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### THE GROWTH OF THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

Mr. Samuel Gompers has been honored by being re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor and yet he didn't get the vindication he expected, unless a vindication by indirection may be so considered. His attempt to deliver the labor vote, neatly labeled as such, to Mr. Bryan, has elicited no praise from the officials of the American Federation. And yet it is no new thing for organized labor to be interested in politics. The activity of labor in the recent campaign is but a case of history repeating itself. The most interesting chapter of American labor history is that which deals with the meteoric rise of the Knights of Labor. Contemporaneous history tells us that the organization grew from a little local of seven garment workers in 1869 to a vast amalgamation of more than 600,000 members in 1886, the zenith year of its fame and influence. In government it was the most highly centralized of any general labor organization that ever existed. It discouraged strikes and boycotts and sought to use the ballot as its weapon of offense and defense. It was extremely active and took strong partisan grounds on all issues of the day. After passing its zenith the decline was rapid and today it is only a small organization. Its career was a temporary victory for the trade union idea over the union labor principle. Its spirit was that of amalgamation and centralization, while the moving force of the American Federation of Labor is federation and autonomy.

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### REAL ESTATE IS BOOMING.

One of the most cheerful signs of the times along the return of prosperity road is the activity in the real estate market.

While there is no lack of speculative purchases, the home builders and home buyers are the most numerous.

With plenty of money and the loaning companies doing business in a way to show complete confidence in the future, building, naturally, has received considerable impetus.

One does not need to breathe and exhale optimism to show that great times are ahead for the cities of the Calumet region. There are booms all over it. In Hammond the real estate market is now more active than it has been for a year. There are a number of big deals afoot. Next spring the building done promises to eclipse all records. What Gary will do will be sufficient to make it a humming hive of building industry.

In East Chicago, Indiana Harbor and Whiting the outlook cheers the realty man and awakens considerable interest.

All along the line the prospects for a busy year in 1909 are prophetic.

### IS INDIANA A SLOW POKE?

It is said, and there is small chance of disputing it, that Indiana was a doubtful state this year longer than any other state in the union. A good many novels will have to be written by native authors to make the people of the country forget that fact. It is nothing to be proud of. The varying tales that reached both democratic and republican headquarters after election for days and days, first that the republicans had been successful and later that the democrats had, and so on ad lib ad nauseam, put Indiana in a backwoods sort of a glamour that make both parties feel ashamed. Something ought to be done before the next election to make it possible for more speed to be used in obtaining the result. It won't do for Indiana to be a laughing stock for the politicians of other states.

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AN OKLAHOMA PAPER says: "If he is only four feet three in height his wife calls him by his full name when speaking to him. If he is six feet two and weighs over two hundred pounds she calls him 'Baby Boy.' What's the answer?"

There is no answer to that.

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AN AGED BEGGAR woman in Connecticut, when taken to a poorhouse, was found to have \$5,000 on deposit in a New York bank. And lo! Relatives bounced up like a lot of rubber balls, from all points of the compass, just anxious to do something for the poor old soul.

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IT HAS BEEN estimated that the eyelids of the average man open and close no fewer than 4,000,000 times each year. That is, of course, for an average Lake county man. It's different in Porter county.

### THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

November 23.

1817—William C. Calhoun, first governor of Louisiana, died at New Orleans. Died in Virginia in 1775.

1829—The city of Camden, S. C., almost destroyed by fire.

1831—Ignatius Donnelly, scholar and writer, born in Philadelphia. Died near Hastings, Minn., Jan. 2, 1901.

1849—Dr. George Parkman, murdered in Boston by Professor John Webster of the Harvard medical college.

1861—Federal forces bombarded the Confederate fortifications at Pensacola.

1870—Bavaria entered the North German Confederation.

1874—Atlantic coast of the United States swept by a hurricane.

1898—British routed the Boers near Gras Pan.

### THIS IS MY 43RD BIRTHDAY.

George B. McClellan.

George B. McClellan, mayor of the city of New York, was born in Dresden, Saxony, Nov. 23, 1865, the son of General George B. McClellan, who was commander-in-chief of the Union army during the first year of the civil war. While his father was governor of New Jersey the younger McClellan received his schooling in the Trenton public schools and subsequently graduated from Princeton college. He engaged in newspaper work in New York and at the same time studied law and in 1882 was admitted to the bar. The same year he was elected president of the board of aldermen of New York City. In 1894 he was elected to congress and was four times honored with re-election, resigning his seat in 1903.

when he was elected mayor of New York on the democratic ticket. Mayor McClellan stands high in the councils of the national democratic party and his name has been frequently mentioned in connection with the nomination for the vice presidency of the United States.

### HANLY FORMS PARTNERSHIP.

WILL Practice Law With McAdams and Artman When Term Expires.

The law partnership to be made up of Governor Hanly, Charles V. McAdams and Judge Samuel B. Artman has been established. It is said, however, that Governor Hanly will not have any active part in the law firm until after the expiration of his term as governor. The offices of the firm will be in the Odd Fellows building. Mr. McAdams served as a member of the Indiana railroad commission, but resigned from that post several months ago to take up the practice of law. His home was formerly at Williamsport.

Judge Artman was defeated at the recent election for the office of circuit judge in Boone county. A year or so ago he rendered a decision in which he held that the saloon is a nuisance, inherently wrong, illegal and is without legal right to be licensed. His decision, however, was reversed by the supreme court.

### Sentiment.

If sentiment had a marketable value people who have it would cease to be regarded with contempt.

## Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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### A FLOWER FOR BABY'S GRAVE.

This is a true story of what happened in Prospect Hill cemetery at Omaha, Neb.:

Two boys, just average American boys, were strolling through the cemetery. Many of the graves were decorated with flowers.

In that walk the lads came across a small grave that had no flowers on it.

The younger boy, aged about seven years, stopped and looked at the grave. He turned about to see if any one was near. The coast seemed clear. He crept over to a nearby mound that was almost covered with fine blossoms.

Telling his companion to keep watch, the little fellow selected several bouquets from the well decorated grave. Secreting the flowers under his jacket, he crept back to the neglected little mound and gently and lovingly bestowed them upon the tiny grave.

The two little fellows walked quietly away, speaking no word to each other until they reached the street.

Then the younger said, "That wasn't stealin', was it?"

"Course it wasn't" responded the other. "Don't you think that little baby had just as much right to flowers on its grave as some of those old folks?"

Aye, boy, why not? Somebody had forgotten baby's grave. That was no reason why a boy should stand by and allow it. That was no reason why the tender feelings of two boys should be hurt.

Benisons on their heads—and hearts! They felt the reproach caused by the neglect of the baby's friends. They removed the reproach and repaired the neglect by taking a few flowers that would not be missed.

Trust the sweet, tender instinct of a right thinking lad to do justice and love mercy.

IT WAS NOT STEALING.

I don't care what the calf or buckram bound books in the law library have to say about what the boys did.

Or—

If you must stick to your definitions of petty larceny and the letter of the law, why—

LET'S PUT IT ALONG WITH UNCLE TOBY'S SLIP. YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED—THE RECORDING ANGEL DROPPED A TEAR UPON IT AND BLOTTED IT OUT FOREVER.

## RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

If you want to commit a crime in Lake county, commit a big one and some jury is sure to feel sorry for you and let you go.

JUST BECAUSE A MARRIED MAN DOES THE THINGS HIS WIFE WANTS HIM TO DO, IT'S NO SIGN THAT HE IS STUCK ON THE JOB.

Grave News.

The tombstone man of New Decatur was in our office last Saturday en route to Somerville to do some work. Peoriaville Correspondence New Decatur (Ala.) Advertiser.

It is awfully hard to please yourself and be popular with your neighbors all at the same time.

Indianapolis has a child poetess who is only 12 years old. And that's what's the matter with Indianapolis, eh?

When a man can tell the truth to his wife about where he spent the evening, it's because he stayed at home with her.

It is almost time for them to find that South Homan street has to be ripped open again for a gas main or something of that sort.

PEOPLE WOULD LIKE TO SAVE MONEY BY USING IT ON THINGS THAT ARE WORTH WHILE, SO AS TO BE ABLE TO SPEND IT ON THINGS THAT ARE NOT WORTH WHILE.

Music of the Day.

The Sentinel force is now daily sticking to the inspiring music of a grind organ attached to a "flying Jenny" near the office. What, oh, what have we done?—Cordele (Ga.) Sentinel.

A man's collar may wilt and the sweat run down his back, but what difference does it make as long as he keeps his temper intact.

Mr. Bryan is still finding it necessary to explain the landslide under which he was buried. That's the beauty of a weekly, however.

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Honeymoon, Cupid again gets busy and substitutes a pair of green goggles for the Rose-colored Glasses.

As football is out of the way, we can now turn out attention to what generally goes with it's ending—turkey.

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## UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

### DRUG STORE BOOZE SEIZED.

Cases of bottled beer, one piled on top of the other to a height of eight feet, casks of wine and demijohns containing whisky were stacked in the Wayne circuit court room at Richmond today. The collection of "wet goods" was the tangible evidence that the state will use in its prosecution of Dr. Arthur Jones of Whitewater, a druggist, who a few months ago was arrested, charged with conducting a "blind tiger."

### SALOONS ALL CLEANED OUT.

Princeton is a saloonless city. By means of the Moore remonstrance all of the saloons were banished, and the commissioners will not grant a license to any one to sell retail liquor.

### DEFENSE LOSSES GOOD WITNESS.

Unable to secure Dr. Walter S. Haines for today, the defense in the trial of Ray Lamphere at Laporte, on the charge of murdering Mrs. Bella Gunnness and her three children, was forced to disarrange its program and offer testimony which should come after Dr. Haines, according to H. W. Worden.

### DEAF MUTE TRIES SUICIDE.

Because there is no law in Indiana against attempting suicide Judge Frank Gass of the Munroe city court yesterday was compelled to free William L. Funk, a deaf mute, supposedly of Indianapolis.

### HYPNOTIC SUBJECT REBELS.

A hypnotic "subject" put to sleep by a traveling hypnotist in the show window in a store at Princeton and scheduled to remain under the influence twenty-four hours, suddenly aroused, remarked that he was "infernally tired of this job and ready for a square meal," jumped out of the window, ran through the door and home in spite of all protests.

### SMALL POSTOFFICE ROBBED.

The postoffice at Orestes, a village three miles west of Alexandria, was robbed about 2 o'clock this morning, and stamps to the value of more than \$100 are missing. The postoffice is located in the drug store of Dr. John Reese and the thief gained entrance through an open transom.

## LOOKING ON THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE

### All His Fault.

An old lady who was in the habit of declaring, after the occurrence of an unusual event, that she had predicted it, was one day very nicely sold by her worthy spouse, who, like many others we have heard of, had got tired of her eternal "I told you so." Rushing into the house, he dropped into his chair, elevated his hands and exclaimed, "Oh, wife, wife! What—what—what do you think? The old bridle cow has gone and eaten up our grindstones!"

The old lady was ready, and hardly waiting to hear the last word, she broke out at the top of her lungs: "I told you so, you old fool. I told you so. You would have let it stand out of doors!"—Philadelphia Ledger.

### ROUGH ESTIMATE.

"Yes," said the impatient guest, "how long will my omelette be?" "I can't say exactly sir," replied the waiter, "but the average is about eight inches."—Chicago News.

### A SUGGESTIVE TITLE.

"What's he doing now?" "Lecturing on 'The Decline of Poetry'." "Wrote verses himself, didn't he?" "Yes, and they were all declined."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

### ACCENTS.

"In the midst of a rambling speech the orator declared, 'The situation is grave, the crisis is acute.'"

"And the gentleman's speech," added the newspaper reporter, "was circumflex."—Youth's Companion.

Thomas of Chicago. He claims the two sexes form distinct classes of beings and gives his explanation of the reason.

High praise is given Walter L. Fisher as the man who solved the traction problem in Chicago by Ida Tarbell in an article on "How Chicago Is Finding Herself" in the December issue of a magazine.

Cheaper wheat offerings from the southern hemisphere shut America out of the European markets. Interior receipts continue large, milling trade and supplies are rapidly accumulating.

With closed eyes first important setback in prices of stocks in Wall street since election.

### BOARDING BOSS IN WHITING DEPARTS WITH BORDER'S \$107.

Takes Money and Tells Friends That He Would Leave For New York.

Whiting, Nov. 23.—(Special)—Andrew Bertik, of Front street and Standard avenue, who kept a boarding house at the above residence, has not only departed with \$107 which belonged