

At 3 o'clock this afternoon, one additional name had been filed in the First, making the total 188, a majority of twenty-five and five additional in the Third, making a total of 202, and a majority of six.

The effort to keep the open saloon out of Decatur is closing today with a quiet but apparently determined effort on the part of the anti-saloon forces. The "wets" completed their work last night when at 10 o'clock Attorney A. P. Beatty and Auditor T. H. Baltzell went to the auditor's office and the former filed thirty-six withdrawals. He immediately gave the auditor a receipt therefor and took the withdrawal sheet away with him. As the two entered the court house a crowd of thirty or forty of the active workers against the saloons, who had been awaiting the filing of the withdrawals, followed them up to the door of the court house, but the door was closed and locked. When the officer and attorney reappeared, Attorneys Minton and Walters demanded that they be shown the withdrawals, and Mr. Baltzell explained that he would not let the crowd into his office at that time of night. The attorneys then asked to be admitted and the auditor took them in and showed them the receipt. So far the withdrawals have not been made public. Mr. Beatty was out of the city today and could not be interviewed on the subject. Mr. Minton claims the action nullifies the filing of the withdrawals and that according to a decision in the circuit court of Martin county, where he had a similar case, that they will not count. Attorney Peterson says that while he has not looked up the law proposition that his understanding that the stamping of the word "filed" and the date upon the document constitutes an official filing of a document and that an attorney has a right to withdraw papers by receiving them for. It will probably form the basis of another scrap in court. The "dry's" organized themselves into a guard and patrolled the court house until 12 o'clock, but no further appearance was made by the saloon men or their attorneys.

At 10 o'clock this morning Attorney Walters appeared at the auditor's office and filed the remonstrances for the First and Third wards. The First ward document consists of three sheets in which C. L. Walters is given power of attorney for 187 voters, the number necessary being but 163, making that ward as predicted yesterday, unquestionably dry. This remonstrance will appear on the docket as "W. J. Barrone et al." The first sheet contained 71 names, the second 48, and the third 68. The result in that ward is no surprise, and was conceded from the first, even by the "wet" leaders.

The result in the Third ward is very close indeed, and if one-half the withdrawals are held good, the licenses would have to be granted. At 10 o'clock this morning the number filed by Mr. Walters was 198, one name being signed twice, leaving but 197, or exactly the number necessary. It was predicted that fifteen more would be secured during the day. The remonstrance will be entitled "F. H. Nichols et al." he being the first on the list. C. L. Walters is the attorney in fact for 184, while thirteen are filed separately, having been secured after the remonstrance proper was typewritten. One case that has attracted considerable attention from both sides is that of R. W. Eddington, who signed the card several days ago, then signed a withdrawal, and according to the papers filed, again signed the remonstrance at 6:12 this morning, the paper showing that he did so on the porch at his home, with two workers as witnesses. Under the law the last act is the one that governs.

Since the result of the taking out on receipt of the withdrawals seems to make some doubt about them and since it is impossible to state how many of the withdrawals filed were actually those of signers, it is difficult to predict what the outcome will be, and it may require some litigation to determine it.

In fairness to Auditor Baltzell it should be stated that he told those gathered about the court house last night, that he was only trying to do his duty as he saw it and that he would be glad to accommodate the "dry" forces by allowing them to file signers to the remonstrance until 10 o'clock tonight, thus giving the same rights to each side. At 5 o'clock all the new cards secured today will be filed and if any more are secured after that time they will be filed after hours.

Special Judge James J. Moran of Portland was here this morning and filed and rendered judgment on his special findings of facts and conclusions of law in the case of the Allen county commissioners vs. Arthur C. Fast et al., venued here from Allen county. This is the case in which the commissioners of Allen county are suing for the costs in the great Fast ditch case. Separate motions by the defendants, Bash and Sprinkle, Bur-

was received today from Charge de Affairs Williams of the American legation at Pekin. President Yuan Shih Kai also cabled the state department affirming the message as read in the assembly of acceptance. He expressed the appreciation and regard of himself and of his people.

#### ROY BATTENBERG VISITS HERE.

Roy Battenberg and son, of Cincinnati are here for a few days' visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Battenberg. Roy formerly knew every man, woman and child in Decatur, and he has had great pleasure today in looking over those he met to see who was who and why? He is employed by the Atlantic & Pacific Tea company, his duties being to go to various cities where the stores are not doing the business they should and working up the trade, when he is moved somewhere else. He has lived in four different cities during the past year. This was his first visit here in fourteen years.

One of the most exciting games of base ball to be played this season will be held Sunday when the local Shamrocks meet the Fort Wayne Badgers in a game of base ball on the local field. Each of the teams won a game Sunday will be one of the hardest fought battles ever witnessed on the local field. Both teams have strengthened their weak places wonderfully and much spectacular playing is assured from the beginning of the game to the end. The local boys showed the effects of their hard training last Sunday when they "walked over" the former star players of the city and it is expected that a repetition of that game will be had next Sunday. The game will be called at 2:30 prompt.

#### WANTS RAILROAD VALUES.

#### Interstate Commission Began Work May First.

The Interstate commerce commission made tentative plans for starting the work of finding the physical valuation of railroads May 1. A board of engineers, the personnel of which will be announced later, will assist the commission in formulating the plants under which the work will be done. The board will be composed of civil engineers who have been selected from separate localities and from different lines of work and environments. In addition to the board of civil engineers, the commission will select an advisory board of three members composed of men fully competent to advise on the many questions which are to be presented to the committee as the work proceeds. The financial, statistical and economic problems will be undertaken by the present commission. Under the law, the tentative valuation reached by the commission must be submitted to the railroads, to the department of justice and the governors of the states in which properties are located and to such additional parties as the commission may prescribe. The observation of Mother's Day is indicated by wearing a white carnation in memory of the mother who has passed on, and a red carnation for the mother who is living. Other white flowers are used to mark the day, but the white carnation is the Mother's Day emblem.

Mother's Day is a day on which the absent children should write long letters home to their parents, letters that contain more than, "How are you? I am all right. Love to you and father, good-bye." But don't write to your mother, or any one else, during a fit of the blues. The cause of depression doubtless will have disappeared before she receives your letters and she will be troubled without cause.

On Mother's Day honor the best mother who ever lived, your own, by wearing a white carnation.

At just five minutes past 2 o'clock this afternoon the case of the State vs. Dr. George Thain of Fort Wayne was given into the hands of the jury. The arguments closed at noon, and on convening this afternoon at 1:30 the court charged the jury, they retiring to deliberate thirty-five minutes afterward. The case has been on trial since Tuesday morning, Dr. Thain being charged with criminal operation, resulting in the death of Mrs. Winnie Marhenke of Monmouth.

At 4:30 o'clock last evening all the evidence was in, and the matter of the arguments taken up. Special Judge D. E. Smith granted each side two hours. Ex-Prosecutor J. C. Moran, who is assisting Prosecuting Attorney R. C. Parrish, made the opening speech, concluded last evening. Court opened an hour earlier this morning, at 8:30 o'clock, to rush the case through as soon as possible. C. J. Lutz for the defense, spoke first this morning, and was followed by Attorney L. C. DeVoss, also for the defense. Prosecutor Parrish made the closing speech for the state and the jurors were allowed to adjourn for dinner. On convening at 1:30 o'clock, Special Judge D. E. Smith charged the jury and they retired to deliberate. The case throughout was a hard fought one, characterized by some brilliant work on the part of the lawyers. Their addresses in argument were conceded unusually good.

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#### "Trail of the Lonesome Pine" Plays Return Engagement in Ft. Wayne.

The tremendous success of "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," at the Majestic, Fort Wayne, last week when hundreds of readers of John Fox, Jr.'s, beautiful book, witnessed Eugene Walters' striking dramatization, marked the engagement of the big production as one of the most noteworthy of the season. The great play proved so popular that the management of the Majestic has arranged with the producers to play a return engagement. The play will be seen in Fort Wayne again on the night of Monday, May 5, and indications are that many local theater goers and book readers who could not attend at the former engagement will

take advantage of this opportunity to witness Eugene Walters' great play of the Virginia hills. The same cast and production will return. Prices: Lower floor, \$1.50 and \$1.00; balcony, 75c and 50c; gallery, 25c. Mail orders for all out-of-town people will be filled now.

#### SOUVENIR POST CARDS.

#### Local Chautauqua Scenes Will be on Sale Throughout That Week.

People who attend the chautauqua here this year will be able to buy souvenir postal cards of local chautauqua scenes to send to their friends and preserve in their albums. The advance men now touring the south and middle west for the Redpath Chautauquas are making arrangements with a photographer in every town to secure negatives of chautauqua scenes on the opening day and place them on sale at the chautauqua tent and throughout the city. The Redpath itself receives no remuneration from these postal cards. The arrangement is made only that the public may be able to secure chautauqua views if they so desire.

The second Sunday in May, or a week from tomorrow, has been set apart as a day in which we honor the mothers, not only one's own mother, but all mothers. We pay tribute to our military, naval and political heroes—this comparatively new holiday is designed to pay tribute to motherhood.

"My son, never go anywhere you

would be ashamed to take your mother—never associate with anyone you

would not wish to introduce to your mother—never say anything you

would be ashamed to say to your mother, nor listen to stories you would not

wish her to hear," is the farewell caution given to many a boy on leaving home. No boy ever went astray who heeded this caution. A good mother's influence is not for one day only, it is forever. Children may disregard her wishes while she lives, but when she is gone, when her loving heart no longer finds excuses for their transgressions, then her influence becomes stronger, reaching out from the grave to purify and uplift, to strengthen the weak impulses and broaden the life.

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At 10 o'clock last night the "dry" forces filed the last half dozen cards with the auditor, bringing the total, not counting duplicates, up to 215, and closing a day of unparalleled fighting for the anti-saloon forces in which they left nothing undone, to win. County Auditor Baltzell, as he told those who criticized him the night before, kept his office open until 10 o'clock. One more signer was secured afterward, but the auditor was just leaving the office and it was not accepted. Two more names were filed in the First ward, making a total of 190.

Both sides are claiming a victory in the Third ward and another legal battle is expected as a result. Mr. Walters, attorney for the "dry's" said this morning: "We have undoubtedly won any way it is figured. We do not believe the withdrawals will count, but even if they do, there are but ten or eleven that can be used, and this would still leave us a safe majority. It has been a hard fight and we feel elated at the results so far."

Mr. Beatty and Mr. Peterson, attorneys for the applicants, both stated that they believed the applications would have to be granted. They say there will be at least fifteen withdrawals to count and that a number of the signers will be proven not to have been legal voters. It will no doubt have to be fought out in court, and several questions will arise.

The withdrawal sheet was refiled this morning at the auditor's office, disclosing the names of thirty-six voters of the Third ward, of which number, however, according to the comparison made, fifteen were not signers to the remonstrance, or were signed for the first time yesterday. This leaves twenty-one with which to figure. Of these eleven were secured yesterday, leaving but ten withdrawals to count. This gives a majority of nine for the "dry's," if all the signers should be held valid. It is probable that several of the names will be held to be those of parties not legal voters of the Third, but the "dry's" contend that there cannot possibly be more than three of these. However, the "wets" do not admit that and it will take a careful examination to determine the exact result and a possible contest.

The matter will come up before the commissioners Monday morning at which time it is likely they will fix a time for hearing on Wednesday as they did before.

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"A Little Savage" was the name of the play given last evening by a cast of local talent and to say that it was produced in a manner that gave satisfaction to every one in the large audience is indeed giving but slight praise to the various actors. The feature of the play was the noticeable lack of the shyness and nervousness which is shown so plainly in other plays and the cast last evening carried through their parts with a vim and snap that plainly showed the hard work and rehearsing during the past several weeks. Ruby Baker, as Lady Agnes Southerland, was excellent, while Frank Bremerkamp as Lord Cecil, her son, was a perfect scream in his original representation of an English nobleman. Nina Wagner, as Georgia Sherwood, an heiress with many troubles, deserved the credit of an artist with the delightful portrayal of her part. Mable Weldy, as May Churchill, the captain's wife, pleased every one while Genevieve Bremerkamp in the title role, the little savage, was the hit of the evening with the excellent playing of the most difficult part. Clayton Carroll, as Captain Churchill; Vaughn Murray as John Woodruff, a West Point cadet, and Howard Wiesehaupt, as Lieutenant Lawton, are all old favorites and the playing of their various roles were fine. The play was given under the auspices of the Rebekah Lodge to secure new robes and was staged by Miss Osee Armstrong of Ridgeville.

An evening in newspaperdom was the pleasing experience of the senior high school class and the high school teachers when they were entertained by Dan Tyndall, a senior, at his home on Monroe street last evening. A very cordial greeting was extended by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tyndall, who gave over the home to the party, and passing within the house the guests were soon mingling in animated freedom. For on the back of each one was pinned some headline from a newspaper on a current topic of the day. These were guessed by the bearer from the answers to his questions and the conversation carried out about him by the others. This free mingling soon did away with any formal constraint that might attend a gathering of this kind and paved an open way for the other delightful entertainment series. A number of familiar, nicely illustrated advertisements were pinned about the rooms for guessing, and Miss Ethel Fuhrman was awarded a dozen carnations for being the most successful. Representative of the art department was the guessing of the names of famous paintings, by articles placed on a table, this contest being in the nature of charades, illustrated by inanimate objects. A dozen carnations was the prize in this also and was carried off by Miss Mary Erwin.

Partners for the luncheon, which was given in two courses, were found by matching paragraphs from a news paper.

On the dessert plate of the second course came the joke department of the paper. Clever jokelets were cut from newspapers, pasted on a card, tied with purple and gold ribbon, the high school colors.

Assisting the hostess in the luncheon were the Misses Caroline Gerber and Bertha Heller.

Every minute of the evening was filled with pleasure, and between

the entertainment series were sandwiched other games and music.

Spring flowers and blossoms were used in the decorations.

The fragrance of the flowers filled the rooms with a spiciness and fragrance that was delightful,

for there were many vases filled with violets and branches of sweet apple blossoms were twined about the chandeliers or placed wherever their effect was best.

On the porches also the guests found the May-time sweet-

ness in the air for the evening was an ideal one.

The teachers present were

Messrs. J. C. Tritch and M. F. Worth-

man late this afternoon. The date for the return of the venire was not yet set at 2:30 o'clock, this depending upon how soon Sheriff Durkin can summon them.

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