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The Republican members of the legislature are already sidestepping on the repeal of the county local option law. They find that it would be inconsistent to reverse themselves and the position of their party.

It seems that neither General Gordon, Roosevelt nor any other American coined that word "frazzle," for it was current in England before Columbus even discovered himself. At least this is the claim of the Westminster Gazette.

Again Germany will have to help us out with potatoes to eat. Our own crop seems not to improve. German farmers raise three kinds of potatoes and are careful in the selection of seed. For table use they have developed one kind, for starch to be turned into alcohol another kind and a third for feeding stock. Seed for table use and for starch is brought to the highest perfection. The leavings make seed for the fodder crop.

The Wabash saloonkeepers who attempted to head off the commissioners' order for a local option election by injunction proceedings were three minutes too late with their restraining order. The saloonkeepers of Wabash and the saloonkeepers of other towns might as well accept the laws as they stand unless they can succeed in having them declared unconstitutional. Until they can accomplish something in the constitutional line they would better be exerting themselves to obey the law and run orderly places, always bearing in mind that it was the violations of the law on the part of some of them that are responsible for the present agitation against their business.—Hartford City News.

The president is a cowardly fighter. He has had government secret service men look up the individual record of many congressmen and to get a line on them and their "pernicious activity" in connection with many special interests. This he proposes to give the public should congress have the nerve to oppose any of the restrictions in his message. Were the president honest as he thinks he is, these records would have been made public for another and better reason than simply to even up a personal score.

A temporary organization was effected last night by some of the ministers and other citizens of this city to present the question whether or not this county shall be wet or dry. Not only is it the purpose of this organization to present the question to the voters of the county, but also to assist in making the county dry. It is a local organization and has no connection whatever with the Anti-saloon league of the state. The people of Huntington county are capable of taking care of their own affairs and do not want the state league to interfere.—Huntington News-Democrat.

A Connecticut (of course) Yankee has been reaping a rich harvest from the gudgeons who are anxious to get something for nothing and to get it quick. He advertised that for fifty cents he would send a recipe for getting rich quick, and for twenty-five cents he would mail twenty-five useful articles. Responses with remittances came so numerous that he had to hire assistance in handling his mail. For the fifty cents he sent the recipe: "Work hard;" and for the twenty-five cents he mailed twenty-five pins. Some of his victims complained, but investigation showed that he had violated no law—his recipe is sure, though hard for some people to use, and pins are useful articles.

NO POSTAL SAVINGS BANKS

THIS SESSION OF CONGRESS

Word from Washington is to the effect that if postal savings banks are

to become an institution of the United States government at all, they will not be the creatures of the sixtieth congress. Leaders of the senate, where the bill to establish this kind of money depository at present rests, are said to have reached a determination not to forward the measure at this session. From this it would appear the senate does not feel that the duty is incumbent on that body to fulfill such part of the pledges of the republican party as is embraced in the postal savings bank measure. After attempts to obtain consideration for the postal savings banks bill by the senate during the latter part of the last session had failed, it was agreed that it should be made a special order for December 14. This was considered at the time as meaning the adoption of the bill and its friends were elated that a definite time was fixed for disposition of the matter. The leaking out of the news that the senate will not touch the bill this session doubtless is a rude shock. The Chicago platform under the head of "Postal Savings Banks" said, "We favor the establishment of a postal savings bank system for the convenience of the people and the encouragement of thrift." The republicans have claimed the postal savings bank proposal as a party asset. The future course of the measure will be watched with interest.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Important legislation is seldom expected from congress in a short session. The Sixtieth congress is not likely to differ from its predecessors in this respect, although owing to the president's recommendations the schedule may include questions sufficiently urgent to occupy the attention up to the last hour of March 3 next. Problems of labor and of transportation will not cease from troubling because of the passing of one bill or the defeat of many bills.

If promoters of "just as good for less money" articles would get busy on all commodities they might put a stop to clamor for a tariff to fence out stuff "made in Germany."

Christmas day in Decatur will be what we make it, nothing more, nothing less. Let's make up our minds not to be too selfish about the celebration this year. It is, of course, well to first provide for the loved ones, arrange for the filling of the stockings and for the turkey, cranberries, etc., but how about the worthy but unfortunate person, who has tried just as hard, but perhaps been less fortunate and who just now carries a heavy heart when he thinks of the sad fate of that little boy or girl, when they awake on Christmas morn to find that Santa Claus has missed them. Don't you think we will all be happier if we help bring a smile to that face, even if we have to skimp a little to do it?

Foreigners who had not been residents of Indiana over five months were voted at the recent election by the hundreds in Lake county, this state. Several thousand such voters took out "intention" papers in that county in order that the politicians might vote them. It is presumed that these ignorant foreigners voted the republican ticket, inasmuch as the republican committee paid the county clerk the fee of \$1 for each paper issued. That the laws of Indiana will permit such people to vote is no credit to the state and no honorable man will uphold a party that will thus deliberately abuse the function of the ballot. It is believed that enough illegal votes were cast in Lake county alone to defeat that portion of the democratic state ticket which failed of election.—Columbia City Post.

Decatur merchants are wide awake this year. Never in history have they made a better advertising campaign, and they are entitled to your trade. They invite you, they have purchased as fine a stock of goods as can be found anywhere, the prices are right; buy now and buy at home.

Still, it is a little difficult for the ordinary landsman to understand what evil can result from our rear admirals being outranked by foreign vice-admirals in time of peace. When

it came to delivering the goods in time of war there would be no difficulty about their demonstrating that they were really top-notchers.—Indianapolis News.

Times-Herald has before it a copy of the Garrett Daily Public Press. It is just an every-day ordinary number, just like the average, and contains 15 inches of Garrett advertising matter and 93 inches of Fort Wayne merchants. And still it is likely that Garrett merchants are complaining that their people do too much trading away from home. Maybe if the aforesaid Garrett merchants would wake up and let their fellow townsmen know that they are in business it might help some.—Fort Wayne Times-Herald.

President Roosevelt's denunciation of the newspapers which charge that there was iniquity in the Panama canal deal is no more vigorous than his denial of Judge Alton B. Parker's charge, four years ago, that the corporations were contributing to the Roosevelt campaign fund. Yet the investigation of the high finance methods in New York made less than a year after the election proved that what Judge Parker said was true, only the corporation fund was larger than he said it was and the means of its collection more corrupt than he alleged they were. The developments in the insurance and railroad investigation proved that it was Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, and not Judge Parker, who was lying, deliberately and carelessly lying. And who will believe he is more truthful in the case of the Panama canal case, which involves not himself, as Parker's charges did, but others?—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

While in the city J. B. Merriman the Wells county member of the Indiana legislature, gave expression to what

should be the guiding star of Democratic legislators. It is all spelled with one word, "Economy." He would go back to the good old days of Claude Matthews, when high salaried and gaudy looking commissions were unknown; when state house clerks were not so numerous but what they actually worked to earn their salaries; and when legislative appointees did not exceed in number the legislative membership. It all sounds good, and the Democrats in the legislature should show the Indiana electorate what real economy is. It is the first time in sixteen years that the Democrats have had an inning. We recognize that official hunger and thirst permeates the Democratic household, but the future of the Indiana Democracy is at stake, and that is of more importance than the placing of favorites in soft official place. Cut out and pare down all the high places, and let's make a record of economy. Instead of finding a "good thing" for the fellow that carries Polecreek township in his vest pocket, let's cut out the "good thing."

At the end of full twenty-four hours of political gossiping and sporadic campaigning more than two score of candidates for offices and appointments, Democratic legislators who gathered for a preliminary meeting were called to order in Room 370 at the Denison Hotel yesterday afternoon. After the very business-like opening of the session, the legislators again went into a round of political gossiping and getting acquainted and discussing the boomless banquet held at the Denison at night.—Indianapolis News.

There are not many traveling salesmen on the road at present as many of them have gone to their homes to remain for Christmas.

A cantata will be rendered at the United Brethren church Christmas night, and the program is excellent. The choir is preparing for the occasion. Every one should plan to attend.

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COURT HOUSE NEWS

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Mutual Mfg. Co. vs. Christine Kuntz, account \$350, all depositions on file ordered published.

The Rurode Dry Goods Co. vs. Fred Schafer, account, appearance by C. J. Lutz for defendant, rule to answer.

John G. Sheets, guardian for Ora Sheets et al. filed final report as to Ora and current report as to others, approved.

William Berger, guardian for Ada Elliott, filed final report and was discharged.

First National Bank vs. Fred Hoffman, suit on note, dismissed and costs paid.

JAY CO. HOSPITAL QUESTION

Is Receiving Some Attention Just Now.

Portland, Ind., Dec. 15.—The Jay county hospital in this city, will not be taken over as a county institution, if the citizens of Penn township have anything to say about the matter. Late Monday evening a petition, bearing the names of 131 residents and taxpayers of that township, was received by mail by County Auditor Smith for presentation to the commissioners whenever the subject is again considered. The people of Penn township have always opposed the extension of any help by the county to the local institution, from its very inception. Not a very great while after the Portland hospital was opened Dr. C. E. Caylor opened another in Pennville and there has always been an immense rivalry. The commissioners adjourned Saturday until Thursday, Dec. 18, when they will be in special session to let the annual stationery contract. It is barely possible that some action may be taken at the time on the hospital proposition.

SOCIAL COLUMN

Ladies' Aid Society to Meet With Mrs. Charles Meyers

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Ladies of Presbyterian Church Will Serve Dinner and Supper

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church will meet with Mrs. Charles Meyers, on north Second street on Friday afternoon of this week.

Dainty invitations have been issued announcing that Mrs. Don Quinn will entertain at a thimble party on Friday afternoon at two, for Mrs. E. J. Wilson, of Boston. The cards are unique each having attached a small thimble designating the character of the event which is sure to be delightful.

The Jolly Dozen Club will meet on Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Milt Hower, and of course the occasion will be a happy one.

Attention is again called to the fact that the ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve a dinner and supper tomorrow and you will get your money's worth three fold if you go.

The semi-annual election of officers of the Tribe of Ben Hur will be held on Friday evening, December 18, instead of December 25, on account of that date being Christmas.

Miss Mary Laity Jay, for twenty years assistant principal of the Fort Wayne high school, died Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock at the Lutheran hospital of tubercular peritonitis. Last May, six weeks before the close of the school year, she was obliged to give up her work on account of ill health. In the summer she took a lake trip but returned no better. Twelve weeks ago she was removed to the hospital and she clung to life with wonderful tenacity, until death ended her sufferings.

Hon. Levi Mock this morning received a letter from Winchester announcing the fact that his uncle, Enos Watson, father of James E. Watson, republican candidate for governor last campaign, is about at the point of death. He has been suffering from a skin disease which has entered his system.—Bluffton Banner.

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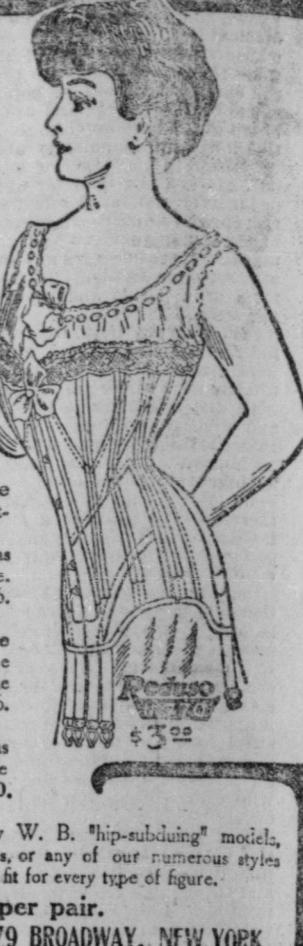
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Mrs. William Ault, who has been a patient at St. Joseph's hospital since the accident in which she participated on election night, is improving nicely and her recovery is confidently expected. At the time of the accident and for weeks after, it was thought that she would not recover.

—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Dr. J. W. Vizard, of Pleasant Mills, is at home from Indianapolis, where he attended the meeting of the democratic lawmakers, who have been holding a love feast there for two days past. He says it was a great meeting for all the boys.

Mr. W. B. Gronein, Spencerville, O., says: "I have used your Bourbon Poultry Cure with my chickens and turkeys and think it is the best remedy for cholera that I have ever used."

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