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As it now stands the congressional situation is a one-sided affair, with a perfect and systematic organization of the Cromer forces and a disorganized and ineffective opposition. If the anti-Cromerites expect to make themselves felt they must skillfully organize their forces. This is true in Adams county and it is true in the district.

George W. Grubbs, the department commander of the Indiana G. A. R., is mailing letters to all newspapers, that a service pension law is or will be urged at the coming or the succeeding session of congress. Judging by the past we are lead to believe that this is simply another attempt to inflate the gallant defenders of the country's honor, with the fact that another campaign is at hand.

While in the city over Sunday Hon. U. B. Hunt still manifested a willingness to serve his party as a candidate for governor. A formal announcement has never been made upon the subject and perhaps will not be for some days or weeks. It is true, however, that the fluctuation in politics makes it possible for Mr. Hunt to make the race with very favorable indications of success. Several of the other candidates have already ran their race and are now laid up for repairs, and with a fresh start at this stage of the game, and with the political machinery that he will command, Mr. Hunt can win out.

The Roosevelt administration has become vociferously notorious for the gigantic and unheard-of frauds that have been perpetrated since its advent to power, and also for the slight efforts made to expose them and punish the offenders. A few of the smaller fry in the post office scandal have been indicted and few have been tried, but not convicted, as the evidence adduced by the government attorneys was not sufficient to convince a jury of their guilt. The delay in investigating these scandals has been a boon to most of the greater offenders, for that convenient law, the statute of limitations, has run its course and the time had expired in which they could be indicted.

OUT OF DANGER.

Mrs. Gaffer Survives Fifth Operation.

Dr. McOscar is Praised for His Skill in Prolonging Her Life.

Mrs. Peter Gaffer who has been a patient at the St. Joseph hospital Fort Wayne for several weeks and has undergone five severe operations is past the danger point and will within a month come home it is now stated, in better health than she has been for years. There are few women who could stand one half the suffering through which Mrs. Gaffer has passed and live and her own fortitude and bravery are responsible for her recovery as much as anything. However too much praise cannot be given Dr. McOscar, who has attended her throughout the long seige and who remained and administered to her when the other physicians had abandoned all hope. Dr. McOscar performed the five operations within six weeks and has proven his skill by prolonging the life of the patient whose health is believed now will be perfect and whose days were numbered unless the successful operation had been performed. Mrs. Gaffer's many Decatur friends are glad to hear of her having passed the danger point of her illness.

POLITICAL GOSSIP

Thinks Taylor's Race is Badly Crippled.

In the List of Gubernatorial Possibilities Appears the Name of Hon. U. B. Hunt.

Indianapolis political gossip, causes the Marion News-Tribune to philosophize thusly: "Further talk of Union Banner Hunt as a candidate for governor indicates that the state house people are out skirmishing for a gentleman to take the place of William L. Taylor, recently bungled up badly in the Indianapolis city election. It was believed up to Holtzman day at the capital city that Taylor might have the support of the fellows at the state house in his race for the gubernatorial plum. The flirtation now going on with Mr. Hunt would not indicate that Mr. Taylor continues strong with the capitol contingent. It is now practically acting that U. B. Hunt will enter the race. If he does so, he will make things very interesting for Mr. Taylor, at any rate. To those outside Indianapolis a split in the Marion county man's forces is looked upon with more or less subdued joy. The Eleventh district is serene through all. Mr. Hunt will be welcomed to the lists. It is realized that he will make probably as hard fight as several men who are mentioned as for the office. But it is generally believed that Mr. Hunt's candidacy means the further crippling of the dirgible balloon of the Hon. Billy Taylor. Mr. Hunt has too recently been a capital city man and a state office holder himself. He may be formidable but there is nothing in his candidacy to act as an intimidating or frightening influence."

LOST THE GAME.

Decatur Foot Ball Team Badly Beaten.

Saturday's Game Resulted in an Easy Victory For Fort Wayne.

The High School foot ball team came home from Fort Wayne Saturday evening defeated and sad hearted. The line county lads were entirely too much for the boys and scored almost at will and making a number of brilliant plays. The locals never had a chance to score it seems and were simply out classed. The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette said of the game: The Fort Wayne high school boys badly outplayed the lads from Decatur in the second game at the park running over them at will and defeating them by the score of 39 to 0. The team as a whole put up a good game, and Miller, Hamilton and Leach made some especially brilliant plays. The high school team contains some heavy players that bid fair to later become stars on the girdions of some of the big colleges. Twenty-minute halves were played. The officials were Schultz and Schultz. The line up:

Bacrett	C	Christen
Tschannen	R G	Peters
Stockbridge	L G	Fristoe
Hughes	R T	R. Knoff
Wass	L T	Beery
Ellenwood	R E	France
Bask	L E	C. Knapp
Rohrer	Q B	Merriman
Hamilton	R H B	Ferrell
Leach	L H B	Sellemyer
Miller	F B	Jones

Child's School Handkerchiefs 1c. Racket Store.

Additional Locals.

J. R. VanCamp went to Argos this morning on business.
Mike McGriff of Geneva is a business caller to our city today.
John Schugg made a business trip to Berne this morning.
Irvin Brandyberry is at Hoagand today inspecting the schools.
George McKean made a business trip to Geneva this morning.
Jake Butcher of Geneva is attending to legal business here today.
A. P. Beatty is at Fort Wayne today attending to legal business.
Rudolph Schug returned home today, after transacting business here.
Mrs. Ohler went to Muncie this morning to attend the funeral of her aunt.
Dr. L. Hughes returned to Geneva this morning after spending Sunday with his parents.
Mrs. L. T. Brokaw has returned home from Garrett, where she was visiting her daughter.
Miss Carrie Zirch returned today from St. Marys, Ohio, where she visited friends over Sunday.
Charles VanCamp left this morning for Jackson, Mich., where he has accepted a position.
Mrs. Oliver went to Columbia City this morning and will be the guest of L. Long while there.
Gertrude DeVoss returned from Battle Creek this morning she has been visiting with friends.
Miss Erwin left this morning for Fort Wayne to resume her studies in Sacred Heart Academy.
John Colchin went to Fort Wayne, this morning, to be at the bedside of his daughter who is very sick.
Hugh Hite returned to Fort Wayne this morning after visiting over Sunday with his parents.
Mrs. Dorwin and family arrived today from Fort Wayne and will be the guests of Elias Coverdale and wife.
Bart France left today for Huntington where he expects to take a course in the Huntington business college.
Mrs. Daniel returned to her home at Fort Wayne this morning after spending a few days with her daughter Mrs. C. C. Schafer.

DON'T WASTE GAS.

Advanced Rate is Now in Effect.

It will Pay You to Economize in the Use of This Convenient Fuel.

It may be well to call the attention of the general public to the fact that you who are now using gas are doing so at an advanced rate. No one who has not secured a meter can use this very convenient fuel as the Logansport & Wabash Valley will no longer sell gas by flat rate. The one schedule increases the price from eighteen cents to twenty-five cents per thousand cubic feet and your gas bills will be a third larger than last year. The change went into effect Sunday and has been generally advertised a notice to this effect having been run in all papers of the county for two months past. While this is perhaps not a matter of news still it may save some of our readers money to call their attention to the fact. When you are not using your stoves, better shut off the gas for the advanced rate it may be rather expensive to attempt to heat the yard. The gas was shut off in over one hundred houses this morning where meters had not been put in.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

George A. Hahnert to Eliza M. Johnson.
John W. Shanks to Harriette Porter.
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WEEK BEGINNING

NOVEMBER 2



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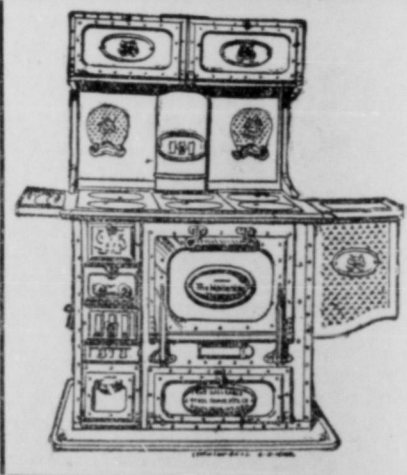
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