

All the contracts necessary for the innumerable details of the exhibition of a large circus institution have been made for the appearance of the Hagenbeck-Wallace combined shows in this city on Wednesday, August 10th. This is one of the world's greatest amusement enterprises and because of its peculiar combination it is probably the most interesting. It is advertised by the management that it is without a peer in point of performance, and it would seem as if this boast is justified in a combination which includes two shows. The Wallace show has been conceded for years a place in the front rank of circuses, while the Hagenbeck trained animal shows has for years been without a competitor. When combined together the amusement world is thus permitted to see two great shows for the price of one. They will be in Decatur on the date announced, the Teeple grounds across the river being selected at the place where they will put on their performances of the day and evening. Decatur and Adams county will give them a warm welcome and will turn out the best crowd that ever saw a circus in this city.

THEY HAVE STOLEN PLANKS.

Prohibition Party Accuses Both Old Parties of Theft.

Indianapolis, July 30.—That the republican party has stolen its plank for a tariff commission from the platform of the prohibition party was the declaration of F. W. Lough of this city, state prohibition chairman, who delivered an address before several hundred prohibitionists assembled at Bethany park yesterday. This was reiterated by E. W. Clark of Indianapolis, state secretary of the party, who spoke later in the day. Mr. Clark also asserted that the democrats secured the plank of the platform which advocates the direct election of United States senators from the prohibition platform.

There was much sorrow among the employees of the Boston store today—and it is said that some even shed tears—over the fact that "Old Tom," the faithful delivery horse, who has served there steadily eight years, through rain and sunshine, ice and snow, cold and heat, but whose day of usefulness here is over, has been sold to a firm at Cincinnati, Ohio, and will soon be sent south to "wear his life away." A mournful air pervaded the store today, and strains of the old familiar song, "My Poor Nellie Gray," could be heard in subdued tone. The firm to which the horse was sold buys horses that are not in the pink of youth and frolicsomeness, and which find a ready market among junk dealers and Italian fruit venders in large places, where a quiet gentle horse, not too frisky, and one that is low-priced, is in great demand. Should "Old Tom" find an abiding place with a Cincinnati fruit vender, it is the opinion of the boys here that his life will not be so bad after all, and there is a gleam of rejoicing in the thought. The new horse is a dandy, answers to the name of "Prince," and being a young one, will be in excellent condition to make the continuous runs from the grocery to supply the heavy trade which this store enjoys. He has already entered upon duty and seems to like his new work the best kind.

A SENSATION IN NEW EVIDENCE.

Judge Erwin Promises Something Sensational in Miller Case.

A sensation in the way of new evidence is promised by Judge R. K. Erwin, counsel for Herman Miller, charged with the murder of Marshal Columbus Croy of Woodburn, in the second trial of the case in the DeKalb circuit court at Auburn August 22nd. "Since the first trial of the case here, when Miller was convicted, a great deal of valuable information bearing on the case has come into our hands," said Judge Erwin yesterday, "and these developments I firmly believe, will establish a clear chain of innocence for Mr. Miller." Judge Erwin declined to explain the nature of the favorable findings, but declared that they will surprise and startle those who have followed the case from its beginning.—*Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette*.

Beverly, Mass., July 30.—Senator Winthrop Murray Crane of Massachusetts, who occupies in the senate a position similar to that of the republican "whip" in the house of representatives, was summoned to Beverly by President Taft and had a long talk with the chief magistrate at Burgess Point. Senator Crane is perhaps the closest political adviser the president has. He was asked by the president to make a trip through the west in the near future, going as far as Seattle, Wash. He will inquire into political conditions in the states through which he travels. The president is said to desire this information first hand. He has the utmost confidence

in Senator Crane's political sagacity. This action is regarded as one of the most important politically that Mr. Taft has ever made. The senator's visit was surrounded with the greatest secrecy. Another significant move made by the president and of almost equal importance with the proposed mission of Senator Crane was the announcement that Mr. Taft has cancelled all of the engagements tentative and otherwise, that he had made in different parts of the country this fall. Important affairs of administration, it was said, would keep the president busily engaged at Beverly and Washington until November. Among the engagements officially cancelled was the Winona Lake, Indiana, chautauqua, August 30th.

Coroner A. J. Kesler has completed his inquiries into the death of little Charlie Coats, the orphan boy who died from the effects of wounds inflicted by his foster father, Moses Richer, now held in the county jail on a charge of murder, and has filed his verdict, holding Richer responsible, with the clerk of the court. The official verdict is accompanied by three closely written pages describing the five hundred or more wounds found on the boy's body and by the evidence of Mrs. Judith Stiner Richer, wife of the confessed murderer, who was the only witness to the husband's brutalities. The story of Mrs. Richer, signed and attested by her, is but a repetition of the statements made by her. There are a few statements showing that Richer was possessed of all the cunning of the most heartless savage in inflicting torture on his victim. Biting chunks out of the lad's quivering flesh, stamping with his heavy hob-nailed shoes on the little fellow's bare toes, holding his body against a red-hot stove, choking and beating his head against the side of the house, culminated when the fiend bit pieces from the lifeless corpse in his wildest excess of fury.

Monroe, Ind., July 30.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—On Thursday evening, July 28th, was the occasion of one of the best and largest socials held in Monroe this season, the same being held on the M. E. parsonage lawn in honor of the forty-ninth birthday anniversary of the Rev. McNary, pastor of the M. E. church at this place. For the past week the reverend gentleman had sent out representatives in all the highways and byways to invite the public in and around this community to be in attendance to help him celebrate his natal day. Over one hundred took advantage of the opportunity and began coming in early in the evening and at 8:30 p. m. the enjoyment of the evening was in full sway. Various games were pulled off on the lawn, singing and music, a speech by Rev. McNary, and all mingled in social chat, and to top the climax the ladies present conceived the idea that their host ought to have a small side issue to his already unbounded joy, so they proceeded to procure a two-wheeled cart and took their host on a "joy ride" by pulling him up and down the street, which caused much merriment. Ice cream and cake were served and each did ample justice to the occasion. Brother McNary was the recipient of several presents, the presentation speech, which was made by Dr. M. F. Parrish, being appropriate for such an occasion. Brother McNary also gave a short talk, followed by several songs and a prayer, after which all present sang, "God be With You Till We Meet Again," and wishing the Rev. McNary many more such happy returns, and also hoping to have the opportunity of meeting together again in the near future, they departed for their homes, feeling that they had a most enjoyable time.

It is whispered on our streets that we are to have a new business enterprise in our midst in the near future. Watch these items for fuller particulars later. Let them come. Monroe is glad to welcome any enterprise which may cast its anchor among us, and our citizens are up-to-the-minute to entertain any proposition in the way of business concerns or factories which are contemplating to "squat."

Eli Ray and wife left this morning for Logansport, where they will spend a week with relatives and friends. They will also attend the old settlers' reunion at Ridgeville before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hofer left this morning for Howe, Ind., and Sturgis, Mich., to visit friends for a few days.

M. S. Oliver left for Greenville, Ohio, to attend the funeral of his uncle, Frank Oliver, who died at Toledo, Ohio, last Tuesday and was buried at Greenville, his former home.

Dan Nossinger, living a short distance south of town, while being engaged in cutting oats Friday morning had the misfortune of being thrown from the binder by the breaking of the seat, resulting in his receiving a

cracked rib on the right side which will lay him up for some time. This family has met misfortunes galore, as Mrs. Nossinger and other members of his family are now and have been sick for some time.

James Andrews returned from Montpelier last night where he has been looking after his horse which has in training at that place preparatory to entering in the fall races.

Several changes in real estate took place this week, among them being that of A. B. Bailey, who traded his beautiful block house to Charles Bahner for his residence opposite the Monroe Hay, Grain & Milling company's plant, in which he will establish a first-class grocery and merchandise store. Dr. Parrish will erect a fine building on his lot where the Peter Kessels blacksmith shop is now located, in which he will install a modern telephone exchange for the Monroe Telephone company. It is also said that a fine business room will be erected on Main street within a short time. Monroe is having a steady boom and is bound to be heard from in the near future.

New York, N. Y., July 30.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Seated in a stone cell at the tombs is Erwin Widener, the twenty-five dollar a week cashier of the Russo-Chinese bank. He admitted that his downfall was due to the starvation wages paid him, and that it was impossible for him to keep himself and his family as it was expected that he would while occupying the place he did. He seemed bitter and dejected, and said that he never thought of the consequences but only had in mind the making of money, hoping as they all do that he could get rich quick and then pay all back that he had taken. But after he started into the stock gambling game everything was on the wrong margin and all he heard from his brokers was a demand for more money in order that he might save what he already had spent with them. This led to a recklessness and daring seldom unequalled in Wall street, and in all six hundred thousand dollars in bonds and securities was taken from his bank and lost in this way. He has not a dollar of the stolen money. In default of a thirty thousand dollar bond he is now in the tombs awaiting his preliminary hearing which is set for Monday.

New York, N. Y., July 30.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Manager of moving picture shows are being fined from one dollar to fifty cents for exhibiting the Jeffries-Johnson fight pictures.

The township trustees are filing their levies for next year. These levies are filed with the auditor and are established tax rates for each township purposes. Quite a number of the trustees were in the city today attending to this part of their official duties.

Four sets of macadam road bonds are in the possession of the auditor and were expected to be taken up during this month. Up to date but one set of bonds have been sold, that of the G. H. Martz road in Monroe township. The bonding houses are not doing anything with this sort of securities and to avoid them have pounded the price down to a fraction of ninety-three cents. The bond buyers, however, state that the prevailing slump will not last long and that in their opinion they will be selling at or near par before long. Such securities are credited with being gilt-edged and all right.

There is nothing exciting on tap for the August term of commissioners' court, which begins Monday morning. The board, however, will put in several busy days.

ONLY TWO HUNDRED AT GARY.

Gary, Ind., July 30.—Gary now supports 184 saloons and it is expected to have at least 200 the day after the county commissioners meet at Crownpoint the first Monday in August, when a number of license applications will be granted. City Clerk Harry G. Moose last week issued ten licenses for saloons which will occupy buildings just completed. Gary's population is estimated now at 18,000, which with 200 saloons in operation, will give one saloon to every ninety residents.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 30.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—No doubt exists in the minds of politicians here that James E. Watson was referring to Senator Beveridge when, in his denial of certain charges made by Hamilton Fish in New York, he declared that these charges were inspired by some one in Indiana. In his denial also, Mr. Watson steps forward and shoulders the responsibility for the tariff commission, which is one of the trump cards in Senator Beveridge's political trick. These two attacks upon

on Senator Beveridge by Mr. Watson are a development of the fight that is being waged against Beveridge by the element of the republican party which Mr. Watson stands—the "regular" republicans, who question Senator Beveridge's sincerity and for that reason regard him as highly dangerous to the party's interests. No names were mentioned by Mr. Watson when he spoke of the man "higher up," but it was not necessary here. He made it clear that Congressman Fish, in his opinion was not responsible for the charges that he uttered against Watson, and branded the man who inspired them as too cowardly to come out into the open and make them himself. In the matter of the tariff commission he went directly to the point and showed himself to be the active agent. Mr. Watson's statement closes with a threat, that if such attacks continue, he will "mention the names" and make a direct assault upon their instigator. He will not hold the "tool" responsible, he says. Congressman Fish charged that Watson used his influence and knowledge as a former member of the ways and means committee in congress to influence legislation in behalf of the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill. "The statement is made," says Congressman Fish, "that Mr. Watson's fees as special representative for certain parties before the ways and means committee were larger than he received for his term in congress." This Mr. Watson denies. At the same time he proceeds to appropriate Senator Beveridge's thunder along tariff commission lines. "I defy Mr. Fish to produce a single member of congress," says Mr. Watson, "who will say I ever approached him to secure his influence on any matter relating to legislation save alone in regard to a tariff commission. Representing the National Association of Manufacturers, boards of trade and commercial bodies throughout the country I did labor with the individual members of the ways and means committee of the house and the finance committee of the senate to create a board of tariff experts, and I was present with Mr. VanCleve and Mr. Schwedtman when Senator Aldrich prepared the present law on the subject."

Mr. VanCleve was president of the National Association of Manufacturers, of which D. M. Parry was at one time the head.

Further in his statement Mr. Watson repeats: "I labored with no member of the ways and means committee or other member of congress save alone to secure the formation of a tariff commission."

He concludes: "If I have any statements to make in this campaign or at any other time with reference to any citizen or citizens of Indiana I shall not have them made in New York, Louisiana, or South Dakota, but in Indiana. I shall not have them made at all, for I shall make them myself and shall back them up with evidence that is irrefutable."

This, it is admitted on all sides, is a "pretty hot one," being a direct attack upon the manliness of the "man higher up."

DRAWING TOOK PLACE.

Beautiful Presents Given Away by Yager Bros. & Reinking.

Promptly at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon the big Reg Tag sale which has been conducted for the past month by Yager Bros. & Reinking, was brought to a close and two valuable presents were given away to the parties holding the lucky numbers. Joe Knappe and Mash Burd had charge of the drawing and was conducted in a very satisfactory manner. The davenport was won by Mrs. Alphonse Kohne, whose number was 2153. The lucky person holding the number for the cook stove was O. L. Vance. Miss Maria Connell was chosen to pick the tickets.

PICKED AT DYNAMITE.

Exploded and Tore Off Thumb and Finger of Boy.

Ransom, twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Barkley of Union township, who had a finger and thumb amputated this week, is getting along very well. The lad had picked up a piece of dynamite, which he began to pick with his finger and thumb, when it exploded, partially tearing off both thumb and finger to such an extent that it was necessary to complete the severance by amputation.

Two more employees of the Decatur postoffice have been rewarded by Uncle Sam with an increase in salary for continued service, which has proven most efficient. The two thus rewarded are Wld Dorwin, city mail carrier, whose salary has been increased from \$1,000 to the maximum, \$1,100 per year, and S. E. Shamp, mailing clerk, who has his \$900 salary raised to \$1,000. Very recently that of Jesse Helm, a clerk, was raised from \$800 to \$900, and George Flanders will get a hun-

dred dollar raise in October, making his annual pay envelope puff up the \$1,000 measure. Many of the other carriers and clerks are now pulling off the \$1,100 per year salary, which is the maximum amount paid. The employees start in with \$600 a year. This is raised the first year \$200, and \$100 each year thereafter until the \$1,100 line is reached.

Architect C. N. Christen has just completed plans for a residence which when complete will be occupied by a German teacher, such instructor to be employed by the Emanuel German Lutheran congregation in Union township. The house in question will be a modest little cottage, containing the conveniences of all country homes and will be built at the ground owned by the church and used for school purposes. Henry Blahey and other members of the congregation were in the city looking after several matters pertaining to the erection of such a building. The Emanuel congregation with Rev. Bauer is one of the flourishing and strong churches in the county and like all the other congregations they will make this improvement and pay for it, without asking for any outside help. At an early day bidders will be asked to submit figures and after the contract is given the work of building will be rushed to completion.

Thirty-six ladies found the Dr. P. B. Thomas home on Third street a delightful place Friday afternoon, cool and inviting and beautiful to behold, for the party given by Mrs. Thomas for Mrs. Knapp and Mrs. Otto Haubold of Evanston, Ill., who have been her house guests during the past week. The airy and spacious porches were transformed into most inviting nooks with their accessories of rugs, tables and chairs, potted plants and flowers, while the rooms within the home were made fragrant and delightful with garden flowers. In one room were the illies in Jardiniere, in another bowls of the fragrant sweet peas, and in still another the pungent nasturtium in great profusion, all being chosen and arranged to blend with the colors of the room. A very unique little entertainment had been arranged for the company. Sheets of tissue paper in all the soft and lovely colors, together with scissors and more material millinery equipments, were provided, each guest being asked to select two sheets of paper in whatever colors she preferred. From these were fashioned hats and bonnets of every description—but all dainty and beautiful—so much so that it was somewhat difficult for the judges to select the most becoming. The three judges were the Misses Fanny Hite, Marie Patterson and Marie Allison, before whom to music of a march, passed the line of ladies, each wearing the bonnet fashioned for her. The judges agreed that the one, a dainty pink and white affair, made by Miss Bess Congleton for Little Virginia Knapp, was the most beautiful and the honors were given to Miss Congleton. During the afternoon Miss Marie Allison and Mrs. Knapp sang and Mrs. Otto Haubold played, the music contributing much to the pleasure of the day. At 5 o'clock a buffet luncheon was served, Mrs. Thomas being assisted by Miss Petra Olson.

Last Sunday afternoon at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. John Bucher a most enjoyable birthday party in honor of their son, Sim, was held. The afternoon was spent in music and games. A delicious 6 o'clock dinner was served, consisting of ice cream, cake and other dainties. Those present were the Messrs. Slim Bucher, Willi Belz, Ed Bucher, Jacob Wagner, Walter Belz, Eli Boyer, Albert Bucher, Silas Bucher, and the Misses Kate Belz, Anna Bucher, Lilly Sturm, Iva Bucher, Frances Bucher, Mrs. Buetner and daughter, Alma and Edith Bucher. He was presented with a gold watch and fob and the occasion will be a long remembered one.

Miss Harriet Hill of Salem, Mass., who made her home several years with her aunts, the Misses Sarah and Lell Segur, while attending the Decatur high school from which she graduated, is expected to arrive next week for a visit with Miss Margaret Daniels and other friends here. She will then go to Angola, where she will be the guest of Miss Sarah Segur and other relatives. Upon her return to Salem this fall Miss Hill will become the bride of Will Hayward, a well known young man of that city, though the exact date of the wedding is unknown to friends here.

Do the people of Decatur and Adams county want a Home Coming? During the past week there has been some agitation of the matter and many have expressed themselves as favorable to such an event, but so far there has not been sufficient encouragement to warrant the committee to proceed. Such affairs require time, if they are made successful, for many of the people must arrange weeks ahead if they will visit the old home for some live hundreds of miles away. To ascertain whether or not the people here want a Home Coming the committee has asked us to issue a request that all who favor such an event express themselves by writing a postal card to this office. These will be turned over to the committee and if looks favorable a mass meeting will be called and the affair planned and then the work will begin in earnest. If we have one it should be a good one and that's what it will be if we all join in. Our boys and girls are scattered over many states. It would be good to have them all home at once. It's up to you. What do you say? Drop a postal card to this office at once if you favor the project.

Meye, Mr. Otto Meyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. Kruse, Mr. and Mrs. D. Bosselmann, Mr. and Mrs. C. Stimmel.

Miss Naomi Dugan gave a slumber party Friday night in honor of Miss Pearl Heimann, who returns to Tiffin, Ohio, tomorrow after a pleasant visit with Mrs. W. L. Lehne. Other guests were the girls of the W. V. A. club, including the Misses Reba Quinn, Florence Meyers, Winifred Sowers, Neva Brandyberry and Frances Cole. A drive to a grove west of the city at 5:30 o'clock this morning, with a delicious breakfast there, was a unique feature of the entertainment.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION.

Gasoline Stove Exploded While Being Carried.

While carrying a gasoline stove Harry Thomas of Auburn met with very painful injuries when the stove exploded, severely burning him. Although the burns were quite painful he is now recovering and will be able to attend to his daily labors in a few days.—Exchange.

Columbus, Ohio, August 1—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Assaults on nonunion crews were resumed today, in spite of the 3,000 armed national guardsmen on duty. A mob attacked a Leonard avenue car, dragged off the motorman and conductor and turned loose the running car. It collided with another car, but the crew escaped uninjured. Major-General Charles Dick is in command of the troops.

New York, N. Y., August 1—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The funeral of John Griffin Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury, who died last night, will be held in Washington, Wednesday, with interment in Covington, Ky.

Alesin, Ala., August 1—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A mob shot to death and burned the body of William Walker, a negro, early today, after he had criminally assaulted and stabbed Mrs. Mattie Gibson, 31, white, a farmer's wife.

San Francisco, Cal., August 1— "I am positively through with the fight game. I shall never step into the ring again. This is final." James J. Jeffries is quoted with this statement in the Los Angeles Record today.

There was much increase in interest and attendance at all the services of the Christian church Sunday, the two sermons preached by the new pastor, the Rev. J. M. Dawson, being of unusual interest and impressiveness. The Sunday school also showed a remarkable increase, the attendance numbering thirty-two persons more than on this Sunday of last year, which is quite a good showing for the efforts of the pastor during his short period of labor here. Arrangements were made Sunday by the Sunday school for their picnic excursion to Robinson park, Fort Wayne, the date for this year having been set for Wednesday, Aug. 17th. The excursion will be made by interurban and the committee in charge will leave nothing undone to make this a rare day of pleasure for both old and young. Further particulars will be announced later.

MRS. GEPHART RECOVERING.

Philip Gephart, living seven miles south of the city, has returned from Fort Wayne, where he called on his wife, who is a patient at the Lutheran hospital, where a week ago Thursday she underwent an operation for the removal of a tumor. He stated that she is out of danger, and is getting along very well indeed, which is gratifying news to all her friends here.

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