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J. H. HELLER, MANAGER.

Frank C. Dailey announced today his candidacy two years hence for representative and will be in the race then for the honor. Frank has friends in all parts of the county and will be an important factor in the legislative campaign. With legal and oratorical ability he would make his mark in the legislature of 1907.—Bluffton News.

Democrats hereabouts will rejoice to know that Dale J. Crittenger has become associated with Mr. Taggart in the management of the Indianapolis Sentinel. He will be a controlling spirit in the editorial and business management of that newspaper, and the democrats of the state may soon expect the Sentinel to assume the lead among the Indiana dailies. Frank Snively of the Marion News-Tribune and another cracker-jack will have charge of the circulation. Now it is up to the democrats of the state to become identified with the Sentinel family as paid-in-advance subscribers. This is the way to make the paper influential and a power for good in the ranks of democracy.

## A CARD.

To the voters of Washington township and the city of Decatur. Not being able to make a canvass for the nomination for Trustee of Washington township, I hereby withdraw from the race and take this method of thanking my friends for their support and friendship.  
L. C. MILLER.

Found—A key with name of Miller engraved on it. Enquire at Yager's furniture store. 205d

## VOTING PRECINCTS

## Getting Ready for the Democratic Primary.

Voting Precincts Established for the Fifteenth of January.

As established and agreed upon by the Adams County Democratic Central Committee at its meeting on the 28th day of November, 1903, in the Democratic Primary Election to be held Friday, January 15, 1904, the following named places have been selected as voting precincts:

Union township—One precinct at Chris Schamerloh's house one and one half miles south of Blakey school house.

Root Township—Two precincts, East Root at Aber school house, West Root in Monmouth.

Preble Township—Two precincts, North Preble at Friedheim, South Preble at school house north of the town of Preble.

Kirkland Township—One precinct in school house number four south of Peterson.

Washington Township—One precinct, at Alex People's house, East side of railroad.

St Marys Township—Two precincts North St. Marys in the town of Bobo, South St. Marys at Pleasant Mills.

Blue Creek Township—Two precincts, North Blue Creek at Steele, South Blue Creek in the Prairie school house.

Monroe Township—Three precincts, North Monroe in Monroe, Berne "A" east of Grand Rapids railroad to corporation line, east of Jefferson street, thence south to

township line, Berne "B", west of Grand Rapids railroad to corporation line, and west to Jefferson street to township line.

French Township—One precinct, voting place at Election school house.

Hartford Township—Two precincts, North Hartford in Linn Grove, South Hartford in the Brushwood school house.

Wabash Township—Three precincts, North at school house in district number two, Geneva "A" at town calaboose and Geneva "B" in I. O. O. F. building on Line street.

Jefferson Township—Two precincts—precincts, West at the Buckmaster school house, East at Booher school house.

Decatur Corporation—Three precincts, one in first ward in office at Vail's factory west of Grand Rapids railroad, in second ward one precinct in north room of court house basement, in third ward, one precinct in office at Beery & Holthouse livery barn in Second street.

Such election shall be held in compliance with the rules and regulations of the Adams County Democratic Central Committee.

J. W. McKEAN, Chairman.  
LEW ELLINGHAM, Secretary.

## ELECTION NOTICE.

All democrats of Adams county, Indiana, are hereby notified that on the 15 day of January 1904, there will be a primary Election held under the Australian Election Laws, of said state, for the purpose of nominating Democratic Candidates to be voted for at the November election of 1904. That candidates will then be nominated for the following named offices:

## IN EACH TOWNSHIP.

One township trustee.

One township Assessor.

## COUNTY NOMINEES.

One Joint State Senator.

One State Representative.

One Prosecuting Attorney.

One county Auditor.

One County Sheriff.

One County Surveyor.

One County Coroner.

One Commissioner for the first district.

One Commissioner for the third district.

Also one County Central Committee for each voting precinct in the county. Such committee to serve until the next Democratic Primary Election.

J. W. McKEAN.

Chairman Adams County.

LEW ELLINGHAM, Secretary.

## FARMER ROBBED.

Oil Man Arrested Here But Discharged.

A farmer living east of Berne was touched in that city yesterday afternoon for \$110. He went to town early in the day and put his team up at Charles Brown's livery stable and about two o'clock ordered the same hitched up and in paying for the feed took his pocket book out and laid it on the wagon and went back to the barn to settle. On his return his purse was gone. A certain oil driller was at once suspicioned and the police here were notified to watch for him. Marshal Cordua caught the man last evening and at once subjected him to a thorough search but nothing was found to hold the fellow and he was allowed to go.

## WAS IN FIRE.

Dr. Blackman Escaped From Iroquois Theatre.

Dr. C. P. Blackman, one of the osteopathic doctors located in offices over Ashbacher's studio was in the terrible Iroquois theater fire at Chicago last Wednesday. He arrived home last night safe and sound, in fact he was one of those to escape easily from the burning theater, but he witnessed the awful scenes enacted there and relates vividly his story of the disaster. Dr. Blackman says that he had gone to the theatre with a small nephew and it was by the merest chance they were not in the balconies where there was such a terrible loss of life.—Bluffton News.

## SEVERAL MATTERS ENGAGING ATTENTION

Indianapolis, Jan. 6.—Thomas Taggart will leave the latter part of the week for Washington to attend the meeting of the Democratic national committee, which will decide where the national convention shall be held. Chicago, St. Louis and New York are active candidates for the honor of entertaining the convention crowd. Taggart is not committed to either place. He was in hopes a few months ago that the convention might be held in Indianapolis, but he has given that up inasmuch as there is no suitable building. Taggart is likely to be one of the most prominent figures at the meeting, as he is being talked of from one end to the country to the other as the probable selection for national chairman.

The state prison reform board held another meeting here today. This board was created as a sort of compromise at the recent session of the legislature, when an effort was made by the labor leaders and representatives of the National Association of Manufacturers to abolish the contract labor system. Governor Durbin, Warden Reid of Michigan City and others who have carefully considered the problem opposed this, so the board was appointed to make an investigation and to report to the next legislature on a solution of the problem. The governor, Warden Reid, Superintendent Whitaker of the Jeffersonville reformatory, and Amos W. Butler, secretary of the board of state charities are some of the members. Meetings have been held at Michigan City and Jeffersonville. While the manufacturers and union laborers don't like to compete with convict-made goods, yet some of the best prison reform men

in the state say that it would be out of the question to abolish the contract labor system, as the prisoners must have regular employment. The board will have an extensive report on the jails and prisons of Indiana.

The executive board of the United Mine Workers of America is meeting here with President Mitchell and Secretary Wilson at the national headquarters in special session. While the usual secrecy is observed, it is evident from what has been said that the coming convention for the settlement of a wage scale for the coming year will strenuously oppose any effort of the operators to enforce a reduction of wages. The board in deciding to stand by the miners of the Meyersdale (Pa.) district, who are striking because their employers cut their wages ten cents a ton, has indicated that no reduction will be accepted. From the tone of the business throughout the coal fields it has been felt that the operators would make a stiff fight for a reduction. The wage convention begins the 18th of this month, and it is liable to be a very interesting one.

The Democrats of the Tenth district will have a love-feast and banquet at Lafayette Thursday after the selection of a state committeeman. Mayor Holtzman and Henry Warrum of city, M. E. Foley of Crawfordsville, William Guthrie of Monticello, Dan Simms of Lafayette and other well-known Democrats will make addresses. The Democrats of the Fifth have an entertaining program for their Jackson day banquet at Terre Haute Friday night, when John W. Kern, Chairman O'Brien and others will be heard.

Girl wanted to do general house, inquire at Yager's furniture store. Good wages.

For Sale—A brand new \$20 Wilson heating stove for soft coal. In good condition and will sell right. Inquire at this office. 263d

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