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OF THE CITY AND COUNTY

Adams county is going some. Her tax rate for county purposes is the lowest in the last quarter of a century, and among the lowest in the state, improvements considered. She is also out of debt. While this is stretching the truth just a little, yet she has the money available for the payment of every cent of her bonded indebtedness, and after January first this money will be set aside and will draw interest until paid out in the settlement of the last of our bonded debt. We are all proud of such a record, and we congratulate those at the head of our county government for hastening the day when Adams county would clean the slate and free herself from the tangling alliances in paying bonds and interest. It is a clean slate. There has been no robbing of Peter to pay Paul. All the expenses of the county has been met, and there is not an outstanding unpaid order against the county. Nine years ago there were twenty thousand dollars of these orders, and the bonded debt was forty-five thousand dollars, but it is all paid, and while the county tax levy has never been excessive, still it has been further reduced. It is due solely to an economical administration of the affairs of the county, to the good financial and business management of the business end of our county government, and we congratulate the officials in charge for their efficiency, and we congratulate the people and taxpayers in having them.

Congratulations are also due the Decatur city council, as they too, are proving their business ability in more ways than one. Notwithstanding the great inroads made upon the city debt, notwithstanding the payment of scores of accounts against the city, they challenge the admiration of their friends by a thirty cent reduction in the city rate of taxation. For the coming year the rate will stand at one dollar and fifty-seven cents, as against one dollar and eighty-seven cents which helped comprise the famous four-forty. With this thirty cents reduction the affairs of the city were never better or cleaner than they are at this day and date. Whatever else may be said about the present members of the city council, they have a clean bill of sale when it comes to taking care of the finances of the city, and of transacting its business in a business way. There is no secret about the present city debt, or of the men who made it, or of the men who fostered it and permitted it to grow in size and volume, of the men who spent the most of the money paying interest at the local banks and permitted city orders to float and city bonds to go unpaid, of the men who permitted the city credit to be entirely withdrawn and the city disgraced. This is all a matter of city history, and the present council are entitled to the credit of redeeming it and making it possible to pay its debts.

For the fiscal year ending Jun 30th last the postoffice department had a deficit of \$20,000,000. The deficit the previous year was \$16,000,000. Large numbers of experts have been employed to find out what the trouble is. It is altogether probable that the deficit for the next year will show an increase, at least to the extent of the money paid out to the experts.

It is supposed that the secret service man who has been sent out over the Taft route to make the way safe will indicate every place where the factory hands are idle, so that the president will not have to commit the mistake he made down in Ohio during the campaign, when he told 5,000 unemployed men how prosperous they were. One of his tasks in

the middle west will be to tell the people that Beveridge was wrong in opposing the tariff bill, but he has arranged not to speak in this state.—Columbia City Post.

Municipal government in Canada, has usually been accounted free from the corruption so rife in the United States. The simpler life of the people, and the greater respect for law, there manifested have produced cleaner administrations and given occasion for fewer scandals. Recent disclosures, however, indicate that human nature is substantially the same on both sides of the St. Lawrence, and that public officials need watching even in Canada. Suspicion having been aroused, the provincial government started an investigation in Montreal a few weeks ago and the results, show that that city can class with New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Chicago and San Francisco, in the corrupt methods of its municipal officials.—South Bend Times.

The National Monthly, published by Norman E. Mack, at Buffalo, in speaking of the results of the tariff in eastern cities says: "Suits of clothes heretofore sold at \$10. Now \$12.50. Calves' liver, a few years ago free, now 14 cents a pound. Lard formerly 9 cents, now 15 cents. Pork nearly 100 per cent. increase. Granulated sugar, formerly 4 1/2 and 5 cents a pound, now 5 1/2 and 6 cents. Increase in the cost of stockings, cotton, woollens. In fact, there has been an increase in practically everything entering into the daily life of the average working man in the city with the exception of newspapers, magazines and street car transportation. The tariff bill just passed by congress insures an increase in the cost of many of the necessities of life and a decrease in none."

Every assurance is given that the state fair will be all ready for the crowds that will visit it Monday and that every one who pays an admission will get his money's worth on that day as well as on other days. The fact that Monday is also Labor day, it is believed, will augment the opening crowd, as many persons are expected to take advantage of the release from business to visit what the management is conscientiously confident is the greatest show in the fair's history. It does not make much difference what you are interested in, you will in all probability find it at the fair. The management has made every effort to please all tastes, and the entries in all classes, from agriculture to vaudeville, seem to show that success has been attained. All that is necessary now for success is good weather. The management has done its part and the people will do the rest.—Indianapolis News.

A New York legislative committee which is going over the country taking testimony as to the working of primary election laws held one of its meetings last week in Indianapolis, where, under the present law, all nominations must be made by the primary election method. Many citizens of Indianapolis gave their views to the New York committee and the sentiment was almost unanimous that the law as it stands does not work satisfactorily and is scarcely an improvement upon the convention plan. Among those, however, who maintained that even the existing law is preferable to the old system was Thos. A. Dailey, a former Republican member of the legislature from Indianapolis and a firm supporter of the policies of Governor Hanly. Among other things Mr. Dailey said: "It is well known that at one state convention here votes sold for as high as \$140 each." He had reference to the last Republican state convention, concerning which there were scandalous stories of bribery at the time.

District Attorney Jerome has announced himself a candidate for reelection. He will seek, and doubtless obtain, a nomination by petition, just as he did four years ago. This will not only leave him perfectly independent of party bosses, but will also give the opportunity for any party to endorse him. His strength before the people will thus be tested. The present indications point to his endorsement

ment by both political parties, so as to leave them free to fight out the majority question. Jerome has been an honest and efficient as well as a brave official. The election of such men inspires hope that popular government will not fail.—South Bend Times.

Some strange things are happening during these days of "prosperity" and new high "protective" tariff laws. In a clash the other day between striking employes of a Pittsburg steel company and state troops and deputy sheriffs six men were killed outright, a dozen fatally wounded and scores of others seriously hurt. In describing the occurrence a dispatch said:

"The conflict between the strikers is the worst in Allegheny county since the bloody Homestead riots, in which more than forty were killed, and is one of the bloodiest in the history of the state. The battle tonight was the climax of a series of more or less serious engagements that have been occurring almost daily between the strikers since the inauguration of the strike over five weeks ago."

Why should these strikes be if the employes in the "protected" steel mills get their share of the "protection?" The trouble is, they don't get it. There is free trade in labor and the steel mills furnish evidence of the fact all the time. Not only is this so, but under the high tariff the cost of living mounts higher all the time. Between the two, the employes are ground.

Senator Cummins of Iowa told the truth when he said in a Chicago interview that the tariff is now an issue between two well-defined elements within the Republican party. He also told the truth when he said that the tariff issue must be settled definitely at the next Republican national convention. The party if it hopes for continued power will see to it at the next great opportunity that a few men are not to be allowed to set at nothing the pledges made to the people.—Chicago Post (Rep.).

That is the way these Republican papers and politicians always talk. Whenever a Republican congress "sets at nothing the pledges made to the people"—which is every time a Republican congress gets a chance—the Republican papers and politicians resort to the old deception about the tariff issue being "settled definitely at the next Republican national convention." Convention after convention has "settled" the question in the same way, but only for campaign purposes. So far as Cummins of Iowa is concerned he is merely working as a politician to keep in favor with the tariff reform sentiment in his state. Beyond that his great ambition is to keep in the limelight. The people surely have learned by this time that the tariff question must be settled at the polls and not in Republican convention.—Marion Leader.

The Wall Street Journal is a financial and not a political paper yet it has always heretofore supported the Republican party in its national campaigns. And here is how it sizes up the work of the special session:

"We have only to glance at the tariff discussion in the senate to see how far we have fallen back, after the moral upheaval of a few years ago. The spectacle there is so base, so utterly without patriotism or principle, so far from the ideals of either party, so crudely self-seeking and so callously ready to sacrifice the interest of an entire nation for the benefit of a small part of it, the interest of a state for a small influential portion of that state, and even the interest of a congressional district for a few contributors to a campaign fund, that it points to the establishment of a new tyranny. This moral rot in our commercial system, so indecently displayed in the United States senate, is one of a number of signs which should cause us to think. The spectacle at present afforded by the United States senate is an insult to every self-respecting American. It exhibits statesmen supposed to be acting in a national capacity owned in soul and pocketbook by petty local interests, while one corporation after another shows that it can snap its fingers at the promises made by the Republican president and all his party

before election, and accepted by the American people."

To many the story of the suicide of the Frankfort superintendent of schools through lack of confidence in himself may seem strange, but many others will understand his probable state of mind. Perhaps most suicides are due, at bottom, to this same lack of self-confidence. Many persons of ability and thoughtfulness are often surprised at the success of others, whom they feel to be far less thoroughly equipped than themselves for their tasks. They find as years go by that mere blundering assertiveness often succeeds where modesty and overdeliberation fail. Extreme dread of error and worry over failure may wreck the best talents. A large element in executive ability is the willingness to take risks and the toughness of fiber to stand knocks, both in the metaphorical and the slang senses of the word. When this quality is united with real insight and nicely poised with genuine deliberation rather than dread, it attains the highest results. But the ordinary affairs of life frequently call for prompt decision, and there are times when the crudest decision is better than delay, however fine the thought behind the decision. In recent discussion of the court's delay in this newspaper it was pointed out how litigants often yearn for any decision at all rather than endless delay. Thus it comes to pass often in the rough work of the world that the fool who rushes in where angels fear to tread now and then succeeds and even performs a good service. And yet diffidence and modesty must always appeal to the heart, and any case in which it leads to self-destruction is full of profound pathos.—Indianapolis News.

NIGHT ON BALD MOUNTAIN

On a lonely night Alex. Benton of Fort Edward, N. Y., climbed Bald Mountain to the home of a neighbor, tortured by Asthma, bent on curing him with Dr. King's New Discovery, that had cured himself of asthma. This wonderful medicine soon relieved and quickly cured his neighbor. Later it cured his son's wife of a severe lung trouble. Millions believe it is the greatest Throat and Lung cure on Earth, Coughs, Colds, Croup, Hemorrhages and Sore Lungs are surely cured by it. Best for Hay Fever, Grip and Whooping Cough. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

M. R. MOLTZ IS VERY SICK

Suffering from Acute Inflammation of Kidneys—Better this Afternoon.

Harry R. Moltz, the well known merchant, has been very ill for a few days from acute inflammation of the kidneys or kidney colic. The ailment is one of the most painful ones known to the human race and Harry is no doubt willing to swear to this statement. He became ill Sunday morning just as he was leaving the house on his way to take a train for Toledo, and since then has been seriously sick. He was very bad last night, but is much better today, and immediate danger is believed to be passed, unless another attack should follow.

Ask for Allen's Foot-Ease.

A powder for swollen, tired, hot, smarting feet. Sample sent Free. Also Free Sample of the Foot-Ease Sanitary Corn-Pad, a new invention. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy N. Y.

The Jennings Oil company holdings in Illinois have been bought by the Ohio Oil company for between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000. The deal includes 11,000 acres of leases, about 250 producing wells with a daily production of 8,000 barrels of oil and eighteen steel tanks. This is the deal that was feared by independent and smaller producers as they think in controlling this large production it will enable the Standard to close down the field until such time as it needs the oil.

"Can be depended upon" is an expression we all like to hear, and when it is used in connection with Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy it means that it never fails to cure diarrhoea, dysentery or bowel complaints. It is pleasant to take and equally valuable for children and adults. Sold by all dealers.

Dr. C. V. Connell left Tuesday morning for Chicago, where he will spend the balance of the week attending the sessions of the American Medical Society of Veterinarians. Dr. Connell has given close application to his profession for several years, and this recreation and vacation will be used to brush up his already wide knowledge of his profession.

Democrat Want Ads. Pay

In the Fred Schaefer drain time was extended for the filing of the viewers' reports from September 6 to October 4.

Bids were opened for furnishing supplies to the county infirmary. Those whose bids were accepted are Smith & Yager drugs, J. D. Hale meal and salt, Frank McConnell tobacco, True & Runyon dry goods, Niblick & Co., groceries, Schafer Hardware Co., hardware, T. R. Moore oil and gas, Winnes Shoe Store shoes.

The petition for the J. A. Hendricks road was continued.

The petition for drain filed by Samuel Teeter et al, was ordered docketed and is now a cause pending in the commissioners' court.

J. N. Fristoe, petition to be appointed tax collector, was continued.

Upon petition in writing C. A. Neuenchwander was refunded the sum of \$11.56 in taxes.

Commissioner Miller, entertained the other members of the board, Martin Vaughlin and Henry Zwick at his home last night. A pleasant evening was spent in which the affairs of their office were discussed.

The board goes to Bluffton tomorrow morning, where they will join the Wells county board on macadam road business, which affects both counties.

The session of the council Tuesday afternoon developed into an interesting meeting and was attended by many spectators and others who had a few things they wanted the county to consider. Perhaps the most noteworthy was the appearance of four members of the county board of children's guardians who presented a petition for an appropriation for enough county funds to erect an orphan's home for the county, suggesting that the old fair grounds would be a good location. Mesdames D. D. Heller and C. S. Niblick and Simeon Fordyce and Henry Lankenau represented the guardian board and presented their case in a meritorious way. Whether they get the building or not, they have started an agitation that will some day bear fruit.

Peterson & Moran represented a number of petitioners in the southern part of the county who wanted a bridge built across the Wabash river. They also brought the fact that Adams county owed \$127.50 as an assessment in the Elm street sewer, and they wanted an appropriation for the money.

L. A. Holthouse, the liveryman, is out about fifteen dollars in expenses and the use of a two horse rig for two or three days. The loss is the result of a smooth game played by two professional crooks. They went to the Fashion stables Saturday morning, and rented a rig, saying they wished to drive over near Willsboro to secure some oil leases. They drove from here to Chattanooga, where they tried a game at the general store. One of the men went in and asked for two cigars, which were given them and the man laid down a twenty dollar bill. The proprietor started to get the change and had laid part of the money down when the stranger discovered that he had a dime, which he gave to the storekeeper and then picked up his twenty and also a five dollar bill which had been laid down by the merchant. The latter discovered the game and made them dig up the five. The men went from there to Celina and wrote to Mr. Holthouse on Sunday evening that he would find his rig in a certain livery barn in Celina, near the court house. Lew went to the Ohio town Monday and secured his rig, having to pay the expenses of the rig and his trip and loses the rent.

Fifty Years' Experience. Mrs. W. W. Ralston, Hopkinsville, Ky., says: "I have been raising chickens for fifty years and Bourbon Poultry Cure is the most satisfactory remedy I have ever used or chicken cholera and gapes. I would not be without it. Sold by H. H. Bremerkamp."

DIED AT TEN THIS MORNING

The Five Months Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse N. Johnson is Dead.

Kenneth Frankton Johnson, the five months and nine days old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse N. Johnson, living on Thirteenth street, died Monday at ten o'clock a. m., after an almost constant illness since birth. The funeral occurred from the home at four o'clock Tuesday afternoon, Rev. I. Imier officiating. Much sympathy is being expressed by the many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Geneva, Ind., Sept. 7.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—The Geneva public schools opened yesterday morning with an enrollment of 249, an increase in the enrollment and with

good order and the prospects of one of the best years in the history of the Geneva public schools. Some new faces are in the list of instructors, but they all bear the best recommendations and will without doubt fill their places with credit to themselves and satisfaction to the patrons of the schools. The names of those in charge are Geo. Horton, superintendent; Miss Helen Ryors principal; Ora Ault eighth grade, Grace Burk sixth and seventh grades, Inez Bradford fourth and fifth grades, Luella Reichelderfer second and third grades, and Virginia Buckmaster first grade.

The Geneva entertainment course will begin this year on Tuesday, October 26th, the opening number being the Fisher Thipp Concert company of Chicago. The entire course is under the auspices of the Mutual Lyceum Bureau of Chicago. The second number is the Elifiah Brown, who will lecture on the subject of "Watching the World Go Around." The third is Madison Swadener the humorous lecturer, whose subject is "Fun and Philosophy" on Tuesday, December 14th. On Wednesday, January 12th, Ash Davis the crayon cartoonist, and the last one is billed for February 8th and is Joshua Stansfield on "The Hero of Babylon." The season tickets are one dollar and includes a reserve seat, and they will be held alternately at the Methodist and United Brethren churches.

Mr. D. M. Niblick has returned from New York, where he spent a week buying his fall and winter stock of cloaks, suits and other merchandise for the Niblick & Co. store. He informs us that he bought heavily and that his store will soon have some of the best and prettiest styles ever seen in this city.

To Mothers in this Town.

Children who are delicate, feverish, and cross will get immediate relief from Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children. They cleanse the stomach, act on the liver, making a sickly child strong and healthy. A certain cure for worms. Sold by all druggists, 25c. Sample Free. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Postmaster Frisinger reports the following unclaimed letters at the postoffice: Miss Laurie Bammarger, George C. Curtis, D. E. Denise, Will Johnson, C. J. Hartley Co., Edward J. Miller, Miss Francis Murphey, Paul Rayran, Mrs. Carl Palmer, Robert N. Steele and S. F. Welker.

Don't waste your money buying plasters when you can get a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment for twenty-five cents. A piece of flannel dampened with this liniment is superior to any plaster for lame back, pains in the side and chest, and much cheaper. Sold by all dealers.

Charles Coverdale and wife of Bluffton were here Tuesday visiting the former's mother and seeing other friends. Mr. Coverdale is interested in the Bluffton Land & Timber company, a Bluffton company that holds valuable timber and land holdings in Mississippi. They but recently added over twenty thousand acres and are preparing to do business on a large scale in that southern country.

TESTIFIES AFTER FOUR YEARS

Carlisle Center, N. Y., G. B. Burhaus writes: "About four years ago I wrote you that I had been entirely cured of kidney trouble by taking two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy, an after four years I am again pleased to state that I have never had any return of those symptoms, and I am evidently cured to stay cured." Foley's Kidney Remedy will do the same for you. THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

Mr. Phillip Miehlis went to Bern this afternoon for a short stay at the place. Gerald Hendrickson a niece of Mrs. Miehlis accompanied him home.

A HURRY UP CALL

Quick! Dr. Druggist—Quick!—a bottle of Bucklen's Arnica Salve Here's a quarter—For the love of Moses, hurry! Baby's burned himself, terribly—Johnnie cut his foot with the axe—Mamie scalded—Pa can't walk from piles—Billie has boils—and my corns ache! She got it and soon cured all the family. It's the greatest healer on earth. Sold by all druggists.

Mrs. William P. Hendricks returned from Colorado Springs, Colorado, arriving at Winchester a week ago yesterday, where she visited her mother and brother B. P. Harris, and came to Bern Saturday evening. She tends to remain here a few weeks, her health will permit it.—Berne News.

Many people delude themselves saying "It will wear away," when they notice symptoms of kidney and bladder trouble. This is a mistake. T. Foley's Kidney Pills, and stop drain on the vitality. They cure back ache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder trouble, and make every trace of weakness, and urinary trouble disappear.

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