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COUNTY

BIG INCREASE OF BANKRUPTCIES

According to Dun's Review, a recognized authority, the failures in the United States during the third quarter of 1907 show a very large increase in amount of liabilities as compared with the corresponding months of any year for a decade. The liabilities in the failures in the manufacturing class during July, August and September were \$26,099,309, as against \$5,420,454 last year in the same months. In September alone the failures in this class were \$10,602,834, as against \$2,569,642 in the same month in 1906.

As to number of failures in the general manufacturing division, there was an increase of about 20 per cent, 659 failures comparing with 541 in the same three months last year. Almost half of this difference occurred in the building class, and increases of about 20 each were reported in machinery and milling.

The failures in the mercantile, broker and transportation classes for July, August and September this year were seven millions of dollars in excess of the failures in the same classes in the same period last year.

KIRBY RISK'S BRYAN MEETING

Now comes J. Kirby Risk's Bryan meeting at Lafayette on November 18. It will easily outclass and outdistance any former event by the noted Lafayette Jackson Club. They are a live set of Democratic boosters, molded over a late and fashionable model and will make this event the most historic of their existence. Democrats from all four corners of Indiana will greet the great Commoner and the Lafayette Democrats on the date mentioned. The untried of Adams county should wash their linen and arrange for a reserve seat at the banquet table. Arrangements are in progress for the seating of seven hundred guests. Besides the banquet an oratorical feast—the best ever—with Hon. W. J. Bryan as the commanding figure, will be enjoyed.

Ferd Augsburger requests us to state that he paid \$25 funeral expenses of his father who died last week in the county infirmary, and that not he, but the township trustee took him there, at the request of Jacob Vogt, Mr. Augsburger's brother-in-law. He also wants us to state that he, being rich, had intended to pay Mr. Graber for all the trouble and expense he had with his father, but now since the newspapers published the fact that his father died in the poor house and called it a shame on the children, including himself, he will not pay a cent.—Berne Witness.

It is reported in Washington that Mr. Roosevelt has kindly agreed to allow New Mexico to come in as an independent state. The territorial governor of New Mexico makes this announcement and declares that a bill to that effect will be introduced into the Sixtieth Congress, and that the President will approve it. This determination on the part of the administration merits all commendation.

In an interview with the New York Herald, Frank Jay Gould said: "If we could only have war with Japan right now it would not be such a bad thing as it seems on its face. For one thing it would take Roosevelt's attention away from Wall street and direct it in a new line." How would it do for Wall street to make it un-

necessary for the President to watch it so closely?

It is charged that the terrible Fontanet explosion, with its awful loss of life and destruction of property, was due to the failure of the DuPont Powder company (the trust), which owned the powder mill, to make necessary repairs to machinery. It appears that all the trust wants is dividends. Having a monopoly of the powder business, it has run things to suit itself. Not only did it fail to make repairs to its Fontanet factory which would have prevented the explosion, but it has regularly charged American miners who are compelled to use its powder about twice as much per keg as it charges abroad for the same goods.

Mr. Hearst's "Independence League" is showing the country just how "independent" it can be. It has entered into a fusion arrangement with the Republicans in New York against the Democrats, whereby the "league" will support the rest of the Republican county ticket and the Republicans will vote for Mr. Heart's political manager for the office of sheriff, a place worth \$60.00 a year. As the arrangement was made with Herbert Parsons, President Roosevelt's special manager in New York, it has the earmarks of a funny bargain.

The young man named Williams who was arrested some time ago for fighting with Charles Phillips, was re-arrested this morning by Marshal Bohnke on account of his failure to pay what was due on his fine. He made satisfactory arrangements with Mayor Coffee and was given his release.

The country seems to be getting along so well with Taft on his travels, Root sick, Cortelyou silent and the Strenuous One taking his vacation, that it may decide some time just to get along without any presidents.—Atlanta Journal.

AN ADAMS COUNTY PRODUCT

Owns Valuable Real Estate at Benton Harbor—Is Visiting Relatives in This City.

Peter Tonnerer and wife of Benton Harbor, Michigan, are guests of relatives and friends here for a few days. Mr. Tonnerer was reared in this county going to Michigan about twenty years ago. From a poor boy he has worked himself up to a point where he is recognized as one of the wealthiest and most prominent men of his community. Recently a state savings bank was organized at Benton Harbor and Mr. Tonnerer is one of the heaviest stockholders, and a member of the board of directors. Speaking of him the Benton Harbor News-Palladium said:

"Peter Tonnerer is a well known capitalist of this city, one who has probably built as many if not more brick blocks than any man here, and one who is always public spirited and a willing worker for the good of the city."

It is with pride that we point out the success of Decatur products either at home or abroad and Mr. Tonnerer certainly deserves mention.

Dan Erwin while enroute home yesterday on the Clover Leaf train had the proved distinction of seeing three of the balloons in the international race.

Here is Relief for Women. If you have pains in the back, Urinary, Bladder or Kidney trouble, and for woman's ill, try Mother Gray's Australian Leaf. It is safe and never failing monthly regulator. At drugists or by mail 50 cents. Sample package FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y.

A Certain Cure for Aching Feet. Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Tired, Aching, Callous, Sweating, Swollen feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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Plead Guilty and the Court Immediately Imposed the Sentence—Leaves Here Wednesday.

Gotthard Brown, the desperado who frightened, robbed and abused the Amish people, after they had befriended him, and who during his incarceration in the county jail, proved himself the most vicious prisoner ever in custody here, appeared in circuit court Monday afternoon and plead guilty to the charge of burglary. He asked Judge Erwin a number of questions, and after studying a moment, expressed a desire to change his plea to that of guilty. The judge immediately imposed upon him a sentence of from ten to twenty years in the Michigan City prison and disfranchised him for a term of twenty years. Brown was on a terrible rampage at the jail last week but after being driven to obedience became very docile and his desire to plead guilty followed. He is one of the worst scoundrels who ever visited this locality, and many people will hear with pleasure of his sentence to prison, for they were in great fear of him, when he was at liberty. He has threatened to kill deputy sheriff Butler and various other people. Sheriff Meyers left with the prisoner for Michigan City Wednesday morning.

ADAIR IS THE WHOLE THING.

Republicans in Eighth District Undecided on Candidates.

Blodgett, in the Indianapolis News, in writing about congressional politics, has this to say of the Eighth district: Congressman J. A. M. Adair, it can be stated on good authority, will ask for the Democratic nomination in the Eighth district and will get it without opposition. The Democrats of the district look upon Mr. Adair as a sure winner and he can have about anything he asks for. There are no sure enough candidates named by the Republicans yet. Judge McClure, of Anderson, is talked about, but the judge is doing none of the talking himself. Judge John W. Macy, of Winchester, has also been mentioned, but Judge Macy says he has no desire to go to congress and will not be a candidate under any condition. Ed Toner, of the Anderson Herald, and Bert Vestal, also of Madison county, have been talked about a little also. But there need be no uneasiness—the Eighth will have plenty of candidates.

BALLOONS PASSED NEAR GENEVA

Three of the Airships Reached that Point this Morning.

Geneva, Ind., Oct. 22.—(Special to Democrat)—Three of the big balloons in the world's race which started from St. Louis yesterday passed just south of here at 11:50 today. The big airships were moving along rapidly and were too high to permit one to tell what balloons they were. They were plainly visible from this town and from Portland and created great interest.

Marion, Ind., Oct. 22.—(Special)—Two of the balloons passed over this city at 10:20 this morning, the German ship leading by about ten miles and an American balloon second.

HE GRANTED A DIVORCE.

Hon. Chark J. Lutz, Acting as Special Judge at Portland.

Clark J. Lutz, sitting as special judge in the Jay circuit court on Monday near the evidence in the divorce suit of Mary E. Glendening against her husband, John C. Glendening. The charge made was cruel and inhuman treatment, and abandonment. Late Monday afternoon, Judge Lutz granted the plaintiff a divorce with the custody of their daughter, Gladys. The defendant was awarded the custody of their two boys, Roscoe and James, each party being given permission to visit the children in the custody of the other, at seasonable times.—Portland Commercial-Review.

Word has been received here to the effect that W. H. Ernst, formerly a resident of Bluffton and ex-county auditor of Wells county, who is now living in Ohio, to the effect that he is critically ill with the cancer with which he has been afflicted for several years and that his life is now despaired of. According to the word received here there is no hope for his recovery and his relatives are reconciled to the belief that it is now only a matter of time until he will pass away. Mr. Ernst has had several operations performed but nothing could be done to check it.—Bluffton News.

FROM TEN TO TWENTY YEARS AFTER A TWO YEARS' ILLNESS

Suffered With Bright's Disease and the End Had Been Expected for Several Weeks.

John Miller, aged fifty-four years, and one of the best known citizens of our city, died last night at twelve o'clock at his home on Winchester street after an illness of several months' duration, death resulting from Bright's disease. The deceased was born in Union township fifty-four years ago, where he was reared to manhood and it was there that he received his early education and training. During all his early life he followed the vocation of a farmer and after his marriage he continued in this line until two years ago, when he purchased the Levi Barkley property on Winchester street and moved to this city, where he continued to make his home until the time of his demise. He was taken ill several months ago with Bright's disease but at the time his illness was not thought to be of a serious nature. However, he gradually grew weaker until his condition became alarming. The physicians who diagnosed the case could offer no hope and last night after months of suffering, the end came. Mr. Miller was a member of the M. E. church, he having affiliated with this church when a young man. He was a devoted Christian and an earnest church worker and his many acts of kindness will be sadly missed by those who came in closest touch with him. The funeral services will be held Thursday morning at the M. E. church the funeral cortege leaving the house at ten o'clock, the casket will not be opened at the church and those desiring to view the remains may do so at the home. Interment will be made in Decatur cemetery. He leaves a wife, two sisters, one brother and a grandson to mourn their loss.

MISSIONARY SERVICES HELD.

Two Rousing Meetings at and Near Linn Grove.

P. L. Robinson, W. H. Merriman and Charles Burkett of this city attended and took part in two rousing Sunday school conventions Sunday in Adams county. One held in the afternoon, was at a missionary church east of Linn Grove. The second was held in the Evangelical church of Linn Grove. At the first services Charles Burkett led the music while Mr. Merriman made the address. In the second service Mr. Burkett again led the music while both Messrs. Robinson and Merriman made spirited talks. Both services were overflow meetings, the churches being unable to hold the crowds that attended. Officers were elected and Sunday school work in the township started with a full and complete organization. The Bluffton gentlemen have helped establish a complete county Sunday organization in Wells county and the state association has called upon them to assist in neighboring counties.—Bluffton News.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewton came home last night from a three weeks' absence in the east, visiting Washington, D. C., Philadelphia, the Jamestown exposition and many other places of historic note. The trip was most enjoyable and they both enjoyed it immensely.

Commissioners at Huntington have held that the anti-saloon remonstrance recently filed for Jackson township, including the town of Roanoke, is good, and it will bar saloons there for a period of two years from May 3 last. James Rose was refused a license on the decision.

Electric light superintendent M. J. Mylott and assistants are at present busily engaged in constructing a new electric line to the auto factory and fully expect to have the same completed in a few days. The auto factory expect to use electrical power, which will be furnished them by the city. The task of putting in this line is no small one.

Jesse Smith, who received the contract to tear down the old brick smoke stack at the city plant has commenced operations and will keep at the work steadily the weather permitting and expects to soon have his contract completed. Mr. Smith is supposed to clean the brick and pile them in shape so that they may be used for any other purpose necessary.

Dr. W. N. Fowler, physician and surgeon for the Walter Wellman north pole expedition, has returned to his home at Bluffton. He was with Wellman two years ago and will go back again next year if another attempt is made. He is of the opinion that the plans of Wellman are good and the most feasible of any yet proposed. He says the failure to accomplish anything this year was due entirely to the bad weather.

The men financially interested in the Central league voted to keep the circuit intact, at the annual meeting of that organization. For Wayne and several other cities had hoped to procure berths in the league but all were sent away disappointed. The action of the directors in the matter greatly enhances the prospects for the organization of a new Indiana-Ohio circuit, with Fort Wayne as one of the towns on the Hoosier side.

All of the local grocery firms are doing a big business handling cabbage and filling the orders of those desiring to put up kraut for the winter. Several thousands of pounds have already been disposed of and many more will be doled out before the season is over.

The improvement on the Allison building occupied by the City restaurant and F. V. Mills is fast nearing completion and will soon present a fine appearance. The front as now arranged gives the occupants some room to make a display of their goods.

The Belgium stallions at the Friesinger stables at Steele's park are attracting considerable attention and that place was on Sunday visited by scores of people desiring to inspect these animals. The horses are beauties and every one who has yet seen them say that it is the finest lot that the firm has yet handled.

Mrs. Sam Laman held the lucky number 2557 that drew the twenty dollars worth of merchandise given away at the Pictorial, she having presented the ticket last Saturday evening. Mr. Stoneburner will soon announce his Christmas offering which will consist of many valuable presents and he will thus show his appreciation of the attendance.

The Blackford county jail is taxed to its utmost capacity and new prisoners continue to be added to the list. There are now fourteen men having their mail addressed to Hotel de Hudson, and among them are some held on serious charges. This week the prisoners have been obliged to double up in the sleeping apartments. The inmates seem to accept the situation in a philosophical manner, however, and no kicks have been registered.—Hartford City News.

Reports from various sections of the country give promise of an open winter. They say that the squirrels are not laying in their usual store of nuts, and that the bees have made less honey than in other years, sure harbingers of a warm winter. On account of the scarcity of fruits and vegetables, the housewife did not put up as much canned stuff this season as usual—another good (?) sign and then—the natural gas pressure is lighter as the weather gets chillier.

Sergeant Caldwell yesterday enlisted three men for the marine service, as follows: C. L. Johnson, an aeronaut of Decatur, Ind.; William Piereson, of Archbold, O.; and Charles H. Anspaugh, of this city. Captain J. C. Brackenridge, in charge of this jurisdiction will arrive in the city today to muster in the recruits. Sergeant Caldwell announces that all men enlisted in the near future will be given a chance to take in the oriental cruise planned by the war department.—Journal of the Gazette.

Miss Rose L. Fritz, champion typewriter, made a new record Saturday when she wrote from dictation an average of 97 words a minute for thirty minutes while blindfolded. She actually wrote 3,032 words in the half hour, but lost 95 words as a penalty for nineteen mistakes. Miss Fritz's former record was 94 words a minute. The exhibition took place at the business show at Madison Square Garden, New York.

"PNEUMONIA'S DEADLY WORK had so seriously affected my right lung," writes Mrs. Fannie Connor, of Rural Route 1, Georgetown, Tenn., "that I coughed continuously night and day and the neighbors' prediction—consumption—seemed inevitable, until my husband brought home a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery, which in my case proved to be the only real cough cure and restorer of weak, sore lungs." When all other remedies utterly fail, you may still win in the battle against lung and throat troubles with New Discovery, the real remedy. Guaranteed by Blackburn druggist, 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

In most cases consumption results from a neglected or improperly treated cold. Foleys Honey and Tar cures the most obstinate coughs and prevents serious results. It costs you no more than the unknown preparations and you should insist upon having the genuine in the yellow package.

THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

The sewers that have been let during the past few weeks to contractors are fast nearing completion and the same will soon be ready for acceptance. The Erwin, Roop and Rice sewers are practically finished and the Chronister and Lenhart are under operation by the various contractors.

Attorney John Burns has been successful in securing a settlement with the Lake Erie and Western railway company for Robert Guseman, whose wife, daughter and son were run down and killed by a passenger train some weeks ago. Suit against the company will likely be filed with in a short time unless the railway company reconsider in the meantime. It is understood that the bearded father has demanded \$20,000 damages.—Hartford City News.

Grant L. Fox, the son of Tom Fox, returned yesterday from Brooklyn, having just finished his time in the navy. He has been in the service for four years and during that time has been home only once, when he was in Bluffton for two days. Mr. Fox has been on the battleship Colorado, one of the finest and most modern boats in the navy. During his service, Mr. Fox has seen most of the world, but says that he is glad to get back to Bluffton.—Bluffton Banner.

The Decatur high school for the first time in its history can now boast of an orchestra which when taken into consideration that they have been together but a short time, is one of no mean ability. This organization is made up of boys who are members of the high school and they are playing up-to-date music in every respect. The boys have several nice engagements on hand and will make their debut to the public in a short time. The boys are to be encouraged as the school have long needed something of this description.

Billy Adams, one of the few remaining tourist printers of the old school, known in almost every newspaper office from coast to coast, has made his last hike down a railroad track. Last week, at Lafayette, he fell beneath a Monon passenger train and both his feet were severed. He is not in a hospital at Lafayette. Billy was an artist in his line and no matter where he happened to be there was always a job open to him. He has worked at the Democrat office on numerous occasions but invariably, after working a few days he would yield to his old weakness, booze, and drift on to some other place.

G. C. Steele of the Racket store returned last evening from Bluffton, where he met buyers from ten different stores to make arrangements for buying all their goods from the factory direct instead of the wholesale house. This store has already received a carload of holiday goods including everything in the toy line imported direct from Germany and Japan and the lot includes some unique stuff. Mr. Steele expects to put up a new store in the spring and add a much larger stock to the store in this city. It would certainly pay you to look into this bee hive and see for yourself what he is doing.

S. S. Bartlett, agent for the Metropolitan Life insurance company, of Huntington, is in our city straightening up the business of the company since the death of the former agent, Charles McConney. Mr. Bartlett expects to secure a man to care for the company's business here, but up to this time has made no selection.

Mrs. Robert Anderson, of Dunkirk, is preparing to enter suit against Daniel Hinshaw, George Black and Martin Kantz, Dunkirk saloonkeepers, who she claims have fleeced her husband out of about \$1,200. The money, she says, was lost in poker games conducted in gambling rooms owned by men named.—Hartford City News.

The proof of true greatness is nowhere more evident than in the little everyday courtesies of life. Nearly all the great people of the world have been simple, courteous and kind in their manner to all their fellow-men in all stations of life. The other set of thing, nine cases out of ten, only designates the snob.

Stomach troubles, Heart and Kidney ailments, can be quickly corrected with a prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The prompt and surprising relief which this remedy immediately brings is entirely due to its Restorative action upon the controlling nerves of the Stomach, etc. W. H. Nachtrieb.

Convalescents need a large amount of nourishment in easily digested form. Scott's Emulsion is powerful nourishment—highly concentrated. It makes bone, blood and muscle without putting any tax on the digestion. ALL DRUGGISTS: 50c. AND \$1.00.