

There will be a box social held at the Smith school house four miles south of Peterson, Thursday evening, Oct. 8th. A good time is assured all who attend. Miss Celia Steele is the popular teacher at this school.

The fraternal order of Eagles will hold their regular meeting at their hall Thursday evening. Every member is urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ahr entertained at dinner Sunday Mrs. M. Ahr and Mrs. Chas. Chapman and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sievers entertained a party of young people yesterday in honor of Miss Kathryn Stephenson, who leaves Wednesday for Chicago. Those present were Misses Lena Kayser, Nellie Steele, Lula Snore, Edith Witte, Clara Kayser, Carrie Schroder, Bertha Mennewisch, Edith Kayser, Josephine Raehouser, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Mrs. J. W. Stewart, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

The St. Vincent de Paul society entertained their husbands at a social session held at the C. B. L. of I. hall last evening. About 100 were present and enjoyed one of the best times of their lives.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. church will have a very important meeting at the home of the president, Mrs. B. J. Rice on north Fifth street Friday p. m., October 9th. All arrangements for the New England dinner will be completed and it behoves all chairmen of the society to attend. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Fairview, Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 5.—That President Roosevelt fully intends to take the stump in favor of the candidacy of Mr. Taft, was the information received at Fairview yesterday. It was said that the advices from persons upon whom reliance could be placed were to the effect that Mr. Roosevelt is planning to make at least six speeches in the course of a trip from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the concluding speech to be delivered at San Francisco, with numerous short speeches enroute. Mr. Bryan, however, absolutely refused to make any comment upon the subject. In order to devote still further attention to the state of Iowa, the Democratic candidate tonight announced a change in his plans in connection with his trip to Chicago, where on the night of the seventh instant he is to meet Mr. Taft at a banquet. Instead of leaving here Tuesday afternoon and going direct to Chicago, as had been arranged, Mr. Bryan will start tomorrow night for Des Moines, from which point he will on Tuesday proceed to Tama and Cedar Rapids and deliver set speeches, while from the rear platform of the train enroute he probably will make several short talks. The journey to Chicago will be made Tuesday night. Although it has not been settled, it is planned that Mr. Bryan shall speak in St. Louis Friday evening and then re-enter Kansas on Saturday for a full day in that state, returning to Lincoln Sunday. It is likely that he will spend a day or two in campaigning in his home state. This afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Bryan drove to the homes of several sick friends, and later the Democratic candidate called at the Hotel Lincoln and had a brief conference with Senator Gore, who was about to leave for St. Joseph, Mo.

Donald Adams, aged fifteen, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Adams, mounted to the tops of the high buildings Saturday evening with the dare-devil wire walker, Davenport, who has been the great feature of the street fair and climbed to the back of the iron nerved man for a flight across the street on the wire, eighty feet from the ground. The trip was made by the two without a mishap all owing to the nerve of Davenport. The boy slipped several times while in midair but was grabbed each time by the wire walker. The mother of the young man was near the scene to witness the stunt, unaware of the flight of her son until the lad was in the center of the wire. When she learned of this it was thought she would have hysterics and the ladies accompanying her tried to get her to leave the agonizing scene, but all to no effect. She watched the lad until he reached the other side of the wire. The lad had the nerve and received a hearty handshake from every one that could reach him after his dismounting from the building.—Bluffton News.

Rev. Guy McBride, of Bluffton, has been secured by Superintendent B. S. Hollister of the local district of the Methodist church, to succeed Rev. Lesh on the Mt. Etna circuit. Rev. Lesh has gone to Philadelphia for further study. Rev. McBride is a young man, a graduate of DePauw, and of the Boston school of theology, and the new charge is his first pastorate. He will begin his work Sunday at the Greenwood and Pilcher's Chapel churches, going on the following Sunday to Pleasant Plain and Mt. Etna.—Huntington Times.

The Mission workers, an organization quartered on Madison street, banded together for the salvation of souls, experienced no end of trouble Sunday afternoon at their regular services and as a result of the disturbance they are minus several lights, and a book of the holy writ, which had been kindly donated by one of the members. Mrs. Abe Whitright for several years identified with the organization, was present at yesterday's meeting, and when testimonials were asked for she promptly arose to her feet to contribute her experience to the tried and true. She had fairly gotten started when, because she aimed a few stinging darts at a member of the mission, the chorister announced a song and for fully thirty minutes the congregation joined in singing sweet strains of the sacred hymns, leaving Mrs. Whitright standing in suspense, awaiting a lull when she could continue her address. No such opportunity presenting itself she jumped upon a chair and grabbed the lamps, carrying them straight way to her home. She soon returned and proceeding to the pulpit she gathered the Bible under her arm and sauntered quietly to her home, leaving the awoke stricken members to ponder over their rash act. However, the absence of the above mentioned lamp and Bible did not greatly inconvenience the remaining members, and in the evening services were opened with more light and more lamps on hand than ever before. Three sons of Mrs. Whitright appeared at the hall when the services were in full progress, asserting, it is said, that they would "clean up" the congregation. The leaders of the mission promptly notified the officers, whose timely arrival appeared an emphatic conversation which in all probability would have culminated in a "pinch me" affray. It is now hinted that the mission workers are contemplating moving quarters to the south part of the city.

Every few days secretaries of the county boards of health have requests for transcripts of births and deaths to be used to prove right of property, right of pensions and right of insurance. This, you will see, is important to the family. It is important to the state, as well as important to the science of medicine. The state requires the prompt reporting of births and deaths so as to keep a complete county record. After recording them here they are sent to the state secretary and a record is made of them, thereby giving a double record. In Massachusetts the supreme court has decided that the physician is not entitled to his fee for services until he has made a full and accurate record of births and deaths. This decision will certainly appear in this state some day, for it is right and just. Too much value cannot be placed upon a complete county record but an incomplete one is a waste of time. In Indiana the recording of births did not begin until 1881, and not until 1907 did the work really commence in earnest under the practical plan authorized by law. No one can say he will not be called by the courts to prove his rights to an estate, pension or insurance and probably not until this time will he know the value of a complete record.

George Braun went to Fort Wayne Monday p. m. to claim his reward of \$100 offered for the information leading to the arrest and conviction of the men who stole the DeWald touring car. A talk over the phone with Mr. DeWald convinced George that he would have no trouble in securing the money and he went down to get it. George worked this game like a regular Nick Carter, and there is no doubt that he ferreted out the details. He knew that Harvey Hickox was an expert autoist, heard that he was here at midnight of the date in question and when he missed the hotel gasoline can and read that the one found in the car was a strange one, he put the clues together and sent word to DeWald that he had the necessary information. The latter gave the story to the police, who worked it out. Hickox was scheduled to plead guilty this morning and will be sent up. His pal, Campbell, is also known here, having worked a few weeks in this city. About two months ago a traveling man named Starr, from Richmond, was sick at the hotel here for several days and when able to be out he missed his diamond pin. When Hickox was arrested a diamond ring was found and he confessed to having stolen it. It will be returned to Mr. Starr.

The proposition to again remove the water meters in Decatur and go back to a flat rate has caused quite a bit of discussion and it cannot be said just what the outcome will be, but the fact is assured that something must be done to prevent the plant from running behind. No one in Decatur wants their water for less than cost, for when such is the case the deficit must be made up in some way or other. It is safe to say that the council will figure out the best thing to do and do it.

The silver anniversary of the St. Paul's German Lutheran church near Preble was celebrated Sunday, making the twenty-fifth year of the existence of that house of worship, and the occasion was a beautiful and interesting one. The attendance was large at the three services held morning, afternoon and night, and beside a full attendance of the members, there were present large numbers of friends from a distance. Rev. G. Speigel, of Jackson, Michigan, preached in German language at the morning hour, a sermon full of good thoughts and advice and commendation. Rev. Speigel is the president of the Michigan synod district comprising the states of Michigan, Ohio and Missouri, and is an able minister. The afternoon service was a dedication of the new \$1,200 pipe organ, recently purchased from Kilgen & Son, of St. Louis. Rev. C. B. Preuss, of Friedheim delivered a sermon in German, and there was also a splendid program on the organ by Profs. Hahn, of Fort Wayne, Briel of Preble, and Fischbach, of Friedheim. In the evening the pastor, Rev. J. H. Klausing, preached in English, a delightfully interesting sermon, and a fitting close to the day long to be remembered.

Miss Mary Deane, almost breathless and frightened to an extent which caused her to border on nervous prostration, appeared at the Clever Leaf station Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock, where she told of how a strange young man had attempted to criminally assault her, during which he struck her violently and tore the dress which she wore almost into atoms. Marshal Bohnke was at once notified and he hastened to the depot where, after apprising himself of the situation, he notified Policeman Fisher, and the two immediately set out to capture the man. Arriving at the Erie target they perceived two men attempting to board the evening passenger train westward bound. The officers commanded them to halt and took into custody the guilty man, lodging him in jail. It developed that the prisoner was Clayton Tucker, formerly a resident of Decatur. He was given a hearing before Mayor France Monday morning and plead guilty to the charge of assault and battery, a fine of \$5 and costs being imposed. The docket was stayed and he was released. The young man seems to have been lucky to have escaped answering a more serious charge.

The farmers of Allen and Adams counties who have formed a Texas colony, met at the office of the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway company Saturday afternoon, pursuant to a call from the president, William Hockemeyer. About thirty of the members, all but two or three were present, as were also a number of prospective buyers of land in Texas and most of whom will go there Tuesday to look at the lands. A number of important questions were discussed at the meeting Saturday, one of the most important being plans for the building of a church. It was decided to not take any definite action on this improvement, however, until the next meeting. Quite a number of the colonists and their friends and others who want to join them will form an excursion which will leave here in November. The members of the colony are among the best farmers in this locality and the only part of the organization that we regret to chronicle is the fact that at least a part of them will one of these days be going to the Lone Star state as citizens, and we don't like the idea of losing them.

Mrs. Landfair, wife of Dr. Landfair, received a letter from her husband, who is confined in the Michigan City prison, a few days ago, in which he appeared very optimistic that the board of pardons would act favorably on his petition for pardon at its next meeting. Dr. Landfair has been ill for several weeks, but is feeling better now, according to the letter which he sent to his wife. The warden of the prison has sent the board a good recommendation in regard to the conduct of the doctor since his confinement there and it is thought that this with the recommendations sent by local professional and business men will have a good effect upon the board. Mrs. Landfair said that if the doctor was pardoned he will return to this city and will live in the same residence again taking up his practice.

Officers of the French township mutual insurance company met at the office of the county sheriff Tuesday to settle with old agents and appoint new ones who will care for the business during the next year. At the meeting of the stockholders last Saturday officers were elected as follows: Fred Reppert, Sr. president; W. A. Smith vice president; John C. Augsburger, secretary; Jonas Neuenchwander, treasurer; Joseph Millhollen, general manager.

Dad Epehey has accepted a position with H. A. Colchin, the cigar manufacturer.

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THE WATSON FINANCES.

TAFT, ROOSEVELT AND THE "SINISTER MONEYED INTERESTS."

In his Foraker letter—the letter in which he tries to show how superior Taft is to everybody except himself—President Roosevelt says:

"The great and sinister moneyed interests, which have shown such hostility to the administration and now to Mr. Taft, have grown to oppose the administration on various matters not connected with those which mark the real point of difference."

The point that Roosevelt attempts to make is that "the great and sinister moneyed interests" are against Taft. He knows that this is not true. Instead of "hostility" toward Taft these interests are all supporting him in this campaign. And no one knows it better than Roosevelt himself. Taft's whole campaign is being managed by "the great and sinister moneyed interests." Sheldon, Cromwell, DuPont, Harriman, Morgan, Rockefeller—all of them are for Taft. During the Republican national convention E. H. Gary, the head of the steel trust, was in Chicago working

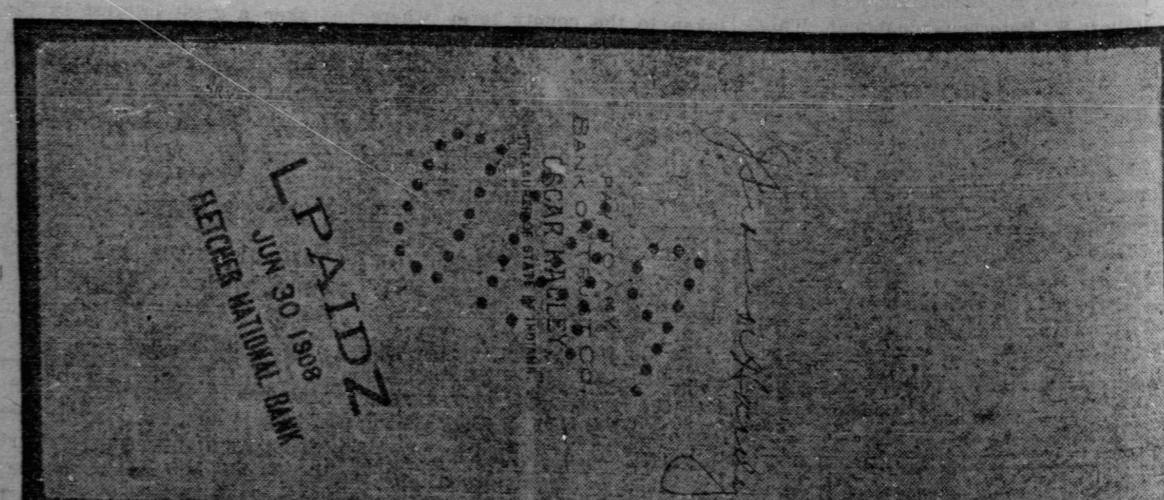
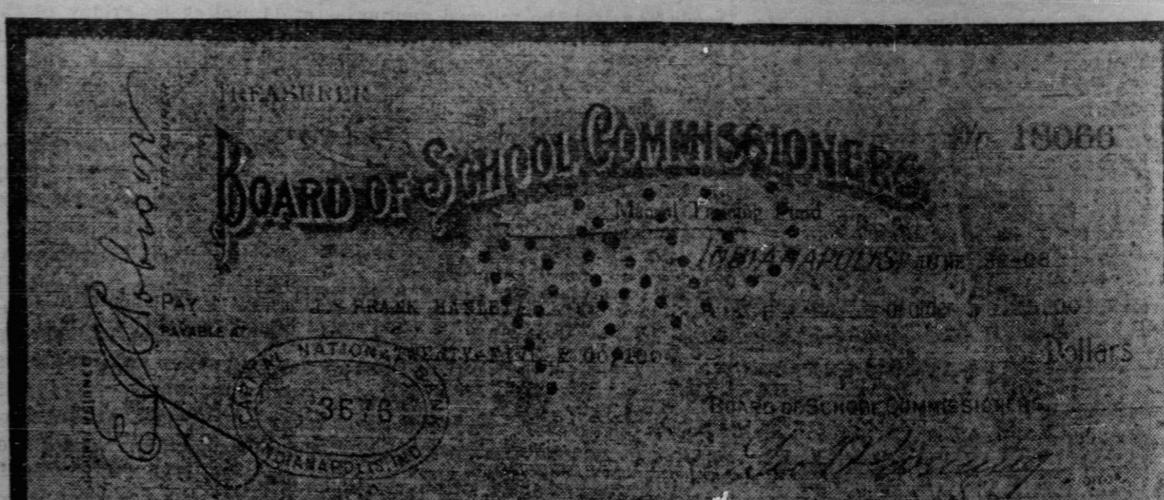
day and night for Taft's nomination, and he was only one of the "63 millionaires" that were present for the same purpose. And early in September, when Taft's campaign in Ohio was opened for him by Hughes and Beveridge at Youngstown, the steel trust showed its "hostility" in the following manner, as reported in the press dispatches:

The commanding feature of the day was the parade that preceded the speaking in Wick Park. There were a few over 12,000 men in line. Of these more than 10,000 came from the steel mills which form the chief and almost the sole industry of the city and suburbs. They were the employees of the Republic Iron and Steel company, the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company, and the United States Steel corporation, better known as the steel trust. Supplied with uniforms at the expense of these companies, the tollers presented a striking appearance as they marched past the reviewing stand. Because of the opening a shut-down of the mills was ordered until next Monday and the occasion made a holiday.

Is that the kind of "hostility" that Roosevelt talks about?

Who finances James E. Watson's campaign? Is it the steel trust, in which Dan G. Reid of the Indianapolis Star, Republican state organ, is a shining light? Is it the ship subsidy graft combination? Is it the Standard Oil company? Does help come from Joe Cannon, who, while a member of congress on \$5,000 a year, has managed to make \$2,000,000? Can James A. Hemenway, who entered congress twelve years ago a poor man and is now reputed to be rich, spare a little for Watson? At any rate, where did (and does) he get it? It is said that his nomination cost him between \$50,000 and \$100,000. There was a scandal in the Republican state convention about the purchase of delegates. There was scandal in many places, notably Fort Wayne, Anderson, Muncie, Terre Haute, South Bend, Marion and Evansville, about the election of delegates, and it was said that "money flowed like water." Where did it come from? Who put it up? Watson says he is a poor man. If so, who are the people who are backing him? And why are they backing him?

MUTE EVIDENCE OF GREED



These pictures are actual photographs taken of the front and back of the original check issued to J. Frank Hanly to pay him for addressing the graduating class of the Manual Training School, at Indianapolis, on June 8, 1906. They constitute mute evidence of the character of the man who received the money. The subject of the address was "Dreams That Come True," and the speaker told the boys and girls that the dreams which come true are those born of desire. Any comment upon the smallness and greed shown in the acceptance of this check by the man whom the people of Indiana honored by elevating him to the position of Governor of the state, would be superfluous. Many men in private life, including John W. Kern and other citizens of Indianapolis, have gladly given their services for this purpose, to the same Manual Training School, without a thought of compensation. In truth, there is no precedent for this incident in the history of Indiana, and it is doubtful if one could be found anywhere in the history of any state in the Union.