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READY FOR THE THIRD BATTLE

The election of Stokes Jackson as chairman of the Democratic state committee, is a further evidence of the devotion of the Indiana democrats to their national leader, W. J. Bryan. Mr. Jackson is a clean, honest and conscientious man and is known from one end of the state to the other as the original Bryan Democrat. Of course, all Indiana Democrats are now Bryan Democrats, but Mr. Jackson was one among the first, and his loyalty and devotion to the great Democratic leader during the many trials of the past dozen years, has won the admiration of every Democrat in the state of Indiana. It is fitting at this time to choose him of all other noble sons to lead in the third great battle for the people's champion.

The Republican press have had much to say about Mr. Jackson and his intimacy with the brewery interests of the state. There has never been anything said that is as much at variance with the life and character of Mr. Jackson. Such a thought is even repulsive to his sense of right. We have but to take up the record of the many southern states to brand as false the accusation that the Democratic party has any intimacy with intemperance.

Democrats in this part of Indiana would have appreciated the election of Judge Richard K. Erwin. He would have made a vigorous and aggressive campaign. His high standing and moral courage would have rallied the old guards and brought into action the varied elements of the party.

The fact that 41 ballots had to be taken before a choice was made for chairman of the Democratic state committee does not, by any manner of means, indicate that there was at any stage of the contest a doubt about the final election of Stokes Jackson. It was simply a matter of judicious deliberation, skillful fencing and strategic maneuvering. These things some times become expedient, to tone down a sharp edge here and a sharp edge there. Diplomacy in politics at times serves an excellent purpose. The Times is of the opinion that it would have been the part of wisdom to have chosen Judge Richard K. Erwin to this position, but in view of the fact that he was entered in the race at the eleventh hour and that the practical element of the party had previously centered its support on Stokes Jackson, there is no complaint to be made as to the final outcome of the contest. Mr. Jackson has been working in the political harness a good many years; he has grown and broadened a good deal; and he will serve the party to the best of his ability.—South Bend Times.

Democrats in this part of Indiana, and for the matter of that, in other parts, will exceedingly regret that the state committee did not choose Judge Richard K. Erwin, of Decatur, chairman of the organization. It seemed for a time that he would be the man on whom choice finally would fall, but the impossibility of getting a majority united against the candidate popularly viewed as the "Taggart man" undid the strenuous effort made in Judge Erwin's behalf. "Dick" Erwin would have proved an ideal leader and could have wrought harmony out of what has been chaos.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

A Mississippi paper puts in nomination for the presidency that gifted southern statesman, John Sharp Williams. As an expression of confidence and admiration, this is all right. But Mr. Williams already has two jobs—one as representative in congress and after that a six-year term in the senate. There is such a thing as putting too heavy a load on a man's shoulders.

CROMER IN COMMAND

Even the doubting Thomas' will have to admit that George W. Cromer is a mighty lively political corpse. The district meeting at Winchester was ruled entirely by his influence, and a district chairman was named that is first a Cromer machine manipulator and then a republican. The organization is strictly a Cromer machine, and the rules governing the nomination of a republican candidate for congress will have to be such as Mr. Cromer desires, and the candidate will have to measure up to the special liking of the ex-congressman—and who can do that so well as Mr. Cromer himself? The Bluffton News, anti-Cromer, predicts a congressional primary with Cromer as a strong candidate. The Anderson Bulletin, anti-Cromer, admits the strength of Mr. Cromer, and says that he had completely under his control the Winchester convention. The Portland Commercial-Review, anti-Cromer, heads their account of the district meeting "Cromer in Control." Thus it will be seen that first blood came easily for the many times congressman. Following the Winchester meeting comes the announcement of Editor E. C. Toner's withdrawal from the congressional race, the wise Anderson editor evidently seeing the handwriting on the wall.

The Winchester convention is reported as being painfully unenthusiastic. The only spark of life came when Hon. Theodore Shockney lambasted everybody present, and scored those responsible for the omission of endorsing President Roosevelt and Governor Hanly. He said that the dove of peace evidently wore horns and had several butcher knives concealed up its sleeve.

Judge Robert S. Taylor, of this city, is never wanting in courage to speak his mind upon a question of public interest. In his too infrequent political speeches he has had a fashion of discussing with the most impressive candor such issues as from time to time have been uppermost in the public mind and the attitude of the republican party toward such issues. The same blunt candor marks Judge Taylor's latest contribution to political opinion. A leader of Indiana republicans, he goes the full length to declare that Indiana's favorite son and somewhat declared choice of republican presidential candidates is not the man for the party. Fair banks, Foraker and Cannon, he says, should not be thought of as successors to Roosevelt. The election of any one of these, he asserts, would be to undo all that Roosevelt has contrived to have done. Roosevelt is out of the question, declares Judge Taylor, but the man to lead the republican party must be like Roosevelt. Judge Taylor expresses himself with a gravity so profound that his views must make a decided impression. A query that naturally arises upon this great lawyer and thinker's declarations is, How many thinking, patriotic men are there in the republican party in Indiana who at heart agree with him? Doubtless the number is large. Some of them may take courage from Judge Taylor's example to let themselves be heard from.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

It is claimed that George Cromer will be in control of the Eighth congressional district convention and could nominate himself if he chooses to. And George would surely do so if he thought the people would not rise up again and smite him another mighty blow. And he will, in all probability, stand for another knock-out rather than surrender his organization.—Anderson Bulletin.

In the big factory cities they are opening free soup houses or free lodging places and calling the m'Public Barracks." But a lemon by any other name tastes just the same.—Rochester Sentinel.

NO FLIES ON DECATUR

The Coppock Motor Car company shipped a machine to Cincinnati Saturday and report the sale of two more. The Ward Fence company start a traveling representative on the road to

take care of the retail trade, and in this way expect to materially increase their already large output. The Decatur Packing company are shipping their meats all over this section of Indiana, and part of Ohio, and have more business than they can handle. The Decatur Produce company have had a successful year with a volume of business that several times surpasses that of any former year. The Decatur Furnace company are working to nearly their capacity, and have in view several fat orders, both in furnaces and job castings. The Van Camp Machine Works are busier now than they have ever been. The Waring Glove company are working to their limit and are completely snowed under with orders. The Decatur Egg Case company have many future orders and busy now.

The story is short but sweet. Decatur is traveling the pace that makes the business man smile and every one else glad at heart that they live where progress and prosperity labor in a way that counts.

Ex-Congressman Cromer has won a signal victory in the selection of the Delaware county republican committee. He swept the platter clean. There is scarcely a vestige of opposition to him, and he rules the county with an iron hand. His mastery over Delaware county was never so complete. They will do his bidding. District and congressional candidates from other counties will katow to him in the convention. The man who gets a nomination will wear the Cromer brand. He is in a position to punish his enemies, and reward his friends. He will do both. The Madison county candidates must make terms with the ex-congressman.—Anderson Bulletin.

Senator La Follette is very happy because he is without important committee assignments, and the explanation is being delicately conveyed to him that since he went up and down the country exalting himself at the expense of other senators he has become so obnoxious that he is not wanted on any of the committees in whose particular subjects he affects special interest. Somehow the man who gives it out that no one but himself is to be trusted is never as popular as he would like.—Muncie Star.

It pays to advertise. Every man who has succeeded in business knows. The Daily Democrat has a circulation of 3,000 and is read each day all over Adams county. The wise merchant in Decatur will use its columns freely during 1908 and will bless us for doing so when he figures up his volume of business a year from now. Get in line.

A Nebraskan recently remarked that Roosevelt was a combination of Washington, Lincoln, Jupiter, Bismarck and Buffalo Bill. The Louisville Courier-Journal moves to amend by adding Diogenes, Parkhurst, Eugene V. Debs, and the old woman who lived in the shoe.—Rochester Sentinel.

It is none too late to pass a resolution in your mind that you will do all your trading at home during 1908. Such a resolution would be a mighty good thing for the town and incidentally help all the people.—Muncie Press.

Boosters—keep boosting. The future of Decatur is assured. No city in Indiana is passing through the panic so easily, so nicely as our own fair Decatur. It will take but little effort from all of us to keep the ball rolling and make 1908 the best year of all. Let's do it.

U. S. Jackson, of Greenfield, has been chosen as chairman of the state democratic committee. He is an able man, a Jacksonian democrat, a good organizer and a worker who will do all in his power to lead his party to victory in old Indiana.

It is openly charged by politicians who know that the unfair and silly effort of the Indianapolis News to make the democratic state chairmanship outcome a brewer's victory regardless of who won was inspired by republican designs with party dictator-

ship in them. The News is for Hugh Miller for the republican nomination for governor and against Jim Watson and Charley Miller. It tried to make the people believe the democrats were being manipulated by the brewers, accusing every candidate for state chairman of being a saloon ally, and it was done to create such a feeling against democrats that the temperance forces would demand a temperance man at the head of the republican state ticket and the News would fight Watson and Charley Miller as brewery allies and dictate Hugh Miller's nomination and control him if elected. But its work is so coarse it looks like the proverbial ostrich hiding from discovery by sticking its head under the sand.—Rochester Sentinel.

Its good to read that Decatur men took a prominent part in the democratic state affairs at Indianapolis this week, to know that old Adams county is recognized and though Judge Richard K. Erwin lacked one vote to secure the coveted prize, he certainly made them "sit up and take notice" and that too, without having made any effort to land the chairmanship, prior to the meeting of the committee. We are proud of Judge Erwin and proud of the splendid showing he made.

"Do you think we shall have a revival of the flush times that we have had during the past four or five years?" some one asks. Assuredly not. The person who expects such a revival is doomed to disappointment. But it is entirely within the range of possibilities and probabilities, that good, profitable business will be done during the present year. Conditions are favorable to that, but not to kite-flying or ballooning. That is a thing of the past.

There is said to be a possibility that Judge Joseph W. Adair may conclude to accept the Democratic nomination for congress in the Twelfth district should it be tendered him without a scramble. The probability, however, is that the people of the Noble-Whitley circuit will insist upon his remaining on the bench. He has proved himself an ideal judge.—South Bend Times.

OBITUARY.

Mary Jane Parrish, wife of Jeremiah Russell, was born in Tuscarawas county, Ohio, December 16, 1838, and died January 9, 1908, aged 69 years and 23 days.

She moved to Adams county, Ind., in 1849. On March 1, 1860 she was united in marriage to Jeremiah Russell. To this union were born seven children: Deborah J., Clara Eveline, Ulysses G., Carrie Emeline, Esther Estella, Elsie Irena, Ollie Mabelle. Of these four preceded her in death. Her husband, three children and eleven grandchildren, two sisters and three brothers and many friends mourn today the loss of a faithful wife, mother and friend.

She was converted in early life and united with the M. E. church in 1857 thus having been a member for more than fifty years. Throughout her long life she remained a faithful and consistent Christian.

APPOINTED AS A DELEGATE.

Judge LaFollette Remembered by Governor Hanly.

Judge John F. LaFollette has received a letter from Governor J. Frank Hanly notice that he has been appointed as one of the delegates to a convention of the citizens of Indiana, which will be held at the Board of Trade Assembly hall in Indianapolis, on Tuesday and Wednesday January 21 and 22 for the purpose of considering the interest of the state in the movement recently inaugurated in Washington for the improvement of the inland waterways of America. The governor states in his letter that he has appointed a number of delegates from different parts of the state at the suggestion of Henry Riesenberg, vice president of the national rivers and harbors congress for this state in order that the state may be well represented.—Portland Commercial-Review.

The Eagles will hold a dance Friday evening at their spacious club rooms to which the public in general is invited to attend. This lodge has a reputation of being royal entertainers and those who attend will no doubt enjoy themselves to the limit.

INTERESTING THEMES NEW SLIDE ORDERED

Were Handled by Ohio Minister at the Presbyterian Church—Other Services.

Rev. W. T. McKinney, of DeGraff, Ohio, occupied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening and did exceptionally well in his sermons. Fair sized audiences were present at both meetings. On next Sunday Samuel H. Edgecumbe, of western Ohio, will preach and from what we are able to ascertain he is above the ordinary in his work. Three or four other ministers will be given a trial before a selection is made and this gives the people of the church an opportunity to hear and decide upon the minister who can best fill this charge.

While it must be said that Dr. C. B. Wilcox has, during his stay in Decatur, presented and delineated many interesting themes to his congregations, his address of Sunday morning in the estimation of many who heard him, far excels any of his former sermons. The theme, "The Greatest Miracle of Modern Times" furnished the subject from which not only religious but historical transformations as well, were talked of in a manner becoming to the speaker. "The Miracle" spoken of in the theme, takes the hearer back to ancient times, when the ancestors of the Caucasian race, the Anglo Saxons were in savagery. Much stress was placed upon the fact that the Anglo Saxons were savage, drunken, treacherous, and fearless class of people, who would kill their enemy, make a vessel out of his skull and from it drink the blood of his body. This indicates the heathenish characteristics of our ancestor even so late as six hundred years after Christ, and is used in the later development of the address to illustrate the wonderful miracle brought about by religious influences. "The Anglo Saxons," said Dr. Wilcox, "are spoken of as the most heathen like people of their age, butw hile this is true, their reverence of woman, the observation of fidelity in their homes and their belief in a dominant spirit made their natures more adept to Christianity and reverence to God than any other people and responsive to this, their descendants, the American people of today, lead all other countries in civilization and many other respects that feature our great commonwealth. Hence, the rapid advancement of the people, the educational advantage of today, and every feature that prompts progressiveness in any country, is attributed to the religious influences cast abroad among the people.

PRESSURE IS STRONG

The Wabash Valley Gas company is rushing the work to completion in the construction of the pipe line between Geneva and the new gas territory a distance of eight miles. Two gangs of workmen are on the job, one working from each direction and at the present time, four miles of the line is completed. It is thought that the line will be completed during the last part of this week and the connection will be made some time in the near future. The new territory which is owned by the Warren Oil and Gas company, of Warren, Pa., contains five good producing wells that show a rock pressure of from 150 to 175. At present the city of Portland only is being supplied from these wells, but after the new line is completed, Geneva and Decatur will be added to the list. According to a statement made by an official of the Wabash Valley Co., Decatur, will have as much gas as they ever had, within a short time, and this news will be welcomed by many Decatur people, who have been unable to believe the good tidings.

To Forbid Spitting on the Floor—New Rules for Teachers—Measles.

Indianapolis, Jan. 14.—Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health, has conferred with the board managers of a number of five-cent theaters in Indiana, both in Indianapolis and outside the city, and it has been agreed that a new lantern slide shall be introduced in these theaters. This slide will bear the following inscription: "Spitting on the floor of this theater is positively forbidden by order of the Indiana state board of health. Consumption is spread by spitting. Consumption kills 5,000 people in Indiana annually." It is hoped that eventually such slides will be exposed in all the five-cent theaters of the state.

There has been considerable complaint about spitting on the floors of these theaters and Dr. Hurty believes the plan he has adopted will stop this to a great extent. He reported this plan at the meeting of the state board of health and it was approved.

The state board of health has made some changes in its rules. One rule adopted makes it unlawful for teachers to permit the attendance at school of a child who is suffering from any infectious disease, even though it be only a cough and cold. The board believed that a child suffering from a cough and cold disturbs the other pupils in the room, and also that the recovery of such children is retarded by the environments at school. Another rule makes it unlawful to employ teachers or janitors who are suffering from tuberculosis. The penalty for violation of any of these rules adopted by the board is a fine of from \$5 to \$50.

Dr. Hurty reported to the board that there were more infectious diseases in Indiana during the last quarter of 1906 than there were during the corresponding quarter of 1905.

This increase was due largely, he said, to the great number of cases of measles. This disease was reported from every county in the state. Diphtheria also was prevalent in the state during the last quarter of pneumonia also during the last quarter of 1906 than during the corresponding quarter of 1905.

The state board agreed to a plan suggested by Dr. Hurty for collecting accurate vital statistics. This plan will be worked out through correspondence with mothers. An endeavor will be made to have the surnames of all children reported correctly and if this is not done the question will be taken up directly with the mother.

DAMAGES FROM SALOON KEEPER

Asked by Marion Glasse Blower in Superior Court.

John Beggerly, who has a saloon at Marion was sued in the superior court for \$10,000 damages. George M. Kocher and Chris Kohlenberg are made parties to the suit, being bondsmen of Beggerly.

Lillie Walter is the wife of John Walter a glass blower, who was able to earn \$150 a month when he worked. Walter, says the complaint, was a drunkard and Beggerly knew it. July 6, 1907, Walter went into the Beggerly saloon. He was intoxicated and drank four drinks of beers, each drink being a half pint. Between 8 and 10 o'clock at night he staggered out of the saloon and walked to the Clover Leaf railroad, which is just back of the saloon. Here he staggered against a train and fell, his right arm being so frightfully mangled that it had to be amputated.

S. Avalene is a business caller at Fort Wayne.

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