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Plan to thump with the Cal-  
thumpians next Friday night. You  
will have a good time.

This county has received \$17-  
000 more from gross income and  
excise taxes than they have sent  
in. Don't you think that's a rather  
good investment.

Chalmers Schlusser who will  
speak at Geneva next Wednesday  
evening is one of Indiana's best  
orators and you will enjoy his ad-  
dress on issues of the campaign.

Don't swap horses now. It took  
President Roosevelt three years to  
get the old machine started, but  
he has it going full steam ahead  
and we will really go places the  
next four years.

Frank Thompson, representative  
and candidate for reelection, is ap-  
preciative of the support given  
him from Adams county in the past  
and assures the voters that he will  
do his very best to carry out their  
wishes, when reelected.

In January of 1933, hogs were  
selling for \$4.50 per head and milch  
cows for \$29.00. In 1936 hogs were  
from \$9.00 to \$13.50 and cows from  
\$50.00 up. That ought to be proof  
that conditions are far from ter-  
rible as some of the orators would  
have you believe.

Earl Crawford not only makes  
an effective political speech, one of  
the best we have heard this year,  
but he keeps the audience well  
entertained. His address at Berne  
made a big hit and you may be  
sure he will be welcome back any  
time he will come.

The high peak of the campaign  
is next Friday afternoon when  
Governor Paul V. McNutt, the ace  
of Indiana orators will bring you  
a message that will close the cam-  
paign with pep and power. Be at  
the court house and hear what  
this fighting leader has to say.

You missed a good one when  
you didn't attend the Berne rally.  
make it up by joining the crowd to  
Geneva Wednesday night. Chalm-  
ers Schlusser of Indianapolis, presi-  
dent of the Professional Men's  
League for Roosevelt in Indiana,  
will be the speaker and he will  
thrill you.

Each township and each school  
corporation in Adams county is  
benefitting from the gross income  
tax and repeal of that law will  
mean a heavy tax burden on real  
estate. Don't let it happen. We fav-  
or some changes in the law but a  
study of it reveals that it is by  
far the best taxing law in America.

Building permits in the city of  
Indianapolis increased 600 per cent  
in the first quarter of this year as  
compared to the same quarter a  
year ago. Yes sir, we are about as  
far from that blow up the G. O. P.  
orators predict as we can be and  
getting better. Watch 1937. It  
promises to be the best year you  
ever knew.

The final report on the liquida-  
tion of the People's State Bank of  
Berne has been approved and the  
remaining assets after payment in  
full to depositors, have been turned  
over to the stockholders. The  
job done by R. K. Schug and lat-  
er by Robert Kramer, with N. C.  
Nelson as attorney, is one that de-  
serves the approval of the public.

A skit that impressed his audi-  
ence and will cause them to re-  
member certain points, was that  
of Earl Crawford's at Berne, when  
he appeared as king of the hoboes  
and protested that he and his as-  
sociates of the road had been put  
out of business. By the way, had  
you noticed the scarcity of the  
tramps who were so evident a year  
or two ago?

Mr. Springer seems to have  
squeezed about everything out of  
the Benjamin Harrison Life Insur-  
ance Company and then ran out  
on the boys leaving his friend Mr.  
Purnell to be the "goat." If you  
are interested in his record you  
can secure it by an investigation  
into the report of an official inves-  
tigation made by the state insur-  
ance department.

The speech by Governor Paul V.  
McNutt at the court house next  
Friday afternoon will be a snappy  
finish to one of the most interest-  
ing campaigns ever waged here.  
The governor can and will tell you  
the truth regarding the state ad-  
ministration and will put you right  
on national questions, about which  
he likewise knows much. Don't  
miss hearing him.

Another record has been set up  
by the City Light & Power Com-  
pany of Decatur, a total of 403,000  
KWH was produced in one twenty-  
four hour day this week, an amount  
rarely equaled in cities  
much larger. It's a sign of good  
times and we expect this amount  
to be largely increased during the  
next year. Decatur is breaking a  
lot of records these days.

Every one excepting the Liter-  
ary Digest feels that the election  
of President Roosevelt is assured  
and they probably have their all-  
his ready for their first edition af-  
ter November 3rd. Lyle C. Wilson  
of the United Press, after a com-  
plete survey of Indiana, predicts  
it will be in the Roosevelt column  
by a majority somewhat less than  
that of four years ago. The results  
in this state and in this county,  
depends greatly upon the vote. If  
a large vote is polled, the major-  
ities for national, state and local  
tickets will be large.

Complaints of radio interference  
are numerous these days and is  
due no doubt to a few old fashion-  
ed motors. We wouldn't attempt  
to tell any one what they should  
do but you know nearly every one  
has a radio and every one of them  
would appreciate it if something  
could be done to stop that inter-  
ference which sounds like an Erie  
switch engine had broken loose and  
was coming right through the  
machine. Think it over and per-  
haps with just a little expense and  
effort you can stop your part of  
the interference if you are using  
a leaky motor.

America has lost a great public  
servant in the death of Senator  
James Couzens of Michigan. Worth  
many millions of dollars, he was a  
real statesman who regardless of  
his ties to the Republican party,  
had the courage of his convictions.  
A candidate for renomination in  
the recent primaries, he declared  
that he would support President  
Roosevelt, heedless of the fact that  
he knew such a declaration would  
defeat him with his party. He was  
one of those who though success-  
ful in a financial way, believed in  
the rights of men and never lost  
an opportunity to cast his vote and  
his influence in their favor. To  
lose such a man is a real loss to  
America.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur



ANY PORT IN A STORM

## DISPELLING THE FOG

By Charles Michelson  
Director of Publicity, Democratic National Committee

By the time this is read the cam-  
paign of 1936 will be practically  
over. There remains, of course, the  
necessity of remaining on guard,  
of watching for the last desperate  
forays of a hemmed-in political foe  
who, realizing that defeat is at  
hand, may make a final, forlorn  
hope charge which will be as futile  
as those that have gone before.

There is also to be looked for  
some pretty rough work on Elec-  
tion Day. Those who have made  
such unscrupulous preparations  
for controlling the voting are not  
likely to be less ruthless or un-  
principled on November 3rd than  
they were when they sought to  
coerce and blackmail their employ-  
ees and the public generally into  
voting their way.

There is nothing new about dur-  
ess and pressure as political ex-  
pedients, but it is doubtful if any  
campaign since the advent of the  
an effort as is being made today  
secret ballot has witnessed such  
to force workmen to vote the boss-  
es' way. Indeed it was to curb this  
very process that the present ball-  
ot system was finally put in force.

A corporation is supposed to be  
nonpartisan in politics in simple  
justice to the shareholders who are  
variously Democrats, Republi-  
cans or whatever they please to be.  
For this reason corporations are  
forbidden by law to make political  
contributions. It is hardly an effec-  
tive law, for those who control  
the big industries can and do con-  
tribute as individuals—which in-  
cidentally is not without its bear-  
ing on the size of salaries and bon-  
uses to high officials of the com-  
panies, that have figured in recent  
investigations.

It is the same general system  
that is directed to driving the work  
people politically. They would not  
dare say directly to an employer  
"Vote for Landon or I'll fire you."  
But what they do is to stuff the  
payroll envelopes with Republican  
propaganda and convey in one way  
or another that if Franklin Roose-  
velt is not defeated the plant is  
likely to close, and more stuff of  
that sort. I have seen statements  
along this general line that were  
delivered by banks with their  
monthly statements to depositors.  
I have even heard of one concern,  
seeking to instill the fear psychol-  
ogy into the population of the  
town, that was making a practice  
of dismissing a certain number of  
its employees every week—ostensi-  
bly because of the fear of Roose-  
velt being re-elected—and replac-  
ing them with hands from outside  
the town, as the mill was crowded  
with orders.

It's curious that men in the or-  
dinary course of their lives would  
never dream of terrorizing any-  
body, have no scruples when it  
comes to trying to make their em-  
ployees vote as they wish and see  
no crime in making their corpora-  
tion function politically without  
regard to how any of their stock-  
holders may feel about it. All this  
is not going to make any difference  
on election day, thanks to the sec-

through governmental employment  
enterprises is vitally reconstruc-  
tive, since it eventuates in new  
spending and in new producing on  
a large scale." He insisted that  
"production controls, within flex-  
ible limits, and of specified com-  
modities, should be encouraged by  
governmental auspices." He also  
expressed the hope that "Ameri-  
can business, of its own motion,  
and through its own collective un-  
its," would effect the readjustment  
desired, and he followed this with  
"in so far as this hope is not re-  
alized, we pledge the Congress to  
cede to a drastic use of the power  
of taxation."

A good many of you have, no  
doubt, listened at times to the Re-  
publican National Committee's  
commentator, Mr. William Hard,  
who is announced as giving his  
impressions of the political situa-  
tion without recompense. I don't  
know whether Mr. Hard is being  
paid or not, or by whom, but it is  
a strange coincidence that he never  
fails to broadcast the iniquities  
of the New Deal and that his  
"guest" spokesmen always talk on  
the same side. It is a greater co-  
incidence to those who have fol-  
lowed Mr. Hard's career in and out  
of liberalism and party and who  
happen to remember an article of  
his in the Forum about four years  
ago. In this effort Mr. Hard out-  
lined what he considered an honest  
party platform and curiously  
enough it advocated: "A better  
control of production for the pro-  
cesses of sale."

Another of his paragraphs said  
that government "has been a janitor  
and a jailer. It must now be-  
come the architect of the social  
structure within which private  
capital may both profit and serve."  
He also insisted on "public works  
on behalf of employment and there-  
upon on behalf of consumption. If  
and when private credit cannot pro-  
vide the spark for the re-ignition  
of the cycle of consumption, it is  
for the public credit to do so." And  
he also declared that "relief

Of course, the views or previous  
views of any professional propa-  
gandist are not of great conse-  
quence in a Presidential campaign,  
as is evidenced by the circumstance  
that the betting in Wall Street is  
now 4 to 1 that Roosevelt will win  
the election.

Even the frenzied dash of Gov-  
ernor Landon to California hasn't  
changed those odds—or anything  
else.

### NO FEDERAL TAXES ON FOOD

Housewives are being bombarded with untruthful figures about the  
amount of "hidden taxes" they are paying on foods and meats. An  
advertising agency thought up the scheme and the National Republican  
Committee working undercover with a supposedly "independent women's  
council" is encouraging the distribution of handbills intended  
to accuse the Roosevelt administration. The fact is: THERE ARE  
NO FEDERAL TAXES ON FOODS OR MEATS. But the campaign  
goes on and handbills are passed out which tell the housewife that on  
each pound of beef she pays hidden taxes in the sum of 4½ cents.  
Some merchants like to display these bills as an explanation of the  
difference in the price he charges and the price he pays for beef. But  
let any housewife ask the merchant to display a tax receipt and he is  
stumped. No one pays taxes who does not get a receipt for the amount  
he pays. The truth about "hidden taxes" is this: The Federal Govern-  
ment is financed by net income taxes, estate and inheritance taxes and  
certain excise taxes which apply to certain articles of merchandise  
such as gasoline, automobiles, tires, oil, furs, candy, cigarettes, tobacco  
and electricity. These excise taxes constituted about 41% of federal  
revenues when Hoover went into office and were increased by the time  
he retired from office until they amounted to 58.2% of total federal  
revenue. Today, these same excise taxes (hidden taxes, if they wish  
it) constitute 38.5% of total Federal revenue. So, if housewives are  
perturbed about the "hidden tax" subject, they can mark it down that  
there are no hidden taxes on food and meat; there are no additional  
hidden taxes since Hoover's time, except liquor taxes; and if they care  
to, they can compare prices of today on all necessities and learn that  
they are not as high as they were in 1929. One thing is certain—if  
Republicans carry out their promise to balance the budget without  
increasing net income taxes, then they will be forced to raise and to  
create new excise or "hidden taxes"—better to be described as a  
national sales tax—in order to get sufficient Federal revenue. The  
Federal government cannot levy taxes on real estate, so it simmers  
down to this: The Republican tax program for State and Nation is an  
attempt to pass the costs of government on to the consumer through  
sales taxes. That is something for housewives really to be concerned  
about in this 1936 election.

### Answers To Test Questions

Below are the answers to the  
Test Questions printed  
on Page Two

1. Franco-German (or Franco-Prussian) war.
2. Apple-shaped.
3. India.
4. A vessel used for the exposition of the Host at Benediction, and also when carried in process.
5. American author.
6. Long Island.
7. The force which impels certain bodies or their particles to recede from each other.
8. Coke.
9. The common cold.
10. Frankfort.

1. Chattanooga.
2. In 1875 by Edmund Cartwright.
3. Boston, Mass.
4. A substance of indefinite composition, consisting essentially of clay, mixed with sufficient finely divided silicious matter to destroy its plasticity.
5. Iceland.
6. Polish novelist and poet.
7. University of California.
8. Panama Canal Zone.
9. English poet and novelist.
10. Instrument used to measure strength of a magnetic field.

### TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

From the Daily Democrat File

October 24, 1916.—Senator John W. Kern speaks to the Democrats at the court house.

E. S. Christen and M. F. Worthman go to Indianapolis to attend superintendents convention.

The Knights of Pythias installs bowling alleys.

Martin Gilson falls from his bicycle and breaks an arm.

Many Indianapolis teachers go to Indianapolis to attend annual convention.

The Democrats hold a barbecue at Berne.

Price of cotton goes to 20c for first time since the Civil War.

### Cliff Townsend Says



M. C. Townsend

mailed a loving.  
But, it does owe both of them the opportunity.

Only in the spirit of good neighborliness can society permanently solve any of its problems. Spurning this we revert to the jungles of hate and the darkness of the middle ages.

Excessive taxation on homes and farm lands penalizes the very foundations of our government.

Back in 1932, Federal Reserve banks were lending money to stock market gamblers for 2½%, while the federal rate on farm loans was 6%. Today the farmers get a 3½ and 4% federal loan and the gamblers are off the credit list.

If the lamb followed Mary to school these days it would have to have a trailer.

### Modern Etiquette By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it ever proper for a man to take a girl's arm, when in public?  
A. He may do so when assisting her into an automobile, street-car, or other public conveyance; also when crossing a street or passing through a jostling crowd of people.  
Q. What is the correct position for the oyster fork when setting the table?  
A. At the extreme right of the cover.  
Q. When occupying a box at the theater where should the host sit?  
A. Directly behind his wife.

### Household Scrapbook By Roberta Lee

**Polishing Glass**  
Try polishing the mirrors and the picture glasses with a chamolus wrung out of clear water, and then polishing with another dry chamolus.  
**Lumpy Salt**  
Put about three teaspoonsful of cornstarch into each cup of salt and it will prevent lumps forming.  
**Scorched Cooking**  
If it is suspected that the cooking has been scorched by neglecting it for a minute too long, lift it quickly from the fire and stand it in a pan of water for a few minutes.

### PLEASANT MILLS NEWS

Numerous friends went to the home of Mrs. Joe Durbin to surprise her on her birthday anniversary.

### You'll Turn Your Back on Your Admin

In this Frock of  
Black Broadcloth  
Girdled in Satin

By ELLEN WORTH

A soft girdle attracts attention to the snug waistline of the basque-like bodice of this black broadcloth dress. As you already know, black broadcloth is one of the smartest fabrics of the season.

The girdle is lustrous black satin crepe. The black broadcloth buttons down the back of the bodice have rims of the satin crepe.

You'll like the below-the-elbow length full shoulder sleeves and the high draped neck. The slender skirt has a young fared swing hem.

You couldn't ask for anything easier to sew. It requires but 3½ yards of 39-inch material with ¼ yard of 39-inch contrasting material for belt for the 16 year size.

Other nice suggestions are nubby crepe silks, plain or plaid woolen, velvet, etc.

Style No. 1894 is designed for sizes 14, 16, 18 and 20 years.

Get yourself a handcraft hobby! Many interesting things which you can accomplish with your hands come under the head of "Handcrafts." Knit yourself a smart new dress, sweater or accessories, it's easy even for a beginner with the new knit guide. Household linens either hand or machine monogrammed will thrill the new bride. Make yourself a little star appliqued chintz flounce for your dressing table. Personalize the children's room with motifs that will please them or make a quilt that will someday be an heirloom piece. You will find everything from the latest dressmaking designs, glove making, knitting, quilting and embroidery in the latest FASHION AND NEEDLEWORK BOOK. It is worth many times its cost which is only 10 cents.

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## St. Marys Township VOTERS

The total amount your township received  
this year from the state for SCHOOL  
PURPOSES ONLY, was ..... \$4,572.75.  
Of this amount, \$3,825.00 was from gross income tax.  
Valuation of your township is \$1,346,400.00.  
Your present school tax rate is 87c.  
Additional property tax rate needed if  
state support is withdrawn by repeal of  
gross income tax law ..... 34c per \$100.

### VOTE FOR TOWNSEND AND THE DEMOCRATIC TICKET

Political Advt.