electric band. The concert
will start promptly at 8 o'clock this
evening. The G. E. band plans to
give a concert on Liberty Way every
Tuesday evening for several weeks.
The program for tonight is as fol-
lows:

March, "Billboard".....John N. Kiohr
March, "Chicago Tribune".....
W. P. Chambers
Overture, "Day in the Cotton
Field".....Smith and Zubin
March, "Under the Double Eagle".....
J. F. Wagner
Overture, "Italia".....Ralph C. Jarrett
Overture, "The Belle".....George W. Southwell
"Grand Sacred Polpourri".....
E. W. Beery
Overture, "Down the Mississippi".....
A. M. Laurens
Waltz, "Ramona".....
March, "Washington Greys".....
C. S. Grafulla
"Star Spangled Banner."

Illinois Aviator Prepares For Flight To Stockholm

Rockford, Ill., July 17.—(U.P.)—Bert
Hassell, Rockford flyer, will spend
the rest of the week going over his
plane, "Greater Rockford" in the ex-
pectation of taking off early next week
on a one-stop flight to Stockholm,
Sweden.
Hassell returned here yesterday
from Northville, Michigan, after a tour
of the country in his plane. He will be
accompanied on the Sweden flight by
Parker D. Cramer, Navigator formerly
a government aviation inspector in
the southwest.

Locates Missing Men



M. Tshukhnivski, Russian aviator,
who sighted three of the missing
Noble party in the far north. The
men, Malmgren, Mariano and Zappi,
who left the main party on May 30
to walk to Kings Bay, have now been
rescued by the ice-breaker Krassin.

27 FIREMEN GO TO CONVENTION

Thirteen G. E. Firemen And
14 Members of City Force
Go To Terre Haute

Decatur will have a delegation of
27 firemen at the eleventh annual con-
vention of the Indiana Firemen's as-
sociation and the twenty-third annual
convention of the Northern Indiana
Industrial and Volunteer Firemen's as-
sociation, which will open tonight at
Terre Haute. Thirteen members of the
General Electric fire department left
the city this morning to join the Fort
Wayne G. E. firemen at Bluffton and
proceed from there to Terre Haute on
a special interurban car.

Fourteen members of the city fire
department will leave the city at 10
o'clock tonight and motor to the con-
vention city. They will return tomor-
row night and expect to arrive here
about midnight. While the city firemen
are absent from the city, Melvin Smit-
ley, a member of the regular force,
will be in charge at the fire station,
and several members of the volunteer
force will be in the city to respond to
any alarm that might come in.

Members of the G. E. fire depart-
ment who are attending the conven-
tion, are: E. W. Lankenau, superin-
tendent of the plant; Frank Braun,
chief; Leo Ulman, captain; Clyde
Beery, Tilman Gehrig, Kenneth Eady,
Solomon Lord, Charles Baxter, Cal
Walt, Alva Buffenbarger, Francis Eady
Albert Beery and Albert Fruchte.

The city firemen who will attend
the convention are: Jack Friedt, chief;
Arthur Clark, Oscar Sprague, Amos
Fisher, Ervie Elzey, Lester Hofstetter,
Ralph Bentz, Robert Robenold, Wil-
liam Keller, Oliver Jackson, Arthur
Baker, L. C. Helm, Joe Kortenber, and
C. O. Meibers.

More than 2,500 firemen are expect-
ed to attend the convention. A large
banquet will be held at the Zorah
Shrine temple this evening. Various
contests will be held on Wednesday
and a monster parade will be staged
Wednesday afternoon.

Huntington Physician Dies Of Heart Trouble

Huntington, July 17.—Dr. Mitchell
C. Clokey, 55, one of this city's most
prominent physicians, died suddenly at
9:15 o'clock Monday night at his
home here, death being due to heart
trouble. He had been suffering from
this ailment for some time but had
improved to such an extent as to be
able to resume his practice.

Overwork is believed to have
caused him to collapse, as he com-
plained of feeling ill, and was lying
down when the end came.
Dr. Clokey served in the medical
corps of the U. S. army and spent
11 months in France with the A. E. F.
He was a thirty-second degree
Mason, a Shriner and an Elk, the
Huntington post of the American Le-
gion and also of the Forty and Eight,
the playtime unit of the organiza-
tion.

The survivors are a widow and four
children, Elizabeth and Mitchell M.
Clokey, Richard of California and
Mrs. Robert C. T. Thieme of Jack-
sonville, Fla., also two brothers and
two sisters.

C. M. T. C. Closes Wednesday
Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., July
17.—(U.P.)—Final ceremonies in con-
nection with closing the Citizens Military
training camp here will be held tomor-
row. Tests in citizenship were to be
given cadets today by Major Wood
Unger.

BOY FINDS BODY OF WOMAN NEAR ROANOKE TODAY

Body Scantily Clothed;
Head Mashed In With
Some Blunt Instrument

VICTIM ABOUT 30 YEARS
OLD; DECIDED BLONDE

Huntington, Ind., July 17. —
(INS)—The body of a woman about
30 years old, dressed only in a
night shirt, shoes and stockings
and her head mashed in with
some blunt instrument, was
found today by Harold Knepp,
12, while picking berries about
2 1/4 miles north of Roanoke,
which is about 10 miles east of
here.

Sheriff Earl Rudisel said the wom-
an apparently had been murdered.
The woman was about 5 feet seven
inches in height and probably weigh-
ed about 170 pounds, Coroner G. N.
Nye estimated after viewing the body.
She was a decided blonde.

Jewelry On Hands
On the woman's left wrist was a
watch and on the little finger of her
right hand was a ring, indicating that
robbery had not been the motive for
the killing.

The body was lying face down in
the bushes when found.
Sheriff Rudisel said that the body
was in such an advanced state of
decomposition, because of the hot
weather, that it would have to be
interred without delay.
Because no other marks were found
on the body, the authorities expressed
the belief that the woman was slain
on the spot where she was found.

Grand Dragons Of Klan Meet In Secret Session

Chicago, July 17.—(INS)—Grand dragons
of the Ku Klux Klan met in secret
session here today for a secret biennial
klonvocation. Every state in the
union was represented, according to
Hiram Wesley Evans, imperial wizard
of the Klan.

At a banquet preceding the open-
ing of the convention, Evans said the
Klan would take no active part as an
organization in the presidential cam-
paign.

"The issues of this campaign are
such that I have determined the Klan
shall stay out of it," Evans said.

173 Nicaraguan Bandits And Outlaws Surrender

Washington, July 17.—(INS)—A group
of 173 bandits and outlaws surren-
dered to American marines at Somoto,
Nicaragua, Sunday, according to a
wireless to the navy department to-
day from Rear Admiral David S. Sell-
ers, in charge of the Nicaraguan
patrol force.

More than 250 of the marauding
bandits' army surrendered in the
same zone 10 days ago.

CORRUPTION IS LEADING ISSUE

Indiana Democrats Take
Stand For Enforcement
Of Prohibition Law

Indianapolis, July 17.—(U.P.)—Strict
enforcement of the prohibition law,
without provision for modification as
advocated by Gov. Alfred E. Smith,
will be the campaign policy of Indiana
Democrats it was decided at a joint
meeting of state candidates and mem-
bers of the advisory board.

The basic plea in the Indiana cam-
paign, however, will be political corrup-
tion, Frank C. Dailey, gubernatorial
candidate, said that he sought the
nomination for Governor as an oppon-
ent of corruption in office.

Albert Stump, candidate for United
States Senator, declared he proposes
to make an out and out campaign in
support of prohibition, seeking to win
support for Smith and Robinson on the
National ticket from the dry ranks.

R. Earl Peters, Democratic State
chairman, stated that perfect harmony
exists among candidates, the state
executive committee and the advisory
committee.

Mrs. A. P. Flynn, Logansport, state
women's chairman, said Indiana wo-
men are more interested in cleaning up
the government than in prohibition.