

Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—All plans that have been made at Indianapolis for redistricting the state into twelve congressional districts were rendered obsolete when the house of representatives yesterday afternoon, by a combination of democratic and bolting republican members, passed the bill of Representative Crumpacker, increasing the membership of the house from 391 to 433, with extra provision of one member each for Arizona and New Mexico.

The bill passed by a viva voce vote after the test had come on a motion to recommit with instructions to substitute by inserting 391 in place of 433. The motion to recommit lost. There were 131 votes for it and 171 against it.

On the motion to recommit and on all preliminary votes leading up to it Representative Crumpacker bolted the republican caucus and voted with ten democratic members from Indiana for the enlargement of the house to 433.

Representative Barnhard of the Sixth district voted with the regular republicans to carry out the decree of the caucus for a house of 391 members.

Representative Barnhart of the Thirteenth was the only Indiana democratic member who voted against increasing the size of the house. He backed up his vote with a vigorous ten-minute speech, pointing out that the house already is so large as to be unwieldy and that representatives will soon become as common as policemen or hitching posts unless congress ceases to enlarge the house at every decennial whenever there is danger that some state may lose representation.

#### "Save Clark" is Slogan.

Several of the Indiana democratic members at heart were opposed to any increase in the house, but the Crumpacker bill, by a strange turn of fate, became a democratic party measure, and support of it was enjoined upon all democrats as a party necessity to save the congressional delegation from Missouri.

Champ Clark and his Missouri democratic colleagues felt there was danger that their congressional careers might be unceremoniously cut off if the 391 apportionment bill passed, making it possible for the Missouri republicans to force the entire congressional delegation from that state to be elected at large.

#### GO TO FORT WAYNE.

Royal Neighbors Will Take Class to Fort Wayne.

A large number of the Royal Neighbors of this city with a class of candidates, will leave this evening for Fort Wayne, where they will be guests of the Fort Wayne lodge, and where the initiation will take place. The class of candidates includes Mrs. Oliver Schug, Mrs. Hencher, Mrs. G. C. Steele, Mrs. Mel Butler, Mrs. Martin Miller, Mrs. Kiess and Mrs. S. P. Sheets. A very good time is in store.

#### DISTRICT CONTEST FEBRUARY 13.

Adams County Spellers Compete With Others of District.

The district spelling contest will be held a week from Saturday, February 18th, at Portland. Delegates from this county who will compete with the winners from other counties in the Eighth district are: Marion Michaels, Monroe township; Manola Bryan, Blue Creek; Samuel Fluckeger, Monroe; Clara Gilbert, Monroe; Minnie Tricker, Blue Creek. In case these cannot attend they will be represented by their alternates: Hazel Davies, Blue Creek; Allen Stalter, Kirkland; Vera Smith, St. Mary's; Wilma Frech, Union; Katherine Glendenning, Hartford.

J. B. Kalver, former clothing merchant here, son of Barney and brother of Izzy, as a war correspondent, now what do you think of that? Jake represents the Remick Music company and is by the way one of the leading advertising men of the country in this line. The Los Angeles Daily Times, of February 6th, contained his picture on the first page, with pictures of Mexican walls and buildings, and said:

"Arriving in Los Angeles yesterday from El Paso and Jaurez, J. B. Kalver of Chicago, publicist for an eastern music publishing house, had the first photographs to show of the Mexican troops on duty at Jaurez and much of interest to tell about the military situation there.

"I obtained few enough good photographs," he said, "for the good reason that the federal troops of Mexico were still holding Jaurez when I was there and they stubbornly contested the right of American photographers to operate in their city. As many as twenty-five camera men were arrested in Jaurez last Friday. They were taken to the bull ring and held for about two hours.

"After each arrest the American consul would be notified and he would explain to the picture makers that the objection of the Mexicans to being

photographed must be sustained. Thereupon the American photographers would promise to desist and would be released from custody. We had the liberty of Jaurez as long as we did not attempt to make pictures. I was warned three times not to use my kodak and I finally gave it up as a bad job. I left because I had to.

"It was the other way with the insurgents. Their provisional government is at El Paso and he is glad enough to receive the newspaper correspondents. He had a pretty hard laugh about the fact that on the very day that Enrique Creel gave out an interview at Mexico City in which he stated that Gen. Robago had administered a crushing blow to the forces of Orozco, the federal authorities at Jaurez having advised the Mexico City authorities of Rumbago's defeat.

"At El Paso the people hardly know what to think. Opinion among them is divided. Some think that a war in which the main wing of the army consists of less than 1,000 soldiers can amount to nothing more than a brief and sorry jest. They think the revolution is pathetic. Others believe that with Jaurez and two railroads in the hands of Orozco and his men, the insurgents have a brilliant chance of ultimate success.

"Those who take this latter view are genuinely alarmed for the safety of El Paso. They feel that no amount of precaution on the part of the contesting forces at Jaurez can possibly circumvent danger to the American city.

"Whatever may be the American view of the situation at Jaurez, there can be no doubt as to the view of the population on the Mexican side of the distressed border. Women and children are flocking across the river and are sleeping in the school houses of El Paso. Some of the men have come also, while some of them have been impressed into involuntary servitude by the federal troops. They have been quartered in the bull ring which is being used as a fort, but the federal troops have taken no chances by giving them arms in advance. Many persons think that, at the first opportunity, these conscript soldiers will desert the federals and go over to the revolutionists. There is a strong feeling that not even all of the standing army of Mexico will resist the revolutionists with any spirit.

"The part which the Yaqui Indians may play in the guerrilla warfare is a problem which is watched with eager interest. They, of course, are in Sonora rather than Chihuahua.

"At El Paso the Americans have been lining the hill tops, the roofs of houses and even the box cars, with field glasses in their hands. These positions they will evacuate speedily when Mausers and howitzers are actually under operation. After the first shot is fired the war will not be popular and those present will know that it is not a matinee.

"Americans in Jaurez are moving back and forth between the cities, although they have been warned of the attack on the city. They spend their night in El Paso but they go over to Jaurez in the day time to feed their live stock and look after their interests in general."

Indiana with her two successive democratic victories has somewhat the bulge over those other states that fell in line only last fall. This prowess of the Hoosier state means a lot to Hoosier democrats, who expect rewards in the way of official positions. Stokes Jackson is now being helped by this prestige. If the next president is a democrat it will put Indiana democrats in the front rank when the good things are passed around.

#### ELI MERRYMAN DYING.

Elisha Merryman of near Steele transferred here this morning on his way to Fort Wayne in response to a message that his brother, Eli Merryman, of that city was dying from paralysis of the brain, to which affliction is also added pneumonia, affecting one lung. Mr. Merryman formerly lived in this city and was one of the county's prominent school teachers. He is also a brother of John W. Merryman of this city.

#### PLAY PORTLAND.

D. H. S. Basket Ball Team Will Play There Friday.

The Decatur high school basket ball team will go to Portland Friday noon, where they will have a game with the high school team there in the evening. They are going well prepared and expect to win. Several others will accompany them there to boost for the home team and any one is welcome to go.

#### JOHN CONTER AND WIFE

Of Cleveland, Ohio, Were in City Last Evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Conter, who on last Tuesday were married at Cleveland, Ohio, were in the city last evening, calling on friends for a short time. They left on the 5:30 car last

evening for Fort Wayne, to make a short stay with his sister, Mrs. Anthony Arnold.

#### BASKET BALL GAME.

Between Bluffton and Decatur Phi Delta Kappas.

The Phi Delta Kappas' basket ball team and subs left today noon for Bluffton where this evening they will meet the Bluffton Phi Deltas' team in contest. Those who left today noon were Otto Green, Vane Weaver, Vaughn Murray, Glen Falk, Dick Peterson, Bob Peterson, and Harry Jeffries. The Phi Delta Kappas initiated three candidates Wednesday evening—Carl Smith, Bob Peterson and Dwight Lachot, after which a social time was spent.

#### NOT MANY THERE

To See "Daniel Boone" at Opera House Last Evening.

Only a few witnessed the play of "Daniel Boone" at the opera house last evening but those who chanced to see the play were well paid for the attendance given. The company carried the real wolves, which were so extensively advertised, the large dogs, Indians and other equipment, which made one think that it was the real thing. It was one of those western dramas, mingled with sufficient comedy to make it very entertaining, the members playing their parts to perfection.

Wednesday evening at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Charles Knodle, in the south part of the city, was solemnized the wedding of Will Ruckman and Miss Grace Gauze, the Rev. D. O. Wise, pastor of the Evangelical church, saying the ceremony that united this well known young couple for life. The wedding was a very quiet one and witnessed only by Mr. and Mrs. Knodle. The groom is the popular young barber of the city and a very estimable young business man, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Ruckman of Root township. The bride is one of the highly respected young ladies of the city and for a number of years has made her home with Mrs. Angeline Archbold of this city. The young couple will make their home in this city. Today the bridal party, with a large number of relatives and friends, were tendered a reception and in fact dinner at the home of the groom's parents, in Root township, a number from this city attending. Mr. and Mrs. Ruckman begin their new life with the very best wishes of all.

The wedding ceremony that united in marriage Miss Martha Tribolet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tribolet, and Mr. James Artman, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Artman of Decatur, was performed by Rev. W. W. Martin, pastor of the First M. E. church at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, corner of Johnson street and Wiley avenue. The ceremony was witnessed only by the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends of the bride and groom. Miss Tribolet and Mr. Artman mingled with their guests until the time for the ceremony, when they took their places in front of the officiating minister, standing in a corner, where an arch and bank of smilax and carnations had been tastefully arranged.

The bride was attired in her traveling dress in preparation for the bridal journey. Mr. and Mrs. Artman have kept their time of their departure and their destination a secret. They will leave some time early this evening but the point of departure and the other details are known to no one but themselves, not even their immediate families.

Mr. Artman has been employed as a photographer here and at Decatur. He expects to go to Portland to work in the near future and he and his bride will make their home there.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tribolet the bride's parents, entertained the two families at dinner and supper today. Those present from Decatur were Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Artman, Mr. M. S. Artman and Miss Ruby Artman.

Mr. and Mrs. Artman have the hearty congratulations of an extended circle of friends on their nuptial day. Miss Tribolet is a member of one of the city's highly respected families and is held in high esteem by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances on her own account. She has been employed as a milliner. Mr. Artman has been located in this city several years and during his stay here he has made warm friends and has awakened hearty admiration through his many sterling qualities.—Bluffton News.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Stokes Jackson met with great encouragement during his visit to Washington this week. It is generally conceded that Stokes will be elected sergeant-at-arms of the next house. His only opponent now is Ryan of New York, an ex-member of congress. Stokes is

making his fight on the lines that the position is not a pension or a snap, but that it is a business man's job and that the salary is one to be earned by hard work.

Indiana republicans are in a bad mess. Every time a Beveridge man seeks a job the clubs of the Fairbanks men begin to swing. Poor Edwin Lee wanted to be marshal, but no less persons than Fairbanks, Heumenway, Durbin and Kealing rushed to the white house to warn President Taft that he must not give Lee a job in Indiana. If any Beveridge men get federal offices they will be given places outside of the state, where they will have little opportunity to take part in any party reorganization. The Fairbanks crowd intends to do the reorganizing.

Indiana democrats have reason to feel good, with Lincoln Dixon on the next ways and means committee. Ohio democrats are worthy over not having a man on the committee. Dixon will occupy a central position in the great tariff revision that is to take place within the next twelve months. The work of the committee will furnish the arguments for democratic success in the presidential campaign.

Congressman Adair has given his friends to understand that he has no gubernatorial bee. This will leave the Eighth district open to other contenders. Samuel M. Ralston always has had a strong following in the Eighth.

It is expected that Senator-elect Kern will come to Washington shortly before March 3rd to take the oath as senator. Several senators-elect already have come here to be sworn in.

Congressman Bohne's five hundred dollar subscription to the Indiana Democratic club building fund may be the inspiration for several subscriptions of like sums, since Mr. Bohne is not the only democrat in Washington who has a deep interest in the welfare of the club. Some of the others, however, have not quite as large reserve funds from which to draw. The wealthy First district member is the envy of many congressmen who find living expenses terribly high in Washington.

A kindly feeling has sprung up between Congressmen Denver of Ohio and several of the Indiana members. Mr. Denver is a big man of Ohio and his friendship is worth having. He is not a congressman from choice, but because the people of his district persist in electing him.

#### A VALENTINE SOCIAL.

A merry Valentine social and "heart hunt" will be given next Monday evening, February 13th, in the Ben Hur or Red Men's hall, by the Ruth Circle of the Christian church. An invitation is extended to all, especially the young people's societies of the various churches, and a large attendance is expected. There will be various booths, a fortune teller's tent, fishing pond, a musical and literary program, a heart hunt, and many diversions. A supper will be served later for those desiring it, for ten cents. There will be no admission fee.

That the musical recital to be given by the Academy of Music on Friday evening, February 24th, to be held at the Knights of Columbus hall, will be another demonstration of the excellent work, which is being done at this institution is evidenced from the interest and work on the part of the pupils and teachers alike. Although two weeks' distant, and yet much time to be devoted before the giving of the recital, the affair will be none other than one of the best ever given by the academy. At this time only the third, fourth and fifth grades are to take part, but the opening of the evening's program will be barred from this, when six of the smallest tots of the entire class will render a song and piano trio. At this time Mrs. J. Q. Neptune will be awarded a gold medal for having successfully completed the seven grades. The program which will be later printed in full, consists of violin, piano and vocal quartets, also vocal and piano solos. A beautiful pantomime will be given, entitled, "At the Golden Gates," and will be among the best numbers of the evening, as will also "Evening Echoes," a song to be rendered by the younger members of the St. Mary's church choir. The entire program will not fail to please in any way, and lovers of this art who attend on this occasion will be highly entertained for a good part of the evening.

Rev. J. W. Lower, pastor of the United Brethren church at Ossian, has written his brother, J. S. Lower, of east of the city, telling him of the wonderful success of his church in raising a fund to pay off the indebtedness of the church there and place in their hands a fund of a few hundred dollars with which to make improvements. When Rev. Lower arrived at

Ossian he found a debt of \$1100 on his hands, and being a man who does things, he immediately began steps for paying this off. The church and parsonage also needed repairs and the pastor decided that it was necessary to raise \$1,500. He fixed last Sunday as the day for this effort, and had the assistance of Rev. Fout of Dayton, a splendid worker. At the morning service they raised \$1,143.38, and in the evening, though the blizzard kept the crowd from being as large as it would have been otherwise, they raised the amount to \$1,256.35. Rev. Lower is greatly pleased with the result of his work and is confident that the desired amount will soon be attained. His wonderful achievement should be an incentive to churches in some of the larger cities and towns.

#### MAY NOT CHOOSE A SENATOR

Unless Shehan Withdraws There will Probably be no Choice Made.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 9.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Unless William Shehan withdraws as a candidate for United States senator, the legislature will adjourn without selecting any one, is the opinion of the wise ones here today. A failure to agree in yesterday's meeting is taken as positive indication that the opposition to Shehan will remain firm. It is likely that the next New York legislature will be republican and this would mean a republican United States senator.

"One of the biggest sales of the season in this section of the state was held Tuesday by the Isch brothers, on the old Isch home farm east of this city, near the Wells-Adams county line, and cried by Michael & Sons, of this city," says the Bluffton News. "Although it was one of the largest sales in point of total receipts the stuff sold still represented only the surplus which the heirs of the Jacob Isch found convenient to keep after making the division of over 600 acres of land into individual farms to the various heirs, and the proceeds of this sale became part of the estate, for division. The heirs still have a large bunch of fine horses, cattle, etc., which was not even shown at the sale Tuesday. The total of Tuesday's sale was \$5,385, and the prosperous condition of the community in which the sale was conducted was evidenced by the fact that there was \$3,095 of the total paid in cash on the day of sale.

"Horses at the sale sold at good prices, and they were good horses and buyers got the value of their money. The top price for a horse was \$270. Another sold for \$250, and one sold for \$225. The total for horses alone brought over \$2000. Cows sold at an average of \$55, and a bull sold at \$67.50. Three steers sold at \$63 each and three others sold at \$57 each. Sheep went at a moderate figure, \$7.50, for some fine stock."

The Isch farm, formerly known as the Robinson farm, comprising a section of land, being the largest farm in Adams county, was within a week or two divided among the heirs.

Southern Florida, Feb. 9.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Mr. William M. Clause and Mrs. Barsheba Mook Crays were quietly married by Rev. Horace Kohne at their winter home in southern Florida on the front veranda which was beautifully decorated by our tourist ladies from Van Wert county. Mr. Clause is one of the prominent farmers of Van Wert county, and highly respected. Mrs. Mook has been known at Willshire for years as one of the most highly esteemed. Those present were Dr. Kohne, wife and son, Farmer, Mr. Sampson Kohne and wife of Van Wert, Mr. Henry Williams of Ohio City, Mr. Shepherd and wife of Oklahoma, Mrs. McDonald of Olga, Fla., and Rev. H. Kohne and wife of Willshire, Ohio. The entire crowd of tourists join with the people of Van Wert, Ohio City and Willshire in wishing them the very best through life.

#### IN FOR SECOND TERM.

Reuben Melch, an enlisted soldier now in Columbus barracks, was here today to visit with friends. He made a short trip to Rivaire, and will later go to Lima to see his parents. Mr. Melch states that he likes army life, and he is in for a second enlistment. He has had extended trips to the various parts of the country and has seen all of the interesting points in the west.

#### HAD GOOD SESSION

The Modern Woodmen lodge held a very interesting meeting last evening and much business pertaining to the order was attended to. A good attendance was on hand to care for the discussions which came up and sum it all together was one of the best gatherings enjoyed by the members for some time.

Democrat Want Ads Pay.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

LOSE & THOMAS ARE GROWING

New Men On—The John Adair Cigar Is now on the Local Market.

Two more cigar makers, Jack Cully and Dick Sheeter of Cincinnati, O., began work today at the Lose & Thomas factory. They are adding new men as fast as they can get them and the business is looking up nicely. Yesterday they shipped another case of John Adairs to the Hood House at Portland. This rapidly becoming popular cigar is now on the market here and is meeting with favor. Local business houses are pushing it and its good qualities. The addition to the building is being pushed to completion and Lose & Thomas will soon have a convenient and roomy plant.

#### VALENTINE BOX SOCIAL.

The Knights of Columbus lodge is making arrangements for a Valentine box social and dance to be given at their hall on next Tuesday evening, February 14th, St. Valentine's Day, and preparations relative to same are already under way. The decorations for the occasion will be pretty and the members are working hard toward the move. Dancing will take up the forepart of the evening, then the disposing of the boxes and then dancing for a short period of time. A special invitation is extended to the ladies of the parish to be present.

Hoze Martz, charged with petit larceny, the taking away of some wagon wheels, plead guilty in court, and was fined ten dollars and costs and sentenced to jail for sixty days and upon the fine and costs are paid.

A motion to quash the affidavit against Lewis H. Corbin, for selling liquor without a license, was sustained and Prosecutor Parrish immediately filed a new affidavit against Corbin.

In the case of state vs. John Kramer and Mary Delner for marrying out of the state with the intention of living here, a motion to quash the indictment was sustained and the defendants were released.

Charles Page vs. Christina R. Vail, answer to cross complaint. Christina Vail filed by defendant William Zimmerman.

Chicago & Erie railroad company petition for appointment of appraisers on Mercer avenue improvement demurer filed by city of Decatur.

Dan Straub who is charged with selling liquor without license, was released from jail on his own recognizance his bond being \$100.

#### A BUSY PLACE.

Walters and Reppert Doing Much Business.

Walters & Reppert, who recently purchased the VanCamp foundry, who have been running this establishment, are prospering in their undertaking and turning out a great deal of work each day. Just yesterday they unloaded a car load of the famous J. I. Case threshing machines and other equipments going with same which they will dispose of. They have this machinery set up and operating within a short time, and are one interested in this line will be entirely welcome to come and look over the stock. Just last week they received a car load of automobiles which they purchased for their disposal, and expect to sell them in the near vicinity. The new firm is doing business on a large scale, and is increasing the stock of their plant day by day by the adding of something new for the carrying on of their business.

#### ATTEND PIE SOCIAL.

The public is cordially invited to attend the pie social given by the boys of Miss Dessie Beery's Sunday school class at the J. D. Beery home on North Third street, Friday evening, February 10th. The boys wearing white aprons and caps will do the serving.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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