

GRANT COUNTY G.O.P. HENCHMEN PUT INTO DAZE

Democrats, Glow as Soldiers' Home Vote Spread Over Country.

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MARION, Ind., Aug. 7.—Members of the old guard machine in this republican stronghold today are wondering "where they are at."

And along with the wonderings and musings of the G. O. P., democratic workers and candidates are finding a new ray of hope in the disastatful attitude of the republican party. They are looking toward a grand success at the polls next November.

In the last several days an incident took place here, an order from the war department that republican party changed the whole political aspect of Grant county.

For years this county has been listed among the few in the state that can be counted on for a substantial margin at each election for the republican party.

In the last several elections, with exception of 1912, when the split in the ranks of the republican party opened wide a gap which permitted a few democrats to slip in and "cop" a few offices in the courthouse, none but republicans have dared hope ever to cast their eyes on the coveted county offices.

One of the most important factors in holding this county in the republican fold of the state was the vote returned from the Marion branch of the National military forces.

Always worked properly. Housing about 1,500 veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars, included among whom were many soldiers, whose blue penciled cross always went above the "spread eagle," the soldiers' home always has been a valuable asset to the republican party in Grant county.

Every candidate for county office, and not a few for state offices, considers it a fatal mistake to fail to include an acre canvass of the home before the election.

But the thing that is causing all the worry and uncertainty to the politicians of the republican party is the fact that the fact that a recent order of the war department has caused the old soldiers housed in the Marion home to be removed and scattered about to other branches in the country, with orders to all their places with wounded soldiers of the world war.

The plan of the war department is to convert the soldiers' home into a vocational training school for crippled world war soldiers of the United States. All the work of the republican party in Grant county suddenly has come to naught, like the toy balloon explodes when the small boy sticks a pin into it.

The action of the war department in transferring these votes to other parts of the country.

SPRING EFFORTS OF NO AVOID NOW.

The recent act of the county commissioners, John A. Frazier, John D. Williams and John W. Hendlin, all republicans, and the latter two candidates for re-election, in gerrymandering the precinct boundaries of the county last spring for political purposes, will be of no avail now.

Expressions of the republican workers, such as "Nothing to it, the entire ticket will go through," have changed now, with the change of the soldiers' home vote, saying "Wonder who will effect this will have on our chances?" and "Wonder how the new members of the home will line up?"

In each election a decided air of certainty always prevails among republican candidates and about republican headquarters, to the effect that "all we have to do is to hold our own, and the voters do the rest."

Now they are up against the proposition of going out and conducting a campaign in an effort to line up enough votes to cancel the effects which is brought by the removal of about 600 good republican votes, and replacing them with several hundred votes of "unknown intent."

And all the while the democrats of Grant county are gently rubbing their chin and looking forward to November 2.

Vincennes Co. Given Permit to Sell Bonds

Authority to issue and sell \$1,100,000 worth of twenty-five-year 6 per cent gold bonds, \$500,000 worth of 7 per cent preferred stock and \$600,000 worth of common stock today was granted the Indiana Power Company of Vincennes, Knox county, by the Indiana public service commission.

The commission approved slight increases in water and electrical rates in Knightstown, effective Aug. 1.

A petition was filed with the commission asking that body to fix gravel freight rates of the Marion railroad between Bloomfield and Owensburg, a distance of fifteen miles, alleging the present rate of \$2.10 a yard is exorbitant.

Change of an alleged dangerous crossing over the Southern Railway Company of Indiana tracks near Huntingburg, Dubois county, is asked in another petition filed with the commission.

State Truancy Board Will Discuss Laws

Enforcement of federal working laws, as well as revision of the attendance school laws, will be discussed Monday morning when school authorities meet with the state truancy board.

L. N. Hines, superintendent of public instruction, will preside at the meeting. Among those attending will be E. J. Graft and Mrs. Hines, who compose the truancy board.

At the meeting, it is understood, reports for amendment of the present truancy laws will be made to the school authorities to pay truancy officers better salaries and expenses will be discussed.

Former Governor Leaves for Europe

Samuel M. Ralston, former governor of Indiana, left Indianapolis today for New York, where he will sail Tuesday for Liverpool.

He is going abroad on legal business which will take him to both France and England, and he expects to be absent from the United States until the middle or latter part of September.

Man With 20 Pounds of Brass Rods Arrested

David Huff, 624 East Wabash street, was walking near his home early today carrying a bundle of brass rods weighing about twenty pounds.

When halted by the police he admitted taking the rods at E. H. Bailey Manufacturing Company and he was arrested.

Baby Judge Worried



M. A. VOGT.

The committee in charge of events for the annual outing of the grocery men of Indianapolis, at Columbia park Wednesday, Aug. 18, is considering, among the many other attractions, a pretty baby contest.

They have in mind putting this in the hands of Mike Vogt and now Mike is in a mess.

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WAR PLANS HELD IN CHECK UNTIL PREMIERS MEET

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entered into an agreement to try to break the Versailles treaty.

If the people of Britain and France were convinced of the truth of this, they might be aroused to a war fever, but not otherwise, it was apparent today.

The text of the latest Russian note to Britain has been made public here. In it Kementoff, the soviet representative, informed Lloyd George he had communicated to Moscow the British decision to side with Poland in the new war.

Kementoff charged the Poles were delaying armistice and peace negotiations, hoping to bring about foreign intervention.

He declared the bolshevik could not halt their advance until they were assured the Poles would not take advantage of the respite to bring up reinforcements.

Russia will halt, he said, when the Poles give reasonable guarantees that they will partially disarm and cease rearmament.

He pledged Russia to respect Poland's independence.

It was made plain the bolsheviks want to sign peace with Poland on the demand that they submit the pact for ratification at the London general peace conference where they can come in as victors, demanding worldwide recognition and a mandate.

Reports that the Russians had started an army to invade Persia and that they were threatening British possessions in the east were received here with reserve.

GERMAN RAIL STRIKE DUE IF FRENCH CROSS

BERLIN, Aug. 7.—A general railway strike will be declared throughout Germany if the French attempt to send troops across this country to Poland, it was reported today.

There is ground for saying that the British government is bringing pressure upon the Russians to act reasonably and to give guarantees to Poland by their behavior that their engagements will be carried out.

This optimism was born out by statements of British foreign officials. They expressed strong hopes that a consular agreement would be reached by the British and French premiers.

Woman's Screams Put Prowler on His Way

A burglar attempted to enter the home of Dr. Julio Sampler, 2939 North Talbot avenue, early today.

Mrs. Sampler was aroused and saw the man in the rear of her home and screamed in terror.

The prowler escaped before the police arrived.

J. D. Clark, 810 South East street, reported to the police that a burglar had entered his garage had been sawed early today and that an automobile tire and some clothing had been stolen.

Frank W. Butler, 1030 Washington boulevard, told the police that some person stole an automobile tire off his car yesterday.

Louis Vance, 417 West Empire street, was at a carnival at Senate avenue and Maryland street last night and some man grabbed his watch and ran.

Pentecost Band to Hold Camp Meeting

A camp meeting in Salem park on West Washington street will be held Aug. 5-15 under the auspices of the Pentecost band.

The program for Sunday will include: Holiness meeting at 6 a. m., with O. H. Water in charge; love feast at 9:30 a. m.; the direction of George Garner; preaching services at 10:30 a. m.; Rev. F. W. Cox of Lisbon, O., officiating; services at 2:30 p. m., with William Smith of Westfield conducting.

During the camp session, Miss Lily Robinson and Rev. E. E. Bauman and wife of India will give missionary addresses.

The Danville interurban stops at the grounds.

There is a dining room in the park so that those desiring to spend the day may

POWER HOUSE AND BRIDGE AT STANDSTILL

County Can't Sell Bonds—Await Report of Attorney.

The failure of the county to sell approximately \$400,000 worth of bonds to complete work on the new power house at Sunnyside and to build a new Northwestern avenue bridge and approach has caused the work to come to a standstill.

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