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It is the opinion of Gil. Shanklin that the national democratic convention will be held in Kansas City next year.

The new trial of Capt. Dreyfus by court-martial, which it is generally believed will result in his acquittal, will begin August 7.

Luetgert, the Chicago sausage maker, who killed his wife and boiled her remains in a vat, is dead. He died in Joliet prison of heart disease Thursday.

The Washington, D. C., Post says: "Bryan will be a delegate to the next democratic national convention. This statement was made to a Post reporter Friday, by Congressman Clayton, of Alabama, who represents his state on the democratic national committee, and who has just returned from the meeting of that committee in Chicago."

A conference of prominent men interested in forestry and game preservation met the other evening in Chicago, for the purpose of taking measures for saving to the present and future generations the native forests at the head waters of the Mississippi river. The discussion resulted in a decision to ask congress to lay aside 12,000,000 acres of forest and lake lands located in the northern tier of counties in Minnesota.

When Eben C. Ingersoll, brother of the great agnostic, Robert G. Ingersoll, died, the latter delivered the funeral discourse, in which he said: "If the grave ends all; if all that was our friend is dead, the world is better for the life he lived. Beyond the tomb we cannot see. We listen, but from the lips of mystery there comes no word, darkness and silence brooding over all. And yet because we live we hope. Farewell! And yet again farewell!" If there be life beyond the grave, the mystery lying just beyond the borderland of earth-life is a mystery to him no longer.

One of the Muncie Star's state correspondents recently spoke of the advantages now being enjoyed by the farmers, one of them being the ability to secure daily papers through rural free delivery. Truly it is an advantage, says that paper. If for no other feature than the market reports the daily newspaper is a boon to the farmer, but he, of course, will enjoy its many other good points. Perhaps few city people stop to consider how indispensable a daily is. They read it without thinking how dissatisfied they would be were they deprived of it. Yet they have

been getting dailies all their lives, while to the great mass of farmers this luxury is just becoming possible. The real prosperity of the country depends upon the farmers and anything that benefits them is certain to be of value to all. Free rural delivery is something that marks another epoch in the progress of the country. It is a great innovation and that it will be a success is already evident. It is interesting to note that Indiana is first among the states in adopting the system.

A good object lesson of the ends to which brute violence works when it is introduced into a dispute, the Albany Times-Union says, is found in the Cleveland street railway strike. Dynamite was placed under a street car.

The persons injured thereby were a "nine-year-old girl" and a "young woman carrying a baby." A street car conductor was taunted by some sympathizers with the strikers. He fired his revolver and killed a 15-year-old boy. Such are the victims of the appeal to lawless force—a little girl, a young mother and a lad, none of whom could have had the slightest part in the original dispute between the street car company and its employees, none of whom could help or hurt either party to that dispute. When the case comes to this there is but one side to it. The murderous dynamiters and the murderous conductor belong in the same category. They represent neither labor on the one side or capital on the other, but simply lawless ruffianism, and one of the tests of our civilization lies in its ability or failure to suppress and punish both alike. The state board of arbitration is unfortunately unable to intervene and effect a settlement of the original dispute; but the state's first and highest business in the premises is to guard the little girl, the young woman with the baby and the lad.

MANY DO NOT GET DRUNK.

The Salem Democrat claims to have a subscriber who insists in paying for a year's subscription every time he gets drunk. As the books stand, his time will not be out until 1927.

The Independent would like for the Democrat to export some of its whiskey to Plymouth for use on some very slow subscribers.

Gov. Mount's Advice on Wheat.

Governor Mount is not selling his wheat from his farm, at the present price. He is holding for an advance. He says: "I would advise my farmer friends not to sell their wheat—at least until we see what effect on the market the shortage of crop is going to have. In all of Northern Indiana there is not going to be enough wheat to bread the farmers. In Illinois there is not enough wheat for seed and to bread the state for one single month."

"I am informed that Great Britain's crop will be 300,000,000 bushels short. There will be a shortage in Russia and other wheat growing countries. Therefore I figure that wheat this year is going to be higher."

"How high it will go is of course to be determined now, but it is a good time to hold on to one's crop. Last year on the contrary, was a good year to market early. I sold my wheat as soon as soon as I could get it to the markets and found I made no mistake."

An Old-Time Rule.

H. G. Thayer, while on a visit last week at the home of his boyhood, Oneida county, New York, found in the possession of one of the old citizens, Mr. A. B. Kinne, a pair of breast chains that were forged by the Rev. George H. Thayer in the year 1834—65 years ago, Washington Kelley, who is an expert blacksmith, says they are fine specimens of good work, and it would be difficult to find better even at this day. Mr. Thayer was a blacksmith at that time, and these old chains have been in the possession of Mr. Kinne's family ever since. While Mr. Kinne would not dispose of them at this time, he kindly let Mr. H. G. Thayer bring them home with him to show his father and other friends. Rev. G. H. Thayer, the young mechanic of 1834, is known here and throughout Indiana as one of the oldest Methodist ministers having been about 70 years in the service and is now almost 92 years old.

Bicycle Riding Causes Death.

It is reported to the Independent on reliable authority that the cause of the death of Miss Yeagly, who was buried here is attributed by the attending physician to over indulgence in bicycle riding. Miss Yeagly was an adept bicyclist and only recently rode all the way from Chicago to her home north of this city, and returned to Chicago by the same means. There have been many deaths attributed to this cause, but possibly none can be so directly charged up to bicycle riding as this sad death of Miss Yeagly. Women, who ride bicycles, should beware of over indulgence in this amusement and should take care that the seat of the wheel is perfectly comfortable.

INDIANS CONSULT BRYAN.

Democratic Leaders in Secret Conference at Indianapolis.

When Wm. J. Bryan arrived at Indianapolis Thursday the Marion county democracy turned out in force to receive him. An hour later he held a reception at the hotel and 200 democrats called upon him. Among them were all the nominees on the state ticket last year, a number of state senators, representatives, judges of courts and county and city functionaries from different parts of the State. Chairman Martin of the state central committee was also present and after the reception a number of the party leaders went into secret conference with Mr. Bryan. The object was to obtain his views upon the outlook elsewhere and discuss the issues of 1900.

WILL RECLAIM MARSH LANDS.

Half a Million Acres in Northern Indiana to be Drained.

At a meeting in Chicago between John Brown, president of the First National bank of Crown Point, and an extensive ranch owner in the Kankakee marsh, and Nelson Morris, B. J. Gifford, J. E. Carmen and others, also owners of large ranches in that section, plans were devised to reclaim 500,000 acres of marsh land by a thorough system of drainage.

The men own the whole southern portions of Lake and Porter and the northern part of Newton and Jasper counties, all marsh land only fit for pasture during dry seasons. This step has been figured on for several years, but heretofore Mr. Morris has feared that if the marsh was drained it would ruin the marsh pasture for his thousands of cattle. Immense ditches will be used in the drainage system.

Council Meeting.

The council met in special session Thursday night. The electric light committee submitted a report wherein they asked the council to have Mr. Dales draw up plans and specifications for an electric light plant at a cost not to exceed \$50. The council so ordered, votes being as follows: Ayes—Morris, Harris, Kuhn and Leonard. Nays—Ald. Reynolds. Mr. Dickson was absent. Ald. Reynolds voted no because Dales was to be one of the bidders, and he thought that some one who would not submit a proposition should draw up the plans. He thought that if Dales drew up the plans, that there would be no competitive bids—that Dales' bid would be the only bid.

Mr. Dales gave the council to understand at the former meeting that such a plant as was necessary would cost \$16,000 besides a profit to the contractor. Just how these councilmen propose to put in an \$18,000 or a \$20,000 electric plant, when the city cannot borrow half the amount is the question that the public would like to have answered.

It is the general opinion that the council simply voted out \$50 that night to reimburse Dales for his trip to Plymouth. It is evidently a waste of funds and the tax payers have a right to kick.

The council should give up the "pet whim" of a couple of its members on the matter of municipal ownership and get down to business. The theories of these dreamers are all well and good in their place—but as conditions confront us in Plymouth, they are decidedly out of place and they are getting expensive.

The council will be begging some contractor to name his own price before long.

If they want to save the tax payers, they should not lose a minute in closing a deal on the basis of some of its recent bargain opportunities.

They Differ Some.

Keyes & Mayhill, proprietors of the Hoosier Democrat at Flora, Sunday, July 16, as follows: "The excursion to Lake Maxenckee last Sunday was one of the most disgraceful affairs that the people who try to be respectable have tolerated for many a day. The toughest element along the Vandalia from Terre Haute north to the lake was there and it seems that bedlam had broken loose for certain. This class, of course, is always present at all large gatherings, but it seems that last Sunday none had remained at home, but that all had taken a day for drinking and carousing, and Lake Maxenckee, where the saloons are always open, is an ideal place for such debauchery."

The Culver City Herald, published right at the seat of war, right on the banks of Maxenckee, right on the spot where the crime was enacted, states simply, briefly and neatly: "Sunday was the king b'ye day for Culver in the excursion line. It was estimated that 5,000 people were in the railroad park and scattered around the lake. Notwithstanding the vast crowds, everything passed off pleasantly."

What do you think of that? We have thus far failed to think. It is supposed that the jury will disagree. Kewanna Herald.

College Buildings at Bourbon.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Bourbon college and school of music held Wednesday evening, a committee was appointed and instructed to at once enter into contract for the erection of a main college building, to be brick veneered, and to cost about \$9,000. Also a frame music hall to cost about \$4,000. The upper portion of the music hall will be fitted up as rooms for lady students. The contracts will be let within one week.

Never Grow Old.

Do you know that is a splendid thing to think the woman you really love will never grow old to you? And continuing, the late Robert G. Ingersoll says: "Through the wrinkles of time, through the mask of years, if you really love her, you will always see the face you loved and won. And a woman who

really loves a man does not see that he grows old; he is not decrepit to her; he sees the same gallant gentleman who won her hand and heart. I like to think of it that way; I like to think that love is eternal. And to love that way and then go down the hill of life together, and as you go down, hear perhaps the laughter of grandchildren, while the birds of joy and love sing once more in the leafless branches of the tree of age."

HEADED THIS WAY.

State Factory Inspector Making the Tour of This Section.

State Factory Inspector Richards is now on a tour of the gas belt cities looking after business buildings in which the fire escape law is being violated, and is headed this way. He found that but few of the high buildings are equipped, as they should be. He is expected here the latter part of this week or the first of next. An Anderson paper says that he arrived there Monday and began a tour of the factories, with a view of securing the strictest enforcement of the law relating to the safety of employees. Quite a stir was created when he made the rounds of the large department stores and announced that all would be required to provide seats for clerks, pure water and fire escapes.

Was She a Goshen Girl?

Goshen Democrat: Rather an amusing thing happened in the Western Union telegraph office the other day. A young woman came in saying she desired to send a message. She was furnished with the proper blank and after writing some time she folded up the sheet, placed it in an envelope and carefully sealing it handed the missive to Walter Main, who tore open the envelope and was in the act of reading the contents when the girl indignantly grabbed it and wanted to know what right he had to read her letters. Here was a young woman who thought a telegram was something sent like a letter, but she knew more now.

State Valuation Increases.

Twenty-five counties so far reported to the auditor of state show a total net increase of nearly \$9,000,000 in valuation, Johnson county showing up the best, with an increase of \$1,350,485. Marshall county has an increase of \$397,920; Stark an increase of \$456,169; Noble, \$339,515; Knox, \$168,030; Whitley, \$128,110; Sullivan, \$455,253; Bartholomew, \$181,573; Weis, \$946,620. Four counties show a decrease—Ohio, \$2,265; Jefferson, \$489,250; Fayette, \$157,965; Franklin, \$402,250.

That Dewey Cannon.

Not being satisfied with the honor of having secured the Dewey cannon, captured from the Spanish at Manila, Three Oaks now proposes to let the most popular lady in the United States pull the lanyards which will fire the last charge from the memorable cannon before it is spiked and rendered useless forever. A voting contest will be inaugurated and circulars will be sent all over the United States for ballots. The young lady securing the largest number of votes will be the honored one.

Convicts Raising their Own Tobacco.

At the penitentiary the convicts are making their own shoes now and all their own tobacco, says the Michigan City Dispatch. Each man is allowed by the state four ounces of tobacco each week.

Heretofore the state authorities have been buying this, and it paid the revenue tax it cost 33 cents a pound. Now the authorities raise tobacco and pay no tax, so they can raise it for 11 cents a pound, and this will save the state \$1,000 a year.

Laporte County's Fat Girl.

Lucy Havens, an inmate of the LaPorte county poor house, is a freak. Although only 21 years old she weighs 400 pounds. She is a daughter of Sewell Havens, of Galien, Mich. She preferred the drudgery and work of the county poor farm to \$25 a week and expenses offered her by Ringling Bros. circus. She also refused \$15 a week and expenses offered her by a dime museum. She is very sensitive about her size.

Nickum Returns Money.

S. B. Nickum, of Logansport, has compromised the threatened suit of Lew Stanley, who alleged that the inventor refused to refund money when it was demanded. Nickum's attorney declares that all dissatisfied investors can have their money back, and so far \$2,500 has been returned.

Lapaz Items.

Miss Hattie Lineback of South Bend is visiting friends in this place.

Mrs. Bessie and Mrs. Frank Albert are on the sick list.

Saturday evening Henry Weed's barn burned. It was insured.

Camp meeting at Peacock's grove closed last Sunday evening.

Chas. Shuss commenced work on the floating gong Monday.

Lester Korp had a very narrow escape from being smothered in a bin of wheat. He was in one of the large bins in the elevator, chuting wheat. He got too near the suction and gradually went down. His little brother, by his presence of mind shut off the grain and called assistance. If he had been five minutes later his brother would have been covered.

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