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BURGLARIZED

Was Postoffice at Wheatfield Wednesday Night

SAFE BLOWN AND \$350 TAKEN.

In Money and Stamps—No Clue to the Perpetrators of the Daring Robbery Has Been Secured.

The Wheatfield postoffice was broken into and robbed Wednesday night between 1 o'clock and daylight Thursday, but no one seems to have heard the explosion when the safe was blown open, and not to have discovered the robbery until Thursday morning. The robbers had the best chance in the world to make a getaway long before the burglary was discovered.

The outside door was broken in, the safe blown open, and there is no doubt that the mail was examined remaining in the office.

Near \$150 in cash and \$200 in stamps was taken. The safe is a complete loss. N. Littlefield of Rensselaer was in Wheatfield that night and was on the street near the office at midnight but saw nothing suspicious about it at that time.

One thing is sure, and that is: Every suspicious character should be made to give an account of himself as these robberies are becoming altogether too common.

FARM RESIDENCES ROBBED.

The residences of Cyril Steele of Barkley tp., and H. E. Parkinson of Marion tp., were entered Wednesday afternoon while all the folks were away, by burglars, and every drawer in the two houses gone through. At the Steele residence Mr. Steele lost \$35 and Mrs. Steele lost two or three dollars more. At the Parkinson residence Mrs. Parkinson lost two valuable rings and Mr. Parkinson lost his revolver. Curtis Steele, who was working for him, lost \$5 in cash and his sister Blanche, who is also working for the Parkinsons, lost her watch and a ring.

In the afternoon a man called at the Stackhouse residence and wanted to sell a razor. Later it is presumed the same man called at the residence of Jack Hoyes on the old Sim Dowell farm, and inquired for a man who has never lived in that neighborhood. Mrs. Hoyes thinks that the description of the man at Stackhouse's does not tally with the one that stopped at her house, but there may have been more than one, and it would be an easy matter to "make up" a little different on the road between the two places.

A man giving the name of Dickinson was arrested in town Wednesday night but he proved an alibi and was turned loose Thursday morning. He was about 20 years of age, while the man seen at the Hoyes place was an older man than that. From the fact that the Wheatfield postoffice was robbed during the same night it is possible that these men went in that direction and had a hand in the latter robbery.

MAY BE PARDONED IF WATSON IS ELECTED.

Tom McCoy, who is still serving sentence at Michigan City for wrecking the A. McCoy & Co., bank of Rensselaer 4½ years ago, is, we are reliably informed, basing his hope of release from prison before the expiration of his sentence on the election of Watson for governor.

The present board of pardons has refused to release him, but he hopes that Watson may be elected governor and then he feels confident he will be let out.

This information comes to The Democrat from a gentleman who is in a position to know just what he is talking about. This gentleman is a republican and will vote for Watson. He had no idea when telling us this that it was not all right for Tom to get out. He says Tom is building great hopes on the event of getting out in the event of Watson's election.

In view of the fact that the people of this community were robbed over \$200,000 by the McCoy bank, and that Tom was only sent up for three years, most of the victims believe that the full term is little enough punishment for the crime committed, and they hope that he will be compelled to serve full time.

GEORGE M. COOPER DEAD.

George M. Cooper died at his home in Barkley township Tuesday night at 10:30, p. m. of Bright's disease. He had been in poor health for some years and has gradually gone down until the end came

as above stated. Mr. Cooper was of old Carolina stock and was born in this county, January 25, 1845, his father, John Cooper, and his mother, Sarah Osborn Cooper, having come from North Carolina shortly before his birth. In September, 1863, he enlisted in Company A. 87th Ind. Vol., and served during the remainder of the Civil War. His sisters, Mrs. Jane Platt of this city, Mrs. Sarah Ann McQuery, Mrs. Emma Guss, and Mrs. Abbie Call, together with John and William Cooper, brothers, survive him. Harrison Cooper, a brother, died some years ago. April 13, 1873, he was married to Miss Sarah E. Edwards, in Kansas, where he was then living, and to that union there was born eight children, five of whom, Marion E., John E., Simon, Bertha, and Thomas, with their mother, are still living.

There was no funeral and the simplest possible ceremonies were observed as the casket containing his mortal remains was consigned to its last resting place, in the Prater cemetery, Thursday at 2 p. m. George M. Cooper was a true and constant friend, a truthful, honorable man. Peace be to his ashes.

BEVERIDGE WAS HERE.

U. S. Senator Beveridge of Indianapolis, one of the big guns of the g. o. p., was here for a 20 minutes speech Thursday afternoon. He came in on a special train and was "autoed" to a big tent in Milroy Park where he spoke to a good sized crowd, women and school children predominating. The city schools were dismissed to hear him, and the college students were also in, making altogether some 850 to 900 children and pupils in the crowd. Very few country people came in, and they did not miss very much. The speech was entirely devoid of argument and everyone, unless he was a blind partisan, was disappointed.

As usual in his talks, he asked if there was anyone present who was going to vote for Bryan? Out of the assembled audience came a rousing "Yes," but the Senator made believe he thought it was only one man who had spoken—he has met with so much Bryan enthusiasm everywhere that he has got beyond the embarrassment stage at this—and then went on with his talk.

On bank guaranty of deposits, he said if Bryan was elected banks would be started by irresponsible parties in every other room in town, and they would get deposits because the big banks in the city would have to stand good for their deposits.

How silly. Did he take his hearers all for fools? We have certain laws now regulating the establishment of banks and for their examination, but under a guarantee system there would be more rigorous laws still and every banker in the country would be watching out for the irresponsible banker—in fact it would be impossible for any such to engage in the business, and as soon as any banker got to going wrong he would be pointed out by the other bankers and brought to time before he had squandered any great amount of the depositors' funds.

Every other banker in Rensselaer, the Lafayette bankers, the Chicago and New York bankers, etc., knew the McCoy's were on shaky ground before they failed. But you, Mr. Depositor, who lost your money in that rotten concern, did not know it until its doors were closed and you had the sack to hold.

Senator Beveridge closed his remarks by urging everyone to vote for Abe Halleck, because, said he, there will be two U. S. Senators to re-elect. And, he might have stated, for the thought was no doubt uppermost in his mind, "I am one of them who is afraid of losing a job if Abe should again be turned down, and self-preservation is the first law of nature."

The democrats are much pleased with the expressions of opinion heard of the speech. If any votes were made they were made for the democrats.

Break up the republican machine by voting the democratic county ticket from top to bottom.

WEDNESDAY'S DEMOCRAT.

In order to give as nearly complete election returns as possible in next Wednesday's issue of The Democrat, we will not print same until Wednesday afternoon, but in time for it to reach stations south and west of Remington, Goodland and Kentland, also towns in the north part of Jasper county Wednesday afternoon or evening.

Watch for The Democrat Wednesday afternoon and evening, as the result of the election will be known in time to publish in that issue.

THE DEMOCRAT.

DISGRACED



CAMPAIGN FUND COLLECTIONS.

The Democrat has collected and sent to the Democratic National Committee the following amounts:
Amount last report.....\$70.55
Since last report.....8.00
From Ladies' 30-Cent Club.....6.00
Grand Total.....\$84.55
Of the above grand total The Democrat collected \$58.75 and the Ladies' 30-Cent Club \$25.80.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT BROOK.

McMillen Hotel, Horn's Restaurant and Vandervoort's Meat Market Burned.
Brook was visited by an \$8,000 fire about 1 a. m., Monday, in which the McMillen hotel, Horn's restaurant and Vandervoort's meat market were destroyed. Brook has no fire protection, but a bucket brigade was formed and the fire finally extinguished after burning these three buildings. The total loss is estimated at \$8,000 with insurance for about two-thirds that amount.

The fire at Goodland last Saturday morning at an early hour which destroyed the Ross harness shop and implement store (formerly owned by Peter Brook) and the Masonic building next to it, makes a fire loss for that place approximately \$150,000 in the past dozen years, and would have paid for six or eight good waterworks systems. That town also has no fire protection, and whenever a blaze gets started the people have to stand by and see the property go up in smoke. The loss last Saturday morning is estimated at \$15,000 with \$11,000 insurance.

ELECTION RETURNS.

The Jasper County Telephone Co. will throw its lines open free to the public next Tuesday night for election returns. Some extra 'phones will be installed in the rear room of the telephone office and volunteers of both parties will be stationed at these instruments to take the messages, which will be sent through from Indianapolis. These will be taken down and sent by volunteer messengers to the respective headquarters agreed upon for receiving them. The democrats will receive messages at Chairman Littlefield's office.

Returns should begin to come in about six o'clock Erie county, N. Y., and many other counties in that state, as well as counties in other states, and Marion and several counties in Indiana, including our neighboring county of Newton, have voting machines, and the results there will be known in a very few minutes after the polls close. The per cent. of losses or gains in the big counties of the pivotal states will soon give an indication of what the result is to be. It is likely that enough will be known by midnight at least to determine the result.

THIS IS AMUSING.

We inferred when Thomas R. Marshall, in his address here recently, referred to a tin soldier captain who was so brave when there was no danger but told his men they had better retreat when he heard the hum of bullets, that the military editor of the syndicate organ down the street would not take kindly to Mr. Marshall's speech. And true enough, he came out in a two column article, headed "Nothing in It."

Monday night Bishop Quayle, of Chicago, one of the most noted men on the lecture platform in the country, delivered a lecture here in the course of which he ridiculed the "tin soldiers," and the military editor again took umbrage and severely "criticised"—at least he labors under the impression that he was doing so—of this great man. Calls him unfair, untruthful, ignorant of his subject, etc.

Some of the Reverend gentleman's remarks were so applicable to the military editor that the audience was immensely pleased, knowing his weakness for tinsel and regimental finery, and they laughed again when they read his "criticism."

The egotism and presumption of some people is wonderful, though, in all, pitiful.

THE BANKERS' COLONY AT M. C.

Alfred Armstrong, formerly of Hanging Grove tp., but now in charge of the prison farm at the Michigan City penitentiary with his wife is visiting in Hanging Grove this week, and were in the city Thursday and yesterday. He said "Our Tom," as Bro. Marshall used to call Tom McCoy, is now a "trustee" at the prison, and is allowed considerable liberty. He went unattended, he says, to his mother's funeral at Queen City, Mo., some months ago, and also visited his father and sister there recently. He was allowed to go unattended also to his father's funeral last week. On his way back he stopped in Chicago several days and visited his wife, who is keeping a boarding house in that city.

Fred Gilman of Goodland, and Robert Parker of Remington, who with Tom McCoy compose this vicinity's quota to the "Bankers' Colony," are reported well and in reasonably good spirits. Fred is a clerk for the warden and Mr. Parker is in the prison library. The latter scarcely ever says a word to anyone. Each have been model prisoners.

Tom has assisted about the prison farm again this season. He is lame from his broken leg of a year or so ago and always will be.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The subject of the Sunday morning sermon at the Christian church is "Thy Kingdom Come." In the evening, "A Fallacy—That we can reap without sowing." All are welcome.

Vote for Farmer Algie J. Law for State Senator.

DEMOCRATIC SPEAKING.

Aix School House, Saturday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p. m., local speakers, accompanied by the Healy Orchestra and Marshall Glee Club of Rensselaer.
Center School House, Milroy Tp., Saturday, Oct. 31, 7:30 p. m. Local speakers and candidates.

A JASPER COUNTY FORECAST.

N. Osborn of Gillam tp., was in the city on business, Monday and left the following forecast of Tuesday's election as it looked to him then. Mr. Osborn is a close observer of political conditions, and his judgment is usually not far wrong. Of the 98 doubtful electors, he was more than confident Bryan would receive one half. Preserve this list and see how far he has missed it:

Democrat	Republican
Alabama.....11	Oregon.....4
Arkansas.....9	California.....10
Colorado.....5	Iowa.....13
Florida.....5	Maine.....6
Georgia.....13	Maryland.....8
Kansas.....10	Massachusetts.....16
Kentucky.....13	Michigan.....14
Louisiana.....9	Minnesota.....11
Mississippi.....10	N. Hampshire.....4
Missouri.....18	New Jersey.....12
Montana.....3	Pennsylvania.....34
Nebraska.....8	Rhode Island.....4
Nevada.....3	Utah.....3
N. Carolina.....12	Vermont.....4
N. Dakota.....4	Washington.....5
Ohio.....23	Wisconsin.....13
Oklahoma.....7	Wyoming.....3
S. Carolina.....9	
Tennessee.....12	Total.....164
Texas.....18	
Virginia.....12	Doubtful.....7
W. Virginia.....7	Connecticut.....7
	Idaho.....32
Total.....221	Illinois.....27
	Indiana.....15
	New York.....39
	Deleware.....3
	South Dakota.....4
	Total.....98

SENATOR SLACK'S ESTIMATE.

Thinks Bryan's Majority in Indiana Will be More Than 20,000.

Senator L. Ert Slack, of Franklin, who opposed Thomas R. Marshall in the race for the Democratic governorship nomination, is spending the last week of the campaign making speeches in the interest of the Democratic party and Mr. Marshall in the latter's district.

Senator Slack, during the campaign, has made speeches in nearly every part of the State. He was in Indianapolis a short time Monday on his way to Mr. Marshall's district. While there Senator Slack made the statement that the majority of Bryan in Indiana will be more than 20,000, and that the majority for the State ticket will be larger than the electoral ticket. The State ticket majority will reach a high point, he declares, because there is a great dissatisfaction over the State with the Republican ticket and with Governor Hanly.

"I have been speaking in every section of Indiana except Mr. Marshall's district," said Senator Slack, "and I was really astonished at the Republican disaffection. I have found Democratic gains all the way from three to seventy to the precinct. It is my opinion the temperance Democrats of the rural districts have more confidence in Marshall than temperance Republicans have in Watson. Voters in general are being convinced that the passage of the county option was thrust upon them more by a desire to make political capital than from a purely moral standpoint. In my talks with individual temperance voters, I find they can not understand why an expensive special session was held to get county option when it is not used and will not be used until after the regular session, next January.

"Some even say they believe it was passed to be used as a weapon to drive the brewers to support the Republican ticket as in prior campaigns, and since there have been attempts made along that line, it has reacted against the Republicans in many places. Doubt as to the sincerity of the Republicans has operated against them, both in the State and national campaigns. The people are demanding sincerity, and this particular element found in both Marshall and Bryan largely accounts, for their great popularity in Indiana."

Senator Slack says he finds that both the farmers and the laborers are dissatisfied with the present conditions, and he believes that the laborers will not be coerced into voting a certain way.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The subject of the pastor's Sunday morning sermon will be "The duty of the Christian citizen on election day." The evening subject will be "The works of the Lord Jesus." Everyone welcome to both services.

FARM LOANS.

Money to loan on farm property in any sums up to \$10,000. E. P. HONAN.

THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

W. H. Tyler has been placed on the Keener tp., ticket as a candidate for assessor and will contest the election with Cecil Fairchild, the republican candidate.

Kentland Enterprise: The suits of Jennie M. and Platt M. Conrad against C. L. Brandt and Edward Brandt on their bonds as trustees of McClellan and Lake townships, were sent to Jasper county Tuesday on a change of venue.

The county commissioners met in special session Tuesday to fix up the elections boards.

Wm. H. Shephard was appointed inspector in Walker and George Foulks inspector in Milroy, the trustees in each of those townships being candidates for election, both now serving by appointment.

Marriage licenses issued: Oct. 28, Theodore Stone of Laporte county, aged 48, occupation laborer, to Clara Donnel of Rensselaer, aged 38, occupation housekeeper. Second marriage for male, having been divorced in October, 1905, and third marriage for female, she having parted from first husband in 1884, and second husband died Dec. 13, 1907.

Oct. 29, Alva McNeil of Lacross, Ind., son of Wm. McNeil, aged 36, occupation merchant, to Caroline Pearl Johnson of Wheatfield, aged 32, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

Sheriff O'Connor, who still holds his residence in Walker tp., and expects to move back there Jan. 1, is anxious to have his township secure another voting precinct, thus saving voters from the east side from traveling so far to cast their ballot. There are enough voters in the township to secure another precinct if they will all come out and vote next Tuesday. The law provides that where more than 200 votes are cast in a township at one precinct a second precinct shall be provided thereafter, if petitioned for. Therefore a full vote should be gotten out in Walker this election.

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING.

The city council met in regular session Monday evening with councilman Gerber absent.

A contract was awarded August Seibert to build the cement walk on College Road at 6 cents per foot.

The city attorney was ordered to wrestle with the question: Who has charge of the catch-basins, the street commissioner or the sewer commissioner?

A light was ordered put in at the intersection of Harrison and Jefferson streets.

The following claims were allowed:

CORPORATION FUND.
Chas. Morlan, salary as clerk \$25.00
E. M. Thomas, same, night w. h. 25.00
W. S. Parks, same, marshal. 30.00
Babeock Fire Ex. Co. supplies 21.00
Aaron Hickman, wk on eng h 3.75
Warner Bros mdse fire com 7.83
B. F. Fendig, book, treasurer 2.75
Healey & Clark, ptg fire war 1.00

ROAD FUND.
Warner Bros. mdse.....4.70
Healey & Clark, pub notice.....4.50
Fred Hemphill, catch-basin c 37.20
Chester Zea, labor with team 30.00
Cecil Clouse, work on street 22.75

ELECTRIC LIGHT FUND.
M. Leopold, freight.....92.17
Same, express.....3.55
C. S. Chamberlain, salary, supt 50.00
Mel Abbott, same, engineer.....30.00
Dave Haste, same.....30.00
Earl Chestnut, work on line 7.55
Ed Randle, same.....7.00
Tom Hoyes, same.....29.50
Clyde Burns, same.....7.60
Warner Bros. mdse.....4.75
Shirley Hill Coal Co. coal.....169.34
Gen. Elec. Co. supplies.....18.50
Clarence Thompson, wk on li 14.50
Chas Bowers, hauling poles. 2.40
A. E. Bolser, rebate on lights 4.50

WATER FUND.
Ed Hokins, salary.....30.00
John Hordeman, work on main 8.13
S. Overton, same.....2.50
A. E. Bolser, rebate on water. 3.00

Wanted:—To borrow \$150 for six months. First class chattel security. For name of party inquire at this office.

The postmaster is having trouble with children some of them fifty years old handling combination boxes that have not been assigned to them. This is a violation of Postal Laws and anyone caught doing it after this morning will be reported to the Department.
GEORGE E. MURRAY, P. M.

For Sale:—A Palace Oak heater, burns wood or coal; two sets of grates, all in splendid condition. Price \$10. Inquire at Schmitter's bakery.

Vote for Guy Gerber for Joint-Representative.