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What is meat? Minority Leader Mann asked the question in the debate on the farmers' free list bill. There are a lot of people who would be unable to answer Mr. Mann's question, having had so slight a personal acquaintance with the article in these recent years of protection and "prosperity."

The death of Jacob Butcher of Geneva removes from earthly scenes one of the popular and prominent men of the county. His greatest assets in life, were his broad smile, his cheerful disposition and his frankness. He was one of those men whom it was always a pleasure to meet and his presence in this city will be missed, especially by the members of the Adams county bar. In public and private life he was honest and straightforward, as a soldier he was brave, at home he was a dutiful and kind father, and his death is deeply regretted by hundreds of citizens of Adams county.

The purchase of the Huntington Morning Times by H. M. Ormsby, owner of the Bluffton Banner and the Huntington News-Democrat, marks the passing from the newspaper field of Thad Butler, a man whom every newspaper attache, from the devil to the editor, has respected for over a third of a century. He has been a fighter for his ideas, a real newspaper man, who aided his community, and whose editorial and news columns were read with interest. He edited the Huntington Herald for many years and for four years past has devoted his talent and ability to the establishment of a morning paper in Huntington. He succeeded against wonderful odds and in his statement to the public he says his ambitions are at an end. He will continue at the head of the paper temporarily. No announcement as to the future policies of the newspaper situation in Huntington have been made, but it is rumored that the News-Democrat and the Times will merge and look after the morning field, while the Herald, in which it is said the controlling interest has also been sold, will take care of the evening field.

The office of the township trustee is being moved from the Stone block where it formerly was located to the suite of rooms in the interurban building on the second floor. No reason was assigned for the change.

L. L. Gilpen and mother of Portland were visiting over Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Merriman.

The flowery eloquence of Congressman Dalzell of Pittsburgh, standpatter extraordinaire and a perpetual defender of the saintly tariff, sometimes runs up against a snag of facts. In his speech in the house the other day Mr. Dalzell spoke of Pennsylvania's "myriad of workingmen in the receipt of the highest wages paid any workingmen on earth, all of it a shining exemplar of the beneficent results of the system of protection." Before he repeats this statement before a critical and inquiring audience the Pittsburgh tariff champion should get the census bureau to edit and revise its statistics. The census bureau's statistics of manufactures issued in 1905, the latest available, fail to bear out Mr. Dalzell's contention that Pennsylvania's tariff protected workmen are the highest paid of any. The figures show that Pennsylvania's 763,282 wage earners enjoyed the aggregate wages of \$367,960,890, an average for each of \$482 per year, or \$9.26 a week. New York's 856,947 wage earners were at the same time paid \$430,014,851, which is \$501.66 per year or \$9.60 a week for each, 34 cents per week more than was earned by the tariff-protected Pennsylvanians. Coincidentally Minnesota's 96,636 wage earners got \$35,843,145, an average of \$510 a year or \$9.80 a week for each, or 54 cents more per week than the specially favored Pennsylvanian, who "is in receipt of the highest wages paid any workingman on earth."

The Ohio legislature is bidding high for a place in the corrupt and contented class. Pennsylvania, New York and Illinois got there first, but the Buckeye legislators are proving to the satisfaction of all that they are no slouches when it comes to pulling off a neat grafting game.

Thoughtful newspaper men throughout the country have at last become awake to the situation created by the circulation fakirs, and business men who have studied the matter are protesting vigorously against paying for both circulation and advertising. It is the old, old story of greed overreaching itself and humbuggery meeting with exposure.—South Bend Times.

Muncie went "wet." The "drys" made an earnest battle and the vote was close, considering the fact that over 5,700 votes were cast. A clash between factory owners is said to have made the contest more bitter than it otherwise would have been. Now two hundred men are after the twenty-five saloon licenses which will be granted by "dry" commissioners and the fun has perhaps just begun.

The first democratic legislature in Ohio for many years has certainly shown themselves anything but what they were intended for—a reform law-making body. Detective Burns and his assistants have uncovered much graft, and a dozen arrests is the result. It is humiliating and disgusting, and still there is nothing much for our republican brother to gloat about. It has been an open secret for years that the Ohio legislature has been "rotten." Votes have been openly purchased, even for the exalted office of United States senator, while no laws have been made of any consequence, except by the liberal use of greenbacks, and still this is the first democratic legislature in three generations. The only disappointment is that the supposed honest representatives elected because of the graft existing were not big enough to dodge the grafters and make a record that the state and nation would have been proud of. It is likely, however, that the influence will be for good, and that for a time at least bills in the Buckeye legislature will be considered on their merits. The days of the political graftor seem to be passing.

Governor Marshall expresses satisfaction because of the fact that suit has been filed to test the validity of the act of the recent general assembly wherein it is proposed to submit a "new constitution" to the electors of the state, next year, for ratification or rejection.

"I have maintained," said the governor, "that the supreme court should pass on the validity of the act before it is submitted, and I am glad the step has been taken to get such a decision."

The state officers named in the complaint have not prepared their plans of defense. It is said to be the business of the attorney general to assume charge, and he is preparing to do so. It is probable, however, that the services of attorneys who supported the measure in the general assembly will be proffered. Edwin M. Corr, chairman of the judiciary committee in the house of representatives in the recent session, which committee considered the validity of the measure at that time, has assumed a deputyship in the attorney-general's office, and it is said much of the preparation in that office concerning the defense, will be turned over to Mr. Corr.—Indianapolis News.

Joseph Crozier, a well known Adams county farmer, residing northeast of the city, near the state line, is bearing severe wounds on his head, the result of being kicked by a young colt, rendering him unconscious for some time and cutting a long, deep gash entirely through his right cheek, and knocking out one of his teeth by the roots. Mr. Crozier had gone out to attend to the chores about the barnyard, and had let into the stalls in the barn two colts from the pasture. Between the colts and other horses in the stable were kept bars, as they were not on just the best of terms. Mr. Crozier had put the bars up and was just walking away, when it is

supposed that one of the colts thought the noise was made by one of the horses and kicked out with full force, striking the man on the right side of the face. He was felled to the ground and lay unconscious for some time, but finally recovered and walked to the house, where medical aid was summoned to care for him. The wound bled profusely and the deep gash in his cheek was a horrible sight. The face is badly swollen and the injury painful, but he will get along all right.

Roll Ellis returned home from Fort Wayne, where he paid a visit to his father at the St. Joseph hospital.

Miss Sylvia Droppleman, who was called to Jeffersonville by the illness of her aunt, Mrs. Carrie Algar, writes that her aunt is much better.

Mrs. Peter Gaffer, who was taken very seriously sick with an attack of the heart Saturday, and who was at the point of death, is much better and is able to be up again, though she is still very weak.

Mrs. Mary Wemhoff today received a letter from Miss Jessie McLain, stating that her mother, Mrs. Catherine McLain, who has been quite seriously sick with double pneumonia at the home of her son, Emmer McLain, at Fresno, Cal., is much better and that hopes for her recovery are now strong.

P. H. Wagner went to Ft. Wayne this morning to pay a visit to Mrs. Wagner, who last week underwent an operation at the St. Joseph hospital. She is improving somewhat, but not as fast as she might, although it is thought she will get along much faster from now on.

Mrs. Elmer Miller of North Fifth street has been quite sick since Sunday with gall stones.

Fred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kookin, is sick with what is said to be typhoid fever.

(United Press Service.)

Winnipeg, May 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Great forest fires are still raging through northern Manitoba and Saskatchewan. Scores of small towns are in danger.

El Paso, May 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Fighting was in progress today in the streets of Juarez. The rebels captured a portion of the city and the federals were driven from their barricades erected in the streets. Medero demanded the surrender of the city and at 8 o'clock he was practically in control. Upward of 500 insurgent troops entered the city. The federal guns were silenced and the casualties are reported to have been enormous. Shortly after the firing began, Mrs. Joseph Garcia and son were wounded by stray bullets. The United States troops were ordered to keep the fighters three blocks from the river. Captain Limbersalt, an American, was killed.

It was learned here this afternoon that the insurgent losses in today's battle were 150 and those of the federals much larger. Fifteen Americans, fighting with the insurgents, were killed. An unconfirmed rumor says that General Medero was badly wounded.

Washington, D. C., May 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The American Federation of Labor today appealed to all workingmen of the unions for \$500,000 for the defense of John McNamara at Los Angeles. The appeal denounces the Burns detective agency who they say will be unscrupulous in securing evidence, the National Merchants' Association, with their billions of wealth and power, and the Merchants' Association of Los Angeles and General Otis. It was signed by Gompers and Morrissey.

### BAPTIST MEN'S MEET.

A number of the men of the local Baptist church are planning to attend the men's banquet to be given Friday evening at the First Baptist church in Fort Wayne, at which the Rev. Stackhouse of New York City will be the principal speaker. The local delegation will leave on the 5:50 car and return on the last car. The change in interurban time tables, which takes place tomorrow, should be noted.

### CELEBRATE MOTHER'S DAY.

U. B. Church Will Join in Widespread Celebration.

In accordance with the custom of many of the churches over the land, the United Brethren church of this city will on next Sunday morning celebrate "Mother's Day." There will be a special program, a special sermon by the Rev. Imler, and other appropriate features, to which every mother is invited, each one to be pre-

sented with a white carnation. Mother's Day was founded by Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, its general object being as she phrased it, "a simultaneous observance throughout the world of the love and gratitude men, women and children owe their mothers." It is believed that this year's observance will be much more extended than that of last year. It should be known that there is no peculiar mark of distinction on the part of those participating in the general observance, beyond the wearing of a white carnation, or in its place a simple white badge.

Having traveled a distance equal to twice the circumference of the globe, yet possessing the fire and lively action of a colt, and ready for more mileage, is the record of a fourteen-year-old horse owned by William H. Engle, of Rural Route No. 2.

On December 1, 1902, Mr. Engle was given the route, and he made the first trip over that route with this horse, which he has driven ever since that time. The first three years of service were not regular for this horse and is not taken into consideration in the figures that are given. There are 292 working days in the year, there being fifty-two Sundays and fifteen days' vacation that they are relieved from duty. In the working days the horse traveled over twenty-four miles of route, making 7,008 miles per year. In totaling the sum only the last six and one-half years were taken into consideration, it being the time the animal was used regularly without substitution, and in that time the horse traveled exactly 45,552 miles, exclusive of distance from and to the post office, and other work outside of the regular route.

Summing up the total trips on the route, allowing for time missed in the nine years the horse has traveled approximately 60,000 miles on government work alone. Truly an enviable record for any animal. It is necessary to shoe the horse every four weeks and none who witness the operation care to change places with the horse-shoer as the horse is a little frisky for an ordinary man to shoe.

The Mt. Pleasant Epworth League will have a gaiety day next Sunday when the installation of the following officers will be in order: President—Letitia Singleton. First Vice President—Oscar Fuhrman.

Second Vice President—Bertha Fuhrman. Third Vice President—Beulah Fuhrman.

Fourth Vice President—Otto Rice. Treasurer—Velma Butler. Secretary—Milton Fuhrman. Organist—Verna Mann. Chorister—Letitia Singleton.

In the evening the entertainment in celebration of the twenty-second anniversary will be given, a very interesting one having been outlined, and to which the public is given an earnest invitation to attend. At the evening service a silver offering will be taken.

### SHIPS FINE SHEEP.

T. H. Baltzell, the well known breeder of fine Shropshire sheep, today shipped one of the finest specimens in Adams county. The animal weighed 235 pounds and brought the fancy price of seventy-five dollars. It was shipped by National express to S. S. Stettlacher of Altamont, Ill.

### FIREMEN TO MEET JUNE 29TH.

Although two months away, the Winchester fire department is making elaborate preparations to entertain the 1911 convention and annual meeting of the Northeastern Indiana Volunteer Firemen's association, which will be held here Thursday, June 29th.

It is expected that several thousands will be their guests at that time. The towns and cities represented in the association which will have their departments there for the convention are as follows: Fort Wayne, Montpelier, Dunkirk, Parker City, Hartford City, Portland, Butler, Berne, Bluffton, Garrett, Eaton, Decatur, Columbia City, Cicero, Wabash, Gas City, Albion, Farmland, Auburn, Markle, North Manchester and Middleton.

Saturday, June the tenth, is the date set for the holding of the commencement of the Adams county common schools. The commencement will be held this year in this city, at the Central school house, and promises to be the usual important event in the year for the common schools.

The number of graduates has not yet been determined, inasmuch as there is still another county diploma examination to be held, but the number will far exceed a hundred. County Superintendent L. E. Ophiger has made arrangements for the preparing

of the program and this will be ready for announcement in a few days. The school year just closing has been a most successful one over the entire county and the graduates this year will enter upon the next higher plane with a thoroughness of preparation unsurpassed, by any other class.

The commencement exercises will be held in the morning.

"The tenth annual state convention of the Knights of Columbus opened Monday evening at the local council's club rooms at Fifth and Main streets, with a reception to delegates and visiting members of the organization. Several committees had charge of meeting the delegates who arrived Monday afternoon, and made them acquainted with the local members of the lodge.

"Nearly a hundred delegates are expected, and visiting members will probably swell the crowd to fully 150. This evening, in the general reception dance, the most important function of the convention will take place. Forty-eight chapters are represented.

"There are to be several important members of the organization present, probably the most popular of whom is the Rev. W. J. Cronin, state chaplain of the order, who lives in Rushville. Other officials will be Warden William Regan of Connersville; Advocate Hugh Corbet of Gary, Indiana; State Treasurer Louis F. M. Miller, Vincennes, and William V. O'Donnell, state secretary of Columbus, and State Deputy Charles R. Duffin of Terre Haute.

The program is as follows:

Monday.  
8:00 p. m.—Reception for Delegates and Third Degree Members in Knights of Columbus Hall.

Smoker and Refreshments.

Tuesday.  
9:30 a. m.—Delegates Assemble in Knights of Columbus Hall.

10:00—Convention convenes in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

8:30 p. m.—Reception and Dance for Delegates and Catholics of the City.

Convention Headquarters, Knights of Columbus Hall, Corner Fifth and Main streets.

### DAILY CENSUS REPORT.

A bright nine-pound baby girl was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. William Williams of Short street.

### QUEEN OF ELKS' MARDI GRAS.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 9—Miss Clara Piepenbrink, Monday night won a spirited contest for queen of the Elks' mardi gras to be held here in connection with the state reunion of Elks May 24th, 25th and 26th. The official program for the tenth annual Indiana state reunion of Elks to be held here has just been announced.

The program opens Wednesday, May 24th. Mayor Jesse Grice will welcome the Antlered hosts. Exalted Ruler August Herrmann of Cincinnati will respond.

Thursday will begin with a business session at 10:30, a big band prize contest will be held at 1:30 p. m.

The election of officers will be held Friday morning.

The crowning feature of the entire program, however, will be the grand mardi gras parade Friday evening, followed by the grand ball. Indianapolis is expected to be here in force to capture the 1912 reunion.

Various musicians of the city, and those wishing to unite into the formation of an orchestra for this city, known as the Decatur orchestra, held a very enthusiastic meeting, the first one called, Monday evening and much headway toward their aim was accomplished. It is to consist of thirteen pieces, including four first violins, a cornet, a clarinet, two altos, a melophone, a tuba, flute and two trap drums. A number of instruments and music have been ordered, which they expect the forepart of next week and not until then will they do much toward the advancement of the music.

At present they have the room over Mrs. Burdg's millinery apartments, but expect to obtain a lodge room where they can put in their practice and arrange up-to-date headquarters.

The best musical talent in the city has been secured, and whenever they see a change for improvement, will do so. They expect to furnish amusement at various gatherings the coming summer months and will be in a position to do so in a very short time. William Biggs has been elected secretary and treasurer, and will look after the business which may come up pertaining to the association. Those included are Bernard Wertzberger, Warren Hamerick, Fred Patterson, and a Mr. Noble, first violins; Dr. Mangold, clarinet; Frank Engle, cornet; William Biggs, alto; Percy Williams, melophone; Fred Engle, tuba; Milton Yager, flute; Golda Biggs, pianist, and Naomi Niblick, trap drums.

### MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

The Adams County Medical society will meet at Dr. S. D. Beaver's office, May 12th. Dr. C. R. Price of Geneva will read a paper on "Abortion." Also, this is clinic night and each member must report a case.

There is also much business to be transacted and each member should try to be present.

DR. C. C. RAYL, Secy.

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