

# THE DEMOCRAT

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The Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo, will close November 2 at midnight.

The Dunn murder trial is on in the Allen circuit court at Fort Wayne. Many of our readers will recall the sensation following the public disclosure of the atrocious crime, which occurred sometime in July last.

Cincinnati is enjoying a high class sensation. Expert crackmen stole \$14,000 worth of stamps from the vault in the postoffice and escaped with the booty. It was the boldest robbery of recent years and will give the Pinkerton's something to hold them for awhile.

The Cleveland Citizen, claims after a thorough investigation, that Colgoz, the slayer of President McKinley, was a republican, and made speeches in the Polish language for the republican party last year. We hope this fact will in no way clog the wheels of justice.

In the courts at Georgetown, Kentucky, the trial for the murder of Governor Goebel is in progress again. Our own fair state gets mixed in with the infamous affair by harboring one of the fugitives from public suspicion in connection with the case. May Indiana wash its hands in innocence. —Bernie Witness, rep.

We are glad to chronicle the continued improvement in the condition of Congressman J. M. Robinson, who for three weeks has been hovering between life and death. Typhoid fever in its most malignant form has greatly reduced and weakened his physical condition, and at the best it will be many weeks before he can stand much endurance.

The Schley court of inquiry has this far and will to the end, vindicate this brave officer against the slurs of a navy clerk that has been running this department of our national government with all the high class mobbery that it was possible to concentrate in one spot. Heretofore the president has given them aid and encouragement, but it is to be hoped that now it will stop.

The Hon. John J. Nolan of Evansville, will be a candidate for the position of state chairman of the Indiana democratic state central committee and already his boom is growing. The Hon. B. W. Campbell of Anderson, has been mentioned, and who also would be acceptable to a large majority of Indiana democrats. A practical, enthusiastic and popular state chairman is in demand, and if any one contains these qualifications and is willing to devote his time to the cause, let him speak up.

James Fox of the Wayne circuit court, upholds the new wage law, a product of the last legislature.

The steamboat manufacturers of Ohio, Indiana and Illinois had a meeting at Indianapolis the other day, and arranged to combine their interests by the popular trust route. The capital stock will amount to \$22,000,000.

The Hon. Hugh Dougherty of Ellettsburg, as president of the Indiana Banker's association, was presiding at their annual meeting held at Indianapolis yesterday and today. Mr. Dougherty stands high not only in the circles of his business, but socially, politically and religiously, and as an all round acceptable American citizen, is hard to beat.

If Bob Hanna does not care to burden his party with the g. o. p. nomination for congress in the twelfth district, the Rev. Ralph C. Jones, at one time the Methodist minister at Hoagland, will relieve him, and news paper announcements to this effect have already been given out. One good thing ought to hold Bob Hanna for awhile, but it some times takes two to ally the office men that prevail even in the twentieth century.

Princeton, Indiana, is the place and the evening of November 5, the time, when a democratic meeting and banquet will be given. The occasion is attracting so little attention, which fact demonstrates the eagerness and general good feeling that exist within the channels of the party. Among the speakers for the occasion are the Hon. B. P. Shively, Samuel M. Ralston, Eph Luman and John W. Kern. It will be the first important gathering since 1900, and will be attended by democrats from all sections of the state.

The Columbus Star is the only republican newspaper in the state that is reading Governor Duffin's titles clear for harboring fugitives Taylor and Finley. Among the many truthful things the Star says: "Why should the responsibility of harboring a man who is charged with a heinous crime rest upon the republican party of Indiana? If Taylor is guilty he should suffer; if innocent the charge should be lifted from him. The only way either will be done will be by a trial. Let us reverse the two. Suppose Goebel had killed Taylor and fled to Indiana, would the governor of this great state have known his strong and protecting arm around him and said 'no, you shall not be taken back.'"

James J. Schwartz will soon give his reply to the explanation as given to us by the attorney-general. It will be to the effect that they would never have refused to affirm if nobody had asked any more of them than the attorney-general does. —Bernie Witness.

The officers of Adams county ask no more of Preacher Schwartz and his religious sect, than the attorney-general of Indiana asks or would ask of them. When the statutory laws are complied with, Rev. Schwartz will have no better friends than the officers of Adams county, and the sooner he begins to serve the Lord by obeying these laws, that much sooner will he be giving practical evidence of that christianity about which he so loudly professes.

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## SCHLEY A GALLANT OFFICER.

Nothing that has occurred since the beginning of the Schley inquiry has more clearly shown the deliberate intention of the bureau clique to blot out the rear admiral's character at any cost than the silly testimony of Lieut-Commander Potter formerly navigator of the Massachusetts. Mr. Potter doubtless fulfills all the navy regulations as to silk underwear and pipe-stoned shoes, but he has very nearly convicted himself of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman by his transparent attempt to place upon the hero of Santiago the stigma of cowardice.

In his testimony Potter declared that Admiral Schley showed evidence, during the bombardment, of being under "extreme mental excitement" in "the performance of an unpleasant duty," that he began the bombardment with the intention of destroying the Colon, and that he finished miles away with his mind changed. The whole trend of the testimony was intended that the then commodore was scared—scared in the face of the enemy, scared into abandoning a definitely fixed line of action. And this of the gallant officer who, five weeks later, stood outside the conning tower of the Brooklyn fighting his ship while the Spanish shells splattered turret and armor and stuck all about him, while the blood of the only American killed in the action was spilled almost at his feet, and while one after another of the swift Castilian cruisers struck their flags under the splendid fire of the ships he commanded! And, incidentally, while Potter gallantly straddled the deck of the Massachusetts coaling at Guantanamo, forty miles away!

No one can say that Lieut-Commander Potter lied when he testified. He was clever enough to avoid direct statements and to leave loopholes through which a man of his size may escape the necessity of flat charges. In the language of the street, Mr. Potter is a "side-stepper." And he is also an ass, as is any other man who attempts to make the American people believe that Rear Admiral Schley is a coward or ever was a coward. The people know the man it was who found the Spanish fleet, who bottled it up, and who fed it to the fishes. And knowing these things, they know how to classify Lieut-Commander Potter. —Sentinel.

Are now there is real talk of the Congressman Croner machine walking right into Madison county and sewing up a solid delegation for himself in the next congressional convention. It is about time for this McCollough newspaper bureau to be getting in its best looks. Certainly the goods must be delivered or the funds will cease, as McCollough is a great fellow to see results.

Under the act of 1901 in regard to cities (acts of 1901, p. 114) all councilmen in office go out of office at the next city election, and successors must be then elected for those who were elected for four years, as well as for those whose terms would expire in 1902 under the old law. The legislature acting within the power which the supreme court has recognized, reduced the terms of councilmen elected in 1900 for four years. It is well settled by the supreme court, that where the term of an officer is fixed by the constitution, the legislature can not reduce it; but that where the office has been created by statute, the term may be reduced or the office abolished in the discretion of the legislature.

## FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Robert A. Ehinger Writes Entertainingly About Army Life.

Angadanan, P. I.  
 Sept. 6, 1901.

The Decatur Democrat, Decatur, Ind. Dear Friends:—I just got through reading your valuable paper of July 11th giving an account of the 4th of July blowout and it kind of made me homesick, not just exactly homesick, but hungry. I am glad to hear of old Decatur keeping up with the times, and there is many times that I wish I was back there, although just at the present we are having it easy but this place that I am now stationed in is something fierce. It is located right in the heart of the mountains. We are here to guard the pass that is used by pack trains plying between towns and talk about being homesick, good heavens. I have been here six months and it seems more like six years. There is not one-half dozen shacks in this place. The pack trains go through every two weeks and we get mail every two months, don't that sound pleasant. But there is talk of the 16th Regt. getting a change of station in the near future and the good Lord knows it will be welcome as the 16th now covers 175 miles of territory cut up in detachments of tens and twelves and one thing is certain they can not send us to any worse nor hotter place than this unless they send us down below. I have been in 76 towns and villages since landing over here, and that is just 76 more than I want to see again. My health has been very good in the last year only. I am getting as gray headed as a rat, early piety I guess that is the cause of that. As far as the Insurrection is concerned it is all over but we have to be awfully careful as the woods are full of Ladrones and its pie for them to way lay two or three men and butcher them, which has happened quite often lately. We are feeling rather good at this place but not on government rations by any means. We go out hunting almost every week and have never failed as yet to bring back a young deer or a wild hog or two deer and a hog. They are plenty around here and so are snakes and all small ones at that. You may think I am telling you a snake story but this is the truth. The detachment at St. Louis 18 miles from here killed one which measured 21 feet and 7 inches. We killed one not 50 yards from our quarters, that measured over eight feet in length and had a head on it as big as a common water bucket. I don't know what kind of a snake that was natives called it they had some queer name for it, but I do know it was no friend of mine. Well I guess that is enough. Wishing you well with regards to every body, I remain Yours Truly Robert A. Ehinger.

Dr. H. E. Keller, Decatur's up-to-date physician has added to his already well equipped office a Gawne's Static Generator, for electrical treatment. The machine was on exhibition last week at Smith, Yager & Falk's drug store and is the first on the market. By its use you can be cured of acute and chronic diseases of every kind, including rheumatism, paralysis, nervous prostration, headache, sciatic trouble, lumbago, stomach, liver and kidney trouble. It will also destroy by absorption tumors and growths of every kind, pimples and blotches. An X-Ray machine will be added shortly analyzing Dr. Keller's office equal to any in the world. 31-4

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## Fair Association Meeting.

The Adams County Fair Association met at the court house Monday, Oct. 21, for the purpose of electing new officers for the coming year. The membership was well represented and the spirit of the meeting was surely animated. The first part of the day's program should have been a financial report, but as so many had been negligent in sending in the bills, it caused the treasurer to spend a considerable time in checking out from the small fund that had been hoped to be left in the treasury. Finally it was decided that the Society could proceed to discuss some of the questions that were thought necessary to come before the entire membership. After some very lively discussion several questions had to be voted on, some of which decided that the chair appoint committees, one on preparing plat of grounds, also that he appoint the committee on revision of premium list, and several other minor appointments. But the question arousing the warmest discussion, and one that was thought by some to be of the most vital importance, was the question of changing the name of the Society from the unassuming Adams County Agricultural Fair Association to one they thought of greater notoriety, The Great Northern Indiana Fair Association. However, this enthusiastic, but good humored debate had to be ended by putting it to a vote, which decided that a majority preferred to be called by the plain Adams county name. The question of whether next season the Society should hold fair one day longer than the past fair—beginning on Monday instead of Tuesday, called forth some lively discussion, but even the advocates of the extra day, after considering the name of the association that it is only a common county affair, thought four days a plenty and the matter was satisfactorily settled. The report of the treasurer was read and approved. It was drawing towards evening when the election came off, that placed the

same men at the head as the past season. The Society adjourned feeling that all had enjoyed a jolly good time, and expecting to have another such day some time in holiday week, the exact date to be announced later. T. H. Harris, secretary.

David Murphy was born April 17, 1843 in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, died October 14, 1901 in the city of Decatur, age fifty-eight years, five months and twenty-seven days. He enlisted in the service of his country at Decatur, Indiana, December, 1863 at the age of nineteen years in Co. C, Eleventh Indiana Volunteer Cavalry, which was attached to Wilson's Cavalry Corps. Participated in the battles of Franklin and Nashville and received his discharge at Fort Leavenworth, September, 1865. He was a member of Sam Henry Post No. 63, G. A. R. He was married to Mary A. Glass, daughter of Noah and Sarah Glass. To this union were born five children, two sons and three daughters, namely Emma E., Noah C., Sarah G., Susan M. and Lewis M. He united with the Alpha M. E. church in 1869, and was afterward transferred to the N. B. C. at Union Chapel to which he remained a faithful and true member until death, often occupying responsible positions in his church, and at the time of his death was steward. He leaves a wife, two sons, three daughters, eleven grand children, one brother, two sisters and a host of friends to mourn their loss of a good husband, father and citizen, but we trust our loss is his gain. The funeral services were held at Union Chapel church, October 17, 1901 at two o'clock p. m., Rev. C. T. Betts of St. Mary's, Ohio, officiating. The remains were interred at the Union Chapel cemetery, G. A. R. Post taking charge at the grave. The funeral was largely attended. The family wishes to thank all for their kind assistance during their time of need.

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