

Portland, Ind., July 27—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The republican county chairmen of the Eighth congressional district met here today and selected Bluffton as the place for holding their congressional convention, and Saturday, August 5th, as the date. Only a few of the county chairmen were in attendance at the meeting, denoting this early a lack of interest in this event. Wednesday, August 26th, was decided on for the day to select the delegates in the counties. The meeting was held in the office of County Chairman Folly, and District Chairman Culbert presided. The basis upon which the apportionment was made was one delegate for every two hundred votes cast for Winfield T. Durbin, a presidential elector in 1908. No discussion of candidates was considered at the meeting today, but some of the county chairmen who were present thought it doubtful whether there would be much interest in the convention.

MOVED GOODS OUT.

Constable Frank Smith and Marshal Peterson were the "moving spirits" in the excitement proceedings begun by Nade Haley against Martin Burkhead, who occupied his dwelling on Grant street. The case was filed in Squire Smith's court, and this morning the two officials called at the home and moved the goods out on the street, thus giving Haley possession.

Some important state and civil cases will likely come up for trial in the September term of the Adams circuit court. Among them is the manslaughter case against Abe Boegli, the grand jury cases of John Durbin and Benjamin Lett, and several others of minor importance. Perhaps the most important on the civil calendar is the case of John F. McCordle vs. Patrick Gorman, a contest of will in which is involved from one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and was venued here from the Huntington circuit court. Sarah Bowman vs. Rhinehart Lefmestoll, a five thousand dollar damage suit, is another case that will be hotly contested.

Attorney DeVoss filed two cases today, they being Rosie Passwater vs. Charles Passwater, in which the plaintiff alleges abandonment and in which she seeks a divorce and alimony to the sum of five hundred dollars. The complaint shows them to have been married November 12, 1907, and that they lived together until May 17, 1908. The other case is entitled Ella Baker vs. George H. Baker. They were married August 11, 1906, and lived together until October 26, 1908. Abandonment is also alleged.

WILL BE BRAKEMAN.

James Spade Accepts Employment on the G. R. & I.

James Spade, who for several years has been connected with the bridge gang on the Clover Leaf, has resigned his position, and this morning left for Fort Wayne where he will begin work on the G. R. & I. as brakeman. He passed his examination successfully yesterday and was told to report this morning, when he would be assigned to his new duties. It is thought he will be given his first try-out tomorrow and that his run will be between Fort Wayne and Richmond. Mr. Spade has been working on the railroad for some time and is well acquainted with the work, and he will no doubt make a good man in this branch of the business.

Frank J. O'Donnell, the press representative for the Carl Hagenbeck and the great Wallace Shows combined, was here yesterday contracting for the newspaper advertising for their exhibit in this city on Wednesday, August 10th. Their first bill car is here today and now every store window and other available place is adorned with a handsome lithograph bill, setting forth the greatness of this combined circus which will be with us in all their glory on the date named. The first bill car does the city and country. Their second car will be here one week from today and they take up the railroads and excursion features of the show. Just now the show is playing to immense crowds, but the first of the season they could not combat with

the weather, and all shows this year had a long run of poor luck. This they expect, and I am used to the conditions that prevail.

Order's Office spoke of their performance there a week or so ago and they pronounced the crowd in attendance the largest ever seen in that city, and the show everything and more than was expected. One of the causes for the crowd there was a circus war between this combination and the Robinson show, and both of them cut their belt in the advertising lines. The Hagenbeck-Wallace show, however, laid their opponents in the shade. They come here from Bluffton, where they show on the 8th, and from here are transferred to the Grand Rapids for Portland the day following their date here. Every man, woman and child in Adams county should see this show in this city on Wednesday, August 10, performances both afternoon and evening, with the greatest street parade ever given by a circus and which will be a feature of the morning.

ABOUT THE SICK.

Miss Gyp Dorwin, who was very sick for six weeks at the home of her sister, Mrs. Jesse Braden, at Fort Wayne, but who had recovered and returned home, suffered a relapse and it was thought best for her to go to the Lutheran hospital, Fort Wayne, where she will take a course of treatment.

Dr. J. C. Grandstaff of Preble reports that Mrs. Christena Sellemeyer of near Magney, who fell last week and sustained what was thought to be a dislocation of the hip, is growing weaker. Her extreme old age of ninety-two years is said to be against her rapid recovery.

The family of Dr. J. C. Grandstaff of Preble is suffering from colds and croup.

John Hoffman and daughter, Rose, and Miss Grace Gauze called on Miss Bertha Bieberick at Preble. Miss Bieberick was taken very sick last week at the home of Charles Vogelweide in this city, and is said to be suffering from gall stones, appendicitis and other complications. She is somewhat better.

In the list of 285 Hoosiers whose names are enrolled in the great book, "Who's Who in America," Adams county is honored with one place, given to Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter, of Geneva, author and illustrator, whose books have become universally read in the United States and become so famous that one of her latest ones is listed seventh or eighth among the best sellers of last year, an honor not easily attained. The edition of "Who's Who in America?" is revised and issued every two years, and as one person said, "though you build your house in the woods" it will seek you out and tell the world who you are and why. Our neighboring city of Ft. Wayne has thirteen of its citizens in the "Who's Who" list, including the following: Herman Joseph Aldering, bishop; William P. Breen, lawyer; Thomas Emmet Ellison, lawyer; Newton Whiting Gilbert, lawyer; William George Loutit, author-lawyer; Martin Luecke, college president; John Morris, lawyer; Miles Fuller Porter, surgeon; James M. Robinson, congressman; Joseph Martin Schmidt, college president; Henry Thorne Sell, clergyman; Frank Bursley Taylor, geologist; Robert Stewart Taylor, lawyer.

ONLY COST HER TEN.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 27—Mrs. Clara Brandon, who used fly paper to close the mouth of her mother-in-law, was fined \$10, but lost her mother-in-law as a member of the family. Mrs. Lavina Brandon, the mother-in-law, admitted in court that she was a "very tedious old person," and told of the pasting of the fly paper across her mouth.

Miss Pansy Bell, who, with Mrs. Eva Gregg and children of Greenfield, left June 20th for a tour of Europe, writes friends interestingly of their trip. They have been touring Italy, Austria and are at Munich, Germany, today and tomorrow. July 12th they were given audience with the king of Italy at the palace at Florence and on July 10th with Pope Pius at the administration platform as present. Their presentations were quite formal but interesting throughout, and the experiences were well worth the formal regulations necessary. One of the rarest treats, however, was the visit to the Passion Play at Oberammergau, which they were privileged

to attend last Sunday, July 24th, which is a portrayal of the life and sufferings of the Savior, given by the people of the village of Oberammergau every tenth year as a fulfillment of a promise made by them when visited by a great plague many years ago. The Decatur party will proceed on their tour from Munich, Germany visiting the chief points of interest in Holland, England, etc., and set sail from Glasgow, Scotland, August 20th.

For one time in his life Father Wilken has to acknowledge that he was surprised. The ice cream social which was so extensively advertised for Tuesday evening packed the parochial school yards to the limit, and just before the real festivities began a short program was given and this was not previously advertised. Father Flaherty, assistant at the St. Mary's church, made several pleasing remarks, and then introduced Judge Merriman, who as a citizen, spoke eloquently and earnestly of the church and the great good done under the pastorate of thirty years by Father Wilken, much of his remarks being a personal testimonial of the worth, high standing and friendship for the veteran priest who has for so many years devoted himself to his Christian work, both in the church and out of it. Father Eberly, a former assistant at St. Mary's, and who was here five years ago, and who had charge of the silver jubilee at that time, was present and spoke feelingly and with much earnestness. He is now located at Goshen, where he is making great progress in his life's work. E. X. Ehringer, representing the congregation, then presented Father Wilken with thirty silver dollars and a basket of roses, and on behalf of the congregation denoted their continued love and friendship for their pastor. This is the surprise, and then Father Wilken wakened up to the fact that they had completely fooled him. He was equal to the occasion, however, and made a happy reply and all during the rest of the evening he was the happiest of the many hundred in attendance at the ice cream social. Following the program ice cream and cake were served, and a mighty good social time enjoyed.

PERFORMED AN OPERATION.

William Schamerloh Underwent an Operation at Home Today.

Dr. McOscar of Fort Wayne and Drs. C. S. and D. D. Clark of this city performed an operation on William Schamerloh of Union township, the operation being performed this morning, and it was a success in every way. For some time Mr. Schamerloh has been suffering from appendicitis and it was of such a nature that it required the removal of the appendix and this was done this morning. A nurse is in charge of the case and unless something unlooked for turns up the patient will be entirely recovered in a short time.

NICK WOULD BE FOR HIM.

The Indiana Situation as Viewed by Ohio Keynoter.

In a neighboring state there is being waged a fierce contest for a senatorship, a republican and a democrat have been named by their respective parties as candidates. The republican candidate voted against the tariff bill at the last session of congress, as I believe, mistakenly, through dissatisfaction, I am convinced, with only some of the details of the bill and not because he did not support the elemental principles upon which it was based. In those, I am convinced, we are in hearty accord. The sole question in Indiana is whether a republican or a democrat shall be senator. If I lived in Indiana I would be for Senator Beveridge.—Nick Longworth in Ohio Keynote.

It is now Mr. and Mrs. John Kratner, if you please, that happy and smiling groom informed his friends here Wednesday, with great pleasure, when he and his bride, formerly Miss Mary Deener, returned from Ann Arbor, Michigan, where the said ceremony took place. The couple were refused a marriage license here last Saturday because they, in the opinion of the county clerk and judge did not measure up to the requirements of the strict Indiana marriage law. The couple, it is said, left that evening for Michigan City, which they supposed was in the lax and easy state of Michigan, but were disappointed in finding that the Indiana law

held good there also. They then returned to this city, where they remained six or seven hours, and left for Ann Arbor, where Mr. Kratner says there was no difficulty in getting the knot tied Tuesday, and the erstwhile twain are now one. John has proven himself a man of enterprise and will let no obstacle stand between himself and the height of his ambition.

SOCIAL A SUCCESS.

The ice cream social given last evening at the home of Miss Pansy Bell on Fifth street was a success throughout and a neat sum was realized from the effort. It was given under the auspices of the gold side of the membership of the United Brethren church and all worked ardently to make it a success. A large number were in attendance and those in charge are thankful for the patronage received.

Columbus, Ohio, July 27—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Today's republican state convention opened at 1:55. James R. Garfield dropped his fight against the endorsement of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law. Without a fight or a protest the convention adopted the administration platform as presented by Senator Dick. Senator Burton was named as permanent chairman, and the platform as adopted endorsed President Taft for renomination in 1912 and endorsed the Ohio congressional delegation. The mention of the president was generous in the extreme, and the endorsement of the present tariff law was written by the friends of the administration and no change was made in its phraseology.

Grand Island, Nebr., July 27—(Special to Daily Democrat)—After listening to a passionate appeal made by W. J. Bryan, the democratic state convention rejected county local option as one of their platform principles. The vote was 465 to 394, and upon the substitution of the minority for the majority report the vote was 647 to 198. The majority report was then adopted by acclamation.

PICNIC LARGELY ATTENDED.

German Reformed Sunday School Has Day of Pleasure at Maple Grove.

In spite of the rain last night the weather was very favorable today, in fact more so since the dust had been allayed—for the picnic given at Maple Grove park today by the German Reformed Sunday school. There was special arrangement made by the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway for the conveyance of the crowds to the park, and all the regular cars took large crowds to the park, and all the regular cars took large numbers to and fro during the day. Refreshment booths did a thriving business, as did all amusement stands, and pleasure reigned everywhere.

The National Dairy Union of St. Paul, Minn., has some good things to say about the dairy cow, which may prove interesting to many of our farmer friends, so we reproduce it:

The dairy cow, if able to express herself in a way which the human family would comprehend, might well lay claim to being man's best friend. She might establish such a claim by calling attention to the fact that from her product and from her carcass man manufactures more of the necessities of life than from any other similar source. She furnishes these necessities to him from infancy until such a time as temporal things are no longer associated with his existence, and she does it ungrudgingly and constantly.

In addition to contributing to man's necessity and his pleasure, the prosperity of an agricultural community is more closely identified with her than with any other of the domestic animals. The horse is quite essential in tilling the soil, but where necessity requires it the sturdy son of the cow can take his place, as he has done in every agricultural section on earth. The horse can only furnish labor and can only return a profit to his owner when conditions are right for returning satisfactory grain crops.

It is a well known fact that the dairy cow is the salvation of the farmer in times of poor crops, as she is able to convert the rough crops which are never a total failure, into dairy products, which always have a cash value. In addition to this she furnishes skim milk and butter milk for the calves, pigs and poultry and fertility for the soil, without which a farm becomes less valuable each year and

the whole country less prosperous. The elimination of the dairy cow would necessitate an almost revolutionary readjustment of man's tastes and requirements. It would mean untold suffering and hardship. Of course she will not be dispensed with but her value can perhaps best be appreciated by contemplating such a loss.

She will continue to be man's best friend as long as the human family exists and will keep on supplying him with his greatest needs, just as she has done through all the ages.

THE NATIONAL DAIRY UNION.

E. K. Slater, Sec'y, St. Paul, Minn.

The Waynesburg (Pa.) Times gives the following account of the funeral services for Leyton Potter, the young man who committed suicide in Steel's park this city, a week ago Tuesday, and whose remains were taken to Carmichaels, Pa., for burial by his fiancee, Miss Martha Armstrong:

Shortly after 5 o'clock on Sabbath evening the remains of Prof. Leyton Potter were laid to rest in Laurel-Point cemetery at Carmichaels, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing friends and acquaintances. The body had arrived at Rice's Landing on the noon train, was taken in charge by Senator Dick. Senator Burton was named as permanent chairman, and the platform as adopted endorsed President Taft for renomination in 1912 and endorsed the Ohio congressional delegation. The mention of the president was generous in the extreme, and the endorsement of the present tariff law was written by the friends of the administration and no change was made in its phraseology.

The services were conducted by Dr. J. C. Mead of Waynesburg, who was a close personal friend of the deceased, and who was assisted by Dr. Hudson of Waynesburg.

Solemn and impressive were the services throughout. Dr. Mead spoke in part as follows:

"Leyton Potter was a choice young man. As his pastor I knew him well and loved him much. On the Sabbath he was usually in his pew, an alert and appreciative listener, or in the choir with his violin, of which he was both master and servant. He was a musician by natural instinct and culture. He was also a literate and acquainted with philosophy, often conversing upon the underlying principles of a Sabath discourse with an interest and animation seldom found in sermon hearers, and especially noteworthy in one so young. His was the transcended type of mind. His materialization, however, was distinctly poetical and artistic. The spiritual predominated and a spiritual that responded to the divine, rather than the sensual, which is not true of all spiritual natures. He was scrupulously clean, both physically and morally. As a musician he was a master of technique, and his performance showed how studiously and conscientiously he had labored under master instruction. He was a genius, but a cultivated genius. Prof. and Mrs. Best were his 'foster parents' and loved him as a son, directing his musical education in American and making it possible for him to have the best training in that line that Germany had to offer.

"But it was the 'soul' rather than the 'technique' of his music that most impressed us. He seemed to me to be at his best in sacred music and grand anthems and hymns. His soul predominated his violin, now rising in sublime adoration, now sobbing in penitential notes, now trembling with devout awe, now tender and sweet with the passions of love. The violin, the most personal of all musical instruments, was distinctly his instrument.

"No soul can have these qualities and a morally pure mind and body without having a pure faith. His complex nature, strung so tensely as his violin, was delicate in the extreme, struck by the hand of sympathy and love it responded superbly; struck by the coarser necessities of practical life it—well, like a violin struck by rough hand—broke. Alone and moneyless his courage failed, but I do not believe his faith, which turned his soul to the infinite, I do not believe his faith failed."

Among the many Waynesburgers who were in attendance were Dr. and Mrs. J. Calvin Mead, Dr. William Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Huffman, Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart, Miss Nannie Randolph, Misses Anna Jeffrey, Sara Bole, Lena Hook, Mr. Tabler, Arthur Patterson and A. G. Crago.

Hugh Daniels of Bobo was acquitted of the charge of stealing chickens, while Clinton Death was bound over to the circuit court, his bond being fixed at \$100, which was promptly furnished by his father, Clifford Death. The two young men were arrested Sunday morning on the

charge of chicken stealing, preferred by Adam Gephart, and their trial set for today before Squire Stone. The court room of this Justice was filled Wednesday at the time of the trial with the many friends of the two young men who are quite popular in their neighborhood. Prosecutor H. E. Heller appeared for the state, while the defendants had as their counsel, Peterson & Moran. A clerk of William Stettler, a poultry buyer of Williams, Ohio, was one of the chief witnesses in the case. He stated that he had made out a check in payment for some poultry to W. F. Williams, the seller, and he thinks that Death was the man who represented himself as Williams. He could not, however, identify Daniels as being in any way connected with any poultry dealings, and there being no circumstantial evidence against Daniels, he was acquitted, but Death was bound over to the circuit court. Mrs. Gephart, whose husband preferred the charge, was the loser of nine chickens April 28th, and the charge of the theft was laid at the doors of the two young men.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 27—The Indianapolis Sun, which is a republican newspaper, owned and edited by Rudolph G. Leeds, charges that every republican elected on the state ticket two years ago and now occupying office in the state house was elected dishonestly, through illegal and corrupt practices. Now, will these gentlemen, who profess to be honest officials, rest under this charge, coming as it does, from their own party? Or will the Sun go a step further, and demand that these officers surrender their offices to the democrats who were defeated on the face of the returns? This is the statement of U. S. Jackson, democratic state chairman, based upon the admission of republicans that their state candidates, elected two years ago, were elected illegally. This charge was made by democrats at the time, but with the machinery in republican hands there was no possibility of making it stick. Evidence was gathered to show that 2,000 of the 2,700 foreigners who voted the republican ticket in Lake county two years ago were voted illegally. Records of the immigration bureau show that they had not been in the United States to exceed six months when they voted. The law requires a year's residence. The 2,000 voters which are now admitted by republicans to have been illegal and corrupt, defeated the democratic ticket with the exception of governor and lieutenant governor and superintendent of public instruction. If they had not been cast the entire democratic ticket would have been elected. The republicans won by not to exceed 1,099, which was the plurality of David A. Myers, for judge of the appellate court, First district. "The democrats charged fraud and illegal practices at the time," said Mr. Jackson, "and now the republicans admit it. Is it not up to them to resign and surrender each office to the democrats who were thus illegally defeated? I call upon them to do so if they are honest, conscientious men."

The Sun is a rampant Beveridge supporter, and is understood to be very close to the senator, so close in fact that the inference is being drawn that if Beveridge did not know and approve of the Sun's charges before they were made, he was at least not averse to their being published. The Sun says: "The corrupt practices in Lake county in the last campaign are still fresh in the minds of the people. It was proven that nearly 3,000 foreigners were illegally voted in Lake county, men who had not been in this country long enough to be naturalized. The tremendous republican majority which that county gave and which saved the republican state ticket, was illegal, corrupt and rotten to the core and it is the shame of the republican party in this state that it ever defended the voting of a herd of foreigners less than six months away from Castle Garden, men who could not read or write or understand the English language."

INITIATION THIS EVENING.

A Class of Four Will Take Work in Modern Woodmen.

The weekly gathering of the Modern Woodmen will be held this evening at their hall and a class of four candidates will be given the degree work. Every... is in readiness and all that is required is that a large number of the members be on hand to help make it a memorable affair. Be sure and come.