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The democratic rally to be held here early next month will be an event of interest, bringing a number of the leaders of the party to Decatur with messages that will be worth hearing.

Federal control of prices on agricultural products is now being urged and with some favor in the United States senate. While the plans are just in the making they contain some hopes for the future for after all the way to protect the farmer is to save him from the stock gamblers of the world.

If you had a billion dollars or so would you still keep on working even when you get to be eighty years old? Andrew Mellon is doing that and a lot of folks are wondering why. Perhaps when the old boy is busy he is not thinking about some of the sad chapters of his life and history says he has had them.

Glenn A. Smiley, Fort Wayne lawyer, is the latest entrant in the race for the democratic nomination for congress. In all there are now a half dozen in the contest which ought to be interesting and exciting before the finish. Look them over Adams county voters and help to select the candidate best fitted to serve the people of this new fourth district.

Paul V. McNutt has announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor. This is just a formal matter for most of the folks over the state have felt all the time he was a candidate and most of them have been boosting his cause. McNutt is a forceful speaker and a splendid young man with all the qualifications necessary to fill the job to which he aspires.

Go to the Knight of Columbus hall this evening and participate in the Chamber of Commerce meeting. Your assistance is needed at this time more than ever before. Many things can be done this year which will make things better for this community if we cooperate. Go to the meeting, hear Arthur Sapp, one of Indiana's best boosters and then join in making it an enthusiastic start for bettering conditions here where we live.

Senator Watson does not favor the dele bill which would bring about four millions dollars to Indiana for distribution among the jobless and that position will probably meet the approval of the great majority in this state. Unquestion-

ably communities and states must take care of the unemployment situation. To start handing out alms in the form of cash is but to encourage a condition similar to that in other countries and prolong present conditions.

William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor says there are 8,300,000 unemployed men in the United States and Walter S. Gifford, director of President Hoover's organization on relief, throws up his hands, says its probably true and that nothing to improve the situation is expected before spring. That's the picture and commissions and committees will not change it. Every community must help itself and every individual must do some boosting of his own.

The message from Col. Gallagher, announcing success in his efforts to finance the operation of the Decatur sugar factory. The mill here will now be leased by the Great Lakes Sugar Company of Toledo, which has so successfully operated at Blissfield and other places in Michigan the past year. The contracts will be here this week and work will start soon to prepare for the campaign. Col. Gallagher and others estimate this will mean the distribution of a million dollars or more in this territory which as things are now is certainly something worth smiling over. Needless to say we are all happy and appreciate greatly the effort made and the splendid results.

Col. Frank Knox, editor of the Chicago Daily News has assumed a big and important job. He has been appointed by President Hoover to head an organization which will make an effort to pull more than a billion dollars out of hiding and put it in circulation. If the job can be done Mr. Knox will do it for he is resourceful and wise, a hustler and an organizer. The practise of hiding money in old cans, socks, saving boxes and other places has grown until it is now one of the chief troubles in solving the depression. Just what the plan will be has not been announced but it will of course have to include some argument or guarantee that will make the frightened folks realize that when they take their cash out of circulation they are injuring themselves by holding back prosperity. As long as the money is being drawn from banks and permitted to lie idle, there can be no activity that will employ labor. Its time to act with common sense and care.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Daily Democrat File

Joe Volmer patents cuff button. Will Miesse arrives in Pentleton Arizona after 12,000 mile trip to the island of Tahiti. 36,350 persons were admitted to jails in Ind. during year. Albert Scheumann entertained 43 guests at Pedro in honor of his birthday.

Miss Frances Laman returns to Glendale, O. after visit with Mrs. John Bowers and other relatives. H. S. boys practised for county athletic meet.

The Orient Club celebrates first anniversary with dinner at the Murray House. Mrs. Frank Carroll was surprised on birthday by the Needles and Nod Club.

Frank Heller is chosen cashier of Linn Grove Bank. Master Meredith Stuart celebrates 7th birthday with party.

Lessons In English

Words often misused: Do not say "Did you receive my last letter," unless it is your intention never to write another letter. Say "my latest letter."

Often mispronounced: Ecceza. Pronounce ecce-za, first e as in "met," second e as in "me," a unstressed, and accent first syllable, not the second.

Often misspelled: Mississippi, four f's, four s's and two p's. Synonyms: Sleep (noun), slumber, rest, repose, doze, nap.

Word study: Use a word three times and it is yours. Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day. Today's word: Acumen: keenness of perception or discernment. "The young man possessed rare acumen."

NEW YORK GANG LEADER KILLED

Vincent Coll Shot Down After Own Guard Walks Away From Him

New York, Feb. 8.—(U.P.)—Vincent Coll, 23-year-old baby-faced gang leader reported to have a \$50,000 price on his head, was shot and killed today, apparently "put on the spot" by his own bodyguard.

The killer trapped Coll in a drug store telephone booth. He raised a sub-machine gun and fired. Bullets ripped through the thin wood and glass partition of the booth. Coll slumped to the floor, dead.

The killing bore evidence that gangster enemies determined to slay the young racketeer had trailed him carefully.

When Coll entered the London chemists drug store shortly after 1 a. m., he was accompanied by a bodyguard.

Witnesses said Coll had been telephoning about 10 minutes when the killer entered. The bodyguard walked out.

The killer turned to customers and clerks in the store. "Keep cool and keep out of the way," he ordered. "You'll be all right."

Then he leveled his gun at the phone booth and fired. Standing just outside the store were Jacob Paris, the owner, and Miss W. Bonner. They said the killer came out, joined another man armed with a sub-machine gun and drove away in an automobile with a third man.

The shooting created an uproar. A young woman rushed out of a rooming house next door and began crying. Detective Frank Traynor, who had heard the shots, arrived. He dragged the body from the phone booth and identified it as Coll's. He recognized the young woman as Coll's bride, the former Lottie Kribsberger, also known as Dot Moran. She was held for questioning.

Meanwhile the gangsters' car sped uptown about 60 miles an hour.

Patrolman James Sherlock commanded a passing taxicab. He fired but failed to hit the car. At 50th street the fugitive automobile was lost in city traffic.

An examination of Coll's body showed three bullets in his head and three in his chest near the heart.

The killing ended a crime career brief even for a gangster. Coll's notoriety lasted less than a year. He first sprang into prominence last summer when gangsters killed a child in Harlem while shooting at a rival.

Originally a henchman of Arthur (Dutch) Schultz, Flegenheimer, Bronx beer baron, Coll broke away and began a bloody feud with Schultz which resulted in numerous killings.

Only last Monday killers entered a Bronx apartment and killed three Coll followers, one of them a woman. They were believed looking for the gang leader.

Underworld circles understood former members of Coll's gang were seeking to collect the reward of \$50,000 said to be awaiting anyone who would kill him. Coll was killed directly opposite the Cornish Arms Hotel, where he was arrested last fall with several followers including the woman who became his wife. He was charged then with the murder of 3-year-old Michael Vengalli in the Harlem "baby killing," but was acquitted.

LOCAL REVIVAL CLOSING SUNDAY

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many souls. He distinguished between the sanctification of a complete surrender of life and that "holier than thou crankification" that creates trouble.

He made a plea for power of the spirit as the need of the individual and the nation today. He attacked false cults "isms" and organizations that offer "nostrums" and "cure alls" under the guise of the Gospel.

The whole message was an argument for spirit-filled lives, surrendered minds, hearts, and wills to the greater work of redeeming souls and extending the spiritual dominion of the christian church. The Holy Spirit is God. Atonement is too big for a theory. "The Holy Spirit" is a Person. You can't get a part of the Holy Spirit because it is a person. It can get a part of you. The church prospers under conflict. Voltaire and Thos. Payne created no new thought.

Now the Devil says to the church, "Let's compromise. Don't be too strict. Don't get fanatical. Be tolerant and broad. Now the church needs consecrated leadership. Stop praying for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Get Him." At the evening service Dr. Sam Franklin, Professor of Religious

Education in the University of Pittsburgh, offered prayer. The audience enjoyed a quartet composed of the three Franklin preachers present and Prof. Clark. The evening meeting climaxed the series in every way. Mrs. Dan Tyndall sang "The Eye Is On The Sparrow."

The evening sermon on the theme of the church member's knowledge of his own condition was a stirring appeal for an awakened God conscious church.

He spoke of those who are asleep in the cradle of false peace. His argument that morality is no substitute for salvation supported by scripture notably in the case of Nicodemus, the high moral type, was searching and the last word on the subject.

False religion is worse than no religion at all. Also the cradle of "my opinions."

Mens minds change. God's remains the same. God laid down a standard, the Bible, which is unchangeable, eternal. He also talked of the cradle of a backslidden condition, a seared conscience. He closed with a dramatic portrayal of a sinner's trial at the court of mercy, accused by law. Conscience and the Devil and the victory through the promise written in the book of life.

The altar service resulted in new conversion and consecrations of former converts.

Dr. Bulgin gives tonight, Monday night, his lecture on "Heroes in Homespun," being tales of the South. This lecture he has given on the chautauqua platform many times. He gives it free, and we expect a crowded house. It will be followed by a repetition of the pageant given Saturday night.

Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of these test questions? Turn to Page Four for the answers.

1. When was the Star Spangled Banner legally made the National Anthem?
2. Who was Governor of Massachusetts at the time of the Boston Police Strike in 1919?
3. What satellite of the earth is called Luna?
4. What is the popular name for a meteor?
5. In what novel is the character Svenka?
6. What does D. D. S. stand for?
7. Where was Amelia Earhart born?
8. With what town is the name of Lady Godiva connected?
9. On what Mountain is Noah's Ark supposed to have landed?
10. Who built the first modern sleeping car?

CONGRESS TODAY

(U.P.) Senate:

Hears tariff speech by Senator Hull, Dem., Tenn., and resumes unemployment relief debate. Judiciary committee meets for regular executive session on calendar bills.

Insular affairs committee begins hearings on Philippine independence. Interstate commerce committee continues hearing on bill to regulate bus and house traffic.

House:

Takes up resolution to authorize silver investigation. Patents committee considers trademark bills.

Expenditures committee continues hearings on consolidation of war and navy departments. Flood control committee considers bills for compensation of Mississippi flood damages.

GROUP NAMED TO MAKE PLANS

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Ernest Stengle, Charles Bohner, James Headricks, Harold Cline, Dr. J. G. Grandstaff, Milton Worling, Dr. J. W. Vizzard, W. P. Robinson, Ferd O'Brien, Frank Schumaker, Leo Ehinger, Fred Fruchte, H. M. DeVoss, Phil Macklin, Mayor George Krick, Earl Hollingsworth, Dr. Burt Mangold, H. M. Gillig, J. H. Heller, Dan Tyndall, Lloyd Baker, Dennis Striker, Ben Elting, M. J. Mylott, J. L. Ehler, A. D. Suttles, and A. L. Colchin.

These men together with the committeemen will complete the plans for the rally. Bosses will name his sub-committees at the Thursday night meeting. Cards will be mailed Tuesday notifying the committee members of the time of the meeting.

Bosse was in Indianapolis Saturday and Sunday making arrangements with the state committee for the meeting. The date will be announced come day this week.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Peter L. Miller, rural route 8, Decatur, underwent a minor operation at the Adams County Memorial Hospital this morning.

Jess Hamrick, Wilshire, Ohio, is a patient at the local hospital where he submitted to a minor operation Monday morning.

Mrs. Gertrude Gresley of Hoagland, underwent a minor operation at the Adams County Memorial Hospital this morning.

SMITH WILLING TO HEAD PARTY

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campaign on his behalf, will be in New Hampshire March 8.

The new Hampshire primary will be followed by state primaries in Massachusetts, New York and Pennsylvania, all of which deliver large blocs of convention delegates and all highly important to any candidate in a Democratic convention in which the two-thirds rule prevails.

Smith's statement contained a closing paragraph which might be interpreted two ways. It read: "My action of the Democratic national convention of 1928 I am the leader of my party in the nation. With a full sense of the responsibilities thereby imposed, I shall not in advance to the convention either support or oppose the candidacy of any aspirant for the nomination."

That may be a promise not to oppose Roosevelt, or Newton D. Baker or Albert C. Ritchie, or John Garner or others who rate as favorite sons. It may be an explanation of why Smith does not now openly announce his opposition.

Roosevelt, forces accepted the statement as an announcement of candidacy, which naturally will mean opposition to the leading candidate.

Typical was the comment of Robert E. Gould, the party chairman in New Hampshire, where the first test is scheduled:

"I do not believe that the rank and file of Democracy in New Hampshire will react favorably to Mr. Smith's hopeful view that he will be awarded the party's standard at this convention. My opinion is that they do not care to again have in their hands a William Jennings Bryan."

The reference was to the frequency of Bryan's candidacies. Gould supported Smith in 1924 and 1928. He is now favorable to Roosevelt.

"Smith failed to win in the last campaign although he had loyal support. Democrats, I believe, will fight shy of again injecting into a campaign a religious issue," Gould declared.

This religious comment was found frequently in comment by Democratic leaders and newspapers in the south and west. Some Roosevelt workers saw the Smith statement, for just that reason, as something that would drive many doubtful states into the Roosevelt column. Roosevelt being more acceptable on both religious grounds and the liquor issue.

Roosevelt personally was silent on the statement, as were other candidates and previous candidates excepting James M. Cox of Ohio. Cox said:

"Naturally there is a feeling that Smith is entitled to another chance. He has opened the way to determine just how wide spread that is." Cox headed the Democratic ticket in 1920 with Roosevelt as the vice-presidential nominee.

Among others silent on the statement were leaders of Tammany Hall. Smith has battled Tammany room within. Roosevelt has not helped Tammany much from Albany with his repeated approval of the Seabury city wide graft investigation, although he has been attacked as pussyfooting on the issue.

The present Tammany leader, John F. Curry, was chosen over Smith's opposition.

Tammany's decision is due by April 12, date of the New York state primary.

In 1928 Roosevelt carried the state as a gubernatorial candidate while Smith lost it. Roosevelt won an upstate plurality, and in 1930 repeated with an unprecedented state vote, winning republican farm districts upstate which went Democratic for the first time.

Rivalry of the two New York Democrats some leaders hold, started with those incidents. Smith and Roosevelt had been the closest of political and personal friends and allies. Three times Roosevelt spoke for Smith. In 1920 he made a second speech at San Francisco in 1924 he nominated him at Madison Square garden; in 1928 he again nominated the "Happy Warrior" at Houston.

What Smith will do in event Roosevelt, despite the heavy obstacle erected by Smith's failure to support him before the convention, was answered by Smith when he made his long awaited statement, handed to newspapermen Saturday.

He was asked: "Will you support the nominee, no matter who he is?" Smith replied:

"I can only recall the remark of Bennett Hill who said, 'I am a Democrat.'"

On other questions, chiefly concerning issues and candidates, the man who polled 15,000,000 and a record Anti-Smith vote of 7,000,000 more, both record-shattering, were evasive.

ARRIVALS

Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Smith, 137 Rug street, are the parents of a girl baby, born at the Adams County Memorial Hospital Saturday, February 6.

Dance, Tuesday Night, K. of C. Hall.



The House of the Three Ganders

by Irving Bacheller

They had come to the rickety turnstile, near which the men hitched their horses and took the winding path. The district attorney and the judge stood a moment surveying the curious little home of the tinker. They descended to its door, which the sheriff had unlocked, and entered its one room. An old clock was ticking on its shelf. They surveyed the crayon portrait.

"It's a decent motherly face," the colonel remarked. "Her spirit is here. The place is as neat as wax."

They searched the cupboard, a small closet and every nook and corner of the house. Under the broad overhang of the eaves, toward the river, an old black knit jacket hung on a wooden peg. In one of its pockets they made a really important discovery.

Two loaded, square-based pistol cartridges.

The sheriff called to his associates. "What do you think of that?" he asked as he displayed them.

The colonel examined them. "Thunder and Mars!" he exclaimed. "Well, the pistol must be here somewhere."

"I'll bet he threw it in the river," said the sheriff.

"That may be," the colonel answered. "But such a man is not apt to throw away things that cost so much. If he did, he would do it carefully."

He turned to Anderson and Berry and asked: "How long did it take you to get here?"

Berry answered: "Not more than ten or twelve minutes. We got in with Tip Beach a little below the corner. He ran his horse. Brown came three or four minutes after we arrived."

"Just where did he land?" "Right there near them bushes," Berry answered. "We heard him coming. He was rowing fast."

"Did he see you before he landed?" "Yes, sir. We sang out to him: 'Is that you, Brown?' He slowed up and says, 'Ay ah! It's me.' I held the oar while he got out. I told him what had happened and that folks thought he was the murderer."

"What did he say?" "God almighty! He says, 'I'll go up an' face 'em. I knew h—I was goin' to break loose somewhere. I been feelin' it in my bones.'"

"Did he go in or near the house?" "No, sir. We started right off. They dismissed the two men, who went away. The colonel said:

"Now, Judge, if my theory is correct, we'll find that pistol on the river bottom near the shore. He was not expecting company when he got here. He had cast away the revolver. He thought that he would have time to hide the revolver. He had hurried. They sang out to him. He slowed up and dropped his weapon. He had forgotten about those cartridges in the old jacket or else he intended to dispose of them when he came in."

Shad went out in the boat with the colonel. He lay over the bow of the boat, face downward, while the colonel in the stern paddled.

"I see something shiny," said the boy after a few minutes. "It's over my head. I guess. I'll dive for it if you'll hold the boat."

Shad threw off his clothes and when the shiny object was again in view he dove out of the boat and swam to the bottom. Quickly he came up with a revolver in his hands. Its nickel barrel gleamed in the sunlight. They went ashore. With a heavy heart Shad dressed himself. He knew not what to think of all this. He stood confused and sorrowful in the midst of the ruins of his faith. What could he say now? Both he and Bony had suspected that Bumpy Brown would not spoil a story for the need of a lie, but why had he lied about the revolver and put his life in danger by doing it, unless he were really guilty?

The colonel stood examining the weapon.

"There is no rust," he said. "It has been only a few hours in the water. There are five exploded shells in its magazine—one for Peterson, one for Mrs. Doolittle, two for the old gentleman, one that was fired outside the house to frighten possible pursuers. This is the revolver that did the work."

Turning to Shad, he remarked: "Well, boy, I'm afraid that you have been in rather bad company. Shad did not answer him.

CHAPTER V

A Turn in the Tide. THE colonel and the judge returned to the home of Cyrus Doolittle. Oscar Perry was near his end, but he had rallied so far that he was able to recognize them and

to speak in a whisper. They took his ante-mortem statement. It was to this effect: He did not know who had shot him. The intruder had his face covered with a colored handkerchief which felt below his chin. There were holes in it opposite his eyes. He walked with a limp. He could not say that it was the man known as Bumpy Brown.

Mrs. Doolittle was able to talk to them. She agreed with her father as to the mask and the limp of her assailant. She could not be sure but thought that he was Bumpy Brown because of his height and carriage and well-known hatred of her husband. She knew of no reason for the hatred save that her husband had once put him off the place. The statements of the boy Moses and the teacher agreed with hers. The officials returned to their homes. The flame of life in Oscar Perry grew dim and flickered out.

Within a week Bumpy Brown had his examination at the county seat. Cyrus Doolittle was an important witness. He had driven to Griggsby on the day of the murder to attend to some business in that village. The business done, he had driven to Ashfield, arriving there about four o'clock. His colts were tired. He put them in the stable of the Westminster hotel. He did some errands on the street. He was suffering from indigestion. He felt cold and rather dizzy. He went into the barroom of the Kensington hotel for a drink and met some friends there. They drank with him. He lay down on a lounge in the shop of his stepson, Robert Royce, on the island, and fell asleep. In a straight, forward, candid manner he accounted for every hour of his time that afternoon until about eight thirty when he was going to get his team. Near the bridge he met James Exaris who told him what had happened in his home. All this was corroborated by good witnesses. He showed depth of feeling for his wife and father-in-law when he told of his arrival at his desolated home.

He swore to Bumpy Brown's ill-feeling for him. He knew of no cause for a scuffle in which he had put the tinker off his place. Brown had then vowed that he would get even.

Robert Royce was called to the stand. This reputable witness averred:

"When Cyrus Doolittle came to my shop about five o'clock on November tenth, I was chatting with a man who had been telling about the scandalous talk of the old tinker. After Mr. Doolittle lay down I looked the shop and went upstairs to my room and got me a bite to eat. Then I lit a lamp and lay down on a bed and read some story papers. I didn't have a telephone. So when Mr. Doolittle woke up and asked me to let him out of the shop about half past eight I didn't know of the shooting. I told him then that he'd better look out for the tinker or he'd be done up. I was at Doolittle's the day that Cyrus put him off his place. The old man acted dreadful vicious."

The doctors and other witnesses were sworn. Motive was proved to the satisfaction of the judge. The tinker stood by the statements he had made on the night of the murder. The rubbers were put in evidence. Shad and the sheriff testified as to the finding of the cartridges and the revolver. The district attorney presented his theory. It was conclusive. The only dissenters in the courtroom were the boys, Bony and Shad. Old Bumpy Brown was held for the grand jury, which promptly indicted him for murder in the first degree.

The prisoner limped out of court with the sheriff and his deputy. The district attorney stood receiving the congratulations of friends when Shad and Bony approached. Colonel Blake greeted them.

"I know it looks bad, but I don't think he's guilty," said Shad. "What is your reason?" "He is not mean enough," was Shad's answer.

"It's the same old reason that has been pleaded since Cain killed Abel," the colonel laughed. "I don't complain because a boy's heart is better than his head. It ought to be. Come over to the house and spend the night with us."

"I'd like to, but I must get back tonight. Could we go and see Bumpy a few minutes?" "Certainly, I'll go with you."

Bumpy was glad to see them. He smiled, reaching through the bars and shaking their hands cheerfully as he had been wont to do in Brown's cave.

"We wanted you to know that you've got at least two friends," said Shad.

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RADIO PROGRAM

Monday's 5 Best Radio Programs:
WJZ, NBC network, 6:15 p. m.
The Jesters.
WABC, CBS network, 8:30 p. m.
—An Evening in Paris.
WEAF, NBC network, 8:30 p. m.
—Parade of States.
WJZ, NBC network, 10 p. m.
Slumber Music.
WABC, CBS network, 10:15 p. m.
—Columbia Symphony Orchestra.
WOWO, 10:30 p. m. 287—
terfield House—"Music That Ties"—Shilkret's Orchestra.
Alex Gray, soloist.

Household Scrapbook

—by— ROBERTA LEE

Raincoats Rubber raincoats can be cleaned with lukewarm water and soap. Wipe off with clear water, hang out to dry. Never use kerosene or gasoline on rubber.

Tired Feet To relieve tired feet, add a spoonful of soda to a pint of warm bran, and put in a dampening with sufficient water to make a paste. Immerse feet in this for 10 or 15 minutes.

Apples Big red apples may be cut in halves, and take out the core horizontally, and take the edge for the salad. Pink the edges with sharp scissors. Add to the salad of the apple, celery, nuts, and onion, and refill the half apples.

Modern Etiquette

—by— ROBERTA LEE

Q. If a woman possess a woman who is seated at a table, a restaurant, and stops to talk, should the one who is seated rise?

A. Not unless she is very young and the one passing is quite old. Q. What words are used in introducing persons?

A. Say, "May I present my friend, Mrs. Jones?" Never say "This is Mrs. Jones." Q. What is the meaning of the initials P. C. when written on a visiting card?

A. It is a French phrase, "prendre congé," meaning, "to leave."