

## DEMOCRATIC TICKET

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DANIEL STUMP—Washington, Commissioner Southern District

## The Ligonier Banner.

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On the first page we present a letter from the pastor of the Presbyterian church at Columbia City that can not be misunderstood. It is a shame that it is necessary to defend the good name of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, but when scandal and vituperation are so rampant it is sometimes necessary to refute as nearly as possible such vicious and flagrant falsehoods. This scandal is being bandied about by conscienceless gossips, many of them so-called christian women who seem determined to defeat Mr. Marshall at any cost. This foul slander does not come from any newspaper, has not been traced to anyone, but it has been whispered by willing gossips into the ears of others, who continue to spread it broadcast without any inquiry as to its truth. At Fort Wayne early in the week the foul slander was traced to a prominent and active member of one of the leading protestant churches, a woman of high repute. She had been telling the story with bitter emphasis to other women of her congregation with the evident purpose and expectation of discrediting Mr. Marshall as a candidate. She was exposed and now stands discredited as a malignant gossip. The letter cannot be misunderstood. It is a protest against this wanton attack upon a man who stands out as an exemplar of the best citizenship. Those who know Tom Marshall and his excellent wife at whom the dirty finger of vituperation has also been pointed, can testify to the full truth of Rev. Sutherland's statement and the force of his protest.

We believe that a good majority of the people of Noble county will support Luke H. Wrigley for judge. He should be elected. He is a man well versed in the law, a citizen above reproach and a man of strictest integrity. He was the unanimous choice of the democratic judicial convention, and he has the support of his party. If elected he will administer the affairs of the office in a way that must satisfy the people. Those who want a clean, economical and unbiased administration of the judgeship should vote for Luke H. Wrigley.

Cyrus Cline, the democratic candidate for congress, stands for a safe sound and sensible revision of the tariff. He stands for the enactment of a law that will guarantee the deposits of the national banks. He stands for the enactment of a law that will compel the publicity of campaign contributions, and he stands for the economical and honest administration of public affairs. He will vote for a rigid inquiry into the scandal that is involving the administration in the Panama canal deal, and he will vote to take the hands of Joe Cannon and that class of standpatters off the throat of legislation. Mr. Cline is entitled to the support of every Democrat and independent voter in this county.

The Democrats have a strong candidate in Jos. T. Stahl, the nominee for representative. Mr. Stahl is a resident of Kendallville, where he has been connected with the McCray Refrigerator Co., one of the leading manufacturing institutions of its kind in the world. Before going to Kendallville Mr. Stahl was for over twenty years a resident of Indianapolis and he is well informed as to the needs of the whole state, having traveled through all parts of it as the representative and adjuster for insurance companies. Mr. Stahl is not an extremist on any subject, and if elected he will represent the whole people of the county and not any faction. We believe that Mr. Stahl will be on the right side of every question that may come before the legislature. He will vote for any measure that will be to the interests of the taxpayers, and will favor any movement that will look toward an economical and honest administration of public affairs. Mr. Stahl did not seek the nomination at the hands of his party, but the honor was tendered to him and to Kendallville, where he has many warm political and personal friends. The McCray Refrigerator Co. is one of the big industries of our county built up through the energy and the enterprise of the men who are yet in control, and it is safe to predict that Mr. Stahl will get the support of many voters of Noble county as a tribute to that institution. We believe that the best interests of the taxpayers and the county will be best subserved by the election of Jos. T. Stahl.

Noble county never had a more efficient and popular officer than Perry J. Stanley, our present sheriff. He has shown that the people made no mistake when they voted him into office. By his careful attention to the duties of the position, by his courteous treatment of the public and his capacity to do things he has won the support of many voters who did not support him in 1906. Perry Stanley should be re-elected sheriff by a big vote.

We agree with Mr. Bryan that for the Republicans to predict that his election will bring on panic and hard times is the height of impudence. That cry was raised against the Democrats in 1896, 1900 and 1904. But after more than ten years of undisputed republican ascendancy, we had one of the worst panics in our history, and the hard times are still upon us. Under these circumstances the republican orators might interest their hearers more by explaining why the miraculous intelligence and administrative skill of the Republicans failed to save us.—New York Evening Post (Taft).

Of course, it would have been too much to expect Mr. Roosevelt to abstain from participation in the strenuous "finish" of the campaign, and accordingly, we have been favored with another stump letter. Has it ever occurred to the president that the people—sometimes, at least—think for themselves? That they had to struggle along without him before his appearance and that their work must go on after March 4, 1909, when, probably, he will neither be here, nor be privileged to advise them? Has he ever stopped to reflect on the figure that the people of this country are supposed to select their president and vice-president, and that they have been accustomed heretofore to exercise that privilege without the co-operation of White House incumbents? Whatever his particular views on these matters may be, we believe his self-imposed role of schoolmaster to the nation is not one that will earn for him universal approval.—Wall Street Summary.

### Mr. Bryan's Fitness for the Presidency

When all that can be said, has been said in the present campaign, when all the issues which may honestly cause a division of opinion among thinking men, are set aside, and when the contest is stripped of all conflicting contentions, the one paramount fact stands out in bold relief, that no candidate ever entered the race for the presidency better fitted to discharge the functions of that high office than William J. Bryan. In the first place Mr. Bryan is an honest man. He is sincere. Not even his most bitter political opponents have ever had the temerity to question his honesty or to doubt his sincerity. His life has been clean, his character is above reproach. He has lived in the open; his every act both in public and private life is subject to the closest scrutiny. For twelve years he has occupied the spotlight of publicity without blinking. He rings true to the highest ideals of human life. There is no stain upon his escutcheon; no skeletons in his closet. He typifies in the highest degree the lofty conception of American manhood. No citizen in private life, by precept and example, by words and deeds, has done more for the moral and material uplift of all the people than has Mr. Bryan.

There is no greater student of political and economic conditions in United States today than Mr. Bryan. It is his knowledge of history coupled with his keen judgment of men and measures which enables him to grasp and understand present day conditions. His ideals grounded in human sympathy, have been broadened and strengthened by travel and study. His investigations into social and political conditions have not been confined to his own country, but have embraced almost every civilized land.

Mr. Bryan is an optimist and a progressive. He looks upon the bright side of things and believes that the world is growing better. He sees ways and means by which that betterment might be advanced, and with all of his marvelous ability and force of character he strives for their accomplishment. He has not labored solely within the narrow confines of partisanship. Never has he hesitated to commend the acts of a republican administration where in he believed them to be for the benefit of the whole people. His commendation of the good has been as strong as his denunciation of the bad. He has, within the past twelve years, lived to see some important fundamental principles for which he stood become the accepted doctrines of a party and administration which, but a short time before, had rejected them and condemned him for advocating them.

Mr. Bryan's career has demonstrated that without holding public office a man may gain the very best experience for the performance of public duty, particularly when to that experience we add honesty and sincerity of purpose. These present qualifications and special fitness of Mr. Bryan for the presidency. No man with his heart in the right place as Mr. Bryan's with his hand upon the public pulse, and with his sympathies for the advancement of the whole people, can fail to achieve signal success as president. The time has passed when Mr. Bryan was wrongfully considered a mere theorist. He is looked upon as an intensely practical man; as a man of experience. His administration will be one of progress along safe lines.

### Should Have Separate Election

The time ought to come and probably will when national and congressional elections will be held independently of the state election. The issues are different, the needs of the nation often along entirely different lines, but the mixing of the elections has reflex action on both. For instance, in Ohio and Indiana particularly the liquor question is paramount in state affairs, and is likely to effect the republican national ticket, whereas there is not the least connection between the national issues and this moral phase of legislation. In congressional districts, for instance, the local option faction is likely to affect the selection of congressmen, a position as independent of such issue as it is possible to conceive. If the election were held separately each would stand on its own merits.—Elkhart Review.

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### The President's Machine

In Mr. Hornaday's letter of yesterday was this:  
The fact is that the entire Federal machine—the business machinery of the United States—with the exception of the courts, is today being used by President Roosevelt to make sure the election of his candidate for President. He does not have to command three-quarters of a million Federal officeholders to get out and work for his candidate. The knowledge that the campaign is being conducted from the White House; that Cabinet meetings are devoted to the campaign, is all that is necessary to put them to work. But this activity on the part of Federal officeholders is not the worst feature. It is not half as demoralizing as the use of the presidential influence on men who are not in office, men to whom the lust of office does not appeal. An invitation from the President of the United States has always been regarded as a command.

No such centralization as this has ever before been known—unless possibly in the days of Andrew Jackson—in the history of this Government. The campaign for Taft is being openly conducted from the White House. The work of raising money is being carried on by the president, and seemingly with brilliant success. Since Mr. Roosevelt took charge the national organization has practically gone to pieces. The famous executive committee has retired from the field. "When" says Mr. Hornaday, "the management of the campaign was transferred to the White House there was nothing for the committeemen to do except hang around and talk to persons sent to headquarters by the President, and they did not relish that line of work."

To this we have come in the United States in this year. The Government itself has been converted into an agency for the control of the political action of the people. It was bad enough for the President to seek to impose his will on Congress, bad enough for him to criticize and denounce the courts. But now we have him using his office, and the whole executive power of the Government to control the political action of the people. The headquarters of the Republican party are now in the President's office at Washington. We regard such a situation as this as being extremely dangerous. If the people wish to elect Mr. Taft president, that is their right. But it is for them to say whether they want to do so or not. The great office of President ought not to be available as an asset for either political party. There is no secrecy about the President's performances. Doubtless the President sees nothing wrong in his conduct. And yet what is going on is the making of a President, not by the people, but by their Government. What that means we leave to the patriotic, liberty-loving, thoughtful Americans to say.—Indianapolis News. (Rep.)

### Better to Go Slow

It is already proposed by Elkhart temperance men that they will call for an election under the county option law early next spring. The cost is estimated at about \$4,000. Of course, there is room for differences of opinion on the results of the option law where a county votes "wet," so to speak. For instance, it is the candid belief, and not without good reason, that if Elkhart county temperance people failed to carry the election, all the territory within the county will become subjected to the saloons. This point will never be definitely known, however, until the courts decide upon that point. Should both the county option and the Moore law stand, in case of a failure to vote a county dry, local communities will continue to apply the blanket remonstrance. Of course a failure to vote a county "dry" could not annul remonstrances already in force under the former law.—Nappanee News.

### Horses Reported Dying

It is reported that farmers in Pulaski and Starke counties and others in the southwestern part of LaPorte county have lost 1,500 horses since early last summer from a disease of unknown origin. The horses as a rule when attacked with the malady die. In a few instances they recover, but if they do are mere wrecks and have to be killed. One man killed four that survived the attack of the disease.

River Lower Than Since 1832  
C. G. Adams of Goshen is in receipt of a paper from his old home town of Vevay, which states that the Ohio river is lower than it has been since 1832. Just below Vevay a couple of miles is a bar on the Kentucky side of the river and at the end of this bar is a rock upon which a man chiseled his name in 1832. The rock showing some of the letters can now be seen for the first time that year.

### Remarkable Weather

Even the oldest inhabitant in his palmyest youthful days ever saw more perfect dreamy, hazy Indian summer weather than that which has spread over Indiana during the past days. No doubt it has made the muse of the would-be poets become restless and in consequence there may be a breaking out in most any poetic quarter any day.—Muncie Press.

A Political Virtue of Necessity  
Enforced virtue promises to be the distinguishing mark of this campaign. There is not money enough for corruption; there is hardly enough for the necessities of political life.—Philadelphia Record.

Therefore every honest man must rejoice. If we are this year to have the election settled by the votes of unbought freemen alone the verdict will be worth while.—New York Herald.

### Let us Have More Overalls

Without spilling the sentiment there is something worth while in the news item that Theodore Roosevelt, jr. is on the pay roll a mile long and working for a wool packer's wage in a carpet factory. "Back to the soil" has echoed in the editorial column, and even taken a swing around the chautauqua circuit. To the Star's way of thinking, "back to the workshops" would make a tolerably fair companion cry for "back to the soil." Stenography and a smattering of figures form a combination that is drawing young men into clerical work and further away from tools, machinery, technical knowledge and power to manage and command. Learning any industrial business or trade from the ground up demands patience and plodding, if promotion be the goal. However, that is the price of any substantial success. A few more overalls and less trousers turned up at the bottom would balance conditions a bit better. The factory and the workshop should receive the consideration of the young man making a start.—Fort Worth Star.

### A Good One on Harrah

The little town of Swan, across the line in Noble county, is a rock-ribbed republican community, but for some reason or other the followers of that faith in the place refused to entertain their candidate for representative over night last week and he was compelled to ask a Democrat for feed and lodging. The candidate, Mr. Harrah, arrived in the town during the evening and was directed to Arthur Cramer's store as the recognized republican headquarters of the village. The establishment was full of Republicans but when he inquired where he could get a place to put his horse, and himself remain to remain over night no one offered to keep him. Alfred Lyons made the excuse that his barn was filled. Finally James Bolton sent him to the home of R. L. McClure, a former Garrett resident, who is so democratic he talks in his sleep. Mr. McClure was glad to accommodate him, and entertained him over night. Mr. Harrah was greatly surprised to learn that Mr. McClure was a Democrat and also that he had been unmercifully turned away by a crowd of Republicans, who could well have taken care of him.—Garrett Clipper.

### Leave the Leaves

The New York Independent, in a beautiful description of October, says: "The leaves are in piles or spread as covering over the lawns. Let them alone or use them to warm your stables. Only fools burn leaves. They are the year's crop of humus and incipient soil—nitrogen and potash for future gardens—wonderful in the weave, exquisite in the texture, the wealth of future generations." The Independent is right. Except for a preverted taste, a leaf-strewn lawn in November would appear as beautiful as the green grass carpet in June. True beauty lies in appropriateness, and nothing can be more appropriate than the covering nature has provided to protect and enrich her summer carpet during the frosty months of winter.

### Well-known Here

Jacob Keller, of the Noble County Bank and the J. Keller & Co. store, who is at present visiting relatives in New York City, today celebrated his seventieth birthday anniversary and in honor of the event Mrs. A. M. Jacobs and son, Milton, of this city left Saturday night for New York to join Mr. Keller in the celebration. Mr. Keller is one of the staunch business men of Kendallville, having been in business here many years, and his many friends here extend congratulations and wish him many more years of health and life.—Kendallville News.

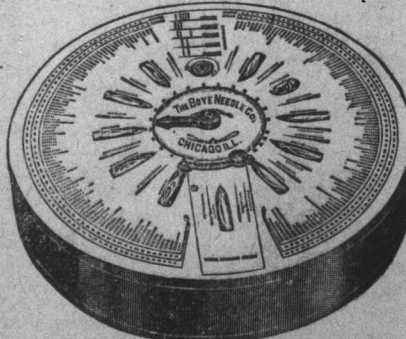
### Hard Nuts to Crack

W. J. Bryan gave the Republicans some hard nuts to crack on Wednesday, concerning the price of farm products. Republican speakers have contended that corn, wheat, oats and other grain was higher because the Republicans were in power. Mr. Bryan told the farmers of Nebraska that corn was just as high in Canada as in the United States; that the price of grain was fixed at Liverpool, England in a free trade country and that there was not a republican party in either Canada or England.—Tip-ton Times.

### Church Supper

The Ladies Aid society of the Christian church will give a supper in the dining room of the church Oct. 29. Supper served from 5 to 8. Price 25 cents.

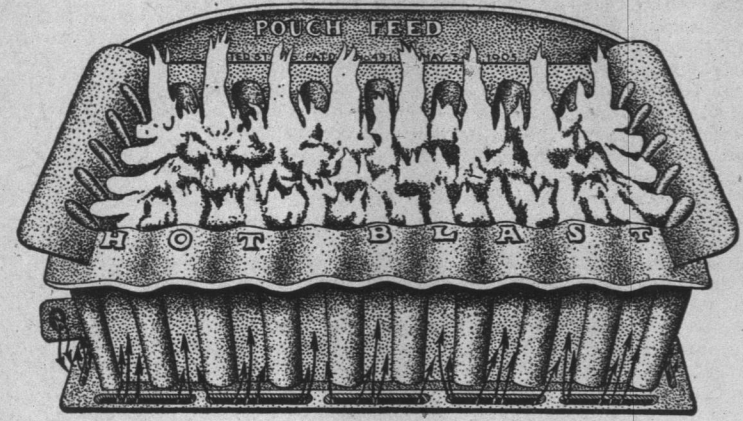
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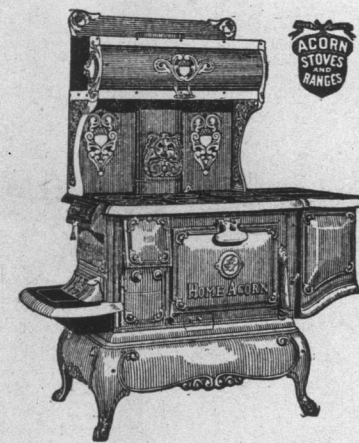
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