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THE SAME OLD DOUBLE CROSS

The Anderson Herald is kicking over the traces, and thusly gives the Fairbanks organization a hunch that it is wise to their perfidy.

"As the contest now stands it is the field against Taft. Vice President Fairbanks is one of the four or five in the field. Taft represents the Roosevelt policies and is the president's choice. Where sentiment for the president is free and independent it pretty generally goes to Taft.

"Indiana has a candidate in Fairbanks and Indiana should and will support Fairbanks. But the overwhelming second choice would be Taft. It would be for Taft because of the wonderful regard and affection the people have for Roosevelt and because of their knowledge that with Taft we would have a continuation of the Roosevelt administration.

"In being permitted to practically select the delegates over Indiana the managers of the Fairbanks candidacy should choose men fairly representative of the sentiment of a second choice. At any rate Taft should get something like a fair consideration.

"There are many evidences that this is not the program. They are choosing men here and there who are not only friends of Fairbanks but men who can with ease and facility be skidded over to Cannon, Knox, or Hughes or any other conservative. In their words they are asking for a vote for Fairbanks and under that cloak are preparing to get a vote against Roosevelt."

WE MOVE TO VINDICATE

"Mr. Cromer has not told any one that he is a candidate for congress and likely he is not. The increased influences being brought to bear upon the man at this time, demanding that he be vindicated, and the outrage amended, may result in his nomination without the asking. This is what his republican friends are demanding.—Cromer's Muncie Observer.

The crime of '73 pales into insignificance when compared to that which put a stopper in the career of this brilliant and once distinguished statesman. The "outrage" mentioned was perpetrated in broad daylight, in one of the most intelligent congressional districts in the Union. We move that Theodore Shockney desist from his nefarious "pernicious activity" and that Mr. Cromer be unanimously "vindicated."

HAS A TAPE WORM

For come what may, Mr. Taggart is going to control the Democratic party in Indiana for a long time to come and those who want next the pie counter, if there ever should be such a counter, will find that in that respect Mr. Taggart is still in the restaurant business.—Anderson Herald, rep.

This is the real inspiration of every republican patriot in this commercial age of greed, graft and public office. Why don't you sell that tape worm and give the proceeds to the poor and unfortunate, who for twelve years have blindly followed your paragon call of prosperity and a full dinner pail?

Senator Beveridge proposes a "commission" to revise the tariff. This would carry it past the coming election, and after the election, if won by the republicans, there would be no need of revision because the protective tariff policy had again been vindicated. If won by the democrats the commission might be used to further delay tariff revision.—Commoner.

The New York World after a long

and strenuous scout in the dark has run to earth once more the great "silver conspiracy" of 1896. The conspirators now as then are financing the Bryan campaign. In proof of this the World points out that in 1896 the conspiring silver mine owners of the west contributed about \$290,000 to the democratic campaign fund. That is ramming the awful truth down the public throat in bales. What the mine owners contributed in the first Bryan campaign, admitting the World's allegation to be true, was not 5 per cent of what eastern financiers, insurance magnates, trust mongers, high tariff barons and other elements of what Tom Lawson has denominated "the system" poured into the republican slush fund at the behest of Mark Hanna. A conspiracy that can slit its belt no wider and deeper than the silver cabal did, if it did, is not greatly to be feared.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Some of the fellows who don't like Cromer tell it this way: Cromer will be a looker on in the congressional convention which he will practically own and control. There will be a lot of balloting done for this fellow and that fellow for congress, but none of them will be nominated. Then according to a pre-arranged signal, there will be a stampede of delegates to Cromer, and he will be nominated ostensibly over his protest. With the nomination thus forced upon him, without his asking, Cromer will be in good shape to demand that the republicans of the district support and elect him. Thus will he be vindicated even in the house of his enemy.—Anderson Bulletin.

Wholly unnecessarily and wholly uncalled for, Colonel Bryan went out of his way over in Kentucky, the other day, to speak unkindly and offensively of Judge Alton B. Parker as a most objectionable presidential candidate in 1904. Naturally Judge Parker has been provoked into making reply to Bryan's slur. And yet, in the face of such occurrences, we are told all the time that harmony within the party exists and that everywhere Democrats are coming together. Looks very much like it according to the utterances of the two men who have been standard bearers during a period of twelve years.—South Bend Times.

The soup house is gaining in numbers every day. Every city where there are a large number of factory hands is confronted with the problem of feeding the hungry, destitute workman who is overcome with the wave of prosperity that is sweeping over the country so that he finds it a hard struggle to provide the necessities of life. The republican spellbinder of the next campaign who undertakes to explain away the panic will have a truly republican elephantine task on his hands and the man who can successfully do so will be entitled to a place in the main tent.—Columbia City Post.

Now that a Fairbanks organ has made the unqualified assertion that Big Bill Taft has already spent a million dollars in furthering the interests of his candidacy for the presidential nomination, will the same organ please enlighten a curious public as to the amount of coin the long one has squandered in trying to capture her nomination? It is generally understood that he is not relying wholly on his reputation as a consumer of butter-milk and the high grade cocktails he passes out at special functions to win.—Columbia City Post.

The Jefferson club of Fort Wayne are already talking of their annual banquet, which is scheduled for some time in March. They want some national character such as John Sharp Williams or Champ Clark as the principal speaker, but whether they succeed in this or not, the event will be of especial interest to every Democrat in northern Indiana.

The maiden effort of Congressman Adair was well received in the lower house of congress and dispatches say that he was paid greater consideration and attention than is usually given

a new member. Those who know John Adair, however, realize how impossible it is for him to long be new. We venture the assertion that before the present session of congress ends that he Eighth district representative will be about the oldest member there—notwithstanding the service of some members dates back thirty-six years.

The able and spirited speech which Representative Adair of the Eighth Indiana district made in the house of representatives at Washington on Thursday contains so much sound sense and healthy doctrine that it seems almost ungracious to point out the economic error with which at a few points it is disfigured. It is impossible to doubt that Mr. Adair is sincere in all his contentions, and the general effect of his speech, outside of any political purpose it may have had or political influence it may have, will be salutary and beneficent.—Muncie Star.

Col. Henry Watterson declares that Bryan is the strongest man in the country for the democratic party. In his talks with fellow democrats, Mr. Watterson warmly approved Bryan as the presidential nominee of his party. "Some time ago," he explained, "I attempted to work up a sentiment against him, but failed. Today he is the undoubted choice of the majority of democrats, and the strongest man in the country, and it would be wrong not to nominate him."

In 1906 the Hon. Charles Beery Landis blazed forth with the proposition that under a Republican administration there was always "all sorts of work for all sorts of men." Well, we have a republican administration and we have all sorts of men, but where is the "all sorts of work." Hundreds of thousands of men all over the country, with families to support, are hunting it without success.—Marion Leader.

If the democratic state convention has any trouble getting a candidate that can pull more than the party strength for governor, there is Mr. Adair. He is making a mighty good congressman and would make one of the best chief executives Indiana ever had. He is a vote getter and never tires of mingling with the people.—Bluffton Banner.

Now comes a dispatch which says that Leslie M. Shaw, who is to retire from his \$36,000 position as president of the Carnegie Trust company on March 1 next will devote his entire energies toward capturing the Republican nomination for the presidency of the United States.

A Detroit woman sold her husband for \$500. Too cheap. Why, some of the rich girls down in New York pay up in the millions for a husband. And even then do not get much more than a sort of a makeshift of a man.—Muncie Press.

Marion is spreading the printer's ink with the joy of their probably being able to raise the wind and locate a sauer kraut factory. Spread the red fire.

Judge C. W. Watkins, of Huntington, has announced his candidacy for congress in the eleventh district. Judge Watkins is well known in Decatur.

The Democratic state committee will meet Thursday, January 30th, to consider the time of holding their state convention.

That persistent talk about other candidates must seem to Mr. Bryan extremely bad taste.—Indianapolis News.

The men of Indiana who are idle and perhaps hungry should not mention it or say anything about the discomforts of their loved ones. It might hurt the candidacy of Charles Warren Fairbanks and that is more important to a few republican toe tasters than the welfare of the working people and their families.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

The Cromer crowd is making a great grandstand play in an effort to lead the ants to believe that the dove of peace is carrying harmony over the district. Being in full possession of all the working parts of the organization the Cromer followers, and even the wiley Cromer himself, about for harmony. But the wise ones are not fools or are they fooled by the demonstration. Theodore Shockney, of Union City is the only avowed anti-Cromer man who has had the temerity to ask for the nomination and ask the endorsement of his county. It was a bitter pill for the machine to swallow, but to make their bluff of harmony "stick" there was no other way out of the dilemma except to endorse his candidacy. Of course they well know that Randolph county is only a small part of the district and they will see to it that that is all Mr. Shockney will get.—Portland Sun.

It has now been nearly two years since it was discovered that the new state capitol of Pennsylvania, at Harrisburg had been a source of a great amount of graft and the trial of the offenders has just begun. The building and furnishings are magnificent, but the contractors worded their bids in such a way that furniture could be rated by the foot instead of by the piece, and by various other ingenious plans succeeded in fleecing from the people several million dollars. Some of the prominent men of the state are involved and a deep interest is being manifested by Pennsylvania people.

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Jolly Birthday Party at the Home of Chris Raver— Party at Heckman's

"Wars of Jonathan" was the main subject, which was no nicely handled at the Historical meeting held at the home of Mrs. Nettie Schrock Tuesday evening. The hostess had a splendid paper on the subject, while each member has sub-topics on the following divisions: a. Ptolemy Philometer and Alexander, kings of Egypt and Syria and Jonathan; b. Battle between Jonathan and Apollonius; c. Troubles between the Egyptian king and Alexander; death of both; d. Demetrius Nicator—his treatment of Jonathan and the Jews; e. The rebellion of Trypho, consequence to the Jews; f. Jonathan's last battle with the generals of Demetrius and second league with the Romans and Maccabians. The portion of the evening which was devoted to the entertainment was in charge of Mrs. J. Rice.

An old fashioned dance was given last evening at the Sudabaker farm, by Joe Spangler to a large company of friends and relatives. The music was especially fine and an excellent time was given as a report.

A very jolly birthday party of this year was when the relatives and friends gathered at the home of Chris Raver to remind him that he had crossed another milestone of life, on Monday, January 27th. It was his fifty-ninth birthday anniversary. The day was spent in a social manner and at noon hour a sumptuous dinner was spread before the many guests, who were: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller and their little grandson, Dick Harden, of Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Smith Stevens and daughter Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Raver and children Allie, James and Neva, Mr. Otis Stevens and wife and son Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Bock, Mrs. Hannah Raver, Mr. William Welty, Mr. Cyrus Johnson, Mrs. William Roth and children, Dewey Brown, Vena Brown, George Brown, Wavel Raver, Miss Anna Raver.

Mr. Henock Heckman celebrated his nineteenth birthday anniversary Sunday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Heckman situated five miles north of the city. Card games and dancing were enjoyed, and at a late hour an elegant two course luncheon was served. The guests who assisted in the celebration were: Misses Lydia Bultemeier, Clara Bultemeier, Ida Dirksen, Emma Dirksen, Anna and Marie Scheiman, Katie Droege, Bertha Zwick, Minnie Schroeder, Della Droege, Alga Droege, Marie Droege, Emma and Pauline Heckman, Anna Bultemeier, Louise Bultemeier, Flora Berning, Alvina Jaebker, of Preble; Mairland and Johanna Jaebker, of Preble; Messrs. Fred Jebker, Wm. Holbrook, Lew

Scheiman, of Decatur. Theo Droege, William Droege, Henry Droege, Herman Scheiman, Martin Auman, Fred Berning, Henry and Chas. Berning, Herman Fuhrman, Mart Heckman, Lawrence Heckman, Ernst Prange, of Fort Wayne.

A few neighbors and friends called at the home of Miss Angie Kintz, two miles south of the city last evening to spend the evening. Games and to music occupied the pleasant hours of the evening. At a late hour a delicious luncheon was served the guests who were: Misses Eva McGath, Besa McGath, Jennie Miller, Mrs. Fresha Schafer, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Eldsworth, Messrs. Ed Zeser, Joe Palmer, Frank Zeser, Willie Zeser, Dan Zeser, Mon Carrier, Ed McGath.

The Young Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church held a called meeting last evening at the home of Miss Mary Miller. They transacted business and laid plans for a Washington's birthday party, yet the plans are indefinite and will be until the next meeting, which will be held at the home of Mrs. Dallas Butler, on next Tuesday evening.

The Volunteer Sunday school class of the German Reformed church met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. C. Vogt last night and held a business session. They elected the following officers: President, Mrs. C. Vogt; vice president, Miss Fan Schindler; secretary, Mrs. Otto Reppert; treasurer, Miss Marie Meyers; look out committee, Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer, Mrs. Mary Keller, Mrs. John Meyers. The class has started down into the field of work and intend to bring a good record to the president by the year of 1909.

The Rebekah lodge held a meeting last evening and initiated one candidate into the mysteries of the order, the candidate being Miss Verna Johnson. After her period a delicious two course luncheon was served and a social hour was spent.

Miss Rose Conter was a charming hostess last evening at the Bachelor Maid's meeting. Progressive euchre was the leading game, the Miss Clara Terveer and Mrs. Chas. Pilliod, of Piqua, Ohio, led the ladies in having the highest score, while the Misses Stella Wemhoff and Mayme Terveer captured second prizes. The tables were immediately cleared and an elaborate four course luncheon was served the guests. The out of town guest was Mrs. Chas. Pilliod, of Piqua, Ohio.

All members of the Pocahontas lodge are earnestly urged to be present tomorrow evening at their business meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Miller pleasantly entertained at their country home a few neighbors. The evening was spent with music and games. Light refreshments were served by the hostess. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Elzey, Mr. and Mrs. E. Voglewede, Mr. and Mrs. Kohne, Miss Elmore Miller.

The Afternoon club met with Mrs. Chas. Voglewede Tuesday at her home. Twelve games of progressive pedro were played and the following ladies captured the pretty prizes, which were given: First, Mesdames Henry Schultz, Carrie Ehinger; second, Mesdames Ben Knapke, U. Deininger; third, Mesdames E. X. Ehinger, J. H. Bremerkamp. The closing part was an elegant two course luncheon which was served on the small tables. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Charles Meibers, on Tuesday afternoon of next week.

Mrs. Nettie Schrock pleasantly entertained the ladies of the Missionary society of the Presbyterian church yesterday afternoon at her home. The chief paper of the afternoon was on "Immigration," by Mrs. John Schug, while sub topics were: "Americans in

Process," by Miss Bessie Schug, "The Problem of the Emigrants," Miss H. Wertberger; "The Problem of Assimilation," by Mrs. Theo. Kennel. After the literary program, some fine selections were rendered, which dainty refreshments served, and a social hour was enjoyed.

Friday evening the Eagles will have a leap year dance for the public. A large crowd from out of town is expected.

Joe Knapke gave a delightful party last evening to a company of fifty men at the C. B. L. of I. lot. Games of pinchle were played, which caused a great deal of excitement and amusement for his guests. Ed Combs led the men in having the highest while John Baker proved to be a booby winner. After the games, the men indulged in a smoker and enjoyed a social chat, voting Mr. Knapke royal host.

Father Noll, of Fort Wayne, will address the members of the Knights Columbus and their friends this evening at the K. of C. hall. The evening's entertainment will begin at 8 o'clock, and besides the address there will be several selections rendered on the piano. After the close of the evening's program, the men will enjoy a smoker. The following program will be rendered: Music, by T. A. Hottel; house, song by Mrs. Clara Terveer; address by Rev. John F. Noll; song by Miss Kate Mylott; music by John Wemhoff.

WANT CONFERENCE NEXT YEAR

Bluffton Methodists Are Early Getting Into the Game.

The Methodist church congregation held its fourth and last quarterly conference, for the year, last night and almost all the official members as well as others were present to hear the various reports for the past quarter. Elder Wade presided and the reports were indeed gratifying to him as well as the pastor, Rev. J. K. Cecil. The entire session was a busy one and occupied the evening in closing up the work for the past year and appointing the trustees, stewards and committees for the ensuing year which begins April 1st. The pastor recommended to the board a set of nine trustees, thirteen stewards, class leaders and members of the various committees whose duties are to look after the interests of the church. Resolutions were offered and passed strongly praising the leadership and efficiency of both Elder Wade and Rev. Cecil, and asking the Bishop and his cabinet to return them here for another year. The board also passed a resolution inviting the North Indiana Conference to hold its sessions in Bluffton in 1909.—Bluffton News.

HAS PART IN BIG MINSTREL.

Dr. Fred Patterson Assists Terre Haute K. of P. Lodge.

Dr. Fred Patterson, a former Decatur young man, now practicing dentistry at Terre Haute, will take a prominent part in a Knights of Pythias minstrel show to be given there tonight and tomorrow night, and which promises to be quite the event of the season. According to the Saturday Spectator, a social weekly paper printed in Terre Haute, Dr. Patterson has been a very important factor in the arrangements. He has assisted an various committees, has written a parody, sings a ballad and assists in a sketch, arranged by himself, "Election Day in the Third Ward," the latter expected to be the hit of the show. Six young men take part in the sketch, Dr. Patterson taking the part of "Shin Rice, chief Moocher."

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