

AFTER MAY FIRST

Coal Operating Railroads to Be Good—Tilman on Prohibition

Washington, January 20.—George B. Cortelyou, secretary of the treasury, is still a candidate for the presidency. Unless he feels the force of the "big stick" he will continue to occupy a place in the cabinet, and will continue in the race for the presidency. His attitude is that of a receptive candidate; of a man who has reason to believe that the Chicago convention may develop a situation that will present him as an available man for the nomination. Mr. Cortelyou does not approve of the president's present course in politics. Several weeks ago he threshed the whole subject out with Mr. Roosevelt. He said to the president frankly, that he did not think he should be backing Mr. Taft or any other member of his cabinet for the presidency; that he thought the president was making a mistake in using the power of the administration to further the interests of any particular candidate.

Washington, January 20.—At the department of justice it has been announced that if the coal-carrying railroads agree to comply promptly with the decision of the supreme court of the United States on the constitutionality of the provision of the Hepburn law prohibiting transportation companies from owning and operating coal properties after May 1, it will not prosecute such companies pending the adjudication of the case by the supreme court.

Washington, January 20.—The senate committee on the judiciary took up the various prohibition measures before it and heard Senator Tilman on his bill regulating the importation of liquor into one state from another. He argued that it was competent for congress to take in hand this question and relegate it to the control of the states as a police power.

AGAINST CHAS. AULT

After a Sunday in Jail—The Ceremony Was Performed this Morning

After some persuasion and the explanation of some facts, making it very important, Clerk James Haefling Monday issued a marriage license to Charles Ault, aged twenty-three and Miss Maggie Schlegel, aged twenty-eight. Five minutes later, at nine o'clock they were united in marriage by Squire James H. Smith at the latter's office. Ault is employed as a section hand on the Clover Leaf railroad. When he came in from work Saturday evening, he was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Green and Constable Frank Smith, on a paternity charge filed by Miss Schlegel. Charley Sundayed in jail and came down street this morning determined to do the right thing. Miss Schlegel was summoned and the wedding resulted. The groom is a son of James Ault, and the bride a daughter of Daniel Schlegel, an estimable citizen who died a few years ago.

JACOB EADY RESIGNS JOB.

Employed as Electrical Engineer at the City Plant.

Jacob Eady, who has been in the employ of the city for more than seven years, during which time he served as electric light trimmer, lineman and engineer, resigned his position last Saturday the same to take effect at once. For five and one-half years Mr. Eady fulfilled the capacity of light trimmer and August 1, 1906, he was promoted to engineer and electrician at the city light and power plant. In this capacity Mr. Eady was proficient and proved himself a valuable man to the city. He has in view a good position in another city similar to the one he has resigned from.

Last night an interurban car killed a horse in the vicinity of the power house. The horse was running about and crossed the track in front of the approaching car and was instantly killed.

Mrs. Matilda Nichols, the aged lady who died recently from old age and diseases characteristic thereof, was buried today at the Decatur cemetery. The funeral services were conducted from the U. B. church this morning at 9:30 o'clock with Rev. Stangle officiating. The services were most impressive and due respect was given to the deceased lady.

A SURPRISE PARTY

Dr. C. V. Connell, the Victim—A Party at William Trim Home Near Monroe

A very delightful party was held Sunday evening at the home of Mr. Wm. Trim, one mile north of Monroe. Friends and relatives gathered with baskets overflowing with the "goodies" of the season, which was to remind Mrs. Ellie Trim that she had reached another milestone in life. All partook of a delicious repast, after which a few pleasant hours were spent by the guests who were: Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brandyberry, Jno. Hill and children, Charles Hill and children, George Hill and family. From Decatur, Mr. Henry Hill and family of R. R. 3; Mr. and Mrs. Philip Summers, of Monroe township; Mr. and Mrs. John Trim, Jr.; Mrs. John Trim, of Washington township, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Case and children, of Hammond, Ind.

The Misses Stella Smith and Bernetta Forbing charmingly entertained at progressive pedro Sunday evening, given in compliment to Miss Helen Forbing, of Toledo, Ohio. The leading prizes were won by the Misses Agnes Kohne and Margaret Gallogy. A very dainty lunch was served and a general good time followed the game.

Dr. C. V. Connell was the victim of a birthday surprise, given by his wife at their home on Fourth street Sunday evening to a party of friends. Five small tables were placed in the various rooms and progressive pedro was the leading game of the evening. Mrs. W. A. Kuebler led the ladies in having highest score, and Mr. O. N. Snellen captured the gentleman's prize. The second prizes were won by Mrs. Henry Schultz and James Haefling. Immediately following the twelve games which were played an elaborate three course luncheon was served by the hostess, assisted by her sister, Miss Anna Martin. The guests presented Dr. Connell with a beautiful black silk umbrella. They were: Messrs. and Mesdames E. X. Ehinger, B. J. Meibers, James Haefling, O. N. Snellen, W. A. Kuebler, Henry Schulte, Frank Crawford, U. Deininger, P. J. Hyland and Mr. Jacob Martin.

ILL SEVERAL MONTHS

Was Eighty-Six Years Old and Had Lived Here for Half a Century

Sunday afternoon at one o'clock, Mrs. Matilda Nichols, one of the oldest residents of this county, responded to the call of the death angel after suffering from complications for several years. The aged lady who had passed her eighty-sixth milestone has been suffering intense pain for several months and while she was troubled with minor affections characteristic to old age, senility was the direct cause of her death. The deceased was born in Pennsylvania in the year 1821. She was married to Martin Nichols in Lancaster county, Ohio, in 1845. After residing there for some time, they removed to this city for their future abode and have lived here since. Having been totally blind during the past eight years, Grandma Nichols has spent the closing chapter of her long life in total darkness, which only adds to the grief of her many friends and relatives. She was a kind hearted woman and known by many people, large and small, old and young, all of whom join the bereaved ones in their profound sorrow. The deceased is the mother of eight children, six of whom have preceded her to the great beyond, namely Charles, John, William and Frank Nichols and Mrs. Matilda Beery and Mrs. Ellen Miesse, while Miss Samantha and F. H. Nichols survive to mourn the loss of a loving mother. The funeral services were conducted from the U. B. church Tuesday morning at ten o'clock, Rev. Stangle officiating.

RESUMED GENERAL PRACTICE.

Dr. H. F. Costello, who contracted septic poison while performing an operation, last June, has completely recovered from the effects of the ailment and has resumed his general practice. This will be good news to the doctor's many friends in this community.

Charles E. Magley is home from St. Marys, Ohio, where he was attending the poultry and pet stock show. Mr. Magley had his Rose Comb Brown Leghorn chickens on display at that show and succeeded in winning a number of prizes. This speaks much for Adams county poultry raisers and goes to show that they can raise fowls that can compete with any in the country.

AN ABLE ADDRESS

Has Proven His Ability During His Year's Work in Decatur

Rev. E. E. Bergman, who for a year past has served as pastor of the Baptist church in this city, closed his ministerial career in Decatur last night with a strikingly appropriate sermon preached from the text "Should we all see God." The principal thought with which Rev. Bergman strived to impress his hearers was that Jesus Christ has been pictured to the people as possessed of too mild a nature and that artists have painted him as a man of feminine characteristics the result of which has caused the religious services to appeal mostly to the fair sex and not enough to the men. "Inasmuch as there is not a word in the new testament tending to give a description of Christ," said Rev. Bergman, "and judging from the descriptions that have been handed down to us by the people of ancient times, we have reason to believe that our Christ was of stalwart physique, possessed of every trait that makes up a man in every sense of the word, and a personality of commanding appearance. Many thoughts touching upon this subject were presented which proved most interesting to his hearers, after which the minister bid his farewell to the congregation. In this talk he said that his affiliations with the people of Decatur were nothing but pleasant and that he would like very much to remain here were it not for circumstances over which he had no control, which called him away. During his stay here, Rev. Bergman has enjoyed the fellowship of a large circle of friends, all of whom regret to learn of his intentions of leaving the city. He is possessed of a fine education, a striking personality and many other exemplary characteristics all of which have materially aided him in gaining the recognition he has commanded among the people of our city. He is energetic and progressive and although but twenty-six years of age, he is a speaker of rare ability and a practitioner of what he preaches. Some weeks ago he delivered a lecture at the Sunday school convention to a large audience that will long be remembered by all who heard him. He delivered two annual sermons to lodges that were enthusiastically received and in fact all of his talks are deserving of commendation. Decatur is loath to lose such an admirable citizen and hard church worker but when considered that Rev. Bergman aspires to a better charge and larger field of Christian work, all will join in wishing for him the success that he deserves.

HAS A NEW RULE

Naturalization Matters Will Be Considered First Day of Each Term

Attorneys Headington and Wheat, of Portland, filed a new case here Tuesday, entitled The Independent Torpedo Company vs. State Line Oil Co. The defendant is a New York corporation and the plaintiff a Findlay, Ohio, corporation. The complaint says the defendant company owes the plaintiff \$140 for goods furnished and work performed. The goods mentioned is 200 quarts of nitro glycerine used to shoot an oil well in Jefferson township, December 29, 1906. The sum of \$200 is demanded.

Carpenters are at work today on the new floor at the county clerk's office.

Judge Merryman, of the circuit court, in a new rule has designated the first Monday of each term of court, the November, February, April and September terms, for the taking of final action on any petition that may be pending for naturalization as citizens of the United States. This action was taken in response to a letter received a couple of days ago by clerk of the court James Haefling calling attention to a federal statute which directs state courts to set a fixed day or days in each year for this purpose. The statute was enacted in 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sapp, of Black Creek, Ohio, passed through the city enroute to their home from Fort Wayne.

Charles E. Lovelace, former editor at Huntington and later postmaster at Ocean Park, Cal., pleaded guilty in the United States court to the charge of embezzlement and was sentenced to prison for three years on two out of ten counts in the indictment. His shortage was \$3,000. Lovelace was editor of the Journal at Huntington where he was married to a daughter of James R. Slack, of that city.

IN DYING CONDITION

Had Been Ill for Months—Bullet Penetrated the Brain—Hope is Slight

Geneva, Ind., January 21.—(Special to Democrat)—Mrs. Nellie Hale, wife of William B. Hale, assistant cashier of the Geneva Bank, shot herself with suicidal intent, about eight o'clock this morning, and is in a dying condition. The bullet penetrated the brain and the physicians extend no hope whatever for her recovery. Mrs. Hale has been in poor health ever since the death of her mother about two years ago, has been despondent and her mind was seriously affected. For some time she has been under the care of a private nurse and several treatments at sanitariums failed to restore her health. This morning, shortly after her husband had gone to the bank, she went to her room and a shot soon alarmed those in the house. Hastening to the room they found Mrs. Hale unconscious. She had placed the muzzle of a target rifle in her mouth and pulled the trigger, the bullet penetrating the brain. Dr. Graham was summoned and everything possible is being done to prolong life, but against hope. A trained nurse has also been summoned from Fort Wayne. Mrs. Hale's maiden name was Miss Nellie Clawson and her home at Windfall, Indiana. She is accomplished and popular. Besides Mr. Hale, three children, Helen, Mary and William compose the family. Mrs. Hale is well known in Decatur, her husband being a nephew of John D. Hale. At three o'clock Mrs. Hale was still alive, but very low.

ANDERSON IS OUT

Runyan of Bluffton Had a Cinch of the League Presidency

Richmond is the mecca today for base ball men. Magnates of the I.O. league began to gather here early this morning to attend a meeting which will be held at the Westcott hotel this afternoon. At his meeting the league will be re-organized with probably eight clubs in the circuit. Richmond is almost certain to cast its lot with the Indiana-Ohio organization.

There will be an election of officers at the meeting this afternoon and Frank Runyan, of Bluffton, appears to have a cinch on the presidency. Last year this office was filled by A. R. Kling, sporting editor of the Indianapolis Star, but Mr. Kling failed to take any interest in the affairs of the league, and as a result nearly all the circuit managers are opposing his reelection. Runyan is a thorough sportsman and at all times has the best interests of the league at heart. He also has the advantage of being a good business man and hustler. A secretary will also probably be elected.

Among the first arrivals this morning were Harry Hall, who is connected with the Union Traction company, and who represents Marion and Kokomo; also Frank Runyan, Jack Edmunds and Dan Lanigan, all of Bluffton. Manager Jessup acted as the reception committee.

Just one piece of bad news was sprung on the base ball men this morning. It was the receipt of a letter from Howard Witt, who holds the Anderson I.O. league franchise, stating that recently he was boycotted by the musicians' union in that city and that a general boycott had now resulted. Because of this Mr. Witt stated it would be impossible for him to place a team in Anderson this season. Anderson is wanted in the I.O. league and an effort will be made to have some other party take the franchise.—Richmond Paladium.

PRES. INDIANA STATE BOARD.

Dr. J. E. P. Holland, an Osteopath, Has Honors Conferred Upon Him.

The osteopathic physicians of Indiana are greatly elated over the fact that Dr. J. E. P. Holland, an osteopathic physician of Bloomington, Ind., has been elected president of the Indiana State Board of Medical Examiners, which is a high compliment to the osteopathic profession and proven beyond a doubt that osteopathy is being recognized today as one of the most successful and scientific methods for treating the many ills of the human body. The appointment of Dr. Holland is certainly very gratifying to them after the many unsuccessful attempts on the part of the medical profession, not to recognize the osteopathic school.

Mr. and Mrs. Mick Sorg, of Hessa-castle, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Dodane.

THE ALDRICH BILL

"Interests" Working for Its Enactment—Several Millions Appropriated

Washington, January 21.—There is little sympathy among the "real Democrats" in Washington with the idea of having a conference of "old line Democrats" in New York for the purpose of defeating the nomination of Mr. Bryan at the Democratic national convention in Denver in July. On the contrary there is a widespread belief that it is by just such means as the proposed New York conference that the nomination of Mr. Bryan will be made inevitable. Instead of convincing Mr. Bryan that he is not wanted, and that his nomination would not be wise, or good for the party the Democratic leaders here believe that such a conference would result only in intensifying the determination of Mr. Bryan to take the nomination and that of his friends to see that it is offered to him. Instead of healing the breach in the party it would widen it and make it more lasting, they believe.

Washington, January 21.—It has developed very clearly within the last few days that important bond interests are working tooth and nail for the passage of the Aldrich bill. In sounding the feeling in congress it has appeared that the greatest obstacle to be overcome in dealing with the situation was the antagonism of the bankers of various points in the interior who regard the Aldrich bill with disfavor because they believe that it will make them more than ever dependent on the New York and Eastern institutions and will cause their currency to cost them a great deal more than they had hoped would be the case.

Washington, January 21.—Two important decisions, contemplating the expenditure of \$13,000,000, were reached by the sub-committee on deficiencies of the house committee on appropriations. It was voted to recommend the immediate appropriation of \$1,000,000 to pay the coal bill incident to the voyage of Admiral Evans' fleet to the Pacific coast, and also of the \$12,000,000 asked for by Secretary Taft and Chairman Goethals, of the Isthmian Canal Commission, in order to carry on until the close of the current fiscal year the canal digging work as mapped out by Colonel Goethals.

AFTER A STRUGGLE

Put up a Scrap but the Footpad Was Too Strong for Him

Jacob Loser, a well known resident of Pennville, Ind., was the victim last night of a footpad who relieved him of \$212 in money and his watch.

Loser came to the city yesterday and about 11 o'clock while trying to find his hotel, wandered out of his patch and northward on Calhoun street. Just as he reached a dark place near the city scales, in the vicinity of the county jail, he was pounced upon by the robber and a struggle ensued, the crook using tactics similar to those by which John Blood was robbed by a negro a few nights ago, though the crook in this case was a white man.

In the struggle Loser, who is a man apparently about fifty years of age, was thrown down and his assailant grabbed his money and also jerked his watch loose from its chain. The fellow then ran. Loser did not prove a good loser, by any means, and informed the police.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Mr. Loser is the father of Miss Julia Loser of this city and well known here, having resided between here and Berne for twenty years or more. He only recently moved to Jay county.

IN INTEREST OF CALEB POWERS

Petitions Being Circulated for His Release from Prison.

A petition may soon be circulated in Decatur in the interests of Caleb Powers, alleged murderer of Governor Goebel, of Kentucky. Blank petitions to be signed and forwarded to Governor Wilson, of the Blue Grass state, asking for Powers' pardon, have been received here as well as elsewhere all over the country, scarcely a postoffice in the middle west being overlooked. Such petitions have already been circulated in a number of places and at Anderson a large number of signatures have been secured. The securing of names to these petitions is a method started a short time ago in Powers' interest and the movement promises to reach monstrous proportions.

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Surprise for Mrs. Julia Colchin—Mrs. Alphonse Kohne Entertained Friends

Very much surprised was Mrs. Julia Colchin last evening when a party of twenty ladies responded to dainty invitations issued by her daughter, Mrs. Rose, for a birthday surprise. Progressive peanuts was the game which occupied the earlier hours of the delightful event. Thirteen games were played and the Mesdames T. Kins and T. Dirkins won the largest number of games, while the Mesdames T. Corbett and C. Erwin won the prizes. A delicious three course luncheon was the closing number of the evening. The guests presented Mrs. Colchin with a beautiful piece of glass. The invitation list including the following ladies: Mesdames Helen Berlin, T. Coffee, H. Voglewede, Corbett, E. Miller, Kate Starrost, Mylott, M. Fullenkamp, C. Erwin, Hain, D. Schmitt, T. Dirkins, T. Kins, J. Dibeo, J. Coffee, F. Gass, Gillig, B. Haefling, F. Smith, Joe Smith and Wm. Parent.

Mrs. Alphonse Kohne pleasantly entertained a company of ladies at home Monday evening at progressive pedro. Twenty games were played and the following prizes were awarded: First, Mrs. U. Deininger, second, Mrs. Martin Mylott; second, Mrs. E. X. Ehinger; third, Mrs. Carrie Ehinger; Mrs. J. B. Meibers. A dainty two course luncheon was served by the hostess and daughters. The guests were: Mesdames Josephine Rodd, of Toledo, Henry Schultz, P. J. Hyland, H. Bremerkamp, Henry Meyers, J. Bremerkamp, C. V. Connell, O. Snellen, U. Deininger, Martin My Ben Knapke, E. X. Ehinger, C. Ehinger, J. B. Meibers, Miss A. Volmer.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berger and family at their beautiful country home, Kirkland township entertained Sunday at a twelve o'clock dinner the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Berger and family, Mr. John Berger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bryan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bryan and family, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Griffiths and family, William, Mrs. Rosa Heffner, Miss Elliott, Miss Flossie Chronister, Mary Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. son, of Curryville; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin and family, of St. Paul.

Many large and small events of the past two weeks have been given honor to Miss Elvora Lawrence, of ton, Ohio, and one of the leading was the dance given by Mr. and Peter Braun, at their country home, south of the city, to a number of young people. During the evening an elaborate lunch was served, the evening was finished by the old, old dance, "Home Sweet Home." The guests were: Mesdames Rumschlag, Anna Rumschlag, Nora Lawrence, Agnes Miller, The Miller, Gertrude Olmor, Anna Lee, Leona Harting, Messrs. Joseph Rumschlag, Sr., Frank Rumschlag, Sr., Harting, Hine Vine, William Lee, Ed Zeiser, Chas. Miller, Otto Colchin Colchin, Tom Colchin, Ed Colchin, George Colchin, Albert Rumschlag, Joseph Rumschlag, Jr., Rumschlag, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rumschlag.

SUED HIS EMPLOYER.

Fred M. Rinehart Asks for Thousand Dollars Damages.

Fred M. Rinehart filed suit this morning in the circuit court at the Review Publishing Company, W. B. Westlake, asking for damages of \$5,000 for failure of part of the defendant to carry out contract. The suit was filed by Mr. Rinehart's attorney, Chase, Ing. The above item taken from Crawfordsville Review, refers to former reporter on the Evening Star. He went to Crawfordsville several weeks ago to take charge of the view and it is understood that he to have a salary and an opportunity to buy an interest in the paper. The above article does not give the full story. It was learned that Mr. Rinehart is no longer with the company. The suit on the grounds that the view, owned by Mr. Westlake, keep his contract. Mr. Rinehart still at Crawfordsville, but is on a job.—Bluffton News.

Everything was quiet today about the various police court nothing doing sign being hung. The mayor's monopoly on the mess Monday put the justice peace out of commission for days at least.