

Herman L. Conter was nominated for mayor of Decatur at the city primary held by the Democrats Tuesday. Huber M. DeVoss was selected as the nominee for city clerk, W. J. Archbold for treasurer, M. Burns and Jacob Martin as councilmen-at-large, for councilman in first ward Isaac Chronister; second ward, John D. Hale, and third ward, Charles Christen. The election was unusually quiet, but nevertheless about six hundred votes were cast and there was much interest manifested in the outcome. For mayor there was a three-cornered fight with E. Bert Lenhart and Henry Lankenau as competitors against Mr. Conter. It was a friendly fight in which there was not the least sign of mudslinging and in which each candidate put forth his best efforts to land the plum. Conter carried the first ward by eleven votes over Lenhart, and the second by thirty-nine, while Lenhart carried the third by three votes over Conter and six votes over Lankenau, the vote being almost equally divided. The total vote for mayor was Conter 254, Lenhart 207 and Lankenau 133, the former winning over Lenhart by forty-seven votes. For clerk DeVoss won out by sixty-six votes, carrying the second ward by fifty-three and the third by twenty-nine, while Myers carried the first by sixteen. For councilman there was but one contest, that being in the first ward, where Fred Linn and Isaac Chronister were the aspirants, the latter receiving the nomination by two votes, the total being 72 to 70. The returns came in early and a crowd of several hundred gathered at this office to learn the results. At 6:45 the first ward vote was sent in and a few minutes later the second came in. The third was a little slow and it was nearly eight o'clock before they sent in the report which decided the results.

The nominees selected are all well known to our readers, especially to the citizens of Decatur, and they are all men who deserve the support of the citizens of this town. They are progressive but not too much so; they are men of good judgment and fair mindedness who will prove worthy officers if elected, as we believe they will be. Mr. Conter is a native of this city, and one of the best business men of the city. He was born here forty-two years ago and with the exception of a few years in the banking business in South Dakota, has been a continuous resident of Decatur. He has had a wide experience and will make a most excellent official. At present he is the sole owner of the Conter Ice Cream plant and is a hustling man of modern business methods. His integrity is unquestioned and he has every qualification necessary to fill the office of mayor in a manner satisfactory to all. Mr. DeVoss the nominee for clerk is also a young man of many good qualities. He is the official court reporter, and by the way one of the best in the entire state. He has a thorough knowledge of public affairs and will make a splendid city official. W. J. Archbold named for city treasurer, has held that position for a number of years, and has in every way demonstrated the fact that he knows his business and attends to it. John D. Hale, for councilman of the second ward, is one of the old and reliable citizens of the county. He served as county clerk a number of years ago and has always been in the front ranks when it comes to a question of importance. He is able, conscientious and should sweep a large vote at the November election. The other nominees for councilmen, M. Burns and Jacob Martin, at large, and Charles N. Christen in the third ward and Isaac Chronister in the first are all serving as councilmen at this time. They are competent, reliable and honest and deserve the support of the citizens of Decatur. The Republicans will hold a convention at the court house next Monday evening when they will select a ticket to oppose these men at the general election which will be held on Tuesday, November 2.

At the city election yesterday committees were chosen as follows: First ward, Thomas Durkin and Ed Augenbaugh; second ward, James P. Haefling and Jacob Eady; third ward, Walter Johnson and Joseph McFarland. They will meet at the office of Gallogly & Lower tomorrow evening to organize, elect the city chairman and formulate plans for the campaign.

Wighted each with approximately \$10,000 and containing in their entirety a last testament of Henry B.

Smith, a hundred brief words make his widow, Mrs. Nancy A. Smith, one of the wealthiest women in Indiana. The will, which was filed in the circuit court Tuesday by Emswiler & Waltz, is the briefest on record here for the disposal of an estate of such magnitude. All his property is left to Mrs. Smith. It is estimated that the widow will inherit in realty and personal property between \$600,000 and \$800,000. The will is dated October 27, 1903, and is witnessed by J. P. Cronin, cashier of the Citizens State bank, and Harley A. Hall, assistant cashier. Other than its brevity, the will is remarkable in other ways, chief of which is the care that was taken to guard against any court proceedings whatever and that no provisions were made for the disposal of the vast estate at the death of the widow. The following is a verbatim copy of the instrument:

I bequeath all my property, real, personal and mixed, including cash on hand or that may be on deposit in bank, to my beloved wife, Nancy A. Smith, absolutely and in fee simple. Upon my death she shall have full and complete possession and control of all my property. She shall pay all debts and funeral expenses and shall not be required to take out letters of administration or executorship or file any bond or inventory of property, or make any settlement or report to court.

The will was written six years ago this month and was prepared by Mr. Smith, whose signature was witnessed by Mr. Cronin and Mr. Hall, who, however, at that time did not know that it was his last testament. It was found with other important documents in his private safety deposit box in the Citizens State bank, of which he was president.—Hartford City News.

The United States census bureau wants more westerners on its staff of employees. Somehow or other, up to the present time there has been only a scattering small number of applicants for clerkships in Washington from the far western states. The lack of applicants from the other side of the country may seriously embarrass the bureau. When congress enacted the law for the taking of the coming census it was specifically provided that the appointments (that is for clerkships in Washington) be apportioned among the states and territories in accordance with the law of apportionment. So far, many of the western states and territories are represented by only a small portion of the number to which they are entitled. It is expected that about three thousand appointments will be made from the examinations to be held all over the country on October 23. These appointments will be for terms of six months to two years, and will average about one year. The entrance salary, fixed by law, is \$600, but the willing worker is promised early promotion to as high as \$900 a year. Applicants must be between the ages of 18 and 50 for the clerkships, and not under 16 for jobs as messengers. From the list of applicants who pass the examinations this month, the census bureau will appoint a number of clerks on January 1, 1910. The real bulk of the appointments, however, will not be made until some time between April and August.

Washington, October 6.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Reynolds has signed what he believes to be the last of the regulations necessary to put the Payne tariff law into full effect. This relates to the rebate of duties on imports of dried fruits. Under the Dingley act it was possible for importers to claim rebates on importations for several weeks after the fruit had arrived. The new law requires that an inspection shall be had and claims made within forty-eight hours after importation. The regulations, based upon this provision, have been approved by the fruit association of New York, and are expected to satisfy importers at other points. Mr. Reynolds's resignation as assistant secretary will take effect November 1, when he will take up his duties as a member of the tariff commission. This commission will have headquarters in the treasury building. No hint as to his successor has yet been given.

Washington, October 6.—Former Senator Hemenway was here preparing to take up again the special work he is doing for the senate in connection with the effort to reduce government expenditures. The special committee on expenditures, with which he is employed expects to meet here within the next few weeks to go over the estimates from the various

departments so as to be able to act intelligently when congress meets. Mr. Hemenway has, since the senate adjourned in July, got together a vast amount of information designed to show where money might be saved. This information is to be used in connection with the consideration of the estimates for the coming year.

Two well known boys of this city, Elmo Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben J. Smith, and Leon Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford, aged about fourteen years, had an experience that they will not forget during the rest of their lives, nor will their parents and friends. The boys had planned to go out walnut hunting and with the consent of their parents left on the expedition immediately after school Tuesday afternoon. They did not return for supper, but this caused no particular alarm. When they did not come in later during the evening, it was supposed they had gone to Mr. Smith's drug store and would return home with him. When that gentleman arrived at his residence at about eleven o'clock he found the boys' mothers anxiously awaiting for the return of the nutters. Of course all were then genuinely alarmed and Mr. Smith immediately started on a search for the lads. Coming down street he organized a party, including J. H. Yager, C. E. Ernst and Clarence Bremerkamp and they started in. Clarence Bremerkamp remembered having seen the boys back of the Fornax flour mills during the afternoon, and it was guessed that they had made a trip up the river in a boat that is kept there. This theory was given more credence when it was found that the boats were gone. A rig was secured and Yager and Ernst drove to the Schmitt packing house south of the city, while Mr. Smith and young Bremerkamp walked up along the river, each party calling to each other and for the lost boys. The search was kept for an hour or more and finally when some distance south of the Chicago & Erie railroad bridge, a call of the father was answered from the middle of the river. Mr. Smith discovered an old boat along the shore and rowed out to the middle of the river, where he found the two boys, with a boatload of walnuts. The lads had worked until nearly dark gathering the nuts and then started back in the boat. When they reached the point where they were found, the boat got fastened on an old log, and though they worked hard and as long as they could, they could not loosen it. Only one man passed along the railroad and though they called to him for assistance he refused and went on his way. Finally Elmo and Leon became exhausted and fell asleep in the boat to be awakened hours afterward by the calls of the searchers. The party arrived back in town at 1:30 next morning. The parents were happy, and so were the boys, who apparently suffered no serious results from their experience, but who will remember it during many years to come.

Hartford City, Oct. 6.—A sensational crime was recalled in this city yesterday when William R. Krauss filed suit for divorce in the circuit court from Raye Anderson Krauss. The wife is serving a life sentence in the woman's prison at Indianapolis for the murder of her step-daughter, Crystal Krauss, who was well known in Marion, having visited there a few days previous to her death. The murder and prison sentence is made the basis of the divorce action. Mr. and Mrs. Krauss were married June 5, 1904. Miss Crystal Krauss died of strychnine poisoning administered by the stepmother, Raye Anderson Krauss, who is made defendant in the divorce proceedings. On September 25, 1904, Mrs. Krauss made a full confession of her crime in writing and on the strength of it was given a life term in the woman's prison, where she now is. She was sentenced Oct. 27, 1904. Word is received frequently from the authorities in charge of the prison that Mrs. Krauss is resigned to her fate and is a model prisoner. The case was the most sensational one in the history of this city and attracted attention all over the country. An unnatural jealousy of the stepmother is said to have been the motive that caused the crime. Crystal Krauss was a lovely girl, to know whom was to love and her untimely death created profound sorrow. The family was prominent in Hartford City social circles.

A copy of a Paulding, Ohio, newspaper sent here by J. F. Harkless contains the announcement of the loca-

tion there of a beet sugar factory which will cost seven hundred thousand dollars. The plant is to be put in by the German American Sugar Company, of Bay City, Michigan, and its location there was due to the fact that Paulding is located in the midst of a territory that is adapted to the raising of sugar beets. The citizens gave the company sixteen thousand dollars for locating there; the company erecting their buildings on a sixty acre tract of land located just outside the city of Paulding. Among the conditions assumed by the Paulding citizens is that six thousand acres of land will be cultivated in sugar beets. The factory is only in operation a part of the year, from September until January or February and during that time will employ three hundred people, but the greatest benefit to be derived from it will be in furnishing a market to the farmers and land owners of that region for the cultivation of sugar beet. It will mean the spending of lots of money to the people there, and will be of inestimable value to every one in Paulding.

Terre Haute, Ind., October 6.—The solution of the mysterious inspection of John R. Walsh's Southern Indiana road is said to be that instead of J. J. Hill being the probable purchaser the United States Steel company is after the property. That H. C. Frick is getting all the coal land possible in the fields lying along the Southern Indiana, from Danville, Ill., to Terre Haute, has been known for some time. It was learned today that the steel people and the Chicago & Eastern Illinois have not been having harmonious relations. The Eastern Illinois has been asking for better freight rates for coal hauled to the steel mills at South Chicago, Joliet and Waukegan. The road has been hauling this coal at a loss for a long time. Soon there will be the Gary consumption, greater than all the others combined. The steel people have recently been giving the Southern Indiana all the coal they could and the new field being acquired will be far more contiguous to the Southern Indiana than to the Eastern Illinois. There is also significant information that the steel people have use for the Bedford stone quarries, which were part of the Walsh Southern Indiana holdings. The flux stone which had been unmarketable and a nuisance has been taken by the steel people for making cupolas for the furnaces. The mines of the Deering company, which Frick is to take over, are easily reached by the Southern Indiana. It is also learned today that a branch fourteen miles long is to be built southeast from St. Bernice, Ill., on the Southern Indiana to a point south of Clinton, Ind., which will be at the center of the trust's coal fields lying along both sides of the Indiana-Illinois state line. This road is to be built at once by the receiver with the permission of the court. The survey has been made and the ties are on the ground.

Fort Wayne, Ind., October 6.—St. Joseph Hospital, 3 o'clock p. m.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The condition of Anson VanCamp, the Decatur business man, who has been here for a week past, continues very serious, but with a slight change for the better. He is still delirious at intervals, and the only marked improvement is the fact that he has today taken a little nourishment, while yesterday he could not take even a sup of water. He is suffering from a nervous ailment, rather baffling, but the change today, though very slight, adds to the hope that he may recover, though it will be a long battle if he does. He is very weak and his operation is completely out of the question at this time or in the near future. However, he is still quite strong and holding his own well. Everything known to science is being done for the afflicted man, and there are still hopes that he may be restored to good health.

The \$10,000 damage case of James Touhey vs. City of Decatur, has been set for trial for Wednesday, November 3. The defendant has filed answer to the complaint.

Daniel N. Erwin, guardian of Grace Freang vs. Christena and Jesse G. Niblick, partition, finding for plaintiff, property ordered sold. D. B. Erwin appointed commissioner; bond fixed at \$2,000. Finding that defendants hold lien of \$508.25.

Attorney D. E. Smith filed a new case, a complaint to quiet title to real estate in St. Marys township,

in which are named sixteen defendants and their unknown heirs. The cause is entitled Harriet A. and Geo. Humerickhouse vs. William Maurer et al.

Emaline McCune, administrator of the estate of James McCune, filed a report of a sale of personal property.

M. F. Rice, administrator of the estate of Edward B. Rice, filed a final report and the notice was ordered returnable November 1st.

Geneva Supply Company vs. Malan T. Sumption et al, account \$200, answers filed to interrogatories, set for trial November 1st.

Eveline Archer et al vs. Mary Byson et al, partition, submitted, finding for plaintiffs on complaint. Property ordered sold; Henry B. Heller appointed commissioner. Bond fixed at \$8,000.

Frank Imboden et al vs. Sarah R. Imboden et al, partition, demurrer to answer sustained; petition filed by Harry Imboden, admr. to be made party, withdrawn.

Geneva, Indiana, October 6.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—The Republicans of Geneva met in convention at seven-thirty last evening and nominated their candidates for town officers. The ticket nominated is clerk, Josephus Martin; treasurer, marshal, William Pratt; councilman first ward, J. W. McCray; second ward, Jesse Throp; third ward, Art Coleman. The ticket is a good one and will cause the Democrats to get and up and hump some. A thorough organization will be made by both party organizations and an effort made to win out at the election.

Michael Engle, living three miles northeast of Geneva, and who has been ill for six weeks past, is showing marked improvement, much to his own satisfaction and the gratification of his friends.

Dr. L. Mattox, who was a delegate to the grand lodge Knights of Pythias, which met at Indianapolis this week, could not go on account of his professional engagements, and G. W. Schaefer went in his place.

Mrs. W. W. Briggs, a member of the grand lodge of Pythian Sisters, left for Indianapolis Monday to attend the session of that body.

Fred Engle, a former Adams county boy, but now located in Oklahoma, is visiting old friends and acquaintances here. He likes Oklahoma real well, but Adams county better, and would return here but for the high price of land, which he says is too much for him.

Mrs. L. L. Mattox left for Indianapolis this morning, where she will attend the grand lodge of Pythian Sisters as a delegate from the Geneva lodge.

Mrs. A. P. Hardison of Line street, Tuesday afternoon entertained the members of the famous Birthday Club. There were good things to eat and a jolly time for every one. Mrs. Hardison being an ideal hostess.

David Polm for thirty-eight years the owner of a shoe repairing business here, has sold out to Scott Ellis of Decatur. Mr. Polm will take a long and much needed rest and will then locate in Portland. The business is located in the Acker store, and Mr. Ellis will retain the many old customers and many others, and will succeed without any doubt.

Mrs. Newcomb of Huntington, and Miss Winona M. Hoffmann, of Linn Grove, Adams county, were elected delegates to the national W. C. T. C. convention at Omaha, Neb., by the four counties which they will represent, namely, Adams, Wells, Huntington and Randolph. Miss Hoffmann represented the only union in Adams county at the state convention at Muncie, Ind.

Mrs. C. A. Dugan will entertain the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church at their regular social, Thursday afternoon. Everybody is invited to attend.

Rev. T. W. Inman, pastor of the Friends church at Pleasant Valley, will deliver his farewell sermon to his

congregation on Sunday evening and the public is invited to be present.

The Lady Macabees are planning an excellent entertainment to be given next week. The program has not been completed yet, but the members have decided to give a program well worth attending.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Salem Evangelical church will hold a business meeting at the home of Mrs. Spuller Thursday afternoon at 2 p. m. This being an important meeting and business must be looked after.

The American League will meet with Mrs. C. D. Murray Friday evening at the Murray Hotel. The meeting promises to be an interesting one as the ladies are planning for a magazine festival to be held soon.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will not meet this week as previously announced. This is the week of the rummage sale at corner Third and Madison street, and it was decided not to have a meeting this month. Everything you can think of will be on sale at the above named place. Bear this in mind and the place, corner Third and Madison streets.

The C. W. B. M. will meet at the home of Mrs. Percy Williams Thursday afternoon at two-thirty o'clock. A good attendance is asked.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Kunkle entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Tuesday evening at their home east of the city and those present report a very pleasant evening. The evening was spent in several ways and all that could help to make a happy event was thought of. The out of town guests were Mrs. Mary Shoaf, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. Matilda Schneider and Mrs. Mamer, of Genoa, Wis.; Mrs. Nellie Smith, of Petroleum, Ind., and Mrs. Sarah Kunkle, of Curryville, Ind., and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Baker of this city. After a late hour the guests departed for their homes, after an evening well spent. The same party of friends were entertained at dinner today by Mr. and Mrs. Levi Baker in the north part of the city.

Mrs. M. Burns, who was scheduled to entertain the Historical Club, was assisted by Mrs. Frank Burns at the latter's home last evening. The club continued their regular lesson on Alaska and enjoyed a very interesting meeting.

Mrs. Ben Elzey was hostess at the regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor last evening. Refreshments and games composed an enjoyable social time, after the business period.

MR. ASH LIKES PANAMA DIST. Former Adams County Resident Spent Yesterday With Friend Here.

Eugene Ash, who is an assistant secretary for the Panama canal commission, and who has been stationed at the Panama since the commencement of the work there, was here yesterday, the guests of Banker C. A. Dugan and family and other friends. Mr. Ash formerly served as assistant cashier at the Geneva bank and is quite well known here. He is on his way to Iowa where he will join his family for a short visit with relatives before returning to his work in the south. He and his family like the Panama district so well that they expect to remain there even after the work on the commission is finished.

BAND SERENADED THE WINNERS The Decatur Juvenile band, did a god job of serenading the successful democratic candidates last evening after the returns were in. About nine o'clock they began the rounds, going to the home of H. L. Conter, where they made the nominee for mayor make a short speech. From there they visited the home of H. H. DeVoss, then went to the homes of all the other nominees, including the councilmen and at each place they were well received and royally treated.

Walter Mosher, in jail at Columbia City for two days on a charge of forgery by a grand jury indictment, was released on a bond of \$1,000 furnished by J. A. Mossman, Emil Doriot, Charles B. Mosher and H. L. Mosher. He will fight the case vigorously at the November term of court and declares his innocence.