

CROMER THE NOMINEE

The Antis Made a Game Fight

Adams County Gave Cromer Four Hundred and One Majority.

The Congressional primary was Tuesday fought to a finish, the result showing a distinct preference for the Hon. George W. Cromer the present representative in congress from this, the eighth district. The campaign ball was started rolling January 23, when the chairman of the several counties in the district met in Muncie, and decided that a new deal be given, and that the next nominee be elected by a direct vote of the g. o. p. at a primary to be held Tuesday, March 1. At that time there were four candidates, but by agreement two of them ducked, leaving the field to the nominee and Morey M. Dunlap of Madison county. The campaign became quite lively and much was said that caused many democrats to blush with shame. The g. o. p. did not seem to mind it, and moved along with the procession, shouting the many noble qualities of their preference, and giving the other fellow the benefit of the King's English with all kinds of interrogation points. In Adams county the prevailing sentiment was a fair criterion of what was going on elsewhere in the district, it really got warm here, and several never-sweats pulled their coats and got busy. In addition to these there were all the fellows who carries a good sized quarter of the globe around in their vest pockets on election day, and they were busy all the time. The first guesses made were two to one in favor of Cromer, and it never changed a whit from that time until the polls closed. The returns give Cromer a majority in the county of 401, and that is all or more than was ever claimed for him. He held his own and the other fellows held theirs, and they worked hard to do it, and accomplished good work in so holding it. As usual the Democrat kept open house and received returns, not only from the county but the district. The office was crowded from early in the evening until after midnight, when it was known that Cromer had carried the district by about the vote as is given in this article. The returns from the county by precincts is as follows:

Precincts.	Cromer.	Dunlap.
Union	13	7
Root	37	34
Preble	30	—
Kirkland	39	7
Washington	64	13
St. Marys, N	56	25
St. Marys, S	57	22
Blue Creek, N	35	6
Blue Creek, S	41	1
Monroe	48	3
French	30	2
Hartford	14	42
Wabash	28	39
Jefferson, E	14	6
Jefferson, W	34	13
Decatur, N	96	80
Decatur, S	89	83
Berne	93	11
Geneva	82	105
Total	900	499

Cromer's majority 401
In the other counties of the district the same warm fight was in progress, the official returns presenting the following table:

	Cromer	Dunlap
Adams	401	
Delaware	3439	
Jay	45	
Madison		1968
Randolph		568
Wells	373	

Cromer majority 1722.

The vote in Madison county was short 4000, and the reason given is that they are not used to primaries, the convention idea prevailing there exclusively. This is no doubt a

valid reason for this light vote. In the other hand a heavy vote was cast in Delaware county and this was to the advantage of Mr. Cromer. In Randolph the antis went after all the battle scarred veterans in politics and laid them out, while Jay run neck and neck and was a pretty horse race. Wells claimed a majority for Dunlap but went wrong badly. It can be truthfully said that the Cromer vote in Adams was greater in percentage than in any county in the district, and if this it is worth anything to Mr. Cromer, he will please establish another postoffice and thus show his appreciation of the kind of friendship that sticks close to the ribs.

The Young Matrons Club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. French Quinn.

C. E. Newlin, chairman of the Prohibition party for the state of Indiana will lecture at the court room in this city at 7:30 o'clock p. m. of March 11. Mr. Newlin is an interesting, powerful and logical orator and no doubt his address here will be good to listen to. The public is urged to attend.

On Thursday evening of this week will occur the usual annual mite box opening of the Ladies Mite Society of the Baptist church, the event to occur at the home of Mrs. Wilda Watts. A short program has been arranged, refreshments will be served and the ladies guarantee a good time. A general invitation is extended to the public.

Grandma Mary Teeter died at the home of Samuel Teeter east of Berne Saturday Feb. 27, after an illness of nearly two weeks. About the 13th she accidentally fell, striking her head on the stove near by. She suffered from blood poisoning caused by the wound and that together with old age brought her death. The deceased was born Sept. 14, 1826, in Ohio and her age at death was 77 years, 5 months and 13 days. The funeral services were held Monday. Interment took place at the Crawford cemetery.—Berne Witness.

Mrs. Teeter had a number of relatives in Decatur and was quite well known.

Prof. H. E. Rittgers of Linn Grove has opened a mail order business, giving instruction in auctioneering. He has issued circulars announcing that he will give twenty five lessons, within eight weeks, same to cost a ten dollar bill. The school is known as the Institute of Auctioneering and especial attention is given to instructing on the following lines: Principles of general auctioneering and salesmanship; sales of personal property, such as household goods, farming implements; sales of live stock, such as horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, chickens, etc.; sale of lands, town lots, properties, etc.; how to close deals, how to make binding contracts, etc. Five lectures are given with each course on important topics relating to selling, what to say and how to say it.

Dr. J. S. Boyers has telegraphed President Roosevelt, the Indiana senators and Congressman Cromer, asking them to use their influence to have Col. William C. Gorgas, surgeon of the United States Army, appointed as one of the members of the Panama Canal Commission. This is in accordance with a concerted action of the American Medical Society of the United States who have associations in every state in the Union and from where similar telegrams will be sent and influence given in behalf of Col. Gorgas. The object is given that of necessity to public health that a member of this commission should be of high rank as a surgeon and physician. Dr. Boyers represents the Adams county medical society, they being organized in county and congressional districts, for the uplifting of their own profession, and especially for the public good. It is roughly estimated that more than 2000 such letters were sent to the president and if they do not touch a tender chord we do not know what will. The object is a worthy one and deserves the good graces of the president and all concerned.

On next Tuesday Madison township in Jay county will vote on giving a subsidy of \$13,500 to the C. B. & C. railroad. Quite a contest is on, and vote bids fair to be close.

There is no doubt now but that the interlocking switch system we mentioned a few days ago is now an assured fact, as the surveying parties of the Grand Rapids railroad are in the city today surveying laying out the ground and making their plans and specifications so as to be able to proceed at once as soon as the weather becomes a little warmer so that outside work can be carried on successfully. The three roads are desirous of this system so that all future trouble at the target may be avoided.

An affidavit has been filed at Decatur for the arrest of a fellow by the name of Fred Morgan as accused of having stolen some jewelry from one of his many sweethearts. A telephone message from Decatur this afternoon stated positively that the Morgan was not the Fred Morgan of this city and it is hoped the similarity of names will cause our Fred no embarrassment.—Bluffton Banner.

Harry Johns left yesterday morning for Deadwood, South Dakota where he expects to make his future home. He received a letter a few days ago from his Uncle Samuel Rice, who owns a large cattle ranch there asking him to come at once and make his home with him, and he would take care of him. Harry at once accepted the terms and will join his uncle as fast as the cars can get him there. He has been employed for some time with Beery & Holthouse from which firm he goes very highly recommended for his honesty and integrity. This is certainly a very wise move on the part of the young man and we wish him success in his new venture.

Squire Smith dealt out a little justice in his court Tuesday against Fred Sewers and Chil Omel, respective bar tenders for Harvey Todd and Mathias Schaffer, on a charge perferred by one Joseph Rogers with selling spirituous and intoxicating liquors to one Augustus C. Gregory well knowing at the time that the said Gregory was then and here intoxicated and that this fact was well known to both Omel and Seivers. Both men plead guilty to the charges and were fined ten dollars and costs amounting in all to eighteen dollars and eighty cents in each case. The evidence in both of these cases was gathered up by a private detective and by his shrewdness I wove about these men such a vast amount of evidence that they were forced to admit their guilt. The detective stated to be a representative of this paper that he was interested in this enough to say that other prosecutions and arrests would follow, if the practice of selling this man drinks was not stopped.

A meeting of the Democratic City Committee was held at this office Friday night at which time an organization was made which made Calvin Miller chairman, Omar Cross secretary, and Wall Wemhoff treasurer. The remaining members of the committee are James RSmith, L. W. Frank and Peter Amspaugh, whose place last evening was filled by Leander Brokaw. The committee are already on their tip toes and propose to make an organization in the city such as they never had before, and which will bring frightful results in the election of every democrat nominated. A good working committee supported as it should be, can do this. The chairman is the best worker along these lines in the city, and we venture the prediction that the results of May 3, 1904 will verify these statements. There will be no sleeping while on duty and where good efficient work is done the best work results may be expected. The candidates nominated and every democrat in the city should personally proffer their services to the committee and do everything they can for the success of the ticket.

The county council of Allen county has appropriated the sum of \$29,846.25 to pay ex sheriffs and clerks as well as present incumbents for attending commissioners and other courts since the present fee and salary law was enacted. The supreme court decided a couple months ago that the per diem belonged to the sheriff and clerk and in cases where it had been turned over the county would have to refund it. The Allen county asked for interest, but Attorney Barrett says he will oppose paying them interest when the claims come up for allowance before the board of commissioners.

For several days a stranger has been making trips over the Clover Leaf, on various trains who seems to be a mystery to the men in charge of the trains. He will make numerous notes in a book at different stops at different stations of the number of cars that are on the tracks etc. When the stops are long enough he will get out and inspect the entire train, including the wheels and air brakes. It is surmised that he is an official of the company and was making a report of the rolling stock while in action.

L. A. Henning of this city was arrested at 7 o'clock Friday night by Deputy Sheriff Dallas Butler and Policeman Fisher. At midnight George W. Bleeks of DeKalb county arrived and took him in charge. He was taken to Auburn on the morning train, where he will answer to a charge of grand larceny and obtaining money under false pretenses. He was indicted by the grand jury of that county at their December session, but as his exact location was not learned until Monday, the arrest was delayed. He made no resistance when arrested and his friends believe he will be able to prove his innocence. He is expected home to-morrow.

A letter reached this office Tuesday from Mrs. Ora Gordon of Denver, Colorado, which contained the very sad intelligence of the death of her father, Mr. J. H. Stults of Longmont, Colorado. His death occurred on February 23, after a confinement to bed of two weeks, although he had been complaining from asthma and heart failure for several months. The funeral occurred at Longmont on February 25, the Masonic fraternity and Grand Army Post having charge. The deceased was born in Holmes county, Ohio, July, 8 1833, and was nearly seventy one years old at the time of death. He moved to Longmont in 1878, but two children now surviving him, they being Miles E. Stults of St. Louis, and Mrs. Ora Gordon of Denver. This will be sad news indeed to the many Adams county friends of Mr. Stults, with whom he visited several months a year or so ago. He was a congenial man and is related to many people of his name who live in this county.

The citizens of Lancaster Ohio are enraged over the conduct of three young men of that city, as a consequence they have been ostracised from society, lost their positions and are practically outcasts. They were employees of a shoe factory there. A few days ago a comrade named Earick, died and these men as fellow laborers and members of the same fraternal order were asked to form the death watch and agreed. It was a nasty job and they prepared for it by imbibing freely of spirits fermenti, known in Indiana as whiskey. For an hour they got along fairly well then time began to hang heavy on their hands and to sort of enliven things they hit upon a novel plan to have one last drunk with their friend, the corpse. He was taken from the casket, walked about the room, and every now and then a drink was forced down his throat. Finally the drunken brutes took the inanimate form out in the yard and hid it under a straw pile, where the body was found after several hours' search. Horse whipping, tar and feather; and similar punishments come far, very far from being severe enough for such degraded dogs.

A side issue to the congressional primary here yesterday was the nomination of township officers in Washington and St. Marys townships. In the former Henry Hite was nominated over John Rex by a vote of 333 to 77, giving him a majority of 256. In St. Marys H Teeple was nominated for trustee, defeating Grant Striecker 40 votes. Dan Roop was named for assessor against John H. Helm and George Davis. James R. Boyd was nominated as justice of peace.

Friends of Frank Snively, of Indianapolis deluged him with telegrams today. They were sent forty minutes apart, and each one contained something new. Mr. Snively is to be married Wednesday to one of Marion's most charming young ladies and the telegram sent are in recognition of this event. The telegrams contained words of advice, expressions of good will and various other things of an interesting nature and Frank, no doubt, thinks the wires are worked overtime in his behalf.

A good joke is told on Grandpa Kunkle, one of the old timers of Monmouth. A few mornings ago he arose from his peaceful couch and began the task of dressing. He got along fairly well until he was ready for his left sock, which seemed to have mysteriously disappeared. He hunted everywhere, called upon C. D. Kunkle and the members of his family who assisted and every nook and corner of the house was searched but the mystery of that hidden sock seemed unfathomable—until—some one suggested that he might have it on, when Grandpa much to his disgust pulled both those plagued socks from one foot and now he says, "what's the use to joke a feller about such a thing."

Homer Davis, whose parents live north of Markle and who was recently appointed government teacher in the Philippines, writes to his parents under date of January 17, from Shanghai, China as follows "We are at present lying about fifty miles up the mouth of the Yangste river at the point of junction with the Whangpo river which leads to Shnaghai about fourteen miles away. It is the most important, though not the largest port of China and has an European population of 3,500. It is lighted and drained by the foreign municipal council and most of the powers have concessions of territory which practically amounts to a perpetual lease, over which they have control and this enables me to send this letter for two cents. "We were two days coming from Nagasaki and had the finest kind of weather for a sea trip. At Nagasaki we went ashore again and certainly saw some very queer sights. The streets are extremely narrow and as the town is in the side of a mountain you could not climb directly up the hill."

Prof. H. E. Rittgers, Supt., of the Linn Grove Schools has announced that he will resign as Superintendent of the Linn Grove Schools for a fourth term, notwithstanding the patrons were circulating a petition to place before the trustee for his reappointment for next year. Mr. Rittgers hearing of their work informed said patrons that under no circumstances would he accept the position another year, the only reason being given that three years were enough for him at one place. He says that he has enjoyed the three years at Linn Grove very much and thanks the patrons and his many friends very much for their kindness and loyal support during his stay in their quiet little village. Comparing the condition of the schools now and when Mr. Rittgers took charge of them three years ago it can only be said that he has made a complete success. Linn Grove has had a High School for sixteen years but during first thirteen years it was unsuccessful in having any one to complete the high school course. But in the last three years nine have covered the full course. This itself speaks well of Mr. Rittgers' work. His many friends regret very much that he has tendered his resignation.

Official announcement has been made of the resignation of C. D. Whitney, general traffic manager of the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad, better known as the "Clover Leaf." Mr. Whitney's successor is understood to be a New York man. Mr. Whitney came to the Clover Leaf from the Ohio Southern road in August 1900, and has been with the property since that time.

Sheriff Johnston stated this morning that the condition of John W. Terrell showed no signs of improvement. Terrell steadfastly refuses to partake of any refreshments and is growing thinner and weaker day by day. Unless he soon begins to partake of some solid food he will certainly die from exhaustion. All that he eats at the present time has to be placed in his mouth by his attendant. He has not spoken a dozen intelligent words since being placed in jail after the last session of court to hear the argument for a new trial.—Bluffton Banner.

The New York World says that in line with the reorganization of the financial system of the Roman Catholic church, which has been instituted by Pope Pius, the clergy in the country must get along hereafter on smaller incomes. Priests it is understood, will receive not more than \$1,000 a year and their "living." An order was received from the vatican recently requiring a report from each diocese in the United States as to the salary paid the rector of each parish. Immediately a reduction began, and it is rapidly taking effect throughout the country. The reduction of priests salaries to be general. It has been adopted in Rome and on the minimum there in many cases it would be impossible to exist in America.

There is an earnest cause agitated in the North Indiana conference of the Methodist church, for the honor of representing the conference at the general conference of the church, the quadrennial session of which will be held at Los Angeles, Cal., in May, of this year. The conference is entitled to six ministerial and six lay delegates, and among the aspirants for lay delegates places are several prominent members of the church, who are also leading politicians. The ministerial candidates' slate is made up of Presiding Elder C. U. Wade of Muncie; Elder Herriek of Kokomo; Elder George Hill, of Richmond; Elder W. H. Daniel of Fort Wayne; the Rev. W. D. Parr of Kokomo, and the Rev. Leslie J. Naftzger, of Kokomo. The North Indiana conference meets at Muncie April 8, and the election will take place. The ministers who are named are not all who are anxious to go, and many of the other pastors will probably attempt to smash the slate, in a good humor ed contest for the honors.

The township assessors met County Assessor Crist here Monday, at which time an all-day session was held, and an agreement or schedule reached for the assessment of personal property. According to their conception all notes secured by mortgage will be taken at eighty cents on the dollar, accounts at seventy cents of their value, building and loan stock at eighty cents, money on deposit at face value, interest owing at seventy cents money loaned to building and loan associations eighty cents, corporation stock seventy cents, manufactured articles and tools at cash value, poultry, at three dollars a dozen sheep three dollars a head, hogs three cents a pound, bees \$1 a stand wheat sixty cents a bushel, corn thirty cents a bushel, rye forty cents, oats twenty five cents, potatoes forty cents, barley thirty five cents, clover seed \$4, hay \$4 to \$6, pork seven cents, lard seven cents, lumber \$8 and up, ice fifty cents a ton. Many other items were agreed to, but these are the most important, and the time is now up for the correct measurement of any and all surplus on hand. The meeting was attended by all the township assessors save one, and they begin their labors with a knowledge of what is expected.