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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-man's-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 inculcable 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 advertising Mr. Becker is already bringing to the city.

"YOU LIE, YOU VILLAIN, YOU LIE," 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 vaudeville turn, is indignantly denied.

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

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

December 19.

1774—Mrs. Deborah Franklin, wife of Benjamin Franklin, died in Philadelphia. Born there, 1706.

1804—Thomas Jefferson and George Clinton were unanimously chosen president and vice president of the United States.

1813—David Hartley, whom George III, selected to make a peace treaty with the United States, died at Bath, England. Born in 1732.

1852—Sacramento, Cal., was flooded by the breaking of a levee.

1860—Governor Hicks of Maryland refused to receive the Mississippi commissioners.

1862—The confederates recaptured Holly Springs, Miss.

1864—President Lincoln called for 300,000 volunteers.

1878—Bayard Taylor, American author and diplomat, died. Born Jan. 11, 1825.

1905—Governor La Follette of Wisconsin

resigned and was succeeded by Lieutenant Governor Davidson.

THIS IS MY 43D BIRTHDAY.

Minnie Madder Fluke.

Mrs. Minnie Madder Fluke, the renowned American actress, was born in New Orleans on Dec. 19, 1865, the daughter of Thomas W. Devey, a theatrical manager. She grew up in a theater atmosphere and was scarcely three years old when she made her first appearance on the stage, playing a child's part. At the age of twelve she played alternately leading roles and the parts of old women and at the age of fifteen became a full-fledged star under the name of Minnie Madder. She traveled extensively and met with remarkable success wherever she appeared. While in the east she became acquainted with Harrison Grey Fiske, the distinguished journalist and playwright and married him on March 19, 1896. After her marriage she withdrew from the stage for five years and when she reappeared it was in the

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.

1492—Columbus cast anchor in the bay of St. Thomas.

1716—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 Ismail from the Turks.

1842—Bishop John Dubois of New York died. Born Aug. 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.

1906—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.

1907—Hammond, Ind., R. F. D. No. 1.

Tolleston, 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 pocket and chain, and a big Christ-

mas 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,

Tolleston.

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

either. Don't forget my little sister.

She wants a dollie and some blocks.

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 dol-

le. 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 stock-

ings with candy and nuts.

Gary, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me

a story book. Bring me 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.

From your friend,

ELMIL DEDELOW.

544 Michigan avenue.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 17, 1908.

Dear Santa Claus: 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, Mam-

my and papa. So goodby.

Your friend,

NELLIE JONES.

544 Michigan avenue.

Hammond, Ind., Dec. 17, 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 rib-

bons, some candy, peanuts and nuts, a

go-cart, a new doll, three bottles of per-

fume, 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 live at 544 Michigan avenue.

Your friend,

MAE BAUMGARDT.

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Your friend,

FRANK KLOS.

544 Michigan avenue.

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