

When John Worth Kern, democratic nominee for vice president, and General J. B. Weaver, the distinguished Iowa veteran and the other noted visitors, accompanied by newspaper reporters and the reception committee who had met the party at Fort Wayne, descended the platform of the special car at the Fort Wayne & Springfield interurban station Tuesday night, they looked out over a very sea of faces that extended for a block in every direction and almost prevented the party from reaching the speakers' stand erected at the west side of the court house. The big night meeting excelled anything ever seen in this city and Billy Blodgett, of the Indianapolis News estimated the crowd at from 10,000 to 12,000 and the thing that makes the workers feel so good is the fact that no special effort was made to advertise the affair. It was great. Everything was carried out as planned and the boys in charge are certainly deserving of due praise for each did his part and did it well.

A monster torchlight procession was pulled off just before the special arrived, and was a dandy all right. It started from the city hall and under command of Capt. John T. Myers was handled perfectly. The men in charge at the starting point, Samuel Doak, J. D. Rieter and all the others, had control of the getaway and this hardest of all jobs was done in a way that proved previous experience. As the parade progressed the red fire all along the line showed that Dr. D. D. Clark had carefully carried out his plans, and the boys in line were cheered by thousands as they progressed. The line of march was as announced and enthusiasm all the way was great. The parade was led by George Braun astride a prancing mule, and he was followed by about eight or ten nicely decorated automobiles, with Jesse Niblick in charge. Then came the bands, three of them, and a thousand men bearing torches. Interspersed were a number of banners, fitting the occasion and the various issues of the campaign. The parade got back to the court house at a few minutes before the arrival of the Kern special and as the car came through Second street cheer after cheer rent the air and when they arrived at Court street, the yells were enough to bring pleasure to the hearts of the visitor.

A committee of Decatur people met the Kern party at Fort Wayne, in a special decorated in style and escorted them to this city. In the crowd were Lew Ellingham, chairman; H. S. Michaud, Senator Tyndall, Dr. J. W. Vizard, J. H. Heller, J. P. Haefling, C. H. Ernst, C. S. Niblick, J. F. Lachot, John Ehrman, C. J. Lutz, F. M. Schirmeyer, T. J. Durkins, E. X. Ehinger, T. M. Gallogly, W. H. Fidelerjohann, L. C. DeVoss, Samuel Simison, Jesse Kelly and J. Fred Fruchte. The car was in charge of Conductor David Hunsicker and Motorman Samuel Schindler.

Arriving at the stand here Mr. C. J. Lutz, acting as chairman of the meeting, introduced the Hon. John W. Kern, and as he looked out over that great throng of people he was cheered to the echo and cheered again and again. He spoke for thirty minutes and the crowd was with him every second of that time. His voice was a little out of tune, but he was fairly well heard. He began with a tribute to the throng, saying that this was the grandest audience he had spoken to during the campaign and that it looked mighty good to him. He went after the republican party in good style and accused them of using a big slush fund. He was followed by that veteran, General Weaver, of Iowa, who spoke for over an hour and held the closest attention of the big audience and giving them much to think about. The party left here at ten o'clock for Fort Wayne, where they spent the night, leaving next morning for another tour over the state. Every man who had a part in the occasion did his best, and deserves due credit.

Judge Sturgis this afternoon received a letter from Judge R. K. Erwin, in which he, Judge Erwin, now located in Ft. Wayne, declines to act further as special judge in the case of John W. Terrell. He was the last appointed as special judge in the case but he did not care to continue jurisdiction in the case after he retired from the bench as judge of the Adams circuit court. Judge Sturgis said that he had not yet appointed a new special judge. Terrell continues about the same at the county jail as when first returned from Richmond. He was visited today by his daughter Lucy.—Bluffton News.

Several changes in election inspectors were necessary and the commissioners held a hurryup session and made these changes. The list complete is as follows:

East Union—Frank McIntosh.
West Union—J. D. Nidlinger.
East Root—George Gase.
West Root—C. H. Oetting.
North Preble—Henry Dirksen.
South Preble—G. W. Rupright.
North Kirkland—H. C. Breiner.
South Kirkland—J. V. Pease.
East Washington—Conrad Gillig.
West Washington—Henry Elting.
North St. Marys—Elzey Jackson.
South St. Marys—John Noll.
North Blue Creek—William Frazier.
South Blue Creek—William Raudenbush.

North Monroe—M. L. Oliver.
Middle Monroe—Jacob Huser.
French—J. C. Augsburger.
North Hartford—Moses Augsburger.
South Hartford—Samuel Stahl.
North Wabash—Samuel Soldner.
Ceylon—Henry Decker.
East Jefferson—J. J. Tester.
West Jefferson—Marion Ketcham.
Berne "A"—Phil Schug.
Berne "B"—J. D. Winteregg.
Geneva "A"—A. J. Byrd.
Geneva "B"—W. W. Briggs.
Decatur A, 1st Ward—Henry Hite.
Decatur B, 1st Ward—George Patterson.
Decatur A, 2nd Ward—C. Vogelwedde.
Decatur B, 2nd Ward—James Hurst.
Decatur A, 3rd Ward—J. F. Snow.
Decatur B, 3rd Ward—Joseph McFarland.

The above inspectors will come Saturday for the ballots and supplies, as the law sets this day. The election commissioners have requested us to give this notice prominence, so that each and every inspector will be on hand. The election commissioners will have a busy week, but they are getting along with their work rapidly and with less of anxiety and distress than usually follows the process of having printed, wrapped and sealed the ballots for use on election day.

Decatur people, those who were in the downtown district were treated to a little political surprise Tuesday that had not been advertised in the regular way, when the Wendle party touring the country in the interest of the Hearst party, arrived here in a big touring car which has gained fame by making the run in the 40,000 mile Glidden tour, and the driver was no less a personage than Elroy McManire who drove the car in that trip. In the party was C. A. Wendle, editor of the Gatling Gun, J. M. Zion, candidate for governor of Indiana on the Independent ticket and Frank Shannon, a cornetist. The party travels unannounced going where they please and when they please. They came from Bluffton and went to Fort Wayne. Mr. Wendle made a speech in which he assailed both the old parties and then went after everybody and everything. He was followed by Mr. Zion, the Clark's Hill apple raiser and candidate for the governorship, who paid the greater part of his attention to the local candidates, shooting a few hot ones at Adair and Hawkins and the two candidates for governor. The party left here about 10:30 after an hour's stop. Mr. Dahl, of the Chicago Examiner, was also with the party.

The special interurban car, chartered by the local camp of Modern Wodmen run to Ft. Wayne Tuesday night, was taxed to its capacity with candidates for adoption and members of the order, who were royally entertained by the Fort Wayne camp during the evening. After a short business session the initiatory work was conferred upon four Decatur candidates and it was great, to say the least. This was followed by a luncheon which satisfied the appetite of all. The clerk of the Fort Wayne camp then announced the fact that on December 21, both afternoon and evening, a glorious time would be had in that city, the national lecturer to be present. A large class of candidates will also be given the work, the team to be selected before that date. Representing the Decatur camp, C. L. Walters promised the unswerving support of the local organization and candidates from here will be given the work at that time. Another special car will be chartered at the time of this event. Decatur camp has now a membership of more than 130. She is growing.

A public sale of the personal property of the late Jacob Mangold will be held Saturday afternoon at the Bremerkamp building on Madison street, when they will offer all the household goods and some other property as announced on the bills.

Portland, Ind., Oct. 19, 1908.

We, the undersigned business and professional men of Portland, Indiana, who are republicans and personally acquainted with John A. M. Adair, and have transacted business with him, take pleasure in testifying to the fact that he is a man of the highest character and whose reputation for honesty and integrity, both as a private citizen and public servant, has never been questioned, and we have no hesitancy in saying that the charges that are being made against him are false and malicious.

L. G. Holmes, Hay and Grain Dealer.
N. H. Gable, Cigars and Tobaccos,
4½ years in army.

J. L. Johnson, hardware.
Joe E. Seiss, farmer.

Theodore Bailey, attorney.
S. H. Adams, staves and heading manufacturer.

W. A. Thomas, insurance and real estate.

C. W. Holmes, marble and granite dealer.

W. D. Yount, hardware and stoves.

S. C. Ewery, hardware and stoves.

L. Brandenberg, stationery engineer.

John W. Mills, bank cashier.

John W. Holmes, real estate.

Dr. S. A. Braddock, dentist.

J. R. Williams, grocer.

Wilson Rice, oil producer.

J. M. Henry, retired farmer.

W. A. Fields, oil worker.

Frank A. Straley, furniture.

Peter Bergman, U. S. veteran.

H. O. Weldon, hotel man.

Chas. C. Stoltz, furniture and undertaking.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 26.—The fate of Canada, headed by Sir Wilfred Laurier as premier, depends upon the battle of ballots which is being waged in the Dominion today. Ontario promises to go strongly Conservative. Quebec will again give the premier the strong backing it always has given him, with a majority of about 60 members. The chances of the Laurier administration being defeated are remote. Liberals, led by Sir Alfred Laurier, having been in office since 1896, having been re-elected twice in the interval, though of Sir Wilfred's first government of fifteen members only Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Sir F. W. Borden, Hon. Sydney Fisher and Hon. William Patterson remain. Three are dead, two were appointed to the high court and four retired. That Sir Wilfred Laurier, if his government is returned to power again, for the third time, will retire four years hence voluntarily has been announced by himself. In the house just dissolved the Liberal government had a majority of 66 in a total membership of 217. Four new seats have been created in Saskatchewan and three in Alberta, making the total number of seats in the next house 221. Owing to the delay in posting the necessary notices the election in several districts will not be held today, but these are not likely to affect the general result.

While William Kleinknight and family, of Tocsin, were at church last evening, robbers invaded their home in the little city and when the family returned from the meeting, the place looked as if a cyclone had paid a visit to the premises. When an examination was completed by Mr. Kleinknight he found the robbers had taken \$24 and several stamps, which were in the house. He notified the whole town, but no one saw the robbers. The alarm was spread over the place and hasty search made for the thieves. The robbers had made their way into the house through a window and money was undoubtedly the cause of their visit to the Kleinknight home. This was the only house in the entire town that the thieves visited. The money taken belonged to the mother of Mrs. Kleinknight, Mrs. Emma Nutter, who makes her home with her son. She had placed the money in a bedroom on the second floor of the residence before going to the meeting. The stamps were also in this room. It was first thought that the robbery was a home talent, as the work did not look like that of a professional, but until this morning no trace of the thieves can be found.—Bluffton Banner.

Squire Walbert went to Craigville today to appear before Squire Abbott as attorney for the plaintiffs in two suits on account. In one Charles F. Wright is suing John Shoemaker for \$44 on account and in the other Edward Meissie is suing Frank Johnson for \$28 on account.—Bluffton News.

The ladies of the Woman's Home

Missionary Society of the Methodist church will conduct a ransack sale in the building occupied by the mayor's office. The object is twofold; first, to enable those persons who must

meet the demands of a family on a limited income to clothe the growing boys and girls with perfectly good garments other boys and girls have outgrown, and to give the man who does out of door labor a chance to secure at small cost perfectly good shoes and clothes. In this way the ladies hope to help many who would not accept these things as a gift and will yet be glad to pay a small price for them. On the other hand the money obtained from the sale of articles that have become useless to their owners, will create a fund to buy wood, coal and provisions for the needy families in our midst during the hard winter months. The sale opens Monday, Nov. 2, and every one is invited to come. Any one having articles to donate can leave them at the city building between 3:30 and 5:30 on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week or any time Saturday afternoon.

Rev. Addison Willard Crabb, the evangelist who has been conducting the revival at the Church of Christ in this city, will deliver his popular lecture, "Life's Looking Glass," on Friday evening. This lecture is amusing and instructive and should be heard by every one. Mrs. Crabb will give several readings and songs. The admission is ten and fifteen cents. Speaking of the speaker and his lecture, the Seymour Democrat said:

The lecture on "Life's Looking Glass" given by Rev. Addison Willard Crabb, of Brazil, Ind., at the Christian church last evening under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor, was a rare treat to those who were fortunate to be present. He brought vividly to the mind of his listeners the dark and bright side of life, using some fine illustrations. He is very entertaining and won the attention of his audience from the start. He will always find a welcome.

Caracas, Venezuela, via Willemstad, Curacao, Oct. 26.—President Castro, in his answer to the second Netherlands note, has declined to revoke his decree of May 14, prohibiting the transhipment of goods for Venezuelan ports at Curacao, which has been so obnoxious to the people of that island. This answer was made Sept. 12. The president expresses surprise that the Netherlands government should ask for the revocation of this decree after acknowledging Venezuela's right to issue it. Continuing, he asks the Netherlands to send a confidential agent to Caracas to arrange the terms of an amicable settlement of the difficulties between the two governments. The chief of the artillery branch of the Venezuelan army has completed the preparations for the defense of La Guaira. In anticipation of a naval demonstration by Holland before that port on November 1, shells have been distributed to all the modern guns in the forts on the mountainside above La Guaira. President Castro's health is still delicate, and causes anxiety to his friends.

London, Oct. 26.—The people of Hever, the Kent village where W. Walder Astor bought and restored historic Hever Castle, like Mr. Astor no more than the people of Cliveden do. Prior to Mr. Astor's purchase of the castle the people had a pathway across the castle park which they used freely. Their right was sustained by law. Mr. Astor did not want the villagers to cross the park, but he could not prevent them. The he therefore inclosed the ancient path between two tall brick walls. The villagers now use the path as they have for centuries, but they can no longer get a glimpse of the beautiful park. They can see only the tall brick fence on each side of the path.

EX-CONGRESSMAN IS DEAD.

Allan Langdon McDermott, New Jersey Democrat, Expires.

New York, Oct. 26.—Ex-Congressman Allan Langdon McDermott, one of the foremost Democrats of New Jersey, died tonight at his home in Jersey City from heart trouble. Mr. McDermott was born in Boston fifty-four years ago.

The Berne band arrived early this morning and furnished excellent music for the big Marshall Day meeting. Quite a number of people from there accompanied them.

A marriage license was granted to Anthony Schurter, 33, a farmer of Root township and Gertrude Bremerkamp, 25, daughter of John Henry Bremerkamp of this city.

Real estate transfers: Jacob Butcher, commissioner, to Albert Newcomer, lot 358, Geneva, \$325; Bessie R. Harison to Charles F. York, lot 153 Geneva, \$1,700.

Ruode Dry Gods Co. vs. Frederick Schafer, answer to interrogatories filed.

Philip L. Macklin was appointed administrator of the Phillip A. Macklin estate and filed bond. Mrs. Macklin filed waiver of her appointment.

Martin Kirchner, administrator of the William R. Kirchner estate filed a motion for an order to deliver note on Ida and John Hay to administrator; is ordered.

T. M. Andrews and T. H. Baltzell, executors of the Thomas H. Andrews will file final report and were discharged.

The finishing work on the printing of the county and township election ballots was done today and the same will be delivered to the various inspectors on Saturday.

James McLeith, 28, a steam fitter from Fort Wayne, and Agnes Bertrand, 28, of this place, were granted license to wed and Judge Merryman tied the knot.

A license to marry has been issued to Otto Stuckey, 26, a lumberman, and Cora Springer, 23, of Berne.

Senator Albert J. Beveridge arrived here at 7:30 Tuesday a.m. from Fort Wayne. His special was about twenty minutes late and his visit to this place was consequently cut short. It was six minutes to eight o'clock when the senator arrived at the court room, accompanied by J. M. Frisinger, W. A. Lower, L. A. Graham, J. S. Peterson, Fred Litterer and several others. He was introduced by Mr. Frisinger who said: "I have the pleasure of introducing to you a man who has campaigned this year from the Atlantic to the Pacific in sixteen states, and known not only in this state and this country, but in the countries of the old world and you know that I have reason to know this, as one of the most brilliant men of the twentieth century, the Honorable Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indianapolis." The senator opened by saying that such an audience at such an early hour shows that the senator was consequently cut short. 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