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CONTEST PROVING A FIZZLE.

The deeper the attorneys, who are examining witnesses in the alleged election fraud cases now on trial at Crown Point, go into it, the less occasion they see for bringing the contest. Indisputable evidence has been brought out that if there was any double dealing or trickery in connection with the case that the democrats were in just as deep as the republicans. Indeed no evidence of fraud on either part has yet been introduced or brought out. It was simply a case of which party was better organized and more able to secure the votes of the foreigners. One prominent democrat on the witness stand truthfully declared that the democrats would have got more of the foreign votes if he had had the management of the securing their naturalization papers, and this is the keynote of the whole matter. If the democrats could have naturalized more foreigners they would have been only too glad to have done so. There is no question about that. They did the best they could. They naturalized all the voters that they could afford to naturalize and that is all there is to it.

In view of these facts it seems almost incredible that the dog-in-the-manger act should have been played so strong by the democrats. They have been "hoist with their own petard" and instead of making good with their babyish accusations against the republicans, have shown the people of Indiana that they were just as eager to naturalize foreigners as the republicans. The whole matter puts the democrats in a queer light, especially when it is taken into consideration that N. P. Banks, the defeated republican candidate for representative, two years ago was beaten by but twenty-one votes and instead of contesting he accepted defeat gracefully and that was all there was to it.

LET THE CHILDREN GIVE THEIR QUOTA.

Next week the schools of Lake county will be having their annual Christmas programs and celebrations. It would be a most praiseworthy plan if all the schools in the county would follow the custom that has obtained in many of the North township schools. In many of these it has become customary, instead of having expensive celebrations and present-giving, to give for the benefit of the poor. This is a progressive spirit and presents an example to the children which will be one of incalculable benefit. The childish heart is susceptible above all others to the tender emotions and finer motives. Christmas-giving to the poor will melt selfishness and inculcate a spirit in the pupils of inestimable value. Their childish hearts will warm with a glow that will make Yuletide holidays one sweet recollection if they can recall that they helped to make some deserving person happy and forget their troubles for a short time.

A CERTAIN JUDGE has informed a grand jury that its powers are limited to the finding of indictments and not to criticize vague accusations and supervisory jurisdiction. This will be news to a lot of nice old gentlemen who have been grand jurors since Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves. We shall all look forward eagerly to the time when in Lake county some judge may investigate the remarkable ill fortune that attends these nice old gentlemen who are being perpetually called upon to do jury duty.

THE ILLNESS OF Mayor Lawrence Becker of Hammond which has caused him to submit to an operation in St. Margaret's hospital, is giving his friends hereabouts much concern and the hope is genuinely expressed that he may recover speedily from the ailment which has aggravated him and his family for several months. Besides being the city's chief executive, Mr. Becker is well known all over the state as one of the leaders in the democratic party and his recovery will be warmly welcomed.

F. RICHARD SCHAAF, who retires from the executive head of the Indiana Township Trustees association, with the expiration of a creditable and well-rounded term of years in the trustee's office, is succeeded by John C. Becker, who has already been honored by being made secretary of the state association even before he has been inducted into office. Mr. Becker has already given evidence that the office of trustee will again be in safe hands and Hammond is to be congratulated on the good advising Mr. Becker is already bringing to the city.

"YOU LIE, YOU VILLAIN, YOU HE," uncle Horace Greeley was wont to ejaculate. That was in the old days, however, before the great editors cultivated the amenities. Now they leave that sort of language to their more ardent critics.

THE GIRL WHO thought it was just lovely to marry an artist who could draw beautiful pictures was happy until she woke up to regret that she hadn't married a man who could draw beautiful checks.

THE RUMOR THAT Carrie Nation had returned to this country from Scotland wearing kilts to do a vaudiville turn, is indignantly denied.

AND, BY THE way, what a large and dignified silence is presented in the case of Vice President Fairbanks.

leading part of "Hester Crewe," a play written by her husband. Since then she has been starring in a number of plays, among them some of Ibsen's plays.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 20.
1482—Columbus cast anchor in the bay of St. Thomas.
1714—Thomas Gray, English poet, was born. Died July 24, 1771.
1776—The seat of the United States government was removed to Baltimore.
1790—The Russians took the fortress of Ismael from the Turks.
1842—Bishop John Dubois of New York died. Born August 24, 1784.
1860—South Carolina seceded from the Union.
1891—Preston B. Plum, United States senator from Kansas, died in Washington, D. C.
1903—Frederick R. Coudert, eminent New York lawyer, died. Born in 1832.
1905—Abraham H. Hummel, New York lawyer, was convicted of conspiracy and sentenced to imprisonment for one year.

THIS IS MY 40TH BIRTHDAY.

Cyrus Townsend Brady.
The Rev. Cyrus Townsend Brady, the eminent author and clergyman, who resigned recently from the rectorship of Trinity church in Toledo, O., to become pastor of St. George's Episcopal church at Kansas City, Mo., was born in Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 20, 1861. He entered the United States naval academy from Pennsylvania and graduated in 1883. He did not continue his career in the navy, however, but studied for the ministry and was ordained in Nebraska in 1887. Since his ordination he has held important rectorships with churches in Missouri, Colorado, Kansas and Pennsylvania. Better even than as a minister he is known to the world as the author of near thirty novels and as a frequent contributor to current magazines. Among his most recent books are "The Two Captains," published in 1905; "The Conquest of the Southwest," published in the same year; "Indian Fights and Fighters," published in 1904, and "A Little Traitor to the South," published in the same year.

RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

Ah, good evening! And who has the incubus this evening?

Why does the person who forgets your very existence most of the time, write the most affectionate letters?

And just figure out, too, what an immense majority Taft would have got in Lake county if all those foreigners hadn't gone to Europe from the Standard Steel Car district!

In Company.
Little Billie, who is quite fond of his grandfather, has learned some of his bad habits. One day he said a bad word. His mother, quite surprised, said seriously: "Why, Billie! Edna, Edith little Jay, papa and mamma will all go to heaven, and we will feel so badly because Little Billie won't be there."

"Oh, well, I'll be wiser dramma," said Billie, quite independently.—The January Delineator.

Of course, it all depends on the slant you take it. After advertising a Chicago hat shop, a Whiting restaurant and a Chicago tailor shop, a Hammond sheet continues its squawk about home advertising.

Fools are always dreaming they would be happier in other places or circumstances.

You see, when you shop early, you not only remember your friends, but you remember the poor, hard-worked clerks.

After all, no one can quite enjoy Christmas to the fullest who hasn't a mother whose love labors to make it the gladdest time of the year.

She Had an Explanation.
"But," said the inquisitive bachelor, after the baby had been carefully placed in his arms, "where does she get her blue eyes? Yours are dark, and so are her papa's."

"Oh," the fond young mother explained, "she inherits them from my side of the family. My brother Will's wife has just such eyes exactly."

THE LOVE OF COMPLAINT, LIKE THE DESIRE FOR DRINK—INCREASES WITH EACH INDULGENCE. THEREFORE, IT BEHOVES US TO CUT IT OUT.

Two Bills.
Will Tweedy has just finished a nice two-story house. This is "laughing Bill." William Tweedy Sr., known as "Gumbo Bill," has a new house in town which will be ready to plaster soon.—Valley Falls (Kan.) Vindicator.

The man who usually objects to playing second fiddle usually is the Caudal Appendage of the kite.

About the nearest bit of reading is Mr. Hearst's rebuke of the Indianapolis News on account of the latter's position with reference to the Panama matter.

Bad Axe—Ugly.
Rumors are current of a swell wedding about the holidays in which a

Letters To Santa Claus

The Little Ones Write To Tell Santa What They Want

Santa Claus just smiles when he sees all these letters. He urges his little friends to get in their letters early. They are coming in again today in swarms. Write plainly and give name and address.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas is drawing near I will write and let you know what I want. And that is a man-candy set. That is all for this year. So goodby. I am sincerely yours,
ROSE LOETSCHER.
18 Plummer avenue.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a horn and a Christmas tree, and a dollie. Don't forget my little sister. She wants a dollie and some blocks. Her name is Mable. My name is Mildred. MILDRED HOFFMAN.
390 Ash street.
P. S. Don't forget to fill our stockings with candy and nuts.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 18, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: I am going to let you know what I want for Christmas. My papa is dead. A man is suing mamma for the house. I want you to please give mamma the house so we have a home to live in. That is all I want for Christmas. I have a sister at home, three years old, and I have a brother 13 years old, and I am 10 years old. If you have some nuts and candy we will like to have some of it, dear Santa Claus.
HARRIET BROOKS.
548 Van Buren street, Gary, Ind.

Stieglitz, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: I am writing you a few lines so as not to forget me. Please bring me a set of furs, a stocking full of nuts and candy, a ring and ribbons. I guess that will be enough for this time. Please bring me this. I am eight years old.
Your loving little friend,
MARGARET MODROCK.
One Hundred and Thirty-first street, Stieglitz, Ind.

Stieglitz Park, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas is drawing near I thought I would write you a few lines so as not to forget me. Please bring me a stocking of nuts and candy, a ring and a set of furs and a pair of ribbons. I think that will be enough for this time. Please don't forget to bring me this. I am ten years old.
Your loving little friend,
HELEN MODROCK.
One Hundred and Thirty-first street, Stieglitz Park, Ind.

I have a little sister at home, she is six years old. She wants a dollie and a pair of sled skates. Please bring her this, Santa, as she has been wishing for it all the time. Your little friend,
HELEN.
Dyer, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: Christmas is near and now is time to order our toys. We are three little girls, Edna, Marie and Hilde. Edna wants a doll, a piano, a set of flat irons and a set of dishes. Marie wants a doll, a doll carriage, a pair of garters, some hair ribbons and a doll bed. Hilde wants a wheelbarrow to haul corn cobs and a doll. We all want nuts and candy. Don't forget us. We'll have the table set for you. Goodby, dear Santa.

Your loving girls,
EDNA, MARIE AND HELEN STOBIER.
Dyer, Lake county, Indiana.

Dyer, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: Christmas is here and cold days are coming. I carry THE TIMES and I have no warm gloves, so please send me some gloves, a pair of skates and a pair of pants.
Your friend,
JOE STOBIER.
Dyer, Ind.

Dyer, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa: Please bring me a pair of pants, a little watch and a drum; also a pair of skates if you have some left and nuts and candy. Don't forget me. Goodby, Santa dear.
Your friend,
RAYMOND STOBIER.
Dyer, Ind.

Cedar Lake, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: I am eight years old. I am in the eighth grade. I want a doll buggy, a story book, a box of paints and a pretty bracket. Maybe we are going to Steger this Christmas. Don't forget my little sister, Verna. She is only two years old and the baby of the family. She wants a doll and whatever else you want to bring her.
I am your little friend,
ALICE NELSON.
Hammond, Ind., Dec. 16, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy five years old and my name is Ward, and I am trying to be very good so you will surely come to my house. I want a Christmas tree, a sled, nuts and candy, an overcoat and cap, and please don't forget my little brother, for he is very good. I live at 534 Pine street, Goodby, Dear Santa Claus.
WARD FOWLER.
Hammond, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: I will write to you, hoping that you will come to my house Christmas eve. I was a good girl so I expect a good present from you. Last year you did not come to my house. I expect you to come this year.
charming widow of Uby and a rich widow of Bad Axe are the high contracting parties.—Uby (Mich.) Courier.

Fifty thousand readers of THE TIMES pored over the large bunch of Christmas presents that were advertised in THE TIMES last night.

Please bring me a big doll, dressed and three feet high, with a silk dress.

Your friend,
BERTHA ADAMS.
Hammond, Ind., R. F. D. No. 1.

Tollestson, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
I am a little girl, eight years old. I wish you would bring me a dollie go-cart, a pair of gloves and a bonnet, a locket and chain, and a big Christmas tree with lots of nice things on. Don't forget to call at our house on Christmas eve.
From your little friend,
MABEL EBERT.
One Hundred and Sixty-ninth street, Tollestson.

East Chicago, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy and will be seven years old tomorrow. Please send me an automobile, new suit, gloves, express wagon and some nuts and candy.
Your little friend,
ARTHUR POWERS.
4928 Magoun avenue, East Chicago, Ind.

Hessville, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: I am nine years old now and I was a good boy all year and hope you will bring me lots of nice toys. And don't forget me on Christmas eve. I will tell you what I would like to have for Christmas. Please bring me a sleigh and nuts and candy and a Christmas tree, too. So I will close.
From your friend,
EMIL DEDELOW.

Hessville, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: Please send us the following presents: I want a story book. Bring me a little wagon for my baby brother. Bring me a bag of peanuts, a pair of skates and a sleigh for my sisters and me. Bring me a Teddy bear for my little sister, a Christmas tree, too, and a pair of garters and shoes. My number for shoes is 12½. I am ten years old. Don't forget that my name is Olga Peterek.
Your little girl,
OLGA PETEREK.

Whiting, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: Christmas is soon here. I want you to send me a steam engine and candy and nuts. I want some mittens. I am 11 years old.
Your little friend,
FRANK KLEMM.

Clark Station, Ind., Dec. 18, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: I see several letters of little boys in THE TIMES so I thought I would let you hear from me. I wish you would bring me a football and a pair of felt boots and some candy and nuts. I am 12 years old and would thank you very much if you would bring me this. My little brother Hugo is ten years old and he would like to have you bring him an engine that goes on a small track and a pair of felt boots and some candy and nuts. Goodby, dear Santa Claus.
CARL VIRUS.
My address is Clarke Station, Lake county, Indiana.

Clark Station, Ind., Dec. 18, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas is drawing very near I am going to let you know what I want for Christmas so as not to forget me. I would like to have an Irish mail and a sled, and some nuts and candy. I am nine years old and would be very glad to have this. Goodby, dear Santa Claus.
ELMER BEHN.
My address is Clarke Station, Lake county, Indiana.

Hessville, Ind., Dec. 18, 1908.
Dear Santa: I would please like you to bring my sisters some presents for Christmas. I have two sisters and we want a big doll, a toy dinner set, doll-go-cart and a stove for us. Bring it to my aunt in Hessville because I am going to be there Christmas. I will write my name and address to her place.
Yours truly,
MISS BERTHA F. HOPP.
Hessville, Ind.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 16, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: It is nearly Christmas time and I thought I would write and tell you what to bring. I am ten years old. I would like to have a bank, and a sled and five handkerchiefs. Is that too much for you to bring? Be sure and don't forget me. I will thank you now.
Your friend,
MINNIE WARD.
627 Indiana avenue.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 16, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: It is near Christmas and I thought I would write to you and tell you what I want for Christmas. I am a little girl nine years old. I would like to have a big doll and some skates with double runners, and a nice story book, and some candy and nuts. Bring me a trunk and a doll bed. I guess that will be enough. I hope you don't forget me. I live in a white house, 408 Michigan avenue.
Your friend,
RUTH WINROW.
408 Michigan avenue.

Dear Santa Claus: It will be a short time before Christmas, so I thought I would write and tell you what I want. I am ten years old, and I hope if you are a good Santa you will come to my house. I will mention a few things that I would like. A pair of skates, a pair of gloves and a few nuts and candies. I will thank you very much if you will come to 812 Indiana avenue.
THOMAS MILWAIN.
812 Indiana avenue.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 16, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: It is near Christmas time and I want to tell you what I would like to have. I am a little boy, nine years old. I would like a magic lantern, some nuts and candy, and a story book. I will thank you for the things. I live at 809 Michigan avenue.
Your friend,
JOHN DILTS.
809 Michigan avenue.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 16, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: It is almost Christmas and I thought I would write you a few lines to tell you what to bring me. I am a little girl, eleven years old. I would like to have a doll, and a pair of gloves, and a doll buggy, and a sweater. I want a game, a story book, a fine handkerchief, some candy and nuts. That is all. I thank you already. I hope you will bring me what

I want. I live on Michigan avenue, my number is 761.

Your little friend,
MAE BAUMGARDT.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 16, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: It is getting near Christmas and I thought I would tell you what I want. I am ten years old. I would like to have two pair of ribbons, some candy, peanuts and nuts, a go-cart, a new doll, three bottles of perfume, a pair of shoes, a story book and a Christmas tree. That is all for this year. I hope you don't forget me and I will thank you very much for the toys. I live at 544 Michigan avenue.
Your friend,
NELLIE JONES.
544 Michigan avenue.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa: I know you will have an awful big sack of toys, but be sure and leave room for a few things. I would like to have you bring me, please bring me, a train wagon and a nice new suit and don't forget my sister Mary. Mamma and papa. So goodby.
Your friend,
FRANK KLOS.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: Will you please bring me a doll sweater and a pair of leggings. Bring my little sister a chair and a doll go-cart. This is all we want.
Your little friend,
VERONICA KLOS.
874 Grover street.
Don't get lost out this way, Santa Claus.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 18, 1908.
Dear Santa: I want a jumping jack and an automobile, and a good watch, and a sword, and some dillie resin for my bow. And, Santa, please bring my cousin Clare Schmittel, a nice new dress and also bring me a jack-in-the-box.
Yours truly,
ELMER SCHMITTEL.

Robertsdale, Ind., Dec. 18, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: Please send me a big automobile and a monkey on a stick, and a yellow grasshopper, and a big doll and a big jumping jack, and a new horse for Willie Kesch on the wagon.
P. S. I am a little boy, eight years old. Martha wants a nice little jack-in-the-box. I am good.
CARL MOORE.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 18, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy six years of age, and as Christmas draws near I will write you a letter. I would like to have a gun, engine, bank, automobile, tumbler, drum, sword, knife and a ring.
BOISE MOORE.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl of eight years. I want a Christmas tree, music roll and a little doll so I can make dresses for it, and lots of candy and nuts. And, dear Santa Claus, don't forget to bring mamma that piano at E. C. Minas for her Christmas present. My address is 615 May street.
CLAUDIS REED.

SET DATE FOR TRIAL.
The date of the disbarment trial of Prosecutor Joseph E. Talbot of St. Joseph county, was set for Superior Judge Van Fleet at Elkhart today for the second Monday at the February term, despite the request of the prosecuting committee for further delay.



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No one can doubt that he is making his industry count. Mr. Pascaly is a good tailor too. He understands the merchant tailoring business from a to z, he seldom has a misfit and it is said that the suits made by him often look well for an entire year. But he is not only a good tailor but he is a good all-around business man and the advice and assistance he renders his friends and acquaintances is often worth as much or more than that of the paid attorney. It is not necessary to speak of the character of this man for honesty and integrity. The fact that he is one of the city fathers naturally indicates that he is held in high esteem by his neighbors and that is about the best testimonial a man can have.



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