

THE ELECTIONS.

The outcome of the elections held yesterday justifies the expectations of well-informed and competent political forecasters for the results are mixed, but on the whole the democrats have every reason to feel encouraged. So have the advocates of the conservation of popular rights against the rule of corporations in municipal government, for in the cities where this issue was drawn fairly and squarely the people's champions were victorious. The most notable instance is the result in Cleveland, where Thomas L. Johnson was re-elected mayor in spite of the combination of corporation power and federal influence. Mayor Johnson's creed is government for the people against specially favored interests and his victory insures the people of Cleveland the fulfillment of policies they have thrice indorsed by their votes. The promises made by the street railway companies through Burton were mere subterfuges and the people knew it and repudiated them. The public service corporations will now be forced to deal justly with their patrons, for the people will uphold the arm of the courageous Tom L. Johnson.

The election of a republican governor in Kentucky has no political significance. Local issues alone waken Mr. Wilson to success, and the only expression of partisan belief in the selection of the legislature. There the democrats will have a majority and a democrat will be elected United States senator. Wilson's election was due to his alignment on the side of the whisky interests, which constitute Kentucky's principal industry.

The republican victory in Pennsylvania, in the face of the wholesale grafting on the part of the party's leaders, proves what has often been said, that the majority of the Pennsylvania voters like to be buncoed and administered the bunco man.

In New York, where the republicans and so-called Independence League fused the democrats won a sweeping victory. It was a fight of democracy against an alliance of the old enemy and a cohort of the dissatisfied, engineered, it is shrewdly suspected, by the president himself. The result prove that Greater New York is a solidly democratic to the core.

The municipal elections in Ohio indicate general democratic gains, despite the results in Columbus, where the liquor traffic was the issue, and in Cincinnati, where the republicans who fought Boss Cox two years ago returned to his fold and won over a divided democracy.

Perhaps nowhere was the trend toward democracy more forcefully illustrated than in New Jersey, where the latest returns indicate an overturning of a republican majority of 30,000 and the election of the democratic nominee for governor by a majority of 1,000 or better.—Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.

As predicted at the time the conference at New York ended, the course of the Erie railroad since that time has been one of conciliation and step by step and concession by concession they are approaching every week more nearly to the demands of the striking machinists. The men who are striking are firm in their stand and state positively that they will accept peace on no other terms than the complete abolition of the piece work system and they are confident that the Erie will come to their terms in the long run.—Huntington Democrat.

The Elite Players played to good house all the week and the common verdict with all the people in our city was, that they were the best company in repertoire that ever played here. Specialties and costumes were good, band and orchestra superb. In fact every member of the company, both ladies and gentlemen, were well behaved off and on the stage. They will play a return date in May.—(Copy from the Dramatic News Reporter at St. Marys, Ohio.)

On October 1 the new foreign postal rate adopted at the meeting of the last universal postal convention in Rome in April became effective. The new rate makes the charge for foreign postage 5 cents for the first half ounce and 3 cents for each additional half ounce instead of 10 cents for each ounce, as the present rate prescribes. This applies to all mail sent to foreign countries, except Canada, Mexico and Cuba. To these countries the domestic rate of 2 cents for each half ounce still holds good. The change of postal rate from 5 to 3 cents for each half ounce after the first is the only important change adopted by the last universal postal convention.

MANY ARE INJURED

The Loss Will Aggregate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars.

Muncie experienced a most disastrous conflagration Friday, which destroyed the Joseph A. Goddard wholesale house. About it, the Muncie Star has the following:

A fire that was one of the most disastrous in the city's history and that carried with it magnificent features of thrilling heroism and bravery as well as a display of gross inefficiency in the ranks of the Muncie fire department, started on the fourth floor of the imposing structure enclosing the wholesale grocery of the Joseph A. Goddard company, 215-225 west Seymour street, at 9:15 o'clock yesterday morning, and wrecked their establishment.

In an interview last night Joseph A. Goddard said he did not think the loss would exceed \$200,000. About \$150,000 insurance is carried. Asked concerning the possible plans of the company the veteran wholesale dealer expressed the belief that the company would rebuild, proceeding with the re-construction as soon as possible.

No other fire ever created as much interest in this city as that which raged yesterday. It was interesting chiefly on account of its bringing to the surface the very thing the citizens at large claim they wanted to know—the real strength of the fire-fighting force since the badly muddled condition of the department underwent the counsel's investigation and was passed up to City Attorney Fred McClellan to draft impeachment charges against Acting Fire Chief Paul Karlen.

Thousands of onlookers saw and admired the best in humanity. They witnessed the mad and surging flames as they attacked one of the finest business institutions in the state, and their heart interest was awakened in the daring and bravery of gallant fire-fighters, who fought with all their might, and who, after rescuing and carrying stricken and injured brothers from perilous positions and burning debris, returned to the blazing edifice only to be rendered helpless by suffocation and exhaustion. To experience a relaxation of their confidence through the glittering inefficiency of the firemen as a force and the ever-present incompetency of their directing power during the early part of the fire, and then to have the same confidence multiplied time and again by the sudden appearance of the real hero on the horizon in full charge of the situation, was one of the features that developed to the favor of all. This man was John Casey.

A FORMER PASTOR

His Many Friends Here Are Already Congratulating Him.

Rev. D. B. Kessinger, pastor of the United Brethren church at South Bend, was married Wednesday evening to Miss Elizabeth Iden, of Bourbon.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

The above clipping will no doubt cause considerable surprise in this community among Rev. Kessinger's many friends, who in all probability were not aware of the fact that he was contemplating matrimony when he left this city a very few months ago for his new charge at South Bend.

However the above speaks for itself and we are unable at this time to give any explanation of the services, as the paper gave nothing in full. Rev. Kessinger for several years acted in the capacity of pastor at the United Brethren church in this city, and during that time he made a host of friends who wish him much joy and happiness in his married life. Mr. Kessinger left this city several months ago to assume charge of the United Brethren church in that city and although several letters have been received by his friends here since his absence, he never mentioned the fact of his approaching marriage. The Democrat joins with his many friends here in extending congratulations.

Friends here of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Byers, former residents of this place, residing now at Kenderbrook, Mich., were greatly grieved upon the receipt of the news last Tuesday announcing the death of their little four-month-old babe and only child, which occurred on Monday last at the home of Mrs. Byers' parents in Indianapolis, where Mrs. Byers has been visiting for some time and it is reported that the condition of Mrs. Byers is very critical. Mr. and Mrs. Byers have the sympathy of all friends here in their hours of sorrow and grief.—Monroeville Breeze.

The insurance war, the most talked question in Bluffton for a period of two weeks, is scarcely ever heard mentioned now. The non-union and union agencies are plugging along at their old gait as before the battle and insurance is being written according to the Dean schedule. The modification of several portions of the city's rating has not yet been taken up by the raters, as was promised the non-union companies when they threw up the sponge but this will be done when the occasion arises to rewrite any of the buildings the new rate upon which was objected to.—Bluffton Banner.

Produce dealers in Indiana and adjoining states are beginning a crusade against the marketing of spoiled eggs. They have been successful in enlisting the aid of some of the western trade journals in the hope of obtaining the strict enforcement of the pure food law, which makes persons selling bad eggs subject to a fine. The occasion for this agitation at this time, they say, is that the high prices and the scarcity of fresh eggs now is an inducement to many farmers and country dealers to hold their supplies for better prices.

HUNTERS' LICENSES

Damage Suit Filed—November Term Begins Week from Monday.

Attorney L. C. DeVoss has filed a divorce complaint wherein Effie M. Springer seeks a legal separation from John M. Springer. According to the complaint they were married May 2, 1895, and have four children, Ella, eleven years old, Villa, seven, Lena, five, and Selvy, one year old. The defendant is charged with adultery, abuse, cruel and inhuman treatment, and abandonment. The plaintiff prays for a divorce, the custody of the children named and a judgment for \$500.

Peterson and Moran have filed a new case entitled Mark Burdige vs. John E. Jack. The complaint is for possession of real estate and damages the demand being for \$300.

The clerk's office is a busy place for hunters' licenses, fifteen being the number Friday. This is a clean cut graft for the state, as the one dollar license fee goes to the state, no part of it being the property of the county. It is safe to say that one hundred license have been issued in this county during the past few weeks, and taking it the state over, a neat sum of money will be realized from this source.

The November term of court will begin on next Monday and then one week later Judge Richard K. Erwin will retire from the bench and Judge James T. Merryman will succeed thereto. This important period in the life of the twenty-sixth judicial circuit will be the occasion of a banquet given by the Adams county bar association.

BRYAN TO BE THERE

Arrangements Are Complete for this Great Democratic Event.

The fever has struck Adams county and several of the Democrats are arranging to attend the Bryan banquet at Lafayette on Monday, November 18. The occasion will easily outclass anything of a similar character given by the fast and furious Jackson Club of Lafayette. The Adams county Democrats always like to get in on all the good things, consequently they are harboring a keen desire to see Lafayette and the mighty Bryan. A reception at 2:30 in the afternoon will start the fireworks for the day. This reception will be held at the Hotel Lahr. At this time a number of addresses will be made and then at six o'clock the big show begins. The Coliseum is a large building and will comfortably seat seven hundred banqueters. After the banquet the doors will be opened and admission will be given to those unable to gain admission during the banquet hour.

The boys from this city will likely join the Fort Wayne delegation and go by special car over the Wabash Valley from Fort Wayne. It is thought that one hundred from Fort Wayne and the territory contingent thereto, will plant both feet in Lafayette on this day and date.

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The quail hunting season opens under superb weather conditions. The temperature must be cool, but not too cool if it would be right. It is just right at an early hour this morning. Then the weather must be just damp enough, but no too damp—and it is just right.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY

Good Program Has Been Arranged—Two State Officials to be Present.

The next annual convention of the Adams county S. S. Ass'n will be held at Geneva on Nov. 13 and 14. The first session will be held on Wednesday evening, the 13th. On Thursday there will be sessions in the forenoon afternoon and evening. The first two meetings will be held at the M. E. church, and the last two at the U. B. church.

The program arranged for the occasion is very strong and attractive. No doubt one of the best if not the best, ever arranged for an Adams county S. S. convention. Two state officials will be present to participate in the program. Many other excellent speakers from various parts of the county will be there to deliver addresses on the different phases of S. S. work. There will be something interesting and beneficial for everybody.

A special soloist from Hamilton, O., has been employed for the occasion.

There will be other special music that will please you. The Mennonite male choir will sing on Thursday evening.

Parents, S. S. superintendents, teachers, officers and all interested in Sunday school work are especially requested to attend this convention. Come and get new ideas, new inspirations and enthusiasm to take home to your own school. You will encourage us with your presence. You can help make this the best convention ever held in Adams county.

Every S. S. in Adams county should be represented. Free entertainment will be provided for all. Let every superintendent announce the convention next Sunday and make special effort to have his school represented. Train accommodations now are good. Plan to come. Don't forget the date, Nov. 13 and 14. Write for program to the president or secretary. Jesse Rapp, Pres., Berne; Mrs. C. Vogt, Secy., Decatur.

The turkey intended for Thanksgiving dinner should be fed for a few days on a morning meal composed of corn meal or bran mixed with boiled apples, roots, or potatoes, and an evening meal of whole corn. After that it will be ready for a special fattening ration. One composed of three feeds per day of corn meal and boiled potatoes, with an evening meal of wheat, whole corn or buckwheat, will round him into shape. Three weeks' feeding of the latter ration will be plenty for a bird in good condition.

MERCHANTS who place goods outside their stores are creating a habit of unconscious theft among the school boys, especially the grocers, who do not keep their baskets covered up. Almost any day when the children come and go from school, they can be seen to deftly swipe something from the outside stands, just because it is handy and they think they are not observed. One man saw his youngster turn the trick and he tanned him to a standstill. The grocers are to blame, in his opinion, as much as the children, for having the opportunity thrust in their way.

The Express Sculptor is the title of the new show to be given at the Pictorium this evening and is one of the best films ever shown in Decatur. The film is not only beautiful in its coloring but is instructive and interesting in every respect. Remember Mr. Stoneburner is securing nothing but the best attractions on the market and it will pay you to attend.

Farmers in general report an abundance of rabbits but a scarcity of quail this fall, and as the hunting season soon opens, those who are nimbly inclined, are beginning to examine their shotguns with a view to have a few days' sport. Farmers all over the county, however, will endeavor to protect the game, by prosecuting trespassers who do not secure the necessary written permits.

Friday was an Indiana summer day after the weather was straightened out, and was as soft and balmy as one could wish. Friday in the opinion of weather prophets, is always the fairest or foulest, and kept up its reputation today. The thermometer registered 55 degrees at noon and nobody had any fault to find. The farmers and everybody need just such weather until Thanksgiving to get their work completed before going into winter quarters.

ANNOUNCEMENT COLUMN GROWS

James A. Hendricks, of Monroe, has announced his candidacy in the Second district. J. A. Cline announces for Assessor of Root township and Edward Gallmeyer for Assessor of Preble township.

NEW TAX DUPLICATES

The Mid-Winter County Institute to Be Held on November 30.

A marriage license has been issued to William S. Christlieb and Edna E. Fisher.

The auditor's office is busy putting on the finishing touches to the tax duplicates, which will be turned over to the treasurer January first, and which will contain the taxes to be collected in 1908.

The mid-winter county institute is dated for this city on November 30. This institute is usually one of the best of the year, and this one will be no exception to the general rule.

County Superintendent Opliger is busily engaged in visiting the schools of the county, and now is about half way through the list. Every school in the county is flourishing, and the very best reports come from each one of them.

EDWARD BENJAMIN RICE.

Edward Benjamin Rice was born in Monmouth, Ind., April 20, 1879. Died at Berne, Ind., Nov. 3, 1907, aged 28 years, seven months and 16 days.

When a babe he removed from the place of his birth, with his parents, to the city of Decatur, where he lived until 20 years of age, when he took up his residence in the city of Berne, where he lived until death. On the 4th day of February, 1894, he gave his heart to God and was baptized into the Baptist church at Decatur, Ind. Three years ago he became a member of the Evangelical church of Berne, Ind., which connection existed till God took him home. In the year 1904, on the 9th day of June, he was united in marriage to Miss E. Pearl Hahn, of Hoagland, Ind. Of this union was born one son, Newell Benjamin Rice. The union was crowned with happiness, and blessed with the peace of God. Our loved one leaves to mourn his departure, a loving wife, one son, one sister, a devoted father and mother, innumerable relatives and a host of friends. Our loved one was a member in good standing of the Order of Oddfellows and the Knights of Pythias. We mourn our loss deeply. We are at a loss to describe our love for our friend, brother, father and son, but inasmuch as it has pleased the Father to remove from us our loved one, we commit his body to the grave and his spirit into the keeping of Him who gave it.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE.

The members of the official board and the Sunday school of which our beloved Miss Grace E. Harb was an active member and a devoted worker, wish, in this public way, to express to the friends their utmost sympathy in this sad hour and note their sincerest regards for Miss Grace.

As a Sunday school and as a church we deeply lament the great loss we sustain, in the fellowship, love and unbiased usefulness of our lovable co-worker. We bow in submission to the will of our common Father who has translated her, but with hearts welling up with unmeasured grief.

We bespeak for the friends the holiest sympathy of the entire church for this transient separation from their precious jewel, this queen of simplicity, ability and goodness, who for 27 years has adorned their homes and

We will strive by the help of Almighty God to imitate the noble life and spotless character of our own beloved Grace, and meet her again when this short stay in earth has come to a close.

Signed—Mrs. Etta Ball, Howard J. Wisehaupt, Miss Lillie Steele, S. S. Com.

Mr. Thos. Trim, Secy. Official Board.

TWO MORE CANDIDATES.

Two new names are added to our announcement column, that of Peter Forbing, who seeks the nomination for commissioner in the second district, and John Lose for trustee of Washington township. He has begun an active canvass for the place.

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