

MINERS ELECT LEADER TODAY

Lewis and Walker Are the Two Candidates.

RACE A VERY CLOSE ONE

Vote Will Be Canvassed in Indianapolis and Announced at the International Convention Which Will Be Called to Order in the Same City on the Nineteenth of January—States and Canada Represented.

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—The union coal miners of the United States and Canada vote for their international officers today.

Indications are that the race for John Mitchell's place, which has been filled during the last year by T. L. Lewis, is going to be close. The two candidates are T. L. Lewis of Ohio, who seeks re-election, and John M. Walker, president of the Illinois miners. The vote will be canvassed in Indianapolis and announced at the international convention, which will meet here Jan. 19.

INQUIRY CLEARS WOLFORD

Still Trying to Solve Mystery of Missing Kowenski.

La Porte, Ind., Dec. 8.—Following an investigation of the mysterious disappearance of John Kowenski, a farm hand employed by Henry Wolford of Cool Springs township, this county, Prosecutor Smith announced that the charges made by neighbors that Kowenski and Wolford had gone hunting and that Kowenski did not return, and that later human bones, badly burned, had been found in a stump of a tree on the Wolford place where the two had been hunting, were without foundation.

It was established by the testimony that both Kowenski and Wolford returned from the hunting trip, and that early the next morning Kowenski arose and left the house, since which time he has not been seen.

The authorities are still trying to solve the mystery of Kowenski's disappearance.

POISONING SUSPECTED

Coroner at Lafayette Investigating Rich Farmer's Death.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 8.—Coroner Guy P. Levering is making rigid inquiry into the death of Etham McHerry, a wealthy retired farmer, who died very suddenly with symptoms of strychnine poisoning.

McHerry ate a hearty dinner and worked about the house. Later in the day he went for a bucket of coal, and after carrying it into the house he threw himself on the kitchen floor, saying he was very sick. Before the physician summoned arrived the man died in convulsions.

McHerry was a thirty-second degree Mason and owned much valuable land in this county. He was married twice, the second wife surviving.

SOCIETY OF EQUITY

Representatives Are Holding Meeting in Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—Representatives of the different state branches of the American Society of Equity are meeting in Indianapolis to pass finally on the action of the organization's national convention.

Immediately after the completion of this work today, the new board of directors will "check up" the organization and take office. The new board will formulate this week its policy which will include a vigorous campaign for membership. The organization now has about 28,000 members, and has a good footing in twenty states.

November Health Record.

Fairmount, Ind., Dec. 8.—Fairmount probably holds the health record for November, not only in the state, but in the whole country. With a population of 4,000, there was not one death within the corporate limits during the month and only one, that of an aged woman, in the township.

Postmaster's Wife Scared Robbers. Sullivan, Ind., Dec. 8.—An attempt was made to rob the postoffice at Grayville. The office is in the residence of T. K. Cushman the postmaster. Two men crawled to the porch roof. Mrs. Cushman and daughter heard them and their screams frightened the robbers.

"Prof." Hansen in a Cell.

La Porte, Ind., Dec. 8.—"Professor" Charles W. Hansen whose leaving of his wife and family last summer in Chicago and his subsequent attempt to found a unique business college in La Porte attracted much attention, was arrested on a charge of wife abandonment and placed in a cell.

Date for Special Election.

Indianapolis, Dec. 8.—Governor Hanley has set Dec. 29 as the day for the special election in Vanderburgh county to elect a successor to Senator Walter Legeman.

Gary Skating Rink Burned.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 8.—The skating rink of the Gary Casino company was burned in what is thought to have been an incendiary fire. The loss is \$15,000.

COLONEL COOPER COURT

Called to Answer on the Charge of Shooting Senator Carmack.

Nashville, Dec. 8.—Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, father of Robin Cooper, who was with the boy when he shot and killed ex-Senator Edward W. Carmack on the street here on Nov. 9, was brought into court today for trial on the charge of murder. At the same time John D. Sharp, former sheriff of this county, was also placed on trial. The men are charged with complicity in the shooting.

Robin Cooper, who fired the shots which killed Carmack, was wounded and is still under treatment. He will be placed on trial later. The shooting



COLONEL DUNCAN B. COOPER was the result of attacks made on Colonel Cooper by Carmack in the latter's newspaper, the Tennesseean.

DEMOCRATS MEET IN WASHINGTON

National Club League Begins Three Days' Sessions Today.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The turning of Democratic eyes toward the next presidential campaign is indicated by the meeting here today of all the Democratic organizations throughout the country, including the Bryan clubs which took part in the recent contest. The meeting, which will continue in session three days, was called by Colonel William C. Liller, chairman of the National League of Democratic Clubs.

Speaking of the purpose of the meeting, Colonel Liller declared that, while the Democratic party was naturally deeply disappointed by the result of the election, there was much hope of organizing between the present time and the next national campaign an effective opposition to the party in power.

Train Kills Temperance Advocate.

Newark, O., Dec. 8.—Crossing tracks on her way to the polls to work for the "dry's" at the local option election, Mrs. J. D. Miller was struck by a train and killed.

The Weather.

Following is the official weather forecast:

Illinois and Indiana—Fair and threatening in northern portion.

Wisconsin and Iowa—Warmer with snow flurries in north parts.

Lower Michigan—Snow flurries.

THE MARKETS

Cash Grain Market.

Winter wheat by sample: No. 2 red, \$1.06@1.07%; No. 3 red, \$1.04@1.06%; No. 2 hard, \$1.05@1.07%; No. 3 hard, \$1.03@1.06. Spring wheat by sample: No. 1 northern, \$1.09@1.10; No. 2 northern, \$1.07@1.09; No. 3 spring, \$1.03@1.09. Corn by sample: No. 3, 60@60%; No. 3 white, 60@60%; No. 3 yellow, 60@60%; No. 4, 53@59%; Oats by sample: No. 2 white, 52@52%; No. 3 white, 50@51%; No. 4 white, 48@50%; stardard 52c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Dec. 7.

Hogs—Receipts 78,000. Sales ranged at \$5.80@5.85 for choice heavy shipping, \$5.15@5.40 light mixed, \$5.60@5.75 mixed packing, \$5.70@5.80 heavy packing, \$4.00@4.50 good to choice pigs.

Cattle—Receipts 33,000. Quotations ranged at \$7.25@8.00 for prime fat steers, \$6.40@7.25 good to choice steers, \$3.85@5.25 good to choice cows, \$6.00@7.50 good to choice calves, \$4.25@4.85 selected feeders, \$3.40@3.75 fair to good stockers.

Sheep—Receipts 45,000. Quotations ranged at \$4.25@4.50 for good to choice wethers, \$5.00@5.25 good to choice yearlings, \$4.00@4.25 choice ewes, \$5.75@6.75 fair to choice spring lambs.

Elgin Butter Market.

Elgin, Ill., Dec. 7.

Butter—Creamery, extra, 30c; prints, 32c; extra firsts, 27@27½c; firsts, 25c; dairies, extras, 25c; firsts, 32c; packing stock, 21c.

East Buffalo, Live Stock.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 7.

Dunning & Stevens, Live Stock Commission Merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts 60 cars; market 15@25c higher. Hogs—Receipts 60 cars; market strong; heavy, \$8.05; Yorkers, \$5.75@5.90; pigs, \$2.25. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 50 cars; market strong; best lambs, \$7.75; yearlings, \$6.00; wethers, \$5.00@5.25.

LAND POISONING.

Something Needed to Destroy Toxic Secretion of Roots.

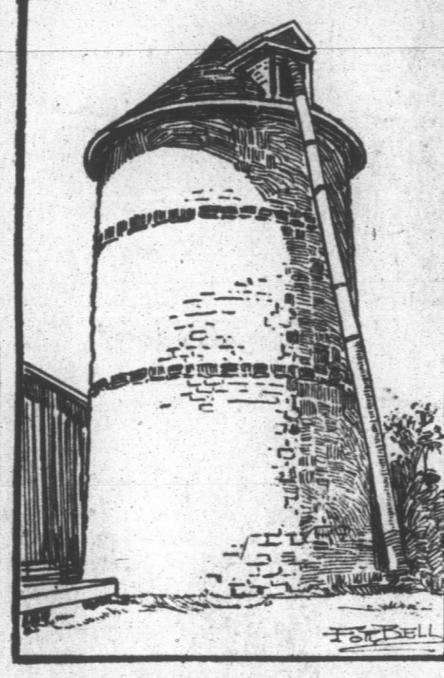
No one knows so well as the practical farmer how rapidly a naturally fertile soil may be exhausted by cultivation. In this country the tobacco lands of Virginia afford an example of this rapid decline in fertility. The abandoned New England farms, too, help to illustrate the effects produced by the constant cultivation of the same fields. Land that once yielded crops as if by magic now requires an artificial preparation before it will reward the farmer for his strenuous labor in the field.

Dr. Oliver Lodge, the eminent English scientist, is reported to have expressed his belief in the theory of the poisoning of the cultivated lands of the world. The advocates of this theory believe that the systematic rotation of crops is needless. They believe that it is impossible to exhaust the ground by a crop, as the food supplies in the soil are too great to admit of such a result. Other causes, therefore, must underlie the failure of a crop in what was once fertile soil, and, according to the believers in the theory, this failure is due to root poisoning. According to the poisoning theory, a crop does not do so well when it immediately succeeds another of the same sort because it excretes an active poison which is destructive of its own germs. Artificial manures are recommended not so much as a food for the plant as a remedy against these root poisons.

Very thorough investigations have, however, recently been carried out at Rothamsted, perhaps the most efficient scientific farm in the world, which tend to show that adherents of the poisoning theory have not yet succeeded in fully proving their case. If this theory be true manures in the true sense will no longer be necessary, but something to destroy the poisons excreted by the plants will serve a more useful purpose. As the root poison is admitted to exist in small quantities only, the treatment of land by any new process looking to this end should be much cheaper than under the present system of fertilization.

A Servicable Cement Silo.

The accompanying illustration shows a picture of a cement silo 18 by 40 feet, eight feet in the ground, which brings the bottom on a level with the



A CEMENT BLOCK SILO.

cow barn floor. This is probably the best and handsomest silo in Missouri. Re-enforcement was put in, in the form of barb wire in the mortar joint between each course. Blocks were 8 by 8 by 24 inches and made on face down machine, which made it possible to use 1 to 1 mixture for the face one-half inch thick. Belt courses are made by mixing red mineral paint in this facing mixture.

A silo thirty feet high and twelve feet in diameter will hold about eighty tons of silage and will feed twenty-one head of cattle 180 days, and it will take about eight acres of average corn to fill it. If the diameter increases to sixteen feet it will hold 120 tons to feed thirty-two cattle and hold twelve acres of corn. A silo thirty feet high and twenty feet in diameter will hold 180 tons, feed fifty head of cattle and require eighteen acres of average corn to fill it. A silo thirty-six feet high and twenty feet in diameter will hold 235 tons, feed sixty-four head of cattle 180 days and will require about twenty-four acres of average corn.

It is better not to build more than twenty feet in diameter, and it is better not to build less than thirty feet in height. You need the height to get the pressure to condense the silage into as small a space as possible. Twenty feet in diameter is harder to fill and harder to empty than a larger silo.

Saving Corn.

The annual slump in hogs has come earlier than usual this year because corn matured early and the hogs are being finished up with as little of it as possible. The light average weight of the hogs marketed indicates this, and so does their quality, which is inferior. Everywhere there seems to be a disposition to save corn. This is all right as far as it relates to the economical use of it, but there may be false economy in corn as in everything else. The man who rushes his pigs to market to save corn is in all probability practicing false economy. He is likely to find that he could have marketed both pigs and corn in one car later on to better advantage. This early slump may induce those who have not marketed their hogs to keep them back, make them good and in the end do better with them than if they shipped now.

Unless something checks this false economy of corn that grain is going to come to market in too liberal quantities for the good of prices.

PROGRAM OF FARMERS' INSTITUTE AT PARR, IND. DEC. 12, '08

9:00 A. M. Song. Invocation.....Rev. Bundy.
9:05 A. M. Miscellany
9:15 A. M. Music by the Parr Orchestra.
9:25 A. M. The Winter Feeding and Care of Breeding EwesProf. Smith of Purdue University.
10:00 A. M. Declamation by a School Girl.
10:05 A. M. Pickle Culture.....Wm. Smith of Union.
10:25 A. M. The Shipping of Stock.....Geo. W. Casey.
10:45 A. M. Raising Turkeys.....Mrs. Wm. Wilcox.
11:05 A. M. Pasture.....W. L. Wood.
12:00 M. Noon Intermission.
1:00 P. M. Music.
1:05 P. M. Miscellany.
1:15 P. M. Music by the Parr Orchestra.
1:25 P. M. The Feeding and management of the Dairy Herd,Prof. Smith.
2:00 P. M. Power on the Farm,Amos H. Alter.
2:25 P. M. Farm Management,Stephen Brusnahan.
2:45 P. M. Woman's Work on the Farm,Mrs. Chas. Lakin.
3:05 P. M. Feeding Pigs For Market,Prof. Smith.
3:35 P. M. Report of Committees.
Adjournment.
Respectfully Submitted by the Committee on Program.

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No. 22—Indianapolis Mall (daily) 2:01 p. m.
No. 23—Milwaukee Mall (daily) 5:40 p. m.
No. 3—Louisville Ex. (daily) 11:00 a. m.
No. 31—Fast Mail 4:45 p. m.

NORTH BOUND.
No. 4—Mail (daily) 4:30 a. m.
No. 10—Milwaukee accom. (daily) 7:31 a. m.
No. 12—Milwaukee Mail (daily) 9:55 a. m.
No. 6—Milwaukee Ex. (daily) 3:26 p. m.
No. 20—Cin. to Chi. via Mail 6:30 p. m.
No. 28—Cin. to Chi. via Mail 2:37 p. m.
*Daily except Sunday.

No. 3 will stop at Rensselaer for passengers for Lafayette and South. No. 6 will stop at Rensselaer to let off passengers from points south of Monon, and take passengers for Lowell, Hammond and Chicago.

No. 23 makes direct connection at Monon for Lafayette.

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