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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### FOR MAYOR

We are authorized to announce the name of E. Burt Lenhart as a candidate for mayor, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

We are authorized to announce the name of H. L. Conter as a candidate for Mayor; subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election, to be held February 19, 1904.

We are authorized to announce the name of D. D. Coffey as a candidate for mayor, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

FOR MARSHAL

We are authorized to announce the name of Abe St. mehner as a candidate for marshal, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

We are authorized to announce the name of Ed Green as a candidate for Marshal; subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

We are authorized to announce the name of Amos E. Fisher as a candidate for marshal, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

We are authorized to announce the name of Jacob Mangold as a candidate for marshal, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

We are authorized to announce the name of Charles E. Pennington as a candidate for marshal, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

FOR CLERK.

We are authorized to announce the name of Frank Crawford as a candidate for clerk, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

We are authorized to announce the name of Jack McFay as a candidate for clerk, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

We are authorized to announce the name of Frank Parish as candidate for clerk, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

FOR TREASURER.

We are authorized to announce the name of W. J. Archbold as a candidate for City Treasurer, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election, to be held Friday, February 19, 1904.

### COUNCILMAN—FIRST WARD

We are authorized to announce the name of Al Buhler as a candidate for councilman of first ward, subject to the decision of the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

I authorize you to announce my name as a candidate for councilman in the first ward, subject to the decision of the voters at the democratic city primary election to be held February 19, 1904.

## A LETTER HOME

### Pete Frank Writes From Sunny South

### Tells of Experiences Among the Woods and Along the Banks of Buffalo Creek.

Buffalo Creek, Ark. Feb., 1904.  
John W. Voglewede,  
Decatur, Ind.

Dear Friend John—I wrote one letter tonight, Jacob Yager, being the victim, and I thought while I was in the notion I would write to you to inform you just how I am getting along. I am well and still on the go every day. I hope these lines will find all of my old pals as well as I am. We have been having nice weather here, warm every day, but most of the nights are frosty. It was so warm Friday and Saturday that I couldn't sleep and had to keep the doors to my shack open, but about two o'clock Sunday morning a big storm broke loose; it thundered, lightning flashed wickedly, the rain came down and the wind raged fierce, I thought the whole woods was coming down on me. I got up and looked out and it gave me a funny feeling, timber falling in every direction and making a terrible racket, continuing for an hour or more. I began to study to see if I had done anything wrong that day, but couldn't figure it out, so I lit my pipe, sat down on the corner of my log bed and smoked until the trouble was over. Oh, its fun John, you ought to be here and hear what music these big trees can make during a southern storm. I am still catching a few furs, mostly skunk and if you know of anyone who wants any perfume, tell them to send in their order, I can fill it at any time and for any amount. I see deer every once in a while, saw two today, was close to them, but only had a shot gun and No. 6 shot, watched them awhile and then sprinkled them just to see them run, and they did. Lordy, my beans are boiling dry—now they're alright. I have a good appetite when here, generally about six pancakes for a meal when I am well and if I don't feel so good, I only bake five and make them a little bigger. I have been patching all evening, the damage the briars did today, briars grow fast here. I dropped one in my corn meal one evening and the next morning it was big enough to jag you. With best regards from your friend,

### A GOOD OMEN, THIS

### Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

### Make a Most Creditable Showing.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—In the face of the general depression in financial circles and the shrinkage in industrial and other securities no better evidence of the general prosperity of the country and the thrift of the people could be given than is contained in the recent statement of the Metropolitan Life Insurance company. The company shows a great gain in assets and notwithstanding market depression a handsome gain in surplus. It issued in 1903, \$398,889,074 of new insurances—a larger amount than that issued by any company in the world. It has done this for the last ten years. It has 7,523,915 policies in force which is a larger number than is held by all the other regular life insurance companies in America put together, less one; equivalent to policies on one tenth of the total population of the United States, greater than the combined population of twenty nine states and territories, for, as the reports puts it, greater than the combined population of Greater New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis. When one realizes that an average of one out of every ten human beings, men, women and children one passes on the street is insured in the Metropolitan Life, the wide spread beneficence of this great

company can be appreciated. The income of the Metropolitan Life in 1903 was \$49,887,804.11, and it paid out to policy holders and added to its reserve fund \$985,827.6, every business day of the past year. The company now holds assets of \$105,656,311.60 for the benefit of its policy holders and a reserve fund consisting of capital and surplus over and above liability of \$106,918.00. The success of the Metropolitan has been so great that it recently announced a special dividend which will amount to about \$600,000, in addition to over four and a half millions paid in the past seven years, to certain classes of policy holders who had continued with the company, a dividend not nominated in the insurance contract and which is a windfall of the policy holders. The growth of this company from \$63,000,000, in 1883 to \$1,342,381,457 of insurance in force in 1903 is one of the wonders of the insurance world.

## WAS ROBBED

### Home of N. Mentzer at Bluffton

Family Lose Eighty Dollars in Cash.—  
Nervy Housebreakers Did the Work.

Burglars made an \$80 haul at the home of Drayton Mentzer on East South street last night. A pocket book containing \$20 which belonged to Mrs. Mentzer and Mr. Mentzer's purse which contained \$60 were stolen. The thief or thieves, whoever they may have been, were certainly nervy and they went about their work in the manner of professionals. The theft was committed sometime after 12 o'clock and the thieves got away without even leaving a single clew as to who they may have been. Entrance to the home was made by means of a side window. This was pried open down stairs and the thief crawled through. He must have been equipped with a dark lantern for there were no lights left burning down stairs and whoever was in the house made a complete search of the premises without making any noise. Every drawer and receptacle in the house was turned out and examined and the place was left in a topsy turvy condition. In the search down stairs the thief found in a cupboard a box containing \$20. This was money Mrs. Mentzer had saved up from the sale of milk. Not satisfied with this amount they made a still further search and got a greater reward. They went up stairs to the sleeping rooms, secured Mr. Mentzer's purse containing \$60, the collections from his dray business. This money was taken with the rest. Nothing else was disturbed upstairs and the thief must have made a hurried exit from this place.—Bluffton Banner. Mr. Mentzer formerly lived in this city and is well known.

## ARGUMENTS BEGIN

### Nichols Riot Case Will Go to Jury Tomorrow Noon.

The trial of George Nichols charged with riotous conspiracy, is still in progress and will go to the jury about noon tomorrow. The state concluded their evidence at ten o'clock this morning and the defense rested at three this afternoon. Judge Erwin allowed two and half hours to each side for argument, less one; equivalent to policies on one tenth of the total population of the United States, greater than the combined population of twenty nine states and territories, for, as the reports puts it, greater than the combined population of Greater New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and St. Louis. When one realizes that an average of one out of every ten human beings, men, women and children one passes on the street is insured in the Metropolitan Life, the wide spread beneficence of this great

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