

Indianapolis, Ind., July 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An important conference is being held in this city today, at which the democrats planned the battle of the campaign. The meeting is being attended by the executive committee, the state and congressional candidates and many of the prominent democrats of the state. Governor Marshall attended the meeting and many things were considered touching the manner of the campaign to be waged by the democrats. The meeting brought out the fact that the democrats everywhere are full of hope and are greatly encouraged by the conditions and by the signs of the times.

Thomas M. Honan of Seymour, nominee for attorney general, was here yesterday enroute home from a tour of the Thirteenth district. Representative Barnhart carried the Thirteenth by 423 votes two years ago, and it is Mr. Honan's prediction that he will be re-elected by 1,200. "He will carry St. Joseph county this year," said Mr. Honan, "notwithstanding that Charles W. Miller carried it against him by eighty-seven votes. Representative Dixon," continued Mr. Honan, "will increase his majority this year in the Fourth district, and in my opinion will carry it by about 5,000 votes. He carried it two years ago by 4,505. I have been through the Third and Fourth districts and part of the Fifth district, and through the Thirteenth, and I haven't found any trouble anywhere along the line relative to the state ticket. I cannot figure it any other way except that the state will go democratic."

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kenyon and family, formerly of this city are now located at Birmingham, Ala., where they have been for about a year and where they will probably make their home. They are quite well and like the place very much. Is the word of Miss Marguerite Kenyon, who is now here for a visit, being the guest of Miss Agnes Costello. Mr. Kenyon, who represents a publishing house, has traveled over the greater part of the United States in its interest, the family being located at various times at Memphis, Tenn.; Omaha, Neb.; Kansas City, and other points. The son, Omar, has a good position as linotype operator on the News at Birmingham, and Miss Marguerite has secured her diploma and is now teaching music in a kindergarten school, meeting with most excellent success. She will return tomorrow to Fort Wayne, where she will visit a week longer with friends before returning to Birmingham.

#### COMES HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

Miss Clara Williams, Teacher of English, Highly Pleased.

F. V. Mills of the city school board, has received a letter from E. E. Rice, superintendent of the city schools, who is at Chicago university, congratulating the board for their selection of Miss Clara B. Williams of Bloomington as teacher of English in the high school for the coming year. Prof. Rice stated that he had met Professor Kimmel of the Auburn schools, who is well acquainted with Miss Williams, and he speaks in the highest terms of her capability. Also a Professor Walters, who regards her as a teacher of the best qualities, womanly, yet a strong disciplinarian. She is well recommended, not only by the schools where she has taught, but by others.

Norfolk, Va., July 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Fortress Monroe is the scene of much sorrow today after the visitation of the explosion of yesterday which resulted in the death of eleven gunners and officers. Information from relatives is now being awaited and where the bodies are wanted they will be sent to the homes at the expense of the government, and those not asked for will be buried in the government cemetery here. It is believed that the explosion was caused by carbon monoxide, a highly inflammable gas which forms in the barrels of large guns and which is especially dangerous during rapid firing. The gun crew at Fortress Monroe was trying to make a rapid fire record, and the theory is that the new charge of power was hurried into the breach before the gases generated by the shot had time to dissipate, and before the breach could be closed again the powder exploded, blowing off the block and carrying death with it.

Geneva, Ind., July 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The chautauque was still up to the standard on Thursday evening, opening at half past two in the afternoon by Ellsworth Plumstead, the great character artist. Among some of his selection from Riley were "Thoughts For a Discouraged Farmer," "Raggedy, Raggedy, Man," and "Home Folks." These as well as everything Mr. Plumstead said and done delighted the audience. He was followed by the LaDelle Concert company, consisting of three mem-

bers, Miss LaDelle, reader; Miss Davis, solo and pianist, and Mr. Fox, violinist. The reading of Miss LaDelle in "Christmas Home Coming," and "Aunt Peggy and High Art," was the best of the chautauque. Miss Davis, with her beautiful, rich, high, soprano voice, flexible and of a delightful quality was even emphasized in her singing, "Coming Thro' the Rye." Mr. George Fox is a graceful player, and his rendition of "My Old Kentucky Home," in all its variations was received with great applause by the audience. In the evening they again entertained the Geneva chautauque and were greeted by a large audience. Mr. Plumstead was the first and made a great hit. He "Uncle Ezra," told us of the wonderful scene in the M. E. church at Peru in the early fifties. Miss LaDelle in her pleasant way gave the thoughts of a two weeks' old baby, all of which was out of the ordinary and denoted great study on the part of the reader. The violin playing of Mr. Fox and the singing of Miss Davis was again that of a high standard and execution. The two hours of entertainment and songs soon passed by and closed the fifth day of the Geneva chautauque.

Union services of the U. B. and M. E. churches will be held in the big tent on Sunday morning at half past ten. Rev. Harbour of the M. E. church will deliver the sermon.

Miss Winifred Ellingham of Decatur is here, a guest of Miss Isabelle Weeks, living on South Main street.

Grandpa Solomon Clay reached the ninety-first milestone in life's journey Thursday. He is the oldest resident of Geneva and perhaps of the county.

Daily Democrat)—The Berne high school, or the school officers, will get out a handsome year book, giving the course of study, which includes English, mathematics, history, Latin, Greek, German science and commerce. The book will contain much of interest to all those in the high school and will be embellished with handsome cuts of the school officers, teachers, the class of 1910, their new school building, which is one of the best in the state, and in all will be a credit to the school and to the town of Berne. The Berne schools are making great progress under the superintendency of F. D. Huff, who is one of the best school men that has ever been in charge of the work here. The class of 1911 will be the first class to complete the work outlined by the state board of education, and this fact is causing more or less pride to the average Berne citizen.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Kansas utterances of "Uncle Joe" Cannon, in which he has, while defending the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill, practically announced his candidacy as speaker of the next house of representatives, have added to the perplexity of the republican situation in Indiana. Senator Beveridge is going before the people of Indiana this fall on his record as an insurgent and his undying enmity to the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. Suppose Cannon should decide to come to Indiana with his eulogies of the same bill! The very thought of it sends cold shivers up and down the republican spine, for the possibility is not altogether remote. The republican organization in Indiana has its hands full at present with James Eli Watson, erstwhile congressman and Cannon's bosom friend and ardent supporter. Mr. Watson has been dashing around the state, so full of the idea that the present tariff bill is the "best ever," that it splashed out whenever he stopped. The republican managers have therefore tried to keep him moving, and have let it become known that James Eli is not going to make any speeches in Indiana this campaign if they can prevent it. Not only will he not be invited to speak, but any speech-making efforts or symptoms on his part will be promptly discouraged. This state of affairs has come to the ears of Mr. Watson, it is understood. He is a man of vigorous and picturesque language when aroused and has not been slow in making it known that he will make speeches in Indiana if he wants to, regardless of the state organization. The republican managers recall with no little degree of apprehension his announcement from the northwest that he would not make any speeches in Indiana this campaign. "I don't expect to make any speeches in Indiana," said Mr. Watson. Then he added with rare sarcasm: "Only about two each day for a month or so." Now comes "Uncle Joe's" escapade in Kansas, the home of Senator Bristow and Congressman Murdock, two of the most insurging of the insurgents. "Uncle Joe" has bearded the lions in their dens and Kansas has rung with the tariff battle of these eminent and warring republicans. The Indiana managers who have been glancing askance at Watson all the time and wondering

what they would do with him, got on a cold comfort from this example, set by the man who is Watson's warm political and personal friend. They are afraid that Cannon's excursion will stir Watson to similar activity. They know that Watson is aware of their determination to keep him from making standpat speeches in Indiana and they hope their attitude will not lead him to drag his friend Cannon into the state.

A crowd of people that occupied all of the seating capacity, both upstairs and down, with very little standing room in the building, was in attendance at the opera house Thursday evening "The Trip Through Death Valley" in motion pictures. The pictures were in charge of the Twenty Mule Team Borax company, who were represented here by two of their men, who explained the pictures as they were shown. The pictures were very entertaining and were worth the time of any one to spend an hour last evening and see how mineral is obtained and the process it has to go through before ready for use. Death Valley, as it is called, is situated in the southeastern part of the state of California and comprises a strip of land about fifteen miles long and five miles in width. It is a barren strip of territory with but a few shrubs on it and the soil looks like snow, owing to the soda which is found on the top of the ground. The main refinery of this company in this country, which prepares nine-tenths of the company's product is located at Bayonne, N. J., an extensive plant, and is the most complete to be found anywhere. The pictures showed on several occasions the twenty-mule team, which is used in driving over the country, known to have traveled fourteen days on one trip. The loads are very heavy, weighing forty thousand pounds, or as much as is required to fill a railroad car. This borax is considered as being one of the very best articles for cleansing purposes and like work. The company spares no expense in advertising the merits of their product.

before noon today the body would be disposed of as he saw fit. It is very much the desire of his betrothed, Miss Martha Armstrong, of Carmichael, Pa., to whom his marriage was to have taken place next month, and who arrived here yesterday morning, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Lincoln, of that city, that she be given the privilege of taking the remains to her home town for burial at her expense. This right was also conceded by the young man's grandmother, Mrs. M. Z. Hudson, of Lansing, Mich., at whose home the young lady had gone from Carmichael, expecting that the remains would be there by her arrival. Coroner J. C. Grandstaff of Preble was in the city today arranging for the disposal of the body of Leyton Potter, the young Oberlin, Ohio, music professor, which has been lying at the Gay, Zwick & Meyers morgue since Tuesday evening, when it was brought from Steele's park, where on that fateful afternoon he had ended his life by shooting himself in the temple. A message has been expected for some time from the young man's father, H. W. Potter, of Tacoma, Wash., who had directed that the body be placed in the vault here until a later message from him, directing its removal. The message from him has been delayed, however, and last night Dr. Grandstaff sent him another, stating that unless he heard from him but who, upon finding that the body had not been sent, came directly here. The grandmother had been fully expecting its arrival there, and it is said made all preparations for the burial. A message was sent to her this afternoon asking her final consent to the shipment of the body to Carmichael, and if the message comes in time this afternoon, the remains, accompanied by Miss Armstrong and her aunt, will leave over the Erie at 4 o'clock for her home, where the body will be buried.

#### NORTH INDIANA ASSOCIATION.

Editors Hold a Pleasant Meeting at Lake Wawasee.

Goshen, Ind., July 23.—At the annual meeting of the Northern Indiana Editorial association at Lake Wawasee the following officers were elected: President, A. D. Moffett, Elwood Record; first vice president, S. E. Boys, Plymouth Chronicle; second vice president, F. B. Leitch, St. Joseph News; secretary, J. A. Beanie, Goshen Democrat; treasurer, G. N. Murray, Nappanee News. Executive committee—C. R. Trowbridge, the Dodge Idea, Mishawaka; J. B. Stoll, South Bend Times, and Harry B. Darling, Laporte Argus-Bulletin. Mishawaka was selected as the place for next year's meeting. Today the editors and their families visited Lake Papakeeche, the combination of six lakes connected with Lake Wawasee by channel. Bishop John Hazen White of the Michigan City diocese of

the Episcopal church, was one of the principal speakers. The association passed a resolution asking Senators Beveridge and Shively to vote for the Nelson bill, which provides that the government shall not print return cards on stamped envelopes.

Fortress Monroe, Va., July 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Everything is again quiet about Fortress Monroe. Several certificates of merit were given to those who deserved such recognition. Colonel Townley, commandant of the fortress, issued certificates to Fred Kaulkner, private; Capt. William Hawk, C. G. Tark, private, and D. C. Wigley, private. Five others were commended for services during the exciting times following the scenes of the explosion. The board of inquiry is making an investigation of the cause, and it is expected that they will complete their report today and it will be immediately forwarded to Washington.

Charleston, South Carolina, July 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A wireless received here today reports that the steamer Comus is afire. The blaze broke out in the cargo hold late yesterday. Another steamer from the same line rescued all the passengers, so no lives were lost.

Springfield, Mass., July 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—M. E. Shephard, a Boston railroad man, was shot and killed here today by George C. Trely. The tragedy occurred near the latter's home, and it is believed that Trely is insane.

Grandma Sellemeyer, aged ninety-two years, one of the oldest residents of the county, is suffering from what is feared to be a dislocation of the hip, at the home of her son, William Sellemeyer, near Magley, with whom she has lived for many years. She is also the mother of A. H., Fred and Herman Sellemeyer of this city, and is well known to many over the county. Just how the accident occurred is unknown. She became sleepless during the night, and thinking that it was earlier in the evening, she arose and walked into the sitting room to see whether the other members of the family had retired, as has been her custom on several occasions. It is not known whether she slipped on a rug, or suffered a paralytic stroke, as the family had its first intimation of the accident when she called as she fell, and hastening to the room, found her prostrate. Dr. Grandstaff was hastily called to attend her, but the full extent of her injuries are unknown. Owing to her advanced age, the case is the more serious.

Mrs. John Rupright of Preble township is recovering from her fall of several weeks ago, in which several ribs were fractured and she was quite badly bruised and injured otherwise.

Nelson Bricker of Geneva was in the city Saturday and made announcement of the old settler's meeting which will be held this year in the Long grove, one and a half miles north of Geneva. This is the third year for these meetings and if the one held last year is to be any criterion they are bound to grow and be an annual feature in the life of the people of both Adams and Jay counties. The attendance last year was estimated at six thousand, and every one of that number had such an excellent time that it made the meetings a permanent feature. The list of speakers this year includes Congressman Adair of Portland, Hon. C. J. Lutz of this city, Hon. Abraham Simons of Bluffton and Hons. J. J. Moran and J. J. LaRochette of Portland. The program of the day will be out within a short time and it will include one day of recreation and pleasure, and the opportunity of meeting relatives and friends that can really be accomplished in no other way.

#### S. A. D. WHIPPLE AN AUTOHR.

Portland Attorney Writes Historical Romance.

Attorney S. A. D. Whipple of Portland, well known to members of the Adams county bar, has written an historical romance. A Portland dispatch says: "Dealing directly with the story of the Indian outbreaks of the eighteenth century in their relation to life in the vicinity of Fort Recovery, Ohio, Stephen A. D. Whipple, an attorney of Portland, has just finished an historical romance entitled, 'Arthur St. Clair of Old Fort Recovery.' The book was written primarily to give in historical and romantic form an account of the Indian battle fought November 4, 1871, at Fort Recovery. The book will contain more than 400 pages. The author has been gathering material for the book for three or four years, but it was constructed in less than two weeks, being written at the rate of a chapter each day. It is expected to be on sale soon."

Manhattan, Kans., July 23.—(Senator Joseph L. Bristow in a speech here, charged Speaker Cannon and the standpat congressmen with manipulation of the lead schedules of the tariff bill in support of the "smelter trust," so-called. "A duty not measuring the difference in the cost of smelting at home and abroad is promised in the republican platform but from \$2.50 to \$6.00 higher than the entire cost of smelting in this country was imposed on lead," the senator said. "This was done not in the interest of protecting a struggling American industry, but in the interest of a monopoly by the Guggenheims, backed by the great Rockefeller financial interests. Because I presume to object to this sort of thing, Mr. Cannon calls me a democrat, a demagogue, a lunatic and a pickpocket. Mr. Cannon, holding the office of speaker of the house, second in power and dignity in this government, has been routed over Kansas for a number of days denouncing the insurgents, myself in particular. Instead of indulging in vituperation, why doesn't he give the reasons why he insisted upon, ignored the plain, specific declarations of the national republican platform? Why did he stand by the senate in the interest of the Guggenheims?"

Danville, Ill., July 23.—When Speaker Joseph G. Cannon was shown what is purported to be a speech or a portion of a speech by Senator Bristow at Manhattan, Kans., as carried over the wires by the Associated Press, he said: "I do not care to discuss, to pay any attention to the ravings and screams of Senator Bristow and those who co-operate and scream with him and are joined together in an effort to put the republican party out of business. The legislation enacted by the republican congress speaks for itself by its operations from the standpoints of revenue and protection and every other standpoint. I endorse the Payne tariff bill as the best bill ever enacted."

James and Frank Edington, accompanied by Clarence Baughman, proprietor of the five and ten cent store, left Saturday for Bluffton where they will consult Morris & Company regarding stock purchased by the Edington boys for a five and ten cent store which they will open at Nappanee. They have been desirous of entering this business for some time and decided upon Nappanee as a most excellent location, as that city has no other store of this kind. They expect to have their stock in readiness for opening in about four weeks. The boys are hustling fellows, with many good business qualities and will no doubt make good in their new enterprise. Their mother, Mrs. S. E. Edington, will move her household goods to that place, where the family will make their home. The goods are being sent this week and Mrs. Edington left today for Fort Wayne, where she will visit until Tuesday, when she will go to Nappanee. Adams county is furnishing quite a great many merchants in this line, among them being A. Beavers at Monticello; Charles Barnhart, at Attica; Joshua Barnhart, who is preparing to open at Swayzee, and the Fuhrman boys from Monroe, who have located at Cambridge City. Miss Ella Edington, a sister, will go with them to help arrange their stock, but will later continue her millinery work.

Those who predicted a shortage in the season's fruitage will have to draw in their horns and give an optimistic turn to their countenance, for all the pessimistic predictions have fallen flat, says J. D. Hale, the well known seed dealer, who has talked to many farmers of Adams county. The wheat crop is proving a bumper yield, being from fifteen to twenty-five bushels per acre, and the quality extra good. The oats yield, it is estimated, will be from fifty to eighty bushels per acre, and the acreage this year in the county is said to be a third larger than ever before. The alsike yield is a remarkably good one, the marker pulling to about the three bushels per acre notch. In fact one farmer reports that he got thirty-one bushels of alsike from ten acres. Red clover also promises equally well. The timothy hay crop was also an excellent one, and as the sun shone with unprecedented brightness during the entire haying season, and there was nothing to hinder in any way, the hay is of unusually good quality. The yield of clover and clover mixed also promises an unusually large crop.

Tomorrow will be the last Sunday of the Rev. Spetnagel at the Presbyterian church before leaving for his vacation, which extends to September 1st. Rev. Spetnagel has been granted one week additional for his vacation this year, and will leave next Monday for Carlisle, Iowa, where he will join his wife and sons—the youngest of whom the father has never seen, as the little fellow was born at the home of its grandparents in Iowa, where Mrs. Spetnagel and son,

Robert, had gone for the summer. The reunion will, therefore, be the more delightful and is the more eagerly anticipated by all. The usual sermon will be delivered by the pastor in the morning, while the Sunday services will close with the twilight service, the merging of the Christian Endeavor and preaching hours. The pastor desires to greet the congregation at the services.

#### INSURANCE MAN DEAD.

Otto Wemhoff, local representative of the Prudential Life Insurance company, received notice this morning from headquarters in New York that the vice president of the company, Joseph D. Wood, of Newark, N. J., was dead. He had been on a trip to England and it was while there that he took sick, in London, and died on the thirteenth of this month. The remains have been brought to this country and taken to is home at Newark, where the funeral will be held. During the funeral service all business is to cease out of respect for him, and the hours designated are from one to three o'clock.

#### AUTO RUNS OVER BOY.

Jay, four-year-old son of Jeff Klipfentine, received a sprained hip by being run over by the automobile of Herman Wefel. It is said the little fellow attempted to get onto the auto, but was thrown off in some way, and he says the wheel ran over his hip. He soon recovered, however, and is able to use the limb now. Dr. Grandstaff was in attendance.

#### SOLD COLT.

F. M. Sullivan stepped a yearling colt, Hal Askins, one-sixteenth of a mile this morning in ten seconds, a 2:40 gait, and sold him on the spot for \$300.50. He is sired by Judge

#### MRS. TRITCH RECOVERING.

J. C. Tritch writes Rev. Powell from Bloomington that Mrs. Tritch is slowly improving and will be able to come home in two weeks. She suffered a relapse Wednesday of this week, but has recovered from that. She is now able to read her mail, which is a great comfort and recreation for her, and no doubt the pens of her many Decatur acquaintances will send many words of cheer to her.

Carl Sprunger, who graduated from the Berne high school the past school year, recently received a certificate in North Dakota, which gives him the privilege of teaching in any county in that state. This speaks well both for Mr. Sprunger and the B. H. S.

Lawrence Yager made a trip to the home of Ed Zimmerman near Peterson in his Jackson automobile Wednesday evening, accompanied by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Lena Yager, and his sister, Mrs. J. C. Moran, and daughter, Margaret, of Decatur. After spending a pleasant evening at the Zimmerman home and partaking of a big dinner, the party returned to Berne, accompanied also by Mrs. Jas. Zimmerman, formerly Miss Viola Yager. She and Mrs. Moran are spending a few days here.

While assisting his father in hauling in the wheat crop Monday, Wilber Neuenschwander was badly kicked by a horse. The accident happened at the barn, where he was handling a team. The blow was a severe one and might easily have resulted in sudden death. He was picked up by members of the family and assisted to the house and medical assistance was at once called. So suffered much pain for some time, but is now getting along nicely. His injuries are not permanent and he will no doubt be up and around soon.

London, Eng., July 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The officials of Scotland yards sent officers to Panaga today and the information given out is that they have scented a strong clew as to the whereabouts of Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve, both of whom mysteriously disappeared after the murder of the former's wife. All other clews have been run to earth and the officers of Scotland yards are at the end of their string unless some investigations of the day. The arrest of the suspect who gave his name as C. Rickward of Chicago, is not thought to know anything of the awful tragedy.

Newark, N. J., July 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—One hundred horses were burned to death in a fire here this morning that burned in the large Buckley sale stables. Sixty horses were recovered. The loss is heavy and it looked for a time as if many other buildings would suffer, but the fire fiend was finally controlled and confined to the stables as mentioned.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sprunger and children arrived in the city today from Mathews to make a visit with her father, F. M. Fuhrman.