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Sheriff's Sale.
The State of Indiana, Adams County, ss: In the Adams Circuit Court, of Adams County, Indiana.
The Union Central Life Insurance Company, a corporation, vs. Adam Stemmer, Martha B. M. Stemmer, Charles E. Everett, Eliza Vachan, Mary Vachan, Samuel Pink, Mrs. J. S. Pink, John S. Bowles.
No. 4690.
By virtue of an order of sale to me directed by the Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, of said County and State, I have levied upon the real estate hereinafter mentioned and will expose for sale at public auction at the east door of the Court House in the city of Decatur, Adams County, Indiana, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on

Saturday, September 15, 1894.
The rents and profits for a term not exceeding seven years, of the following described real estate, situated in Adams County, Indiana, to-wit:
The west half (1/2) of the southeast quarter (1/4) of section twenty-four (24), containing (80) acres, and the north half (1/2) of the northwest quarter (1/4) of the northwest quarter (1/4) of section twenty-five (25), containing twenty (20) acres of land, both of the above described tracts of land being in township twenty-five (25), range fourteen (14), containing one hundred (100) acres of land, all in Adams county, in the State of Indiana.
And on failure to realize therefrom the full amount of judgment, interest thereon and costs, I will at the same time and in the same manner aforesaid, offer for sale the fee simple of the above described premises.
Taken as the property of Adam Stemmer, et al., to satisfy said order of sale this 24th day of August, 1894.
SAMUEL DOAK, Sheriff.
By Daniel N. Erwin, Deputy.

Administrator's Sale of Real Estate.
In the matter of the estate of William H. Kilduff, deceased.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the said estate will on and after

Tuesday, September 25, 1894.
At ten o'clock a. m. at the law office of Richard K. Erwin, in the City of Decatur, Indiana, offer for sale at private sale, the following real estate belonging to said estate in Adams County, Indiana, to-wit: The south half of the northeast quarter of section thirty-three (33), in township twenty-seven (27), north range fourteen (14) east, in Adams County, Indiana, containing eighty acres, more or less.
Also, a part of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section thirty-three (33), in township twenty-seven (27), north range fourteen (14) east, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section thirty-three (33); thence east seventy-three rods to the Cincinnati, Richmond & Fort Wayne railroad; thence north with said railroad thirteen (13) and one-sixth rods; thence west parallel with first line seventy-three rods; thence south thirteen and one-sixth rods to the place of beginning, all in township twenty-seven (27), north range fourteen (14) east, except the right of way of the Cincinnati, Richmond & Fort Wayne railroad across said real estate. All in pursuance with an order of the Adams Circuit Court made at the August term 1894, therefor.
Should said lands not sell at the time above mentioned, the sale will continue from day to day until it is sold.
TERMS OF SALE:—One-third cash; one-third in nine months, and one-third in eighteen months from date of sale. Deferred payments to bear six per cent interest from date of sale, and to be secured by first mortgage upon said real estate.
MICHAEL MILLER, Adm'r.
R. K. Erwin, Att'y.

Notice to Non-Residents.
The State of Indiana Adams county, ss. In the Adams Circuit Court, August term, 1894.
Rachel Cole, vs. Mary A. Daugherty, Robert A. Rising, Laura Rising et al.
Petition for Partition, No. 4581.
It appearing from affidavit filed in the above entitled cause, that Robert A. Rising, Laura Rising, Louis B. Rising, William H. Rising, Alfred C. Rising, Etta Rising, Joseph Rising, Mary Leisher and Peter Leisher, of the above named defendants are non-residents of the State of Indiana.
Notice is therefore hereby given the said Robert A. Rising, Laura Rising, Louis B. Rising, William H. Rising, Alfred C. Rising, Etta Rising, Joseph Rising, Mary Leisher and Peter Leisher, that they be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Adams Circuit Court, on the 18th day of August, 1894, the same being the first judicial day of the next regular term thereof, to be held at the Court House in the city of Decatur, commencing on Monday the 18th day of August, A. D. 1894, and plead by answer or demurr to said complaint, or the same will be heard and determined in their absence.
Witness my name, and the seal of said court hereunto affixed, this 9th day of April, A. D. 1894.
By E. Burt Lehart, Deputy.
Peterson & Lutz, Att'y's for Plff.

Commissioner's Sale of Real Estate.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, James T. Merryman, commissioner appointed by the Adams Circuit Court of Adams County, Indiana, in the case for partition in which James H. Stone as plaintiff and Lucy E. Luckey, Benjamin F. Stone, et al. are defendants, to make sale of real estate ordered sold by said court in said cause, will as such commissioner, in pursuance of said order of court on

Saturday, September 22, 1894.
At ten o'clock a. m. at the law office of Richard K. Erwin, in the City of Decatur, Indiana, offer for sale at private vendue the following real estate belonging to said estate, in the County of Adams, in the State of Indiana, to-wit:
The west half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-five (25), in township twenty-seven (27), north range thirteen (13) east; and the west half of the northeast quarter of section thirty-six (36), in township twenty-seven (27), north range thirteen (13) east, containing in all one hundred and sixty acres of land. All in pursuance with an order of the Adams Circuit Court, made at the August, 1894 term thereof.
Should said lands not sell at the time above mentioned, the sale will be continued from day to day until it is sold.
TERMS OF SALE:—One-third cash; one-third in nine months and one-third in eighteen months from day of sale. Deferred payments to bear six per cent interest from day of sale, and to be secured by first mortgage upon the said real estate.
GEORGE M. T. HOUCK, Adm'r.
R. K. Erwin, Att'y.

TRUE BALLOT REFORM.

Indiana Democracy's Record in This Respect.

How the Legislation of 1889 Was Brought About.

Shameless Abuses of the Old System. Dorsey's Two Dollar Notes and Dudley's "Blocks-of-Five" - Vote Buying as a Fine Art - Republican Game Blocked. Australian Ballot Knocks It Out - Enduring Glory of the Democratic Party.

It is a remarkable fact in the history of the American commonwealths that, while progressing so rapidly in other respects, they have always been singularly backward in matters relating to the exercise of the suffrage. For a free people, who govern themselves by the ballot, the first and most essential requisite would seem to be laws regulating the principles and methods of voting. The ballot is the recorded opinion of the masses. In no other way can the will of the majority be ascertained and the government set in motion. The first step, therefore, in a republic controlled by suffrage would naturally be a law clearly ascertaining the right and providing the means for a fair and honest vote of the enfranchised citizen. Yet it is not too much to say that scarcely a state in the Union, during the first hundred years of the country's history, had a scientific or even decent ballot law. The codes prevailing in most of the states were crude, imperfect, unsatisfactory in operation and often little short of barbarous. The so-called ballot laws led to endless confusion in practice and were fruitful breeders of corruption and oppression. They seemed especially adapted to invite that most insidious and dangerous crime against the life of a republic, the purchase of votes. While nominally secret, the ballot was really open, and the voter was subject to that espionage, intimidation and tampering which is fatal to a fair ascertainment of the popular will. The arrangements for counting and announcing the result were little better than the method of voting. Every facility was afforded the dishonest election officer to play his game of chicanery, while the voter outside was left a prey to unprincipled party "workers" and the schemes of designing politicians.

How to remedy this crying abuse was long a subject of earnest thought on the part of many American legislators. Various schemes were devised, but none were satisfactory in operation. The so-called reforms proved inadequate to reach the seat of the evil; the relief was but temporary, and one by one they were abandoned as wholly inadequate to the emergency. At length, unable to invent for themselves, the ballot reformers were forced to go across the world for a hint of the needed law. It was left for the people of the former penal colony of Australia to solve the vexed problem. They invented what has since been widely famed as the Australian ballot law. While not perfect, nor a complete remedy for all abuses, the Australian system is undoubtedly the best yet devised for the purpose. While simple in operation, the results under honest administration are so fair as to satisfy the most exacting. Indiana was among the first of the states of the American Union to adopt this new system. When the Democratic party took charge of the legislature in 1889 one of the first measures introduced was a bill to reform the ballot, modeled on the Australian law. The Republican party opposed it bitterly. Under the old system that party had enjoyed a great advantage. The loose methods and imperfect details afforded facilities for the practice of those abuses in which the Republican party had become an adept and an artist. Under the old laws that shameful traffic in votes, which for years made the name of Indiana a byword and a reproach, had been brought by the Republican party to such a degree of perfection that honest elections were an impossibility under these laws. Dorsey's two-dollar bill campaign of 1880 converted the whole state into a market for the purchase and sale of votes. Under these laws in 1888 Dudley reduced the "blocks of five" system to a fine art. Our elections for years were roaring farces, when not bloody tragedies, and free government was practically overthrown by the poisoning of its basic principle at the fountain source.

From all these evils the state was rescued by the Democratic ballot law, which first went into operation at the fall election in 1890. Then, for the first time probably since the war, Indiana had an election that was absolutely honest and fair. The humblest citizen was able to vote in perfect secrecy, undisturbed by the pestiferous "ticket handler" on the one hand or the partisan intimidator on the other. Crowds of hoodlums no longer assembled around the polls to abash or influence the honest voter. The trade of the vote buyer was abolished and the occupation of the whipper-in was gone. Under the new law it was found practically impossible to bring the power of money to bear to influence votes. Nor can the wealthy employer control his workmen as formerly, as under the Australian system it is impossible to ascertain how many men casts his ballot. These and other evils were removed, and it is not too much to say that Indiana now enjoys an electoral system that is substantially perfect. Elections being honest and the count fair, the people acquiesce peacefully and cheerfully in the will of the majority as ascertained at the polls. No longer is the bitter complaint heard that "the state was bought" or "the count was not honest," which cries constituted the aftermath of every general election held in the state from the 60's to the 90's. It is the enduring glory of the Democratic party that it placed this great law on the statute book and thereby rescued the state from the incalculable evils incident to a corrupted suffrage. Not only was it the greatest of reforms itself, but it was the fruitful parent of other great reforms which depend for realization upon an honest system of voting. Had the Democratic party done no more in all its later career, the passage of the Australian ballot law would alone entitle it to the lasting gratitude of the people of Indiana.

MURDERED HIS WIFE.

Young Fletcher Sherman Also Shoots His Mother-In-Law.

POLICE OFFICER KILLED.

While Pursuing Burglars He Meets Death at Cleveland—Pennsylvania Cobbler Terribly Beaten by Thieves—Nebraska Man Saved From Lynching—Farmer Wounded by His Daughter's Lover.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Sept. 6.—William F. Hayes, a young white man 20 years of age, a fisherman by occupation, murdered his 16-year-old wife and dangerously wounded his mother-in-law, Mrs. Susan Mason, in East Jacksonville. Hayes' wife had left him on account of cruelty several months ago and gone to live with her mother. Last night Hayes appeared at the house and was admitted. Without provocation he began shooting, wounding Mrs. Mason twice in the head and once in the side. His wife ran behind the bed and he followed her, shooting her through the back, the ball passing through her heart, out at her left breast and through her left hand. Hayes then calmly reloaded his pistol and walked out. Searching parties are after the murderer.

KILLED BY BURGLARS.

Police Officer at Cleveland While Pursuing Thieves Is Shot.
CLEVELAND, Sept. 6.—Police Sergeant Nicholas Sheehan was murdered yesterday by two burglars whom the officer was pursuing. The burglars opened fire on the sergeant and he fell to the sidewalk with a bullet in his breast. Later it was found that the burglars had made an unsuccessful attempt to blow open the safe in the office of the Ohio Provision company.

Saved From Lynching.

JULESBURG, Colo., Sept. 6.—Chris Frohm, wife murderer, living about 18 miles from here in Nebraska, was saved from being lynched at Cheppell, Neb., where his preliminary hearing was held, by being spirited away on a freight train to Ogallala. Mrs. Frohm disappeared last May. Her husband told the neighbors she had gone away visiting. Her body has been found buried in a field and it is evident she was killed by a blow on the head or by strangulation. Frohm now claims she hanged herself and he then buried her.

Doctor Fatally Shot.

ATLANTA, Sept. 6.—Dr. Robert B. Jackson, a well-known specialist, is lying in his rooms at the point of death. Upon returning to his office he heard a rummaging in an adjoining room. Going thither, he found a colored man, who at once began firing upon him, sending five bullets into his body. As officers rushed into the office the murderer jumped through an open window down 24 feet to the sidewalk. Recovering himself almost instantly, he disappeared.

Beaten by Thieves.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Sept. 6.—Saffron Haas, a cobbler, had \$2,000 concealed in his shop, which was broken into by burglars. The thieves attacked Haas with a blackjack and beat him almost to death, but did not succeed in getting the money, as the police hearing his cries for aid came in time to frighten them away. Haas' skull is fractured in half a dozen places and he will probably die.

Shot by His Daughter's Lover.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 6.—Farmer Samuel Banks, living south of Falls City, objected to Edward Stratton's suit for his daughter's hand and roughly used the young man in ejecting him from the Banks residence Sunday night. Yesterday near the Banks home young Stratton emptied the contents of a shotgun into Banks' body and he will likely die. Stratton escaped.

YOUTHFUL DEPRAVITY.

Two Striking Cases of It Recently Developed in London.

LONDON, Sept. 6.—Two cases of juvenile depravity are just now attracting attention in medical and humanitarian circles. In one case a boy named Edward Medhurst, who is just entering his fifth year, has been declared by a medical commission to be incurably afflicted with a homicidal mania. Within a month he has stabbed six children about his own age, one of whom will probably die, while several other little ones have narrowly escaped his attacks.
The other boy, 7 years of age, of a respectable family, has been committed by a local magistrate for medical examination and observation upon no less than 20 charges of stealing articles from housekeepers and stores in the neighborhood of his home. His father testified that he had been a victim of kleptomania since his fourth year, and that kindness and the most severe forms of punishment were alike unavailing to procure a cure.

Bids Opened.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—Bids for furnishing blanks and striking in bronze 33,555 medals of award for the world's Columbian exposition have been opened at the treasury department. There were seven bids, that of the Scovill Manufacturing company of Waterbury, Conn., at \$22,000, being the lowest.

UNIFORM BY WIRE.

The condition of ex-Secretary of War Elkins is improved.
An Indian uprising is threatened in the Northwest territory.
Jack Dempsey and Billy McCarthy fought a 20-round draw at New Orleans.
Governor Waite was renominated by the Populist state convention at Pueblo, Colorado.
Burglars entered the Washburn ticket office at Springfield, Ill., at the noon hour and robbed the safe of \$1,000.
At Lexington, Ky., the miners scale was signed by the operators and 500 men who have been out for three months returned to work.

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