

# THE DEMOCRAT

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The convention at Winchester yesterday indicates the likelihood that the republican party throughout the district has again fallen under the spell of ex-Congressman Cromer. In the convention yesterday he had the complete mastery and single-handed and alone he was the dominant force. From present indications it is not unlikely that Mr. Cromer will control the congressional nomination. If he doesn't there will have to be a quick change in conditions. No one is apparently in his confidence and no one seems to know whether he is himself a candidate or merely chooses to name the man. Events alone will be able to determine this. A while back Mr. Cromer's best friends would not have predicted that such a situation would come about. But such is the man's hold on his followers and such is his organizing ability that the presumably impossible is in a fair way of achievement. The only hope against Mr. Cromer, as it now appears, is through some Madison county man. If this county would get together with a solid delegation behind a good man his nomination might be affected. But this county would have to present a united front and then work unceasingly for the nomination.—Anderson Herald, rep.

Were it not for recognizing merit and good business judgment, we would express regret over the announcement that Judge Richard K. Erwin will leave Decatur and locate in Fort Wayne. Judge Erwin has always lived in Adams county, and for twenty-two years has resided in this city, where he easily attained a prominent place as a lawyer and citizen. The many ties made are as sacred as they are binding and their partial severance now bring many pangs of regret. But with this regret, comes the knowledge that Judge Erwin will soon rise to a place of prominence in his new home. The Democrat but voices the sentiment of every inhabitant of Adams county, when it expresses regret that he leaves us, but adds the hope that prosperity will help pay for the severance of many friendly ties.

Senator Aldrich's finance bill meets with determined opposition everywhere except in Wall street and kindred localities in the east. Throughout the west this measure is freely condemned as inadequate to the country's requirements and unjust to the nation's financial interests. Senator Aldrich is closely allied with the Standard Oil octopus, whose bidding he does at all times and under all circumstances. He is a very able man and a most adroit manipulator. This makes him all the more dangerous as a promoter of selfish interests. While his measure has considerable support in the senate, it is deemed certain that it will not pass in its present form.—South Bend Times.

How does this strike you. It is the voice of a rural newspaper man out in Texas: "Let's banish from our minds all doubts and fears concerning the ultimate success of this country, and get to work with a grim determination to succeed. The only way to accomplish anything is to work for it. No man can hope for success unless he has energy enough to get out and hustle. A croaker makes a doleful noise and the most appropriate place for him is a graveyard. Get into the front ranks. Be of the bunch that say I will." This is applicable to all parts of this incomparable country.

Congressman Adair still remains at his post of duty in Washington. The latest evidence of this fact comes in the announcement of his introduction of a bill removing the tariff duty on lumber, and telegraphic dispatches say that such a law would save his constituents alone more than one hundred thousand dollars in one year. If this is a fair estimate, will some one please figure out the saving in every congressional district in the country? It is a deserving bill and again demonstrates that the eighth district congressman is playing the congressional game with an eye single to those whom he promised to serve.

In the city of Dayton there are said to be over 10,000 workmen out of employment. They held several mass meetings during the past week. There is no hall in Dayton big enough to hold all the men that wanted to take part in these meetings. Most of the speeches delivered were of a decidedly suggestive character. The substance thereof was that the idle men did not ask for charity. What they wanted was work. If the factories could not furnish work, the municipality must furnish employment by way of public improvements. Emphasis was given to the sentiment that in a country of plenty men willing to work will not permit their families to starve on account of failure to get something to do.—South Bend Times.

Marion, the capital of Grant county, this state, is something of a boom town. It is located in the gas belt, on the Big Four railroad, about midway between Wabash and Anderson. Near Marion is the Soldiers' Home, which is of course considered quite an adjunct in a business way. Marion has been boomed, pushed and coddled in various ways. The report having been circulated that there are at present 1,000 vacant houses in Marion, Postmaster Evans caused to be made a canvass of the town to ascertain exactly how many empty houses there really are. The report is 311.

J. B. McClure is canvassing the state in the interest of the Indianapolis Sun. The Sun has declared for Bryan for president, and is now a rock-ribbed, "true blue" Democratic newspaper, and as such asks for the support of the Democrats of Indiana. It is owned by Willis J. Thompson, a thorough, all-round newspaper man, who will give the paper his personal management. Mr. Thompson promises to give the Democrats of Indiana a paper that they will be very proud of. The Sun will be the only big city penny paper published in the state.

A reception is to be given State Chairman Stokes Jackson by his friends and neighbors at Greenfield on Tuesday evening, January 21. The affair is to be made of state importance, and will likely develop into the real opening of the campaign for 1908. The Hancock county democracy are up on their toes and will do themselves proud in paying honor to their fellow townsman and now chairman of the democratic state committee.

It is given out that within a few days former congressman Cromer will announce his candidacy for congress. As we are familiar with the spectacular in republican politics in this district, such an announcement will fail to even cause a ripple of excitement. Even the ultra anti-Cromerites have given up in despair and are not even hoping against hope.

In South Bend the city authorities have opened a soup house to provide for the hundreds of people in distress through the cold winter months. In Elwood the churches are left open during the daytime and late at night that all who are cold can step in and warm. Free coffee and something to eat is afforded where such people are in need.—Anderson News, rep.

In our mention of the many Decatur manufacturing institutions the other day, we omitted one among the best, Krick, Tyndall & Co. Their sewer and drain tile is known for many hundred miles surrounding Decatur, and this winter they are working more people than ever before, and have more business than they can do.

Cromer clubs are being formed over the Eighth congressional district. Other aspirants had better take notice.—Anderson Bulletin.

An Ohio factory is so hard up it paid its hands in ax handles last Saturday. Wouldn't it make a wife scream with delight, though, to have her husband come home in these republican prosperity times and give her her weekly allowance in ax handles?—Rochester Sentinel.

The finance bill prepared and agreed upon by a committee of bankers, chosen for this purpose, is said to be a far more satisfactory measure than either the Aldrich or Foraker bill. For several years the American Bankers' association has been considering and debating what sort of a banking law ought to be devised and recommended to congress for enactment. Differences of opinion were so great that agreement was at times despaired of. Finally the leading spirits appear to have gotten nearer together, and after a several days' session in Chicago the commission entrusted with this difficult task was able to agree upon a bill that is believed to meet the country's requirement. Whether the two houses of congress will accept this handiwork in part or in whole we shall know in the course of a few months.—South Bend Times.

It is freely predicted in Portland that N. B. Hawkins, the senator from Jay and Randolph counties, will buy the nomination for congress from Cromer. Cromer has the machine and can deliver the nomination to whoever he pleases. He has been so in the habit of disposing of postoffices to the highest bidder that it is more than likely he will sell the nomination for congress, inasmuch as it is not so sure of election as Mr. Cromer would like. If the nomination goes on the market, Hawkins will get it. He would give his all for a chance at that seat. It's the only way he will ever get it.—Bluffton Banner.

In a talk to the Republican editors at Indianapolis last week, James P. Goodrich, who had just been re-elected state chairman, said that he did not "look forward to the next campaign with quite the same confidence" he had felt in the past. He declared that he expected "a hard fight," and the Republican organization "instead of using its best efforts to the control of the convention and the naming of candidates" would have about all it could do to manage the campaign.

The reception to State Chairman Jackson last evening was a worthy tribute to a worthy man. He pledged anew his allegiance to the Democratic party and every Democrat in the party and that he was chairman for all the party and not for any particular part thereof. The fulfillment of this pledge means a peaceful and happy Democratic household in Indiana.

Judge Artman, who is himself a Republican, declares that the Columbia club at Indianapolis—a swell Republican organization—is "the most notorious blind tiger in Indiana." Yet you read but little in the Indianapolis press about this disreputable violator of law, and much about the notorious gambling at French Lick. The reason is obvious.

It is really distressing to see the efforts of the Indianapolis News to defeat Taft. But the Taft boom seems to sweep everything before it. The Fairbanks people sought to put his boom in charge of ex-Congressman Cromer. It needs a man who does things.—Anderson Bulletin.

The many Decatur and Adams county friends of Mr. Will Hale, of Geneva, will deeply sympathize with him in these hours of sorrow. While sympathy will not bring back the joys of a happy home, yet it helps to lighten the burden of sorrow and remorse that oftentimes envelope us.

Decatur is a live one. If any further evidence is needed to verify this statement, we have but to say that the boosters of the Commercial club and those outside the club are putting their heads together and are figuring out ways and means for the location of another factory.

Taking the tariff off lumber looks first rate to the plain people, Mr. Adair but the plain people, you know, are not running it. They are so impractical as to think that a little disturbance of the right kind would be a good thing for business.—Indianapolis News.

Hon. Harry C. Pettit, United States marshal for the district of Indiana, was here yesterday serving a few in dictments against the James Eli Watson gubernatorial boom, and at the same time doing the missionary act in behalf of Charley Miller.

Judge Joseph W. Adair, of Columbia City, has announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for congress in the twelfth district. Judge Adair is a great man and will add dignity to any place he may be called upon to fill.

## FOUR ARRESTS MADE

### Two Ladies Got the Wrong Chickens Says One of the Indictments

Sheriff Meyer and his deputy Ed Green were busy today arresting persons who were indicted by the November grand jury. Nine indictments were returned at that time and they will soon know what for.

Mrs. Willard Steele and her daughter Mary E. Debolt, were charged with driving five chickens away from the Mahilda Fromfield home and converting them to their own use. They gave bond for \$100.

Henry Ostemeyer was "pinched" on an indictment which says he permitted persons in his saloon on Sunday.

Jesse Smith drew one of the packages on his old charge, that of conducting a gambling house.

## DEATH WAS SUDDEN

### Visited Here Recently—Was Niece of Mr. and Mrs. Krumacher

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Krumacher have received news of the death of their niece, Mrs. J. M. Sparks, at Warsaw, on January 10. She visited here last fall and is quite well known. Speaking of her sad death the Warsaw Northern Indiana, said:

The many friends of Mrs. J. M. Sparks were shocked to learn of her death which occurred shortly after twelve o'clock today. Although Mrs. Sparks suffered from diabetes for the last year, she did not give up to the disease nor lose her interest in outside affairs. She was one of the officers installed by the Henry Chipman W. R. C. Tuesday evening. Her condition became alarming yesterday and she was not expected to live through the night. Mrs. Sparks was twenty-six years old and was a member of the Henry Chipman Woman's Relief Corps and the Lynden reading circle. She possessed a happy disposition and won the friendship of all who knew her. The body will be taken to her former home at Circleville, Ohio, for interment.

## HAVE GONE TO ST. MARYS, OHIO

Cora Lawton Mitchell Company Cancels Tonight's Show.

The Cora Mitchell Stock company that has held forth at the Bosse opera house for the past two nights, staged a very pretty play last night entitled "The Wandering Jew." The characters were good and this familiar play was put on in a charming manner. Owing to the fact that the attendance was so poor at the shows, that the management decided to cancel tonight's engagement and go to St. Marys, Ohio, where they will show tonight.

Grant Weissell, of Corning, Iowa, came in this morning by way of Huntington, accompanied by Frank Glass of that city. They are visiting Mr. W. W. Weissell and family. Grant was a former resident of Bluffton and learned the printer's trade in the Banner office several years ago. At present he is the editor of the Democrat at Corning, a prosperous and up to date newspaper.—Bluffton Banner.

## HIGH SCORES MADE FRANCE STILL LEADS

### Dorwin Averaged Over Two Hundred—Elks Lead—One Big Score

STANDING.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Elks .....	3	3	0	1.000
Klondykes .....	9	5	4	.555
Post Office .....	3	1	2	.333
K. of C. ....	3	0	3	.000

The Elks played their first games last evening in the city bowling league tournament that is now in progress at the Klondyke alleys and fortunately won all three games and as a result are leading the procession. In the first game the Elks rolled the high team score 961, which is an excellent score and the boys are deserving of much praise and credit for the same. For the Elks Dorwin had the high average, he reaching the high mark 201 for three games, while Tom Peterson led for the Klondykes with an average of 190. The teams are evenly matched and the contest was interesting throughout. The following scores were made:

Elks.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Frisinger .....	190	189	167-182	
Vaughn .....	186	153	162-167	
Mangold .....	171	179	180-176	
Lankenau .....	176	165	219-186	
Dorwin .....	238	204	162-201	
961	890	890		
Klondykes.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Russell .....	127	110	167-134	
Crabill .....	197	119	122-146	
Garard .....	164	163	153-160	
Shelton .....	133	167	130-143	
T. Peterson .....	189	179	202-190	
809	738	774		

## FIRST OF ITS KIND

### In this County—Company Failed to Build Fence So Mr. Dailey Built It

Attorneys Peterson & Moran filed Tuesday night in the city bowling league of interest to many as it is the first of the kind ever filed here. The case is entitled Esaias W. Bailey vs. the Chicago & Erie railroad company, demand \$350. The suit is filed under a section of Burns 1901 statute, No. 5323 which provides that where a railroad company allows the fences along their right of way to get out of repair the farmer whose land adjoins may, after serving proper notice of thirty days upon the company, may build said fence and collect for same from the company together with attorney fees. On May 27th last Mr. Dailey served such a notice on the C. & E. agents at Decatur and Wren and proceeded to build the fence along his farm, which was completed August 21st last at a cost of \$240.97. This with \$15.00 interest and \$75.00 attorney fees and other costs, makes the amount of the demand \$350. Peterson & Moran have a half dozen or more similar cases to file soon. A case in point was decided in 1905 by the Indiana Appellate court in favor of the plaintiff.

Everything is progressing nicely for the horse sale to be held at the sale stables on First street on January 30th and everything now points to a most successful sale. A number of eastern horsemen will be on hand and bid in the horses offered for sale, which fact alone means success. One hundred and seventy-five head will be disposed of to the highest bidder and the sale will continue until all are sold.

### Elzey Defeats Allison and the Latter Drops into Fourth Place

STANDING.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
O. France 100 ....	7	6	1	.857
Peterson 70 .....	9	6	3	.666
B. France 70 .....	9	6	3	.666
Studabaker 70 ....	8	5	3	.625
F. E. France 100 ..	7	4	3	.571
Allison 90 .....	7	4	3	.571
Mangold 70 .....	8	3	5	.375
Elzey 90 .....	9	3	6	.333
Bobo 90 .....	9	2	7	.222
DeVoss 90 .....	9	2	7	.222

Another game was played Tuesday evening in the DeWitt smoke house billiard tournament last evening, the contest being between Allison and Elzey, the latter winning by a score of 100 to 96. As a result of this contest Allison dropped in the percentage column from second place to fourth and may now experience some trouble getting inside the money. The contest between these two experts was close and exciting, and the many brilliant plays made by each were roundly applauded. Elzey, however, showed the best form and with a nice run of five closed the game and brought victory to himself. An effort is being made to have the remaining six games played this week and as a result Saturday a champion should be announced.

## CAUSED BY A BOY

### Struck a Match, Head Flew into the Lounge Fringe—Fire Results—Fire Results

The home of Marshal H. Fred Bohnke was visited by fire Friday evening and as a result they are loser an extra fine couch with a good sized scare thrown in for good measure. While Mrs. Bohnke was in the backyard doing some work, their little son who was in the house started to play with some matches around the couch and when striking the same the head flew into the fringe surrounding the couch and in a few seconds the same was a mass of flames. Mrs. Bohnke for some reason unexplainable, happened about that time to look through the window into the house and saw what occurred and at once rushed into the house. The boy however, had used his presence of mind and upset the couch and with the aid of his mother the same was carried out of the house, where in a very few moments it was reduced to ashes. Had not Mrs. Bohnke seen the blaze when she did there is no doubt but that a more disastrous blaze would have been the result. However, the small loss sustained is fully covered with insurance.

## REVIVAL STILL IN PROGRESS.

### Evangelical Church Services Cause Great Interest.

The evangelistic services which have been in progress in the Evangelical church in this city for the past two weeks are increasing in interest and attendance. The membership has been greatly revived and are quickened to do effectual personal work. They will continue at least this week and everybody is cordially invited to attend. The outlook at the present time is very hopeful. A number of persons are at the turning point of deciding for Christ. It is to be hoped that many more persons will realize the need of repentance before these meetings close.

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