

The democrats of Adams county should arrange for the congressional convention at Muncie on next Thursday. A large delegation should attend and give Congressman Adair that reception to which he is entitled. Arrangements will be perfected for a good time. The first session of the convention will be at half past ten o'clock, at which time the temporary organization will be made, the convention proper occurring at 1 o'clock. Those going from this county can return by way of Portland, getting home at 5 in the evening, or by Bluffton, getting home at 7. County Chairman Erwin desires us to say that all delegates are expected to attend or send a proxy, so that all townships in the county will be represented. In addition the people generally are invited and as a matter of fact Adams county should be well represented. Congressman Adair will be present and make his first speech of the campaign. This is the third time he will have been nominated as the democracy's candidate for congress in this district and it is a fact, too, that his worth and popularity was never at a higher tide. He intends to make a vigorous campaign and will speak in all parts of the district at some time prior to the election.

#### DR. VIZZARD SAW THE FIGHT.

Dr. J. W. Vizzard, who left here Friday of last week for a trip through the west, writes us under date of July 5th, from Reno, Nevada, as follows: "Saw fight; Jeff clearly outclassed. If I had the power there would not be any more prize fighting. That man Johnson is a wonder. Am going to night to Lakeview, Oregon. So long, J. W. Vizzard."

Geneva, Ind., July 8—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Eugene Kneuss, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Kneuss, living four and one-half miles east and north of this place, was instantly killed at about 11 o'clock Friday morning. He was driving his father in the hay field, aiding a tedder, when the team of horses became frightened and ran away, the lad being too light to hold them. They dashed through a fence and the boy was thrown headlong against a tree, fracturing his skull and causing instant death. The tedder also ran over him. The parents, one brother and three sisters survive. The funeral services will be held Sunday morning at 9 o'clock from the Mennonite church at Berne.

Leon Runyon and Herman Pyle, two lads aged about eighteen, while having a friendly scuffle on the sidewalk on Line street last evening, fell, with Pyle underneath. He struck the back of his head with such force that he was unconscious for half an hour and Drs. Price and Maddox, who worked with him constantly, had grave fears of his recovery. He is able to be about this morning, however, with nothing worse than a sore head.

W. S. Sutton, president of the Adams County Rural Route Carriers' association, owns the champion rural route horse of Indiana. "White Faced Charlie," as he is known, has traveled 32,691 miles since 1904, an average of over five hundred miles a year, has never gone lame and makes his trip every day.

Miss Hazel Macklin, who has been attending normal school at Marion, has returned here for a visit with her mother.

Our wedding, which we speculated upon, in our last items, will be solemnized at high noon Sunday as we understand it. Fuller particulars will be given later.

Muncie, Ind., July 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Charles Compton, aged twenty-five, was killed while working in a hay field eight miles northwest of here at about noon today, when a bolt of lightning hit him.

Detroit, Mich., July 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Enraged because his wife had sent their six-year-old daughter to friends to spend the night, Fred H. Jones today shot his wife in the head and as she fell helpless at his feet killed himself. Mrs. Jones may recover, but will be blind.

Los Angeles, Cal., July 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"I may fight Jack Johnson again within six months," said James Jeffries today.

#### WHEN YOU PUT ON STOCKINGS.

Of the heavier sort, do your shoes pinch, and your feet swell and perspire? If you shake Allen's Foot Ease in your shoes, it will give you rest and comfort, and instant relief from any annoyance. Sold everywhere, 25c. Don't accept any substitute.

**Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA**

"I have many reasons for wanting a return fight and am considering them carefully."

Washington, D. C., July 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The agricultural department today issued a summary showing the condition of wheat in the country east of the Mississippi river July 1st as 7.3 per cent lower than last year and 4 per cent below the average.

#### MRS. TRITCH DOING WELL.

Considering Seriousness of Case—Not Out of Danger.

The Rev. Sherman Powell this morning received a letter from Jonas Tritch at Bloomington, dated Friday, stating that Mrs. Tritch is doing as well as can be expected from the seriousness of the case, but that she is not yet out of danger. Mrs. Tritch became ill suddenly a week ago last Tuesday and was later operated upon for peritonitis.

#### DOUBLE-HEADER BALL GAME.

At Maple Grove Park—Fort Wayne Elks Among Players.

A double-header ball game will be played at Maple Grove park tomorrow afternoon from 1 to 3 o'clock. The Decatur Shamrocks vs. the Fort Wayne Elks and the Decatur Stars vs. the Pleasant Mills team will fill the bill, and will be the best ball sport of the season thus far. The attendance will no doubt be large.

#### NEWS FROM COURT HOUSE.

A marriage license was granted Julia Chamber, nineteen, Jefferson township, and Leon Runyon, twenty-five, janitor of the Geneva schools.

A new case filed is entitled the State of Indiana on the relation of the A. & C. Stone & Lime Co., a corporation, vs. Fred Hoffman et al., suit on contract and bond, demand, \$2,000.

#### RAINFALL WAS VARIED.

The amount of rainfall Wednesday afternoon which was so heavy here, varied much over the different parts of the north section of the county. Visitors here today from the vicinity of Monroe and a few miles south of the city, state that the rainfall there was quite slight—that here was not nearly enough for the benefit of the crops. Root township people in town today stated that in sections there the waterways had been unable to carry off the floods and in many cases the corn fields were inundated and would not be cleared sufficiently for clearing this week. In many places the oats were beaten down by the heavy rain which fell in sheets.

Harry Romer of St. Henry's Ohio, is in the city making a visit with his uncle, William Harting.

The American Live Stock company, through its agent, John Stults, of this city, has turned over to W. H. Stults, one thousand dollars, that being the amount of insurance carried by them on Harley Axtelle, the famous blooded stallion, which died a couple of weeks ago.

Miss Lucinda Coon, who has been sick for some time with Bright's disease at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Parent, is now under the care of a trained nurse, Miss Mary Avery, of Hope hospital, Fort Wayne. She was reported as having passed a very bad night.

Mrs. Mary Christen and grandson, Eugene Johnson, left this morning for Monmouth, where they will visit over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Martha Dutcher. Mrs. Dutcher, who recently underwent an operation at the Fort Wayne hospital for a facial cancer is not getting along as well as she would like.

Mrs. Will Kelley and three children of Topeka, Kans., came Friday afternoon for a week's visit at the home of her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Kelley, of East Walnut street. Mrs. Kelley and children will go to Titusville, Pa., next week for an extended visit with her parents.—Portland Sun.

The Rev. J. M. Dawson, the new pastor of the Christian church, in instrumental in the organization of a men's Sunday school class and club, and all men are given a special and cordial invitation to attend and become identified with this club.

Prof. H. A. Popp, vice president of the International Business college of Fort Wayne, called here yesterday on J. B. Krafco of the Smith & Bell office and other graduates from that college who are now holding excellent positions and making good in the business world.

Two trick bicycle riders entertained the public on the court house corner for about half an hour last evening and their stunts were the best ever witnessed by Decatur people. Any thing imaginable was done and a real good collection was received from the crowd for their entertainment.

Should some great angel say to me tomorrow:

"Thou must tread thy pathway from the start,

But God will give, in pity for thy sorrow,

Some one dear wish, the nearest to thy heart?"

This were my wish: From my life's dim beginning

Let be what has been; wisdom planned the whole

My want, my woe, my sorrow and my sinning—

All, all were needed lessons for my soul.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The picnic and Children's Day exercises of the Zion's Lutheran church of this city, held Sunday afternoon at the Wischmeyer grove near St. John's, was one of the most delightful of several years, the cooling showers of the previous day having contributed to making the day ideal in regard to weather. The children's part in the program, under the direction of the Rev. Wehmeyer, was carried out well and proved a delightful feature of the day. Amusements of all kinds contributed to the good time, and after the picnic the attendants were taken to the homes of the members of the St. John's congregation, where they were royally entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick will have a number of house guests, who arrived this afternoon and evening. A telegram this morning from Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, who has been spending several months at St. Paul, Minn., announced that she would arrive here from Chicago this afternoon. A message received a little later stated that her daughter, formerly Miss Harriet Morrison, now Mrs. Dick Wallace, of Oaxaca, New Mexico, would arrive this morning, having left Oaxaca July 6th, arriving at Fort Wayne this morning. Mr. and Mrs. Burton Niblick of Quincy, Ill., will arrive this evening and Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Suttles and children, who have been visiting with his parents at Butler, Pa., and with relatives at Conneaut, Ohio, will return tonight.

The forty-first wedding anniversary of Judge and Mrs. D. D. Heller will be celebrated Friday afternoon and evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Heller, when and where a family reunion will be held in honor of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Heller were married at Millersburg, Ohio, July 15, 1869. They came to this city immediately and have resided here ever since.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Erwin entertained a number of friends at supper Sunday evening at their home on Second street. The party included Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Vance and daughter, Lee Anna; Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lewton and daughter, Eloise; Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Peoples, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Michaud and daughter, Florine.

Brice True entertained a company of friends at the True farm near Poe Sunday afternoon and evening, the entertainment proving most delightful. Guests were Madge Hite, Frances Rademaker, Ada Murray, Ted Sowers of this city and Mr. Crooks of Van Wert, Ohio.

Miss Hazel France entertained a few of her friends at a tea party at the home of Mrs. Belle France Saturday evening. The occasion was enjoyed by all, especially because Miss Hazel herself prepared the delicious refreshments.

Miss Veda Andrews of near Monroe was entertained over Sunday at the home of her grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Rainier.

One of the many pre-nuptial parties given for Miss Nellie Schrock, a bride of July 25th, will be the fruit shower to be given Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. Fred Heuer at her home on West Monroe street.

Miss Frances Dugan is the guest of a house party given by a former classmate at Ferry Hall at their summer home at Morris, Illinois, the guests being seven former students at Ferry Hall, to whom the reunion will be a most happy one. Miss Frances will go from Morris to Racine, Wis., where she will visit with her roommate at Vassar, Miss Ethel Diedrick.

A crowd of ladies drove to Wilshire this morning and this afternoon were entertained at the home of Mrs. O. N. Snellon. The time was spent in a social way and the trip was much enjoyed.

Father George Angermeyer, who was transferred from the position as assistant pastor of the Catholic church at Kokomo to the pastorate of the church at Auburn, writes that he likes his new appointment very much. Father George, until a few months ago was assistant to Father Wilken of this city.

#### A RARE COIN.

It Is Called a "Mistake" and Is Very Seldom Seen.

"See this penny I got today at the postoffice," said the cashier. "There aren't five other pennies like it in the United States."

He handed out a cent piece with the die impression half off the face of the coin and with a big half moon of blank metal showing along one side.

"They call it a mistake," he continued. "Perhaps once in 10,000,000 times the two little notched fingers on the minting machines that grip the blank disk and draw it forward to the die fall to spring away. In this case the left hand finger stuck and pushed the coin halfway over the die. That is how the impression is only half on the disk."

"You can see the raised edge on the blank portion of the metal," the cashier went on as he took up his pen. "It isn't everybody knows that each coin goes under the dies twice. The first time it is struck with a blank dome shaped set of dies to put an edge on the disk. Then it gets the regular die with the familiar head on it."

"What's it worth? Oh, I'll say probably \$25 or so. I see it's been in circulation for nine years. It's a wonder some coin collector hasn't nabbed it. I'm going to keep it as a rarity."—New York Times.

#### SENSE OF HEARING.

Sound Waves and the Way They Act Upon the Ears.

The detection of the direction of a sound by the sense of hearing is, like the rapid focusing of the eye on objects at different distances, one of those instinctive operations which are continually done without any conscious method.

Sound waves traverse the air as ripples stir the water, and the ear by experience acquires some slight power of detecting the direction in one case, as the eye does with far greater accuracy in the other. Usually we unconsciously receive assistance from other senses as well. Often we fail to locate at once some hidden source of sound, such as a singing bird, and then our instinctive ingenuity displays itself.

The intensity of sound is, of course, by no means so great behind a screen as in front of it, and every one carries with him the screen of his own head, which may prevent a particular sound from being heard so well by one ear as by the other. If, then, the head is turned until this inequality disappears and both ears hear equally well we know that we must be directly facing or turned from the source of sound, and our previous rough idea of its whereabouts generally prompts us to face it.

#### Wind and Temper.

There is a closer connection between wind and temper than at first sight appears. A coldish wind has a bracing effect and, on the whole, is beneficial. In countries where hot winds occur periodically, on the other hand, these are regarded as a nuisance, if not a curse. Every one almost gets cross, weary and done up and has a headache daily. In Egypt the season when crimes are commonest is when the hot khamseen blows. Nearly always during a severe sirocco the Arabs in Algeria were restless, if they did not attempt an actual rising. The solano, which now and then rushes across the Mediterranean in fiery blasts from Africa, upsets every one in Spain and is the worst wind in that country. And even in the Pearl of the Antilles the fierce hot wind is such a pest that it is recorded of a family living in Havana that they made it a rule in the household to preserve absolute silence until the wind disappeared. It was the only plan they could think of to avoid family quarrels.

#### Profane History.

"Pop," "Well, what is it now? If it's foolish question No. 9,097 I'll spank you and put you to bed."

"No, pop; I just want to know what is profane history."

"Profane history, eh? Well—it's just a term to distinguish it from sacred history."

"But why is it called profane, pop?"

"How the—that is, how do I know? I suppose it—say, you know when little George Washington cut down his father's pet cherry tree?"

"Yes, pop."

"Well, what little George's father said to little George is profane history. I should think you could get your lessons without bothering me with your fool questions."—New York Times.

#### Encouraging.

A Philadelphia clergyman tells of an incident in connection with his first visit to a town in Pennsylvania, where he expected to be called as pastor.

While tramping along a dusty road he was so fortunate as to encounter a man in a wagon who gave him a lift. During the conversation that ensued between the two the divine chance to ask:

"Do the folks hereabout enjoy religion?"

"I don't know exactly," replied his companion, "but I s'pose that them that has it enjoys it."

#### His Angel.

Miss Rogers—How did you imagine anything so beautiful as the angel in your picture? Artist—Got an engaged man to describe his fiancée to me.—Brooklyn Life.

Avarice is to the intellect and heart what sensuality is to the morals.—Jameson.

#### QUEER INDIAN BELIEFS.

The Five Worlds of the Bella Coola Sun Worshipers.

There is an odd feature in the theology of the small Indian tribe of the Bella Coola which inhabit British Columbia in about latitude 52. They believe that there are five worlds, one above the other, and the middle one is our own world, the earth. Above it are two heavens, and under it are two underworlds. In the upper heaven is the supreme deity, who is a woman, and she doesn't meddle much with the affairs in the second world below her. The zenith is the center of the lower heaven, and here is the house of the gods, in which live the sun and the rest of the deities.

Our own earth is believed to be an island swimming in the ocean. The first underworld from the earth is inhabited by ghosts, who can return, when they wish, to heaven, from which place they may be sent down to our earth. If then they misbehave again they are cast into the lower of the underworlds, and from this hour no ghostly traveler returns.

The Bella Coola are sun worshipers, for Senex, the sun, the master of the house of gods, who is called the father and the sacred one, is the only deity to whom the tribe pray. Each family of the Bella Coola has its own traditions and its own form of the current traditions, so that in the mythology of the tribe there are countless contradictions. When any one not a member of a clan tries to tell a tradition which does not belong to his clan it is like a white man trying to tell another's joke—he is considered as appropriating the property right which does not belong to him.

#### SMOKELESS POWDER.

It Came Through Experimenting For High Explosives.

The idea is very general that smokeless powder in being practically smokeless achieves its greatest end, but as a matter of fact its smokeless feature is incidental and was an accident.

When the idea of modern long range guns was conceived it was at once apparent that the old black powder lacked explosive force, and thousands of experiments were made with various chemicals to procure a powder of high explosive properties, and this was at last accomplished.

When the new powder was tried, much to the surprise of every one it was found that practically no smoke followed the explosion, though this could of course have been predicted had the question ever arisen. The volume of smoke from black powder is due mainly to the quantity of charcoal in the powder, an ingredient not found in the smokeless explosive.

Smokeless powder, though a great boon to the sportsman, is of questionable value on the battlefield, so far as its smokelessness is concerned. The smoke clouds of old days were frequently most advantageously used to cloak movements of troops and batteries and really interfered with the enemy much more than with the troops creating the smoke.—Exchange.

#### Saved by Fireflies.

The gigantic tropical fireflies which swarm in the forests and canebrakes of most of the low lying West Indian islands once proved the salvation of the city of Santo Domingo. A body of buccaners, headed by the notorious Thomas Cavendish, had laid all their plans for a descent upon the place, intending to massacre the inhabitants and carry away all the treasure they conveniently could, and had actually put off their boats for that purpose. As they approached the land, however, rowing with muffled oars, they were greatly surprised to see an infinite number of moving lights in the woods which fringed the bayon up which they had to proceed, and, concluding that the Spaniards knew of their approach, they put about and regaled their ship without attempting to land.

#### The Wonderful Banana.

Some people believe that the banana was the original forbidden fruit of the garden of Eden. In any case it is one of the curiosities of the vegetable kingdom, being not a tree, a palm, a bush, a shrub, a vegetable or a herb, but a herbaceous plant with the status of a tree. Although it sometimes attains a height of thirty feet, there is no woody fiber in any part of its structure, and the bunches growing on the dwarf banana plant are often heavier than the stalk which supports them. No other plant gives such a quantity of food to the acre as the banana. It yields 44 times more by weight than the potato and 133 times more than wheat. Moreover, no insect will attack it, and it is always immune from diseases of any kind.

#### Convinced.

"Do you think a college education helps a man in business?"

"Sure. I've had two college boys here workin' for me durin' the past year, and I was afraid to discharge either one of 'em for fear they'd find fault with my grammar when I done it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

#### Following Orders.

Charlie—What have you been doing to your face, dear boy? Percy—I tried to shave myself this morning. Charlie—What on earth for? Percy—The doctor told me that I ought to take more exercise.—Illustrated Bits.

#### At Cross Purposes.

Scott—Half the people in the world don't know what the other half are doing. Mott—No; that is because the other half are doing them.—Boston Transcript.

Monday's Indianapolis Star describing an interview with John W. Kern, said in part: "Whirligiggy" was the word coined by John W. Kern, democratic nominee for United States senator, in explaining how he believes it came about that Theodore Roosevelt is coming to Indiana to speak in behalf of Senator Beveridge. Mr. Kern's opponent. It was the democratic nominee's first breaking of the silence regarding the political situation in Indiana since Colonel Roosevelt appeared as a factor, and there is one big question for which Mr. Kern does not see the solution.

It is this: How can Theodore Roosevelt go into Massachusetts and support Senator Lodge, a dyed-in-the-wool standpatter, and then come into Indiana and support his insurgent friend, Senator Beveridge?

"Did you observe Senator Beveridge's prediction of 50,000 plurality for his party in Indiana?" Mr. Kern was asked.

"Yes," said he, "I read the prediction with great interest. When I considered the fact that my good friend, the senator, had been in the state only a week I was filled with admiration of his foresight and marveled greatly at his wonderful powers of prognostication. I had admired him for years on account of his many excellencies which he had never attempted to conceal from his friends, but this manifestation of his ability to read the future convinced me that he was possessed of abilities which he had not hitherto cared to admit."

"In fact, I never knew the senator to indulge in prophecy but once before. He visited Russia and Japan shortly before the Russo-Japanese war, spending a few weeks in each of those countries familiarizing himself with the two governments, their institutions and people. I believe he gave the world a book entitled 'The Russian Advance,' as a result of his weeks of study and observation. When the war broke out he predicted, with great confidence that the Russians would whip the Japanese to a standstill with in an incredibly short space of time and some of his warmest admirers placed their money accordingly. But it is possible that he may have had his horoscope adjusted since that time. Whether he has or has not, it is altogether to his credit that he carries a horoscope around with him and manifests a willingness to give to the public without charge the result of his readings."

Concerning Mr. Kern's views on the effect of Roosevelt's coming to Indiana, the Star continued: "But you are asking me as to the probable effect of Roosevelt's proposed speech in Indiana. And again I shall venture no prediction. The date of his speech might have much to do with its effect."

"What do I mean by that? Why, my dear sir, Colonel Roosevelt has not only promised to make one speech for Senator Beveridge in Indiana, but he has also promised to make one or more speeches in Massachusetts for his warm personal friend—that prince of standpatters—the Hon. Henry Cabot Lodge, who is also a candidate for re-election to the United States senate. "Lodge is Aldrich's latest lieutenant in the senate. When Roosevelt advocates the re-election of Lodge in Massachusetts he must defend his record, and approve his active efforts in behalf of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill and unflinching subservience to the interests. When he advocates the re-election of Beveridge he must ride the horse the other direction and indorse the performances of Mr. Beveridge in the senate and place the seal of his approval upon his recent diatribe against the 'Powers of Pillage,' as typified by Aldrich, Cannon and Henry Cabot Lodge."

"Now, if I knew whether Roosevelt's Beveridge speech in Indiana would be in answer to Roosevelt's Lodge speech in Massachusetts, or vice versa, I might be the better able to express an intelligent opinion as to the effect of the respective speeches on the respective communities. But, whichever way it may be, Colonel Roosevelt will receive a warm welcome in Indiana, and whatever he says it will be listened to with a respectful consideration. Our people, however, have a way of reading and thinking for themselves and are becoming more and more set in that way."

Miss Bertha Heller, who has been enjoying a most delightful trip through the east for a month past, has written her parents that she will arrive home Wednesday of this week. During the four weeks she has visited Niagara Falls; made a trip to Canada, spent several days at Buffalo, a week at New York, witnessed the close of congress at Washington, visited West Point, made the trip down the Hudson, was shown through the navy yards and has taken in many other places of interest about New York and New Jersey.

Since the resignation sometime ago of Miss Mayme Conter as chief operator, Miss Gusta Cramer has been appointed to that position, with Miss Margaret Daniels assistant.