

PLEASED THE HOUSE

The Gamblers of Wall Street
Got Theirs in Several
Hot Shots

Washington, Jan. 24.—Charging that the Aldrich financial bill was prepared in the interest of the gamblers of Wall street, and denouncing the bill as a vicious piece of legislation, Representative John A. M. Adair, of Indiana, addressed the house yesterday afternoon, his subject being "Financial Legislation." It was his maiden effort and he spoke for an even hour.

He was allotted fifty minutes and at the conclusion of his time Chairman Tawney of the appropriations committee moved that he be given ten minutes more, which was done. His excoriation of the high financiers of Wall street seemed to please the house. There was a full attendance of members and his address elicited more applause than is ordinarily given a new member.

He said in part:

I live in a large agricultural and manufacturing district, where the success of the banks entirely depend upon the success of the farmer and manufacturer. I am, therefore, schooled in honest banking and know but little about the methods employed by the frenzied financiers who operate on Wall street. I have no patience with and shall lend no support to any bill the purpose of which is to give the banks, either national, state or private, any special privileges designed to aid and benefit the banks at the expense of the people.

On the other hand, Mr. Speaker, I believe we should enact such legislation as will strengthen the banks and provide for the people safe depositories for their money. We must have banks. The business of the country could not be carried on without them; but the laws under which they operate should be so stringent that it would be impossible for a depositor to lose a single penny.

I would enact a law making it criminal and prescribing a heavy penalty for its violation, for any corporation of any character to issue stock in excess of its actual investment. Believing this was the first and most important step, I introduced a bill in this house, known as H. R. 10489, which is now in the hands of the committee on judiciary, and which is a bill to prevent and punish overissuances of stock by combinations consolidated companies or trusts engaged in interstate commerce.

This bill, in substance, provides that whenever two or more corporations engaged in interstate commerce shall enter into any lawful merger or consolidation whereby the two or more corporations shall fall under one management in any manner, directly or indirectly, and said consolidated corporation or merger management thereof shall issue stock, common or preferred, the total volume of such stock shall not exceed the sum total of the actual market value of bona fide outstanding stock six months previous to the date of consolidation or merger in the several corporations so merged or consolidated.

It also provides that if any corporation, corporations or consolidated corporation shall violate the provision of this act then each officer and each member of any board of directors or board of management or board of trustees of any such corporation participating by vote, act or otherwise in such unlawful overissue of stock shall be guilty of the crime of public cheating and shall, upon conviction in any circuit court of the United States, be fined not less than \$1,000 and confined in a United States prison with hard labor for not less than twelve months.

Mr. Speaker, I honestly believe that if congress will enact this bill into law, and the states will enact a similar law governing the issue of stock and bonds by corporations organized under state laws, and not doing an interstate commerce business, that the leading cause of financial panics will be eliminated. I also believe that Wall street has had the deposit of government money long enough, without paying interest to the government for its use.

The ladies of the Pleasant View Baptist church of near Wren, Ohio, met at the parsonage on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 1908, and organized a Home and Foreign Missionary society, of which they elected the following officers: President, Mrs. Rev. J. Vuker; vice president, Mrs. C. H. Snyder; secretary, Mrs. Daniel Myers; asst. secretary, Mrs. W. W. Stewart; treasurer, Mrs. M. D. Conner; chorister, Mrs. M. D. Pomeroy. The society is to meet with Mrs. C. H. Snyder, of R. R. No. 4 the first Wednesday in February.

SAY THE VISITORS WILL BE MODERN LACK OF EVIDENCE HAS SEVEN ITEMS

Enrollment of Over 1,300—Trustees and Teachers Working Hard

The different grades at the west ward school were visited by a number of the citizens of our city today and his closes a week that will no doubt have its effect upon the future progress of the pupils, teachers and all concerned in the welfare of our educational institutions. During the week a large number of people have taken advantage of the special invitation extended to them to attend the schools and it is a recognized fact among all who attended that our schools of today are in far better condition than ever in the history of our town. In the four public schools there are more than thirteen hundred pupils enrolled, and if the number of students increase as it has for some time past it will be necessary within three years to erect another building to accommodate all who are seeking an education. Twenty-three teachers have charge of this large number of pupils and an interview with any person who has visited the schools recently will be convincing evidence that the teachers are doing much to make our schools advantageous to every scholar and to prepare them for their business life. In the year 1885 the central building was built and took the place of the old school building which is now known as J. D. Hale's warehouse. The new school was well patronized and as the town grew, it became necessary to build another. This was done in 1890, when the west ward building was erected. These two institutions were inadequate to accommodate all who cared to attend and 1893 the north ward building was erected. The construction of this added much to the convenience and temporarily relieved the situation, although it became necessary to erect another in 1896, which is known as the south ward school. Our first commissioned high school was launched in 1886 and consisted of a three year course. The four year course commission was received in 1899. However, after we had received the commission, there was danger of losing some on account of not having the proper equipments, but since then our high school has been equipped with everything that could be useful to the students. The commercial department under the instruction of Jonas Tritch is advancing rapidly as well as the science department under the instruction of Mr. Frazer, of Purdue. During the time since the central school building was constructed, seven city superintendents have served in the following order: George Luckey, W. J. Myers, C. A. Dugan, A. D. Moffett, W. F. Britton, H. A. Hartman and Prof. Beechler. All of these gentlemen have materially aided in making the Decatur public schools what they are today, although many of the accomplishments must be attributed to the unceasing efforts of the school board and teachers. During this year sanitary plumbing will be done at the west ward, the slate roof will be relaid on the south ward building and several other repairs will be made before school opens next September. It is right that every parent, and in fact every citizen, of Decatur, should do all in their power to assist in making our schools better each year and their efforts will be highly appreciated by all.

IS BETTER TODAY

Well Known Farmer Fell Twenty Feet—His Spine Was Injured

Berne, Ind., January 24.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Cleothas Lehman aged thirty-five, a well known farmer, living five miles southeast of here, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon. He was trimming shade trees on his farm when he fell to the ground a distance of twenty feet, alighting on his head and shoulders. He was very seriously hurt, his spine being quite badly injured and he was unconscious many hours. Dr. Reusser of this place is attending him and reports him some improved today. There are some hopes for his recovery, though his injuries were supposed fatal at first.

A card received this morning from Fred Johnson, who last season played outfield on the local team, informs us that he arrived safe and sound at Kobe, Japan, on December 30. Mr. Johnson, together with several other parties from Columbia City, are bound for the Standard Oil company's field in the far east, where they expect to make their fortunes.

Promised That the Improvement Will be Made During Coming Summer

Although Decatur people have been promised time and again that the Clover Leaf would erect a new depot in our city, and although they have even gone so far as to make the statement that the plans and specifications for same were completed, it was too good news to believe and many of our citizens regarded the announcement as a mere joke. However, an official of the road was in the city a few days ago and stated that in their appropriations for this year a sufficient amount of money was allowed for the construction of a new depot which is to have all the modern conveniences. The old depot is to be moved a short distance westward and converted into a freight office and the new one erected where the old one now stands. The work is to be commenced some time during the summer and will no doubt be completed before the leaves begin to fall. This is indeed gratifying news and will without doubt be welcomed by every one in our city and vicinity, especially if the promise is really and truly fulfilled.

DECATUR IN RACE

To be Decided Three Years Hence—No Chance for the Other Towns

Newspapers of cities of the gas belt have suggested a municipal beauty contest to be decided three years hence. The cities mentioned as situated best to enter into such competition are Anderson, Muncie, Marion, Logansport, Kokomo, Richmond, New Castle, Winchester, Bluffton, Portland, and Decatur. The proposition is made with the intention of increasing the civic pride of the cities of eastern Indiana. If the promoters carry out their intention and put the matter in definite form, it will be presented to the common councils of the municipalities named and the request made that it be given all due consideration.

The date for the contest is set three years in advance, so as to give each city an opportunity to make a number of public improvements that have been contemplated for some time. The affair would be so arranged as to start each city on an equal footing without regard to its size. The merit system of grading probably would be adopted and a schedule provided as to the grades to be given. The judges would be selected from a list of persons prominent in the United States for their identification with civic improvement organizations.

It is proposed to have a list of public improvements that would be taken into consideration so long as to require the judges to remain in each city for one or two days in order to make a tour of inspection. The sidewalks, gravel, macadam, and paved streets, public buildings, parks, fire fighting apparatus, sewer systems, surface drainage and all other features of the city or those things which go to make a city would receive consideration. It is believed by the projectors that each city would express a willingness to enter into the contest because of the recognition that would be gained by the distinction.

A BAD YEAR FOR FRUIT.

Report Says That Plum Culture is no Good in Indiana.

The past year was the worst for fruit of all varieties that has been experienced in Indiana in recent years. This statement is made by Walter Ratliff, of Wayne county, in the fifth annual pomological report which he is now preparing for the United States department of pomology. Mr. Ratliff is the state agent of the department. In his report he also informs Uncle Sam that the state of Indiana is an exceedingly poor place for plum culture. For the past five years an almost total plum crop failure in Indiana has been reported. Last year early budding followed by killing cold practically ruined the entire fruit crop of the state.

BRYANT SCHOOL CERTIFIED.

The Bryant high school has recently been placed by the state board of education on the list of certified schools. This means that its graduates are eligible to teach in the common schools of the state, and meet all the requirements of high school training required by the provisions of the new law. By this law, in addition to the high school training all beginning teachers are required to take a twelve weeks' course in some recognized training school for teachers.

Is Reasons Given by Judge Royse for His Reversal of Verdict

Attorney John C. Graves, who was two weeks ago found guilty of a charge of embezzling less than \$25 of the funds of the Arbuckle-Ryan company, of Toledo, Ohio, was granted a new trial in the Kinselusko circuit court on Tuesday morning and will have another opportunity of proving to a jury that he is not guilty of the charge of using the funds of the corporation for his personal requirements. The motion for a new trial, which was argued on Friday last, was sustained by Judge L. W. Royse on Tuesday morning, when he gave a lengthy resume of the case and ordered a new trial. Judge Royse, in making his decision, went over practically every detail in the complicated case and at the close stated that the defendant was guilty and for that reason he was entitled to a second hearing of the case by a jury. He read over the letters which passed between Graves and the company and stated that in all the letters Graves had been frank with the corporation and told them in each that he was handling the business for them; that he did not at any time claim that any of the certificates of sale, which he had taken in his own name, belonged to him and also that the president of the company did not in any communication dispute Graves' authority to do as he was doing in the matter of purchasing the certificates of sale and settling claims against the estate. He stated, however, that while Graves was not necessarily guilty of fraud when he took the certificates in his own name, yet he was guilty of carelessness, as he should have had a written contract authorizing him to do so. The judge's opinion and decision was unusually lengthy and occupied one hour and twenty minutes and it was listened to with interest by a well filled court room. The new trial will doubtless be held during the February term of court—Warsaw Northern Indiana.

OVER INTERURBAN

Visit Bash Fertilizer Plant and Fort Wayne Poultry Show

Fifty farmers between here and Fort Wayne enjoyed an unusual excursion Thursday as guests of Ed F. Koeneman of Hoagland, who as agent for The Bash Fertilizer company, of Fort Wayne, has had their patronage for some time. The party was picked up along the traction line by the 8:30 car this morning and went to the Bash plant, seven miles west of Fort Wayne on the Huntington line, where they were shown just how fertilizer is manufactured. Afterward they attended the poultry and pet stock show at Fort Wayne. Mr. Koeneman stood the expense and the trip was a very delightful one no doubt. Those who composed the party were: Messrs. Herman Reiter, Herman Reese, Henry Bulmann, George Schookman, John Silking, Frank Beckman, Louis Silking, Marshall Round, Charley Baltemeyer, Charley Molland, Henry Reiter, Emmitt Witte, Louis Koeneman, F. C. Hubler, Wm. Hockemeyer, August Ballmeyer, Henry Hickman, Henry Scheiman, Henry Birning, Henry Schroeder, Fred Bultemeyer, Henry Dirkson, Charley Schroeder, Charles Oetting, Ernst Oetting, D. F. Scheiman, Fred W. Droege, Ferdinand Molland, Martin Scheiman, Wm. Aumann, Charley D. W. Scheiman, Martin Reinig, John Fuhrman, Conrad Dohrmann.

WILL MAKE EXTENSIVE TRIP.

Harvey Harruff has completed plans to leave this city on the eighteenth day of next month for a trip through Texas and Oklahoma. He will make a continuous trip to Victoria, Texas, after which he will go to Oklahoma, stopping at Dallas and Fort Worth on his way. His first stop in the latter state will be at Lawton, and from there he will go on an extensive trip over the state. The object of the trip is to find locations for prospective home-seekers who desire to locate in those localities.

In Answer to Invitations to a Carpet

rag sewing at the home of Mrs. Ella Crozier of rural route No. 8, about eighteen of her friends promptly responded. The ladies proved themselves able sewers and by noon the carpet rags were sewed and put away. The hostess then invited her friends into the dining room, where she had spread a bountiful dinner to which all did justice. After an hour's rest

Mrs. Crozier brought out two comforts and the ladies were soon busy at work knotting the same. Then, as no more sewing could be found for these ladies to do they said goodby and departed for their homes, all hoping that in the near future Mrs. Crozier will be pleased to have another delightful sewing party. The guests were Messrs. Margaret Miller, Louise Krick, Jane Stevens, Ellen Miller, Ida Crozier, Hattie Helm, Etta Miller, Hannah Ralver, Ollie Knittle, Emma Baxter, Della Miller, Daisy Krick, Ida Crozier, May Stevens, Misses Mary E. Brodbeck, Tracey Stevens, Maud L. Magley and Dossie Crozier.

The following letters remain at Decatur postoffice unclaimed: William Seldon, Mrs. Ella Tucker, Rev. J. T. Taney, Mrs. Sarah Martin, U. L. Hene, C. M. Martz, V. L. Ott, Dick Berry.

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IS LOSING HIS MIND.

W. H. Ernst is Reported in a Dangerous Condition.

S. E. Hitchcock received a telegram this morning from Al Oppenheim, Marietta, Ohio, telling of the dangerous condition of William H. Ernst, the former Bluffton man, who is near death from cancer of the liver. He states that the unfortunate man has almost entirely lost his mind, though he knows his callers he speaks of events and occurrences of several years past and realizes nothing of present. He is able to be up around the house, but is very weak physically. The cancer is steadily making its way over his face and the head and forehead are now being so consumed. Mr. Oppenheim says the physicians say the man may live for many months and may die at any time. Happily he is not aware of his awful affliction and in his demented mind he is living in the past when enjoyed his health.—Bluffton Banner.

TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE L

Road Superintendents in Wells County Protecting the Roads.

Two gravel road superintendents this morning exercised their authority and forbade the drivers of the wagons of the Ohio, or Standard company, from driving across two recently constructed highways with heavy loads. Yesterday many loads of the heavy pipe passed over Studebaker road northeast of the city, and seeing the damage that was being done by the steel tires cutting deep ruts in the pike, Abe Studebaker warned the foreman of the haulers that they must either widen the tires of the wagons or else lighten the loads the wagons were carrying. This morning W. N. Huss, superintendent of the Bluffton and Redburg pike, came to this city and had cards printed bearing the warning that prosecution would follow any and violations of the heavy hauling law.—Bluffton Banner.

A minister in giving up his church once said: Brethren, I have decided to leave this field of labor. There are many reasons for this. In the first place you do not love me, for you have not paid me a cent on last year's salary; you do not love each other for there has not been a wedding in this parish for many months; God does not love you, for there has not been a funeral since I came here; you do not love God for you are doing nothing to promote his kingdom here on earth. I have decided to take the position of chaplain at the city jail and I have decided to preach my final sermon from the text: "I go to prepare a place for you." The church will now please sing, "Meet Me There."

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