

Indianapolis, Nov. 13.—Following the final canvass of the vote of the state in the recent election in the governor's office, Governor Hanly yesterday signed commissions to all of the newly-elected officials except Thomas R. Marshall, the Democratic governor-elect. A special commission is being arranged for by Harry Slough, clerk of the state printing board, for Mr. Marshall. It will be larger and of a more elaborate design than the commissions issued to the other state officials. The canvass of the vote was completed in a short time. Governor Hanly refused further delay to the Democrats, represented by Congressman Lincoln Dixon and Judge Joseph Shea of Seymour. It was contended by Mr. Dixon that investigations by the Democrats show many mistakes and more time ought to be allowed for further investigation. Governor Hanly asked Messrs. Dixon and Shea if they knew of any other errors that were not then at hand, but the Democratic representatives could not then say so. Although no definite announcement was made yesterday and no notice of an appeal was given in any way, it is likely the Democratic state committee will contest the election of George W. Self and John C. Billheimer and possibly others before the legislature. Stokes Jackson, Democratic state chairman, was out of the city yesterday. Joe Reiley, secretary of the Democratic state committee, said he did not know whether an appeal would be taken to the legislature. Leading Democrats, however, expressed the opinion that State Chairman Jackson would carry out his announced intention of contesting every election where he thinks there is a chance for a Democratic state candidate.

The Rev. W. E. McCarthy divorce trial, which is expected to develop in many sensational climaxes and will quite likely be heard by a large array of citizens, was taken up on issues in the circuit court Thursday morning with J. W. Macy, of Winchester, presiding as special judge, says the Portland Sun. Mrs. Isabelle McCarthy, the plaintiff, is being represented by Ex-Judge E. C. Vaughn and Henry Eichhorn, of Bluffton, and E. E. McGriff, of this city, while the defendant, Rev. W. E. McCarthy's interests are being looked after by the law firm of Snyder & Smith. The case promises to be a hard fought one on both sides as the complaint, which is extremely sensational in its allegations, also involve an anti-nuptial contract entered into by the couple just previous to their marriage. It also alleges mismanagement of the wife's business affairs agreement entered into before the marriage by the husband, who, according to the marriage, was to act as her agent in the collection of money due her on the rental of her property. Thursday morning the defendant's attorneys proceeded with the issues in the case by filing a motion to strike out and dismiss certain parts of the complaint. This, however, was overruled by the court and a second motion was filed wherein the plaintiff was asked to make other allegations in the complaint more specific. This was submitted and sustained as to certain paragraphs of the charges embodied in the original complaint and overruled as to all others. A demurrer to the complaint was then filed and after being overruled the case was continued. The exact date for the trial was not made known but it is expected to be held during the present term of court.

BIG DEMAND IS MADE.

Favorite Stove Co. Sues Reed Bros., of Zanesville, for \$1,917. A new suit was filed in circuit court today in which a big demand is made for notes and account against Henry H. and Frank Reed, composing the firm of Reed Brothers, of Zanesville. The plaintiff is the Favorite Stove & Range Company, of Piqua, Ohio, and the total demanded in their suit is \$1,917.21, in payment for merchandise bought. One note of \$356.40 was given on April 17th last and another for \$354.41 on the same date, and they were made payable in thirty days. Both are alleged to be due and unpaid and demand is made for \$425 on each of them. The balance of \$1,069.21 alleged due is on an account. The case is made returnable in circuit court on November 24th, the second day of the second week of court.—Bluffton News.

NIGHT RIDERS BURN TOBACCO

Firebugs Destroy Barn and Fields Near Boonville, Ind. Boonville, Ind., Nov. 12.—Incendiaries last night set fire to a large tobacco barn containing ten acres of tobacco valued at \$2,000, belonging to Clamor Gentry, near this city. They also set fire to a barn containing five acres of tobacco, valued at \$1,000 and belonging to William Folsom of this county. Farmers are watching their tobacco barns closely to prevent further destruction by firebugs.

County Superintendent of Schools, Prof. L. E. Opliger, is busy these days, in preparation for the annual meeting of the Adams County Teachers' Association, will convene at the First Presbyterian church in this city on Saturday, November 28th, when all the teachers of the county will assemble here for a one-day's session. An especially good program of interest to every one connected with school work will be rendered. One of the features of the day will be an address by William Smiser, who is professor of English in the Ohio Wesleyan university at Delaware, Ohio. Mr. Smiser is one of the best men in his line in the middle west, and his talk is sure to prove a most delightful part of the day. Beside this lecture, however, there will be given a splendid program of music and the discussion of educational topics by the teachers of this county in which a number of important subjects will be discussed. The musical part of the day will be in charge of the Decatur city schools and they will no doubt use every effort to make their numbers on the program most interesting, this feature including solos, duets, etc. A full attendance and a day well spent, is expected by Prof. Opliger.

Indianapolis, Nov. 13.—Governor Hanly yesterday announced a number of appointments to state positions, both honorary and remunerative, and chief among them is that of a place on the Indiana railroad commission made vacant by the resignation of Union B. Hunt. This place was given by the governor to Judge John F. McClure of Anderson. No word had been received at the governor's office last night, as to whether Judge McClure would accept, but it was believed by his friends at the state house that he would. The offer comes to Judge McClure unsolicited. Other appointments made by the governor yesterday included the state legislative visitation commission, the state conservation commission, the Indiana delegates to the National Rivers and Harbors congress to be held in Washington, D. C., Dec. 9 to 11, inclusive, and two members of the board of state charities. On the visitation committee Governor Hanly appointed Senator Horace Hanna of Plainfield, and Representatives Gus Greiger, of Paporte, and Porter counties, and Henry P. Sicks, of Boone county. To membership on the state conservation commission Governor Hanly appointed I. H. Odell of Evansville, Prof. R. L. Sackett of Lafayette, Will H. Freeman, secretary of the state board of forestry, E. W. Wickey, East Chicago; J. D. Oliver, South Bend; C. S. Bash, Fort Wayne; James W. Noel, Indianapolis; Henry Riesenbergh, Indianapolis and F. A. W. Davis, Indianapolis. All of these men, with the exception of Messrs. Riesenbergh and Davis were appointed delegates to represent Indiana at the fifth national rivers and harbors congress. In addition the delegation includes A. E. Nowlin of Lawrenceburg, Frank B. Posey of Evansville, James Wade Emison of Vincennes, S. C. Kennedy of Crawfordsville and ex-Governor Winfield T. Durbin of Anderson. Two appointments were made by the governor to fill places on the board of state charities. W. H. Eichhorn, an attorney of Bluffton, was appointed to succeed Sidney B. Davis, of Terre Haute, whose term expired on Wednesday of this week. Mr. Eichhorn is a member of the firm of Eichhorn & Vaughn of Bluffton, and is a well-known Democrat. John H. Holliday of Indianapolis was appointed to succeed himself. The terms of both men are for three years. Mr. Holliday was appointed originally to fill the unexpired term of Timothy Nicholson of Richmond, who resigned several months ago.

To the surprise and profound sorrow of Adams county people the entire membership of another family has been compelled to take to their bed as a consequence of the ravages of typhoid fever, and the news of the Kruckenberg family will not be accepted as singularly as heretofore. It will be remembered that the Kruckenberg family, eleven in all, have been bedfast for several days, and now the family of the sister of Mrs. Kruckenberg, Mrs. Martin Reinking, a widow, is afflicted with the same malady. Mrs. Reinking has been confined to her bed for two weeks, during which time her son Louis was also taken ill and is not as yet able to sit up. On Tuesday of this week the remaining members, Walter and Hilda became stricken by the same disease and that such a misfortune has befallen another family elicits the sympathy of every Adams county resident. Such deplorable circumstances have never before existed in old Adams, and it is hoped that speedy recovery will be effected in each of the cases. Mrs. Ellicot, a trained nurse from Fort Wayne, is caring for the stricken people.

Several Decatur people saw "The Servant in the House" at the Fort Wayne theater last evening.

E. X. Ehinger and C. S. Niblick, as appraisers, have filed an inventory of the personal property held by the late Robert B. Allison, showing that his cash, notes and stock alone aggregated to over a hundred thousand dollars. It should be remembered too that this inventory is an estimate on the value of this goods at immediate sale, if same was necessary, which, of course, is not true, and that in reality the value of the property is really nearly a half more. Besides this Mr. Allison owned valuable real estate, including the big store block here worth from \$60,000 to \$75,000, also several valuable farms, land in Texas and a beautiful summer home at Oden, Michigan, also other property. The inventory shows that at the time of his death, Mr. Allison's holdings included \$5,116.19 cash in bank; 333 shares of stock in the Bankers' National bank of Chicago, listed at \$56.277; 150 shares of stock in the First National Bank of Marion, Ind., valued at \$21,000; 100 shares of stock of the Citizens' Telephone company, Decatur, \$1,200; 300 shares of preferred stock in the Portland Cement company, of Jackson, Michigan, valued at \$3,000; also stock in the Columbia club, of Indianapolis, various other concerns and held a large number of first class mortgage notes. It is very noticeable that all of Mr. Allison's holdings were of high grade, showing his carefulness in business matters. His estate will perhaps aggregate a quarter of a million dollars.

A marriage license was issued to Harvey E. Jackson, 22, a switchman, whose home is in St. Marys township, and Louisa A. Drake, 23, of Union township.

Hunters' licenses have been issued to Charles F. True, W. B. Koon, Thurman A. Gottschalk, Floyd E. Sommers, Guy Mason, Jacob Mocrical, Ed Aughenbaugh.

The various trustees and assessors recently elected are filing their bonds with Auditor Lewton and nearly all have already reported.

CATTLE FEEDERS' CONVENTION.

Will Be Held at Purdue University November 20.

The second annual convention of Indiana Cattle Feeders has been called by W. S. VanNatta, president, to meet at the agricultural building of Purdue university on Nov. 20th at 10:00 a. m. The program will include an inspection and discussion of the university show herd of prize winning steers, short talks by prominent practical cattle feeders, a report of the station worn with beef cattle during the past year, and a visit to the experimental feed lots where one lot each of calves, yearlings and two-year olds will be started on feed to determine the influence of age on the profit in feeding beef cattle, four lots of two-year-old steers used to determine the value of different rations, and two lots of short-fed cattle, one of which was started on feed Aug. 1st and will be shown at the International. All of these cattle will be valued by commission men from Chicago and Indianapolis for the benefit of the feeders present. It would amply repay every cattle feeder in the state to attend this meeting this year on account of the relatively high price of feeds, and obtain much valuable information.

Ell Levy, residing near Berne, had a miraculous escape from death Wednesday afternoon due to the scattering of shot discharged from a shotgun which was pointed directly at him, and as it is he is suffering from slight wounds which were inflicted by stray shot. Levy and a Mr. Dustman with several others were assisting in baling hay on the John Hiley farm. A mishap to the press necessitated a delay, hence the men decided to take a hunt. They reached a corn field when a covey of quail flew up and without noting that Levy was in the direction of the quail, Dustman discharged the gun. Cries of distress were heard following the report and upon investigation Levy was found to be injured by a portion of the contents of the shell. Three shot pierced his forehead above the left eye, one shot pierced the neck dangerously near the jugular vein, two passed entirely through his clothing and entered his side. Mr. Levy and his brother hastened to Bluffton, where two physicians cared for the injuries. The shot were removed from the forehead, but the remainder could not be located readily and were not removed. In the absence of complications, the wounded man will soon recover.

Members of the M. E. church choir of Bluffton, have been suffering at the hands of petty thieves who would enter the assembly room and ransack overcoats and other wraps to find money. A vigorous effort will be instituted to ascertain who the bold thieves are.

IS FULL FLEDGED EMBALMER

Gus Reinking Home from School and Examination.

Gus Reinking, of the firm of Yager Bros. & Reinking, is at home from Cincinnati, where he has been attending the College of Embalming, and where he has completed his work, this being his second trip to that place. On his way home Gus went to Indianapolis, where he appeared before the Indiana state board and passed the examination as required and was granted the necessary papers making him a full fledged embalmer. He had no trouble in securing a splendid grade in his examination as Gus has been devoting himself diligently to this work since his connection with the firm.

WILL BUY OLD NEWSPAPERS

State Library Offers \$200 for Logansport Files.

Logansport, Ind., Nov. 11.—The Indiana state library has offered the administrator of the estate of Judge Charles B. Lascelle \$200 for the files of old Logansport and Cass county papers, which the old pioneer had in his possession when he died. Lascelle was born in Vincennes in the early thirties, and the writer of "Alice of Old Vincennes" obtained much of his material for that story from him. In his early days he was a newspaper man in Logansport and when a young man started files of the papers published in Logansport and Cass county. He kept up these files until a few years before he died, and they are nearly complete from the forties to the new century.

Thursday afternoon Attorneys A. P. Beatty and David E. Smith, filed a new case at the clerk's office, entitled The Citizens Telephone Company vs. The Fort Wayne & Springfield Interurban Railway company, damages, demand \$8,000. The complaint covers four typewritten pages, and sets out the following facts: That the defendant company operates a street and interurban railway in Decatur and between this city and Fort Wayne, the cars being propelled by electricity, and by means of an overhead trolley wire, heavily charged; that the plaintiffs own and operate a telephone and toll system in Decatur and in various other cities and towns in Indiana and to do so hold a franchise from this city and from Adams and Allen counties allowing them to build their lines along the highways; that a long time after they had built said lines at an expenditure of a large amount of money, the defendants were granted a franchise to construct their interurban line along the same route and did so, building so close to said telephone lines that by reason of the fact that a current of electricity of great force is used the current was thrown from the trolley wire to the telephone lines, causing the latter to become entirely worthless and that they were consequently damaged to the extent of \$5,000, and as a result the telephone company was compelled to move and did move a part of their toll lines and poles a distance of about eight miles. Wherefore the telephone company believe they have been damaged to the extent of \$8,000 and demand that amount in judgment. The case will no doubt be stubbornly fought as the interurban company claim they were not to blame and the progress of the case will be watched with interest.

In the recent election only the two old parties secured any votes in old Adams county worth mentioning. A few days before the election, it will be remembered, Mr. Zion, the Hearst candidate and Mr. Wendell, in the big touring car, came here and held a meeting on the streets, proclaiming that both old parties were rotten to the core and insisting that the only way to save the republic was to vote the Independent ticket. They might as well have saved their money and wind for the ticket failed to get a single vote in this entire county. For president, the prohibition electors received 143 votes, the Peoples candidates 5, the Socialist 13, while the socialist labor and independents were completely skunked. For governor, Mr. Haynes, the prohibitionist, was given the support of 114 voters of this county, Bartlett, the socialist got 75 and Walters, the socialist labor, for congress, received four votes. For joint senator of Allen and Adams counties, the labor candidate, Cooper, was given four votes. From this statement it can be readily seen that the parties outside the two leading ones, democratic and republican, have not a very strong following here, receiving but about 160 votes altogether. The county candidates on the prohibition ticket each received from 75 to 99 votes.

The various merchants of the city have large stocks of goods on hand in order to meet the holiday demand. Be sure to inspect their goods in ample time to get the best.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 12.—Declaring the Democratic party cannot die and has accomplished more out of office in the last twelve years than the Republican party has in office, W. J. Bryan bids his supporters not despair. In the coming issue of his Commoner he speaks of the election results and discusses the future. He says: "The election of 1908 is over and the returns disclose a signal victory for our opponents, but the principles for which our party stands, the policies for which our party contends, these are not dead. Does any one believe the American people will permanently permit secrecy as to campaign contributions? Does any one believe the American people will permanently permit the will of the voters to be thwarted, as it is now, by the election of senators through legislatures? Does any one believe the trusts will be permitted permanently to exploit the masses? Does any one believe the consumer will permanently permit the tariff to be written by the beneficiaries of that tariff? Does any one believe the consumer will permanently permit the tariff to be written by the beneficiaries of that tariff? Does any one believe the public will permanently tolerate an estrangement between labor and capital? Does any one believe 15,000,000 of depositors will forever permit their savings to be jeopardized as at present? Does any one believe the extravagance of government will go on forever unchecked? Does any one believe our republic will permanently consent to a colonial policy with its humiliations and its financial burdens? During the last twelve years the Democratic party has accomplished more out of office than the Republican party has accomplished in office, and this is a sufficient reward for those who fight for the righteous cause. It would have been pleasant to have been able to reward worthy Democrats with official positions. They are looking for good government, and they labor unselfishly for the promotion of good government. As for myself, let no one worry about my future. The holding of office is a mere incident in the life of those who are devoted to reforms. The reform is the essential thing. If one can advance reforms by holding office, then holding office is justifiable; if one can best advance reforms as a private citizen, then holding of office is undesirable. The world owes me nothing. I have been abundantly compensated for what I have been able to do. My life will not be long enough to repay the people for their support and for the confidence they have expressed. With an abiding faith in the triumph of truth and an unflinching confidence in the righteousness of our cause, I speak this word of encouragement to those who call themselves friends. I shall keep step with them and march on. If we are right, as I believe we are, it will vindicate us; if we contribute, as I believe we are contributing, to a cause that is founded on justice our efforts will weigh in final victory."

CORN SHOW AT LAFAYETTE

To Be Held January 11-16 in Year 1909.

The seventh annual Farmers' Short Course (formerly called corn school and stockmen's convention) will be held January 11th to 16th, 1909, by the school of agriculture of Purdue university at Lafayette. This course of one week is especially designed for and adopted to the needs of corn growers, stockmen, dairymen, horticulturists and home makers. That the work is popular and has proven to be of particular value is borne out by the fact that more than 3,500 people have taken the course during the past three years. The instruction consists of lectures and demonstrations which include a discussion of the various important phases of the subjects together with practical scoring and judging. The schedule for the week is arranged so that the time is about equally divided between the lectures and the judging work. On Wednesday of short course week, the State Corn Growers will hold their annual meeting. Men with national reputations will be secured for the day. Corn growers should plan to attend. During the week the state corn and fruit shows will be held by the Corn Growers Association and the Horticultural Society. More than \$1,000 will be offered in premiums which is sure to bring out a large number of entries. All corn and fruit men are eligible to membership, no entry fees being charged. For program and other information apply to Purdue university.

Following letters advertised by postmaster at Decatur, Ind., for week ending Nov. 16, 1908: Mr. H. Baker, Joseph Swartz, H. W. Snook, V. E. Redding, George Paille, Warren Nile, Ed Host, Joseph Hilly, Isaac Hlester, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tenmen, Charles H. Closs (2), Wm. Blossom, Samuel Berve, Albert Venis. Persons calling for above say advertised, giving date. M. A. Frisinger, P. M.

The Decatur camp of the Modern Woodmen of America is to be well represented at the big district meeting to be held at Fort Wayne on the afternoon and evening of December 2nd. The afternoon session is to be one of oratory on Woodcraft by very able speakers. The program for this session is as follows:

Address of Welcome.....Ray McAdams
Response.....C. L. Walters
Roll Call Camps Represented.....
.....G. A. Schu
Object of Meeting.....Jas. A. Corson
Address.....Hon. Geo. W. Reilly
Address.....Hon. John D. V.
Address.....Hon. James M. Robins
Address.....Hon. D. V. Whiteleath
Question Box.....Hon. John D. V.

Ten delegates were selected for the local camp to attend this meeting who are as follows: Messrs. C. Walters, W. P. Biggs, Eli Meyer, Shamp, J. P. Haefling, Dr. W. Smith, Colored Foreman and William Richards. A special car will be chartered to convey a class of candidates to Fort Wayne in the evening where initiatory work will be a feature. Hon. George Reilly, the national lecturer, will be present to deliver an address on woodcraft. The Auburn degree team will confer the work of the candidates. Decatur will compete for the ten dollar prize to be given to the camp furnishing the most candidates. It will be a great time and every Woodman should plan to go.

GOTTSCALK ASSIGNED TO SEAT

Will Be Number Eighty-Four on Majority Side.

Thurman Gottschalk, newly elected representative from this district to the Indiana legislature, has been notified that he will occupy the third seat from the rear in the second row, No. 84, the majority side of the house during the session which will convene in Indianapolis early in January. Mr. Gottschalk has not fully made up his mind as to his choice for the senatorship, but is looking over the matter carefully, and will no doubt vote in a manner satisfactory to the great part of his constituency.

The native sons of Indiana go to the front wherever they choose to locate. George W. Musser, an Adams county boy, who was reared at Liberty Grove, Indiana, removed from the place to Colorado Springs, Colo., about twenty years ago, and after practicing at that place engaged in the practice of law. He immediately showed superior ability in the pursuit of his chosen profession and his rise was very rapid, at once taking his place in the front rank of that profession. So profoundly did he impress the people of Colorado with his superior ability as a lawyer, that the democratic convention of that state last summer nominated him a judge of the supreme court. On the 3rd day of this month at the election he was successful, and was elected to a seat upon the supreme bench by a plurality of over 10,000. With the honor which the election conferred upon Judge Musser is very great, yet the people of Colorado should be congratulated upon their wisdom in choosing a man of such peculiar fitness, that high and exalted position. Sure no man in the state of Colorado would more become the judicial robe than will he, and his friends from his boyhood, feel sure that the judicial emblem will never be stained on account of his administration. Abram Simms of this city, and Judge Musser were boys together, and have been close personal friends ever since. Mr. C. Sheldon, who is a nephew of Eugene Morrow, of this city, was elected county clerk and recorder for El Paso county, Colorado, at the same election, Colorado Springs being its county seat.—Bluffton Banner.

At a called meeting of the Ministerial association held recently it was decided that a union thanksgiving service will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church Thursday morning November 26 at ten-thirty o'clock. The special occasion will be appropriately observed and Rev. Richard Spetnagel of the Presbyterian church will deliver the sermon, which will fittingly characterize the service. During the course of the union service the M. E. choir will render a special musical program which will be delightful to all who attend. Thanksgiving is one of the most welcome holidays of the year and the fact that the memorable occasion will be celebrated by the various churches, one meeting place makes it all the more pleasant. Let everybody attend and enjoy the most excellent service which are assured.

The cold weather of the past few days has furnished sport for the boys. The various ponds in this vicinity frozen over and skating is the principal pastime at present. The Marys river has not been frozen across this early in the winter for several years. The ice men are smiling, their chances look good.