

Cincinnati, Ohio, Nov. 5.—(Special) —William H. Taft, the president-elect, today received a congratulatory message from his democratic opponent, William J. Bryan. The message read as follows:

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5, 1908.
To W. H. Taft, Cincinnati, Ohio:

Please accept my congratulations and best wishes for the success of your administration.

W. J. BRYAN.

Positive returns show the election of Democrats for congress in eleven of the thirteen Indiana districts—an astonishing gain of seven districts.

The most surprising Republican defeat was that of Charles B. Landis in the Ninth district. Landis called Goodrich by long-distance telephone at Republican state headquarters in the Claypool hotel, yesterday, and told of the congressional victory in the Ninth.

The eleven Democrats elected and their districts are:

First—John W. Boehme, Evansville.

Second—W. A. Cullop, of Vincennes.

Third—W. E. Cox, of Jasper.

Fourth—Lincoln Dixon, of North Vernon.

Fifth—Ralph Moss, of Brazil.

Seventh—Charles A. Korbly, Indianapolis.

Eighth—John A. M. Adair, of Portland.

Ninth—Martin Morrison, of Frankfort.

Eleventh—George W. Rauch, of Marion.

Twelfth—Cyrus Cline, of Angola.

Thirteenth—Henry Barnhart, Rochester.

It was known that a strong fight was being waged against Congressman Landis in the ninth district, but there were few who even had hope that he would be defeated. Two years ago Landis carried the ninth district by a plurality of 2,232.

In the Second district the Democrats made a special effort during the campaign to elect Cullop and defeat Congressman Chaney. They put their strongest speakers and campaigners in that district and did more hard work there than in any other district in the state. But the effort brought the result.

The victory of Ralph Moss over Howard Maxwell in the Fifth district was due to the labor vote in Terre Haute more than anything else. Moss is a member of the state senate and the coal miners of his district seemed to be for him.

It was taken as a foregone conclusion long in advance of the election that Cline would defeat Congressman Gilhams in the Twelfth district and the vote proved this to be true.

It was some time before Republicans were willing to admit the defeat of John W. Foster in the First district and Charles W. Miller in the Thirteenth. Although Congressman Overstreet ran far ahead of his ticket, the Seventh district man was buried with the rest in the Marion county landslide.

One of the surprises of the election was the defeat of Samuel R. Artman, judge of the Boone circuit court, who won the friendship of Prohibitionists by deciding that the state had no legal right to license the liquor traffic.

James E. Watson, the defeated Republican candidate for governor, who ran behind Taft in almost every other county in the state, carried Rush county, his home county, by about 600. Two years ago when he ran for congress he carried Rush county by only 99.

Whitley county, where Thomas R. Marshall lives, gave him a plurality of 304, which was 150 more than the remainder of the Democratic ticket obtained.

OFFICIAL VOTE FOR CONGRESS.

Counties	Adair Hawkins
Adams	1,902
Delaware	5
Jay	1,111
Madison	2,013
Randolph	789
Wells	1,407
Total	6,433
Adair's plurality	794

Mesdames John W. Vail, John Niblick and Mrs. Daniels went to Peru this week, where they will attend the convention of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North Indiana conference. A most interesting session is expected. Mrs. Vail, who for more than ten years has been treasurer of the organization, will read a report which reveals many interesting facts in regard to the workings of the society. Her report will show that during the past year \$7,762.34 has been paid by the societies in the North Indiana conference. This is a very creditable recognition. Of this amount Fort Wayne (this) district has paid \$1,014.36 and the Decatur ladies have paid \$98.70 cash, beside their local work. A glimpse at these figures will convince that this great organization is doing good work. Its mission is indeed important. Every cent of this money is applied to assist causes affect the deserving poor and the ladies are entitled to the support of the people.

Shafer Peterson was a Fort Wayne caller yesterday.

The P. & M. railroad company in Missouri, of which John W. Vail, of this city is president, Dan R. Vail, secretary and treasurer, and Charles Merryman auditor, has established a railroad office at St. Louis in the Fris- cal Building, where their permanent headquarters will hereafter be. The headquarters heretofore were at Card- well, Missouri, but the location of same at St. Louis will greatly facilitate the company by establishing a closer relationship with other railroads. The P. & M. railroad, at one time a tram- way, is now recognized as a very good road, notwithstanding the fact that it is but twenty miles in length. While years ago the road was used for the hauling of logs principally, a good passenger and freight business is being done now and the company is progressing wonderfully. It will be re- membered that four years ago Charles Merryman of this city was chosen auditor of the road and he has fulfilled his duties efficiently. His head- quarters will now be at St. Louis also, at the new office. Dan R. Vail has gone to St. Louis to aid in the pre- paratory work and it is not unlikely that he will remove to that city some time in the future.

Indianapolis, Nov. 5.—With the election out of the way the next thing of a political nature to demand the attention of the voters will be the county local option elections under the law passed at the special session of the legislature. Publication of the law was held up until after the election that it might not interfere in the campaign. Since the passage of the law the state printer has been working on the books and has about completed them. It was said yesterday that the law will probably be published within the next week and will become effective upon its publication.

E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league, said yesterday that the league cannot petition and secure an order for any local option elections until the first of next month at the earliest. An attempt will be made to make several counties dry before the incoming Democratic administration gets a chance to alter or repeal the law, but the officers of the league are not saying what counties they will enter.

"We could not possibly petition for county local option elections before next month," said Mr. Shumaker. "We will have until Dec. 1 to circulate petitions. The petitions will have to be presented to the commissioners' court and acted upon at a regular sitting of the commissioners. The petitions may be presented at any time, but the commissioners must act at their regular monthly sittings. An election cannot be held in less than twenty days nor more than thirty days after it is ordered, and ten days' notice must be given. Nothing in the way of holding county local option elections can, therefore, be done before the latter part of next month."

Dr. J. Q. Neptune left Friday morning on the 8:30 car for Fort Wayne, where he joined a hunting party, consisting of twenty-five men who left immediately for Witbeck, Michigan, to hunt for big game. Philip Koos and George Nettle, of Adams county were among the party. These men expect to remain in the wilds of Michigan for three weeks and they will without doubt get their share of the game, which wanders their way. Raymond Knoff who graduated recently from a Chicago dental college, and who is an expert at the business, will look after Mr. Neptune's patrons during his absence.

Dr. Dick Neptune, accompanied by Peter Frank of this city left Sunday night for eastern Arkansas, where they will enjoy a three weeks' hunting expedition. E. L. Carroll, who left last night for St. Louis, will join the party enroute and the men expect a great time. They will camp in the woods and Mr. Neptune informs us that they will make a desperate attempt to deplete the forest in that vicinity of all its game.

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TERRELL REFUSED A NURSE

Wells County Officials Don't Think It Necessary.

Bluffton, Ind., Nov. 5.—Lucy Terrell was in Bluffton today and sought an interview with the board of county commissioners to ask them to provide a nurse or attendant at the county jail for her father, the insane murderer of Melvin Wolfe. He was returned here recently from Easthaven asylum at Richmond. The commissioners refused to grant the petition for a nurse, investigation showing that Terrell is in comparatively good health and is receiving as good care as the jail provides. The commissioners said that they would be willing, if the permission of the prosecuting attorney and the court were obtained, to let Terrell go to his home, south of Bluffton, if the family would pay the expenses of a deputy to look after him. This proposition may be taken up with the court, although it could not be acted upon until Judge Sturgis appoints a special judge to assume jurisdiction.

Hooper & Lenhart are attorneys for the Holthaus Drug company, who filed a suit against Frederick Hoffman, on account, demand \$100.

State ex rel Alice M. Kessler vs. William Heistand, a paternity proceeding, was filed at the clerk's office, on appeal from the court of Isaac N. Veley, justice of peace in Wabash township.

E. B. Lenhart has filed a petition for the appointment of a guardian for Samuel Railing, alleging that he is a person of unsound mind and that through the death of Susan Glass has inherited \$600, which the will provides must be placed in the hands of a guardian.

Lewis C. Helm has been appointed a notary public and filed his bond for \$1,000 as provided by the Indiana law.

The last will and testament of Peter Aumiller of Berne, was probated. He bequeaths all his property, real and personal, to his wife Sarah, to hold during her life. After her death each of the five children, George, Mary and Samuel Aumiller, Anna Blowers and Ida Galloway are to each receive 33-3/4 acres of land from his farm located in the north part of Wabash township. His wife, Sarah Catherine Aumiller is named as executrix. The will was written November 10, 1886, and witnessed by John E. Rose and Andrew Gottschalk.

Sharp & Sturgis, Bluffton attorneys, have filed a new case, Peter Meyer vs. Emil and Katie Frany, foreclosure of Mortgage.

In the case of Lee Yager et al vs. Harry F. McKill et al suit on note, Fruchte & Litterer have entered appearance for the defendants.

D. E. Smith has entered his appearance for the defendants in the case of J. E. Moser vs. Peter Frank et al, suit on note and chattel mortgage.

Martin W. Wolbert vs. Levi and William Kohler, note, appearance by Fruchte & Litterer for defendants.

Daniel Straub et al vs. C. & E. railroad company, damages, demurer filed to each paragraph, overruled.

Mutual Mfg. Co. vs. Christine Kuntz, account, demurer to second paragraph of answer overruled and a reply was filed to that paragraph.

W. M. Beabout, administrator of the John E. Rose estate, filed final report, approved and he was discharged.

Vincent and Margaret Smith, heirs of Joseph Smith, applied for an order of pourt, that they be paid their share of \$75.84 each which was done.

George E. McKean, who served for four years as surveyor of this county and who made a record as being one of the best ever in this section, was at last week's election chosen as the surveyor in Macoupin county, Ill. His record is a very wonderful one, since he has lived in that state less than two years. He defeated a Mr. Morse, the present republican surveyor by 907 votes, the result being 5,766 to 4,859. However, the entire democratic ticket was elected, George leading the ticket by sixty votes, a splendid record when it is considered that over 11,000 votes were cast in the county. He will begin his term on the first Monday in December next and his salary is six dollars per day besides the extras. His friends in this city and county will be exceedingly glad to learn of his success, and are confident that he can more than deliver the goods in his office. Mr. McKean is now living at Mt. Olive, Ill.

TO SELL MACADAM ROADS

Wells County Have a Number of Road Contracts.

A large number of gravel roads will be sold by the county commissioners December 30. The commissioners at their session today accepted the report of the viewers on the D. C. Mid- daugh, G. F. Allen, R. F. Mossburg, Ed Robinson, M. M. Burnett and Ed Platt roads. These roads and the roads which are petitioned for and which may be received at this or next month's session will be sold December 30. It is the opinion of the commissioners that when the roads are sold in a bunch the price for the construction of them are less than where only a few of the roads are bid on at one time. For this reason the board wishes to bunch the sales. The members of the board were kept busy allowing bids which they did not get to Wednesday and the previous day. Practically all of the election bills have been paid now. The elections are expensive to the county, it cost about \$5,000.—Bluffton Banner.

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With the election over many will now be interested in who the new officers in this county are, and when they will take their offices. The representative-elect is Thurman Gottschalk of Berne, a young man of many good qualities and wise judgment who should look after the affairs of particular interest to his Adams county constituency in the legislature in a very able manner. He will begin his service at the session which convenes early in January. For prosecutor, Henry B. Heller, who has held the office in a most satisfactory manner, for two years past, will serve two years longer, beginning January 1st next. The new county auditor is Henry S. Michaud, better known as "Bub," of Berne, who will assume his duties the first day of the year and serve for four years. He is capable and his popularity is proven by the fact that he ran far ahead of his ticket, securing a majority of 1,823. Charles Yager will begin his term as county treasurer on January 1, 1910. His present home is at Pleasant Mills, and he, too, is one of the popular and capable men of the county. Eli Meyers will serve two years longer as sheriff, his second term beginning on January 1st. Charles C. Ernst, of this city, will on January 1st succeed L. L. Baumgartner as surveyor of the county. He is well qualified for the office, having served as deputy under George E. McKean and he will prove a competent and clever official. Dr. J. C. Grandstaff will continue to serve as coroner for two years longer. Henry Zwick, of Root township, begins his duties as commissioner of the first district next January and James A. Hendricks of Monroe, the clever, popular and capable agent of the G. R. & I. railroad at that place, will begin his term as commissioner of the second district a year later, January 1, 1910. Every one of these men will, we believe, make splendid officials, and will cause their party and friends and every citizen of the county to be proud of them.

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It's a queer and rather unusual fact that though the republicans won a decided victory over the land that the boys in this locality lost most of their bets as the wagers were nearly all placed on the results on governor and congressman. The republicans won a few bets on Indiana, Ohio and New York going for Taft. A fellow is foolish who bets on an election any way, said one of the losers.

"Neither am I able adequately to express my appreciation for the kind words which have been spoken since the election. If I could regard the defeat as purely a personal one, I would consider it a blessing rather than a misfortune, for I am relieved of the burdens and responsibilities of an office that is attractive only in proportion as it gives an opportunity to render a larger public service.

"But I shall serve as willingly in a private capacity as in a public one. God does not require great things of us; He does not require that we improve the opportunities that are presented, and I shall be glad to improve the opportunities for service presented by private life.

"In this hour of national defeat, I find some consolation in the cordial support given by my neighbors; by the citizens of Lincoln and by the people of the state of Nebraska. With a Democratic legislature, we shall be able to put into practice so much of the Denver platform as relates to state legislation, and I trust that our state will set an example that will be an influence for good in the nation."

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Hay is beginning to come to the Bluffton markets and about ten cars a day are being shipped out of Bluffton. The expected raise has failed to come and many farmers who need their barn room for fodder are hauling their crop in. The average of the year's crop is said to be of extra fine quality owing to the good weather when it was made.—Bluffton News.

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CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the neighbors and friends who assisted us so kindly during the illness and death of our darling babe, Mabel Marie. We are especially thankful to the Aid Society and Helping Hand Society of the German Reformed church.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Pitermon.

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CHALLENGE FROM CAPONI.

Hopes to Get Chance at Either Ketchell or Papke Soon.

Chicago, Nov. 5.—Tony Caponi of

this city is hoping that he may have a chance at Stanley Ketchell or another go with Billy Papke in the near future, as his manager, Cal Harris, has received a telegram from Baron Long, manager of Jeffries' club at Vernon, Cal., offering to secure a bout with either man in case there is a hitch in the Papke-Ketchell bout. Dispatches from the west indicate that the disagreement raised by Manager Joe O'Connor over Papke's remuneration has been settled. But Caponi wants a tryout against one of them later on. He claims that next to Hugo Kelly, he has the best right to such an encounter. He has secured two draws with Papke and was beaten by him once. He has just returned from the east, where he met Tommy Sullivan, Larry Conley, Paul Moore and Jack Blackburn. He got the verdict over Moore in Pittsburg.

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Lincoln, Neb., November 6.—William

J. Bryan issued the following statement: "The election has gone against us by a decisive majority. The returns are not all in and it is impossible at the present time to analyze them or to say what causes contributed most to the Republican victory. We made our fight on a platform which embodied what we believed to be good for the American people, but it is for the people themselves to decide what laws they desire and what methods of government they prefer. I have faith that the publicity which we asked for will yet command itself to the American people; that the election of senators by the people will be secured; that the iniquities of the trust will arouse an opposition that will result in the elimination of the principle of private monopoly. I am confident that the people will see the necessity for the labor legislation and the tariff reduction which our platform demanded. I am confident, too, that the educational work done in this campaign will result in securing greater protection to bank depositors. The above are the most prominent reforms for which we labored, and I believe that these reforms will yet come, together with more effective regulation of railroads and independence for the Filipinos.

"I desire to command the work of our national committee. I am entirely satisfied with Mr. Mack as the chairman and with the members of the committee. I realize that they could have done no more than they did, and as for myself I put forth every effort in my power to secure victory for our cause. The nomination came from the hands of the voters; I have obeyed their command and have led as best I could. Words will not express my gratitude for the devotion which has been shown by millions of Democrats during the last twelve years.

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