

## A Poem for Today

### SEEIN' THINGS AT NIGHT.

By Eugene Field.

AIN'T afraid uv snakes or toads or bugs or worms or mice. An' things 'at girls are skeered uv I think are awful nice! I'm pretty brave, I guess, an' yet I hate to go to bed, For, when I'm tucked up warm an' snug, an' when my prayers are said, Mother tells me "Happy dreams!" an' takes away the light.

An' leaves me lyin' all alone an' seein' things at night!

Sometimes they're in the corner, sometimes they're by the door, Sometimes they're all a-standin' in the middle uv the floor; Sometimes they are a-sittin' down, sometimes they're walkin' round So softly and so creepy like they never make a sound, Sometimes they are as black as ink, an' other times they're white, But the color ain't no difference when you see things at night!

Once, when I licked a feller 'at had just moved on our street An' feller sent me up to bed without bite to eat, I woke up in the dark an' saw things standin' in a row A-lookin' at me cross eyed an' pittin' at me—so! Oh, my! I wuz so skeered that time I never slept a mite, It's almost alluz when I'm bad 'at I see things at night.

Lucky thing I ain't a girl, or I'd be skeered to death! Bein' I'm a boy, I duck my head an' hold my breath; An' I'm, oh, so sorry I'm a naughty boy, an' then I promise to be better, an' I say my prayers again. Gran'ma tells me that's the only way to make it right When a feller has been wickin' an' seein' things at night!

An' so when other naughty boys would coax me into sin I try to skush the tempter's voice "at urges me within; An' when they's pie for supper or cakos 'at's big and nice, I want to, but I do not pass my plate f'r them things twice; No, rather let starvation wipe me slowly out of sight Than I should keep a-livin' on an' seein' things at night!

## The Ligonier Banner.

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We were told that the city council had plenty of money in sight to put in an electric lighting plant and that the work would begin at once. As yet nothing has been done and the streets are in darkness. The people are beginning to wonder how long present conditions are to continue. It is an outrage that the people and the taxpayers are compelled to pass through the whole winter without any street lighting service of any kind and it is unjust to the business men that they should be treated as they are. The people voted for light. Everybody wanted electric lights and a small majority declared in favor of a municipal plant, that was supported by many upon the promise that it would be immediately installed. So far nothing has been done and there seems to be no disposition upon the part of the city council to meet the responsibility and the promises made. It might be well for the council to study their duties. They are the servants of the people and not their masters. The can have no good reasons for the delay. If they have the people would like to have them.

Many complaints are heard upon every hand about the way the city council is handling the electric lighting question. We were told that if the people would give the council the right to put in a municipal plant the work would begin at once, and that the streets would be lighted without delay, but so far the council has not done anything and the chances for relief from present conditions are very remote. In the meantime our streets are dark and dangerous, business has suffered and the people are compelled to stay at home or stumble along in the dark at the risk of personal injury. The taxpayers of Ligonier are paying for lighting service. They have been taxed for that purpose and they are demanding that the city council do something to relieve the present conditions. If we are not to have a municipal plant until certain interests are good and ready, let us have coal oil lamps, any old thing that will make the streets passable and less dangerous.

If the city council can not put in an electric lighting plant, they should do something to provide some kind of temporary service that will relieve present conditions until the municipal plant is installed. We do not believe that even a small part of the taxpayers will be content with the pinch gut policy intended to save the cost of lighting the streets with the intention of putting the money into the proposed new plant. What the people want is light. They want light at the earliest possible moment.

The indorsement of Sig W. Kann, of this city, by Democrats in Whitley and DeKalb counties as well as in many of the township caucuses in this county is a high compliment to Mr. Kann, who wants to go to the national democratic convention at Denver as one of the two delegates from this district. It is a laudable ambition and we hope to see Mr. Kann successful. If he succeeds in landing the honor it will be a striking illustration of what will be supported for the place and it now looks as if he would be named by the convention, that will meet in January at Indianapolis. Hon. N. B. Newnam, of Kendallville, was the last delegate selected from the county, and he supported Governor Cleveland.

The Boston Herald after discussing the peculiar political situation in New York says:

Meanwhile the question rises, and will not down: "Why does the president offend Governor Hughes?" The answer is not that the president prefers Secretary Taft. No one need be deluded by that idea. Of course, the prefers Mr. Taft, but that preference does not explain his hostility to Governor Hughes. His preference for Mr. Taft is easily understood. Curiously enough, it has not increased Mr. Taft's popularity. On the other hand, the president's opposition to the governor of New York does not decrease the popularity of Mr. Hughes. The governor's popularity is growing West and South; it is already high in the East. Everywhere there is greatest demand for news of him, for descriptions of him and his work, for his speeches and his ideas, than for the news, descriptions, speeches and ideas of any other man in the country, save one. And that one is opposed to Governor Hughes. Why? Why does the president of the United States deny to the governor of New York the delegates from the empire state? Why is President Roosevelt opposed to Governor Hughes?

The Denver Republican thinks that our public school system is developing fast toward an elimination of the parent from the child's life. It is moved to this reflection on learning that in the Philadelphia schools a course on "manners, morals and patriotism" has been adopted. It moralizes thus:

Apparently there is going to be precious little for the American parent to do, in the future, besides getting the children to school on time—and maybe a special course in promptness will be provided before long. With a school set of manners, morals and patriotism provided for his child, no doubt father and mother can get second-hand instruction in these virtues from the lips of Johnny or Susie. It should be productive of great good, as the country can not have an overproduction of such things. As to the parent who objects because the three R's are neglected, owing to the crush of modern fads, let him step aside and not stop the march toward the production of the perfect che-e-ell!

According to seemingly reliable information from Washington, two sets of a "benevolent nature" are doomed to defeat, so far as the present congress is concerned. They are the parcel post and the postal savings bank schemes. There is developing a pronounced sentiment against the government becoming a gigantic business institution. This sentiment is strongly opposed to Uncle Sam taking upon himself more burdens than he is already carrying. Whatever individuals are able to do, ought not to be assumed by the government.—J. B. STOLL in South Bend Times.

The New York Herald preaches the gospel of less work for the coming year, basing its plea on the fact of the alarming increase of heart disease in the city due, it is believed, in a general way, to the increased pressure under which people live. The Herald says:

Physicians have long been preaching the doctrine that American business men live too fast. With the telegraph, the ocean cable, the telephone and other modern facilities, the man of affairs can do in one hour work that would formerly have occupied six. It might be thought his working day would be correspondingly shortened. Nothing of the sort has occurred. The speed with which trade can be effected has simply accelerated his pace, and he not only works faster but more hours than ever. Corresponding increase of physical responsibilities. To keep up this energy he eats too much, sometimes driving too much—for a man who spends most of his working hours at his desk and takes no open-air exercise. Physical deterioration is inevitable, and when a period of more than usual stress and anxiety arrives he is liable to succumb.

### Band Fair and Other Attractions for the Holiday Week

With so many places to go and such a wide variety of amusements offered, the problem of where and how to spend one's money in Ligonier this week has been quite difficult to solve. For instance: Monday evening the Cabin pike pedestrian while migrating northward toward the midway was first hailed by "A Ragged Hero's" claim for patronage; then at the next booth the megaphone barker, told of wonders disclosed by life motion pictures in the ever popular Vaudeville. Here the temptation to become separated from a nickel, a half-dime was irresistible, and, the money's worth realized. Emerging therefrom, the next equilibrium disturber that proved attractive was "dot little German band" announcing a repetition of a former successful Bippin band fair by several wind-jamming attempts at sight-playing ragtime marches. Frank Scott emphasizing the dominant note with drum stick and cymbal. Oh! my! It was quite impossible to pass that grand entrance without loitering at least long enough to investigate, and as the ticket-seller exchanged a tiny bit of pasteboard for the glittering tenth-of-a-dollar, indicating by a right-handed nod of his winning head the further course of entrance to pursue, he smote a smile suggestive of the satisfaction he knew was coming to all who had gone that way before and of those who were to follow—up, up to a scene of beautiful, entrancing splendor and beguilement very difficult to description. It was a fair fair, for fair! and all that might be thereby implied. Fair femininity fashioned one's fancy for chance in a spirit of freedom and fun; there were fair games for the fortunate fellow with funds; good music, good cheer and everything of the fairer sort calculated to make fair visitors happy seemed everywhere to have been anticipated. It was a pleasant hour; but remembering that there were others, curiosity prompted a return to earth once more, where after resuming the same direction of travel an unexpected gathering of the clans was encountered near city hall place—a love-feast assemblage of Democrats for planning the furtherance of clams' interests whose ambitions led them to hope for recognition in positions all the way from local to national importance. It seemed quite too early in the game to warrant wasting much time thereabouts, and, further down the line the evening's pleasures crystallized at the Crystal vaudeville. The experience of that night was more than any unsophisticated ought to undertake; but life has lasted until this story has been told hence there are no real regrets.

Tuesday evening the stroller was confronted with much the same sort of Raagy modernisms; but in lieu of "A Ragged Hero" and the democratic love feast, respective caterers to public fancies had provided an ornate melange of musical monkeyshines—"The Rajah of Bhong" (say it just as if you were about to blow the froth off in a high one)—in Fraternity hall, and a "Dance of the Elks" in the herd's corral. Each of these are said to have been productive of much enjoyment to those assembled. "And the band played on," and will continue during the week.

The Caldwell Grocery Company Without doubt the doors of one of the most modernly equipped grocery and bakery houses in the central west were opened to the public in Ligonier New Year's morning—that of the Caldwell Grocery Company, in the building so long occupied by the Gerber Hardware Co. A former worker would scarcely recognize it as the same except by the location. A handsome new plate-glass front and an enlarged entrance ornament the structure, while the interior, with its hardwood floor, new steel ceiling, neatly-papered and decorated side-walls and modernized shelving impress the thought that a real city market is here.

The Caldwell store has steadily grown from one of but small pretensions until it now ranks among the leading houses of its kind in the country. A large stock of all kinds of choice groceries and kindred table necessities, fresh from sources of supply and neatly arranged await the purchaser's selection, which with a private delivery system assures prompt and satisfactory service to all patrons.

The bakery department, the housewife's friend, which has for long maintained a high standard reputation, is now equipped with the most modern and scientific oven and appliances and it is only to be expected that users of Caldwell's bread and other bakery goods will be even better served than ever before.

Ligonier's business houses, as a rule, are the source of pride to all our people and the advancement of the Caldwell Grocery Co. to a place among the best will not be displeasing to any citizen with kindly disposition toward a spirit of progressiveness.

Significant—For Harmony Chairman Taggart's call for the Democratic national convention is attracting attention for the spirit of harmony and good feeling it breathes. The call says: "All Democratic citizens of the United States, irrespective of past political associations or differences, who can unite with us in the effort for a pure, economic, constitutional government, are cordially invited to unite with us in sending delegates to the convention." —T. B. STOLL in South Bend Times.

Port Wayne Journal-Gazette.



THOMAS H. KUHN

Rev. Thomas H. Kuhn, prominently mentioned as a democratic candidate for governor is a native Hoosier and to the manor born. He has a wide reputation as an orator and public speaker. In 1906 he made the run for Congress against James

### Engagement Announced

Talking about building boats, and it seems to be a popular pastime in Ligonier this winter. R. O. Rennich is certainly well in the lead. He is just finishing a fine new sail boat that will be the largest and best craft of its kind ever launched on Lake Wawasee and it is safe to say that no one will get more good, solid enjoyment out of the boat than will its builder who is a lover of this kind of sport.

The beautiful home was elaborately decorated. White roses, carnations and lilies of the valley with smax were displayed in most tasteful profusion. The parlors were abower of beauty and the dining and reception rooms most attractive in their dress of white and green. A light lunch was served to all the guests in the dining room, where a bevy of girls presided. Wine and cigars for the gentlemen were served in the reception room. The music was furnished by the Haney orchestra.

It was a most interesting affair and all enjoyed the open-hearted hospitality of the host and hostess and of their beautiful and popular daughter, Miss Ruby.

Ligonier has no prettier, better or more popular young lady than Ruby Solomon. She has spent her whole life in Ligonier, where she has a wide circle of warm and constant friends. She is a free-hearted, unassuming cultured young woman of the highest character. Her friends are most sincere in their congratulations to the young man, who has won her heart and hand. He comes from the distant southland, where he is an active and influential young business man with a bright future and most excellent prospects. Mr. Nathan is a merchant at Mobile, where he has resided for many years. He is a young man of good address, intelligent and resourceful.

Strangers to "Graft" Arden Parkes of Townesville, Australia, a four-year-course student at Purdue, spent a part of the holiday vacation with a Kendallville fellow student. While there a Daily Sun reporter caught him for a short interview relative to the country from which he hails, with this result: Australia is the best governed country on earth. There is one thing sure, "he said, "the bond between the people and the government is much closer than here; in fact, the people are the government. There we never hear of the term 'graft,' nor what it stands for, and the word 'millionaire' is equally strange to us. We only know of them by reading about what is going on in Europe and America. I am nearly through with my four-year course in mechanical engineering, and as soon as completed expect to return to Australia, and hope to put my knowledge to good use in the interests of our people."

Democratic Caucus Special Services

A goodly number of Democrats were at the Council rooms last Saturday for the purpose of naming members of the new county central committee and to select two delegates to the Fort Wayne convention. The meeting was called to order by J. E. McDonald who proposed Hon. E. B. Gerber as chairman of the convention. Mr. Gerber was unanimously elected, as was Isaac Ochs for secretary.

In the selection of precinct committeemen the following were unanimously named: Will H. Wigton, Precinct No. 4; Chas. L. Smith, Precinct No. 5; James L. Gangwer, Precinct No. 6; and J. E. McDonald, Precinct No. 7.

A resolution introduced by J. E. McDonald giving any Democrat from Perry township who would attend the right to cast the vote of the township was passed.

Isaac Ochs introduced a resolution endorsing the candidacy of Sig W. Kann for national delegate which was unanimously passed, whereupon Mr. Kann thanked the convention.

Tobacco Comes Next

"The use of cigars, the cigarette and the pipe is a sin," declared Presiding Elder Bennett, of the Gosden district of the Northern Indiana Methodist conference during the course of a sermon at Warsaw last week. He held smokers up to scorn, saying that they are "shriveling up their bodies and stunting their minds with nicotine for the same reason that the Chinamen and representatives of a few other nations smoke opium and take morphine."

He let out a hint that when the liquor business is obliterated there will be a society organized to rid the country of tobacco in its various products.

An Excellent Meeting

Notwithstanding the bad weather the Christian church next Sunday, Jan. 5, Elder Thos. H. Kuhn, an eloquent divine from Richmond, Ind., will preach at 10:45 and 7:30. Basket dinner will be served in the dining room at the rear of the church. Tea and coffee will be served free of charge. Bring your dinner and spend the entire day. Congregational meeting at 2:30 at which all members and friends of the congregation are requested to be present. Elder Kuhn comes highly recommended as a scholar and a pulpit orator. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

The Petit Jury

The following gentlemen have been

selected as jurors for the January

term of court: David W. Eberly,

Swan; Robert H. Hise, Noble; Justus

A. Decker, Wayne; George Hostetler, Ephraim D. Plank, Perry;

Harvey Strater, Orange; Geo. Idings, Allen; John H. Archer, Spartus;

Geo. W. Geiger, Green; W. Enoch

Thomas, Wayne; Rollin Black, York

and Joseph H. Daniels, Elkhart

township.

### ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

The New Year's dance, given at the Elk's parlors Tuesday evening was a social and financial success. It was largely attended by young people and they all had a good time.

It is said that the saloon remonstrance war is again on at Kendallville and that the temperance people are being backed by a strong organization. An effort is being made to get enough signatures to a blanket remonstrance that will put all the saloons out business.

It is reported that the Flint & Walling Co., Kendallville, is furnishing the large water tank to be placed on top of the Singer building in New York city, which is 41 stories high, or 612 feet. This tank is the source of the building's sprinkler system and is considered a great advertisement for the company.

Warsaw is not wholly "dry," the city council having ordained that liquors may be sold in that city in quantities of five gallons or more at a time. The license fee was fixed at \$600, instead of \$1,000 as formerly provided in the ordinance. An effort was made to confine sales to druggists but it failed.

It is announced that O. F. Gerber, of this city, may become a candidate for state statistician before the democratic state convention. There will be a strong fight for places on the state ticket. Noble county had a candidate for this office once before in the person of D. H. Downey, the editor of the Ligonier Democrat.

The merchants at Kendallville have entered into an agreement by which the stores are to be closed at 6 p.m. on all week days from Jan. 1, until December 15, with the exception of Monday, Saturday and pay nights. This is an excellent arrangement, one that might be adopted in Ligonier to splendid advantage.

The Kendallville Sun is out with an indorsement of Hon. T. K. Gardner, of LaGrange, for reelection as state senator. This will not be very strong in the light of the following, the county, who claim that it is Noble's turn at the wheel. It is safe to say that Noble county Republicans will find a man when the time comes.

On account of the scarcity of barley which is seriously crippling the breweries and bringing the price of beer, it is predicted by a Chicago brewery president that by May 1, next, no less than 1,000 saloons in that city will have closed their doors and discontinued business; also that the price per barrel of that fluid will be increased soon.

There is much rest in store for the weary and wicked, as this year, 1908, is to be a record breaker in the matter of holidays. There will be four holidays when the workers will not have to toil between Friday night and Monday morning: Washington's birthday, Decoration day, Fourth of July and Labor day. The latter is from Saturday afternoon until Tuesday morning.

The Ligonier Military Band complimented Miss Ruby Solomon and her fiance Mr. Nathan, yesterday afternoon after serenading them during the reception. The band invaded the lawn and played several fine selections when they were heartily thanked by the young people. Miss Solomon who has always been a patroness of the band and popular with its members.

The Northern Indiana Grain Dealers' association has offered prizes to the amount of \$30 for the largest and best ear of corn grown in the Allen, Wells, DeKalb counties during the year. The corn is to be delivered to the store of S. Bash & Co. in Fort Wayne before Jan. 5, and the awards will be made by L. B. Clore, of Johnson county, Ind., who landed \$7,586 in prizes at the last national corn congress. The prizes will be \$12, \$8, \$5, \$3, and \$2.

Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy has made plans for the establishment of an institution in Boston where the science of healing will be taught free of charge. She has set aside the sum of \$1,000,000 for this purpose. Since the avowing of this purpose a waning faction of that cult has indicated its intention of legally contesting Mrs. Eddy's right to this property, other disposition of accumulated funds, hence the public may expect entertainment for a time.

The Lake Shore has started out a travelling school for its trainmen. A private coach containing the air brake equipment of a train of cars, all capable of perfect operation of same as if in active service, will make the rail lines west of Buffalo, T. F. Lens who is in charge of the outfit, will deliver lectures to two classes daily and his talks are to be interspersed with practical illustrations from the full sized model of the equipment.

Harry G. Platt, an old-time boy of these parts, is in town, accompanied by his wife and daughter, on a visit to relatives and friends. Since leaving Ligonier, Lincoln, he has followed the trail of a printer for a long time; but for the past fourteen years has been an employee of the Burlington Railway Co.