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THE STATE CHAIRMANSHIP

The endorsement of Judge Richard K. Erwin for chairman of the Democratic state committee, was a compliment to one of the best known Democrats in the state. He has the ability to fill any place of trust and as state chairman would be a tower of strength to the organization. He is plain, outspoken and conscientious and could rally to his support all the Democrats of the state. Any state chairman that can accomplish this one thing can carry the state for the Democrats. It is high time that good politics should be played in the organization of the state committee. It is time that party success should cut some ice in choosing those who stand for the organization.

Judge Erwin has no alliances only those that are emblazoned upon the emblem of Democracy. He would stand for a united party and that is what it takes to win a victory in Indiana. If-wise council prevails, he will be placed at the head of the Indiana Democracy.

The Indianapolis News is industriously engaged in misrepresenting the feeling in the democratic party in Indiana when it is not booming its part owner, Fairbanks, for the republican presidential nomination. The News' misrepresentations are more effective than are those of the out-and-out republican papers. The News poses as an independent newspaper. Its independence will not bear analysis because it is working for the success of the republican party all the time. It gives a false color to every report of democratic doings. It even colors the stories sent in by its correspondents and encourages its correspondents to lie about democrats. All political news in the Indianapolis News is unreliable. Even republicans cannot believe what they see in the News for everything is distorted so as to favor Fairbanks.—Hartford City News.

A New York dispatch to the Chicago Record-Herald follows: "That one jobbing firm affiliated with the American Tobacco company does a business of \$12,000,000 a year in New York City and Yonkers was brought out today in the hearing of the government's action against the company before United States Commissioner Shields. Adolph D. Bendheim, president of the Metropolitan Tobacco company, so testified with reference to this concern. Over seventy-five per cent of the jobbing business of New York City was controlled by the Metropolitan. Mr. Bendheim continued. It bought out twenty smaller jobbers. M. W. Reed, president of the Amsterdam Supply company, organized to purchase supplies for the American Tobacco company and subsidiaries, said the supply company recently earned enough to declare a stock dividend of sixty per cent."

The late William H. Knisely had a peculiar faculty for forecasting political events, especially in his own party. During the Spanish-American war he predicted the future of Theodore Roosevelt, with the utmost accuracy, going five years into the future to do it. He was also very accurate in sizing up situations in the days preceding presidential conventions, and invariably had the result correctly figured out in advance. He kept well posted in the movements of leaders in his party and was able to see the characteristics which commended them to the public. Few men were keener political observers than he.

What's the difference between the soup houses of 1893 under the Cleveland administration, and the coffee wagon under the Roosevelt regime?

Congressman Adair has returned to Washington in time to be present at the opening of congress. He proposes that Whinn shall be the only excuse for missing any session of the lower house. He is already attaining a great record as a legislator for the soldier, and in other ways is making an ideal congressman. Last month he received and answered something like thirty-five hundred letters, so it would seem his life is anything but idle. He is making a record and greatly pleasing his constituents, irrespective of party affiliations.

McCutcheon, the Chicago Tribune cartoonist, portrayed it vividly Friday in a cartoon, which spoke louder than many columns of words. The only difference is in the name. In Cleveland's time it was the soup houses and in Teddy's age it has assumed the more dignified name of "coffee wagon." And yet this is the best boasted prosperity, that would live forever according to the promises of campaign boosters only four years ago.—Columbia City Post.

An eastern contemporary presents this: As a preventive of grip sleeping rooms should not be heated except in the morning when the occupant is dressing. Apparel, except undershocking, should be changed to suit the weather; standing on damp pavements should be avoided, and people should learn to breathe through the nose and thus take deep inhalations of fresh air. No charge for this prescription.

William R. Curtis starts out the New Year by setting forth in jubilation terms the colossal wealth of the United States, vastly greater than that of any other country on the face of the earth. The showing he makes would be more gratifying if it were possible to demonstrate that the distribution of this fabulous wealth had been fair and equitable. The absence of that element detracts from the value of the exhibit.

It is a matter of common comment that the Indianapolis News is lowering its once high standard as a newspaper. Its recent engagements in associating the liquor element of the state in controlling the Democratic organization was so overdone and extravagant in its evil intents, that people of all political shades were sickened and disgusted. A newspaper that will lie about one thing will lie about another.

The Adams county poultry show is on for the season of 1908, and like all farm stock shows in this grand old county is a hummer. No better class of farmers can be found in this part of civilization than those who live about and help to make Decatur the best town on earth—in good and bad times. The managers of the poultry show are enterprising and deserve the greatest success in their show.

Lew G. Ellingham, editor of the Decatur Democrat, was re-elected a member of the Democratic state committee from the Eighth district. Mr. Ellingham is a man who attracts and never repels. If all the members of the state committee were like Ellingham, the party would at no time have occasion to find fault with its doings.—South Bend Times.

It looks like the law requiring that banks shall bid for public funds deposits, like bridge companies and book and stationery houses must bid for county work, has resulted as usual—combine and divide. But even at that it is better than the old way of letting the officers have all the interest on the people's money.—Rochester Sentinel.

The latest political joke comes in the announcement of Senator Hawkins as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congress in this district. The joke is not confined to the Democrats, but is so accepted by his own party, and if the senator could hear the rumblings he would certainly turn his congressional boom over to a wet nurse, and temporarily retire from politics.

Judge Merryman's opinion in refusing a divorce recently should have been heard by every man and woman

in the county. Divorces are entirely too common, the marriage vow too lightly considered and the learned jurist expressed his thoughts in a manner so earnest and so penetrating that it made all think seriously who heard him.

The worst thing any one can do at this time is to give himself over to despair. There is no occasion for such a mistaken course. The country has all the wealth it had before the panic. Stocks chiefly held by rich speculators have shrunk to the extent of \$1,500,000,000. This gave the country a shock from which it is now slowly recovering. The process of recovery will be slow, for the reason that so many have become frightened and have tightened their purse strings. If everybody could divest himself of this care, muster courage, and inject vim and vigor into his doings, normal conditions would soon be brought about.—South Bend Times.

The New York World has formally declared itself in favor of Governor John A. Johnson, of Minnesota, for the Democratic presidential nomination. Many reasons are given why he should be nominated. Chief among these are his eminent fitness for the place, his broad statesmanship and his demonstrated popularity. The World believes that if any Democrat can be elected to the presidency, Johnson is the man above all others.

The Daily Democrat starts the new year with a circulation averaging nearly 1,000 and reaching every portion of old Adams county. If you want to tell the people of this community anything you have an excellent opportunity. Our advertising rates are very reasonable. Prepare to do more advertising in 1908 than in previous years and you will do more business than ever and be happy.

The real live merchant whether in Decatur or Chicago, is just now pushing his business just a mile, and bargains rare, are offered in every line of trade. Decatur merchants are using the Democrat columns and are getting results for this time of year, when other towns are dead. Decatur—the best town on earth—all the time.

The wheels have started at the Coppock automobile factory and everybody in that section of the city is busy. They will be busier after while for this concern is going to some day be the biggest in Indiana—"er anywhere." The furnace factory has also resumed after ten days for the holiday season and the outlook for 1908 is bright.

Now comes the word that Congressman Cromer has a better organization in Delaware county than ever before. His friends in the district are not talking a great deal, but those who oppose him will later be amazed at the strength he will exert in the district.

Decatur is noticing no hard times, though complaints of a serious nature come from other Indiana cities. It looks now as though 1908 would far exceed all previous years for building, business and bustle in this city.

A demand for a modern office building in Decatur proves we are marching forward in a marvelously rapid manner. It's good to live in such a community.

A BROAD STATEMENT.
This announcement is made without any qualifications. Hem-Roid is the one preparation in the world that guarantees it.

Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid will cure any case of Piles. It is in the form of a tablet.

It is the only Pile remedy used internally.

It is impossible to cure an established case of Piles with ointments, suppositories, injections, or outward appliances.

A guarantee is issued with every package of Dr. Leonhardt's Hem-Roid which contains a month's treatment. Go and talk to Holthouse Drug Co. about it.

Price \$1.00. Dr. Leonhardt Co., Niagara Falls, N. Y.

DISTURBED THE CONGREGATION
The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar.

THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

OF FIVE MEMBERS

**Their Duties and Salaries—
Some Other News of Interest from Washington.**

Washington, January 1.—Senator Beveridge's bill for the creation of a tariff commission, introduced today, was referred to the committee on finance. The senator will urge that its consideration in committee be taken up as soon as possible. It is well understood that there is much opposition to the proposed legislation from the "standpaters" on the ground that the creation of a commission might be interpreted as an opening wedge against the tariff, but the Indiana senator means to fight for the bill and force action on it, if possible. The purpose of the bill is to create a commission, to be appointed by the president, the object of which is stated in the bill as follows:

"It shall be the duty of said commission to proceed immediately to investigate the cost of production of all articles covered by our tariff, the prices paid American labor in comparison with prices paid foreign labor, the cost of raw material entering into our manufactured articles, whether domestic or imported, and all other facts necessary to the fixing of duties on any article."

The commission will consist of five members and be attached to the department of commerce and labor, the secretary of that department being made ex officio chairman of the commission. The members are to be appointed for terms of five years each, vacancies, which may occur from time to time, being filled only for the unexpired term, and the compensation of each member is to be \$5,000 a year. The president's appointments to the commission are to be subject to the approval of the senate and are to be made for life, no senator or representative in congress to be a member.

Each member is to be an expert on the tariff question or some branch thereof, and it is recommended that a lawyer, a farmer and one man who is familiar with the tariff systems of foreign countries shall be among the members.

Representative Gilhams today introduced a joint resolution for a preliminary survey for a ship canal from Toledo to Chicago by way of Fort Wayne. Senator Hemenway will introduce a similar resolution in the senate.

The controller of the currency has approved the national bank of New York as a reserve agent for the Albion National Bank, of Albion, Ind.; also the Capital National Bank, of Indianapolis, as a reserve agent for the Farmers' National Bank, of Wadesville, Ind.

According to statistics made public by the controller, there were 233 national banks in operation in Indiana on December 3, 1907, with a total paid-in capital stock amounting to \$34,106,049.

THE PURDUE FRUIT SHOW.
Will Be Held Next Monday and Tuesday.

The enterprise of the Indiana Horticultural Society in holding a fruit show at Purdue university at the time of the farmer's short course, Jan. 13-18 is attracting considerable attention among the up to date and progressive fruit growers of the state. This show, which it is intended to make an annual affair, is held at the invitation of the horticultural department of Purdue university. The premium list contains about 300 items and the cash prizes amount to over \$100. The committee in charge of the show consists of W. C. Reed, the president of the State Horticultural society, W. B. Flick, secretary, and C. G. Woodbury of the experiment station. This exhibition comes at an opportune time for the horticulturists, since the short course in fruit growing offered by the university will enable them to get many valuable hints in regard to the care of orchards and control of insects by spraying. Premium lists containing full information, can be obtained by writing to C. G. Woodbury, Experiment Station, Lafayette, Ind.

To check a cold quickly, get from your druggist some Little Candy Cold Tablets called Preventics. Druggists everywhere are now dispensing Preventics, for they are not only safe, but decidedly effective and prompt. Preventics contain no quinine, no laxative, no harsh nor sickening. Taken at the "incubation stage" Preventics will prevent Pneumonia, Bronchitis, La Grippe, etc. Hence the name. Preventics, 25 cents. Trial Boxes 5 cts. Sold by W. H. Nachtrieb.

The biggest and cheapest sale ever. True a d Ruyon's special condensed sale. Your money will buy more value than any other place in Adams county.

OTHER COUNCIL NEWS

**Meibers Addition to Have
Electric Lights—Objections to Roop Sewer.**

The common council met Tuesday evening in regular session for the first time in the new year, Mayor Coffee presiding, and every councilman being present with the exception of Chronister, who had his eye injured a few days ago and was unable to attend. After the reading of the minutes the council got down to business and disposed of matters in lightning rapidity. The proof of publication giving notice to property owners for hearing objections upon the assessments on the newly constructed Roop and Lenhart sewers were filed and the mayor then asked if any one present desired to object to the Roop sewer, and in response Charles Miller, a property owner, James Hurst a property owner and Fred Fruchte representing the northern real estate company, objected in person to their respective assessments, alleging that they were too high for the benefits derived. Upon motion by Martin the assessment roll was referred to the street and sewer committee and the city civil engineer for adjustment. This motion carried. The Lenhart sewer was next and no objections were filed against the same, although the school board appeared, and asked to be assessed in the same as they were partially benefited. Upon motion by Van Camp the assessment roll was referred to the street and sewer committee for adjustment. Judge D. D. Heller representing the Logansport and Wabash Valley Gas company presented an ordinance amending an ordinance passed in the year 1890 entitled an ordinance granting the above named company the right and privilege to lay, maintain and operate gas pipes in the city of Decatur for illuminating, heating and power purposes and limiting the price to be charged consumers thereof. Judge Heller explained his object in a clear and concise manner and asked that the Logansport and Wabash Valley Gas company be extended the right to furnish natural gas at a new schedule, which was to hold good for ten years, commencing January 1, 1908, the charge to be one dollar per month for the first 4,000 cubic feet of gas or any fractional part thereof furnished to any consumer as a minimum rate, and the consumer to pay the sum of twenty-five cents per 1,000 cubic feet for all gas consumed in any month over 4,000 cubic feet, said sum to be paid on the first day of each succeeding month and if not paid in ten days after the first of the month, then said company to have the right to charge one dollar and twenty cents for the first 4,000 cubic or fractional part thereof and thirty cents per 1,000 cubic feet for all gas used by the consumer in excess of said 4,000 cubic feet. The company is to furnish all meters, but the consumer is to pay for putting them into place, and the company shall charge no rent for the use of the same. From what Judge Heller stated the gas company have been able to get into a new field where there is plenty of gas and they will after the next two weeks be able to furnish their consumers with plenty of fuel, which will no doubt be welcomed by the citizens of Decatur. The new schedule asked by the company is cheaper than the old and as in the past all gas must pass through a meter. After due consideration the council passed the ordinance by a unanimous vote, thus granting the Logansport and Wabash Valley gas company the privilege they asked. A resolution ordering the city clerk to certify the assessment roll on Seventh Street Improvement to the city treasurer for collection was passed and adopted and those who have been assessed in that improvement may now either appear before the

treasurer, sign the waiver and settle themselves of the ten year plan or pay the amount due in cash. The maintenance bond of Julius Haugk given for the purpose of keeping Seventh Street in repair for three years was read and upon motion by Burns was adopted and ordered spread of record. The work of beautifying Decatur the way of new brick streets seems to continue and from all appearances much improvement in this line will be done in our city during the coming summer. A petition signed by seven of the property owners residing on short Sixth street, commencing at Monroe street and running north to Nuttman avenue, asking for a brick street, was read and upon motion by Christen was referred to the street and sewer committee, who will no doubt report favorably at the next regular meeting of the council. A petition for electric lights in the Meibers addition was filed and read and upon motion by Christen the same was referred to the electric light committee for consideration. The finance committee to whom had been referred the reports of the city treasurer and city clerk for the months of October and November filed their report in which they found the same correct in every respect and upon motion by Christen the report was adopted. The following bills were read and allowed by the council:

Wm. Geary	12.00
W. J. Archbold	1.00
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National Mill Supply Co.	7.00
Bass Foundry	1.00
Latta Martin Pump Co.	1.00
Sullivan Oil Co.	12.00
Pt. Wayne Machine Wks.	17.00
Sunday Creek Coal Co.	61.00
G. R. & I.	12.00
National Express Co.	1.00
C. U. Dorwin	21.00
Telephone Co.	17.00
J. D. Stults	30.00
L. C. Helm	11.00
John Sprague	1.00
H. Stevens	12.00
H. Harraff	20.00
L. G. Ellingham	12.00
Wells Fargo Exp. Co.	1.00
Pt. Wayne Electric Wks.	61.00
Kirsch & Seilemeyer	1.00
W. R. Burkhead	5.00
Krick Tyndall Co.	1.00
J. D. Stults	45.00
Decatur Hardware Co.	1.00
Kirsch & Seilemeyer	1.00
D. Gessinger	1.00
D. F. Teeple	71.00
John Sprague	12.00
J. D. Hale	25.00
D. F. Teeple	71.00

Upon motion by Christen bills number 7645 and 7646 in favor of Sam Frank and Joel Reynolds night policemen, each calling for \$75.00 were dismissed, as the men have both commenced action in the circuit court. No other business coming before the council, they adjourned to meet at their next regular meeting.

MISS KALTWASSER IS DEAD.
Bluffton Lady Well Known Here Dies at Cleveland.

Miss Rosa Kleinbent received word yesterday to the effect that Miss Anna Kaltwasser of Bluffton, who underwent an operation at a Cleveland hospital a short time ago, died Monday night at that place. Miss Kaltwasser is the daughter of a prominent business man of Bluffton, and has visited in this city on many different occasions. The deceased has been a close friend of Miss Kleinbent for several years and the news of her death does not only cause sorrow among her friends in Bluffton, but also among her many acquaintances and friends which she has made in Decatur. She was a girl of many talents and was possessed of the qualities that make a girl ideal in every respect.

Tom Galloghly has returned from a business trip to Hongland.



Rapid changes of temperature are hard on the toughest constitution.

The conductor passing from the heated inside of a trolley car to the icy temperature of the platform—the canvasser spending an hour or so in a heated building and then walking against a biting wind—know the difficulty of avoiding cold.

Scott's Emulsion strengthens the body so that it can better withstand the danger of cold from changes of temperature.

It will help you to avoid taking cold.

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