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## WAYNE COUNTY DELEGATION IS ONLY ONE DIVIDED

Appears in the Connersville Convention Thursday With a Divided Delegation, Both Sides Wanting Recognition.

## LIVELY DOINGS IN RANKS OF BOTH FACTIONS.

Each Accused the Other of Employing "Toughs and Thugs" for Backers But Finally Adjusted Affairs.

## WAS A HARRIS VICTORY.

ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT SELECTED DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, HE DEFEATED THE CITY BUILDING DEMOCRATS OPPOSING HIM.

The fighting democratic factions of Wayne county, caused the only excitement on tap at the democratic convention held yesterday at Connersville, Wayne township, which bolted at the county convention last Saturday, was represented by its own delegation, headed by T. J. Study, B. B. Johnson, C. W. Merrill, Ed Dye and other leaders of the city administration crowd, and every effort was made to have this delegation seated at the convention. While George Harris lost out in the fight for the district chairmanship, the honor going to John Osborne of Greensburg, he had the satisfaction of administering a complete defeat to the Study, Johnson, Merrill contingent. The county delegation, which backed Harris, was seated despite the strenuous opposition of the delegates sent by the Wayne township "rump" convention.

On arriving in Connersville, T. J. Study appeared before the credentials committee and demanded the admission of the Wayne township insurgent delegation. John Beyer, a Harris supporter, then appeared before the credentials committee and when he came forth he wore an expanded smile.

When the convention came to order the credentials committee reported "no opposition" to the seating of the delegation sent by the Wayne county convention. Mr. Study was instantly on his feet demanding recognition from the chair, but Judge Felt of Greensburg refused recognition. Judge Felt also refused to recognize Mr. Johnson.

Owing to the fact that the Rev. T. H. John of this county is to be the sixth district's choice for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, district leaders pointed out to George Harris that this county should not expect to receive all the choice plums. Mr. Harris then gracefully withdrew from the race for the district chairmanship, and when John Osborne of Greensburg, was nominated for this office, Mr. Harris seconded the nomination. A Connersville dispatch has the following to say of the convention.

At the Sixth congressional district convention here it was an open secret that the present district chairman, Sylvester Meek, of this city, could not be re-elected, owing to his close connection with the forces of Thomas Taggart. For the purpose of having harmony Meek withdrew from the race.

Wayne county sent two delegations to the convention, but they were not allowed to take any part in the proceedings until the permanent committee on credentials had decided which should be entitled to represent the county. Judge Study and J. C. Beyer were chosen to represent the two separate delegations before the committee and explain the action. In their argument before the committee there were some very lively doings. Each accused the other of having backed his delegation with "toughs and thugs." However, before the convention was opened officially, these matters were adjusted in a satisfactory manner.

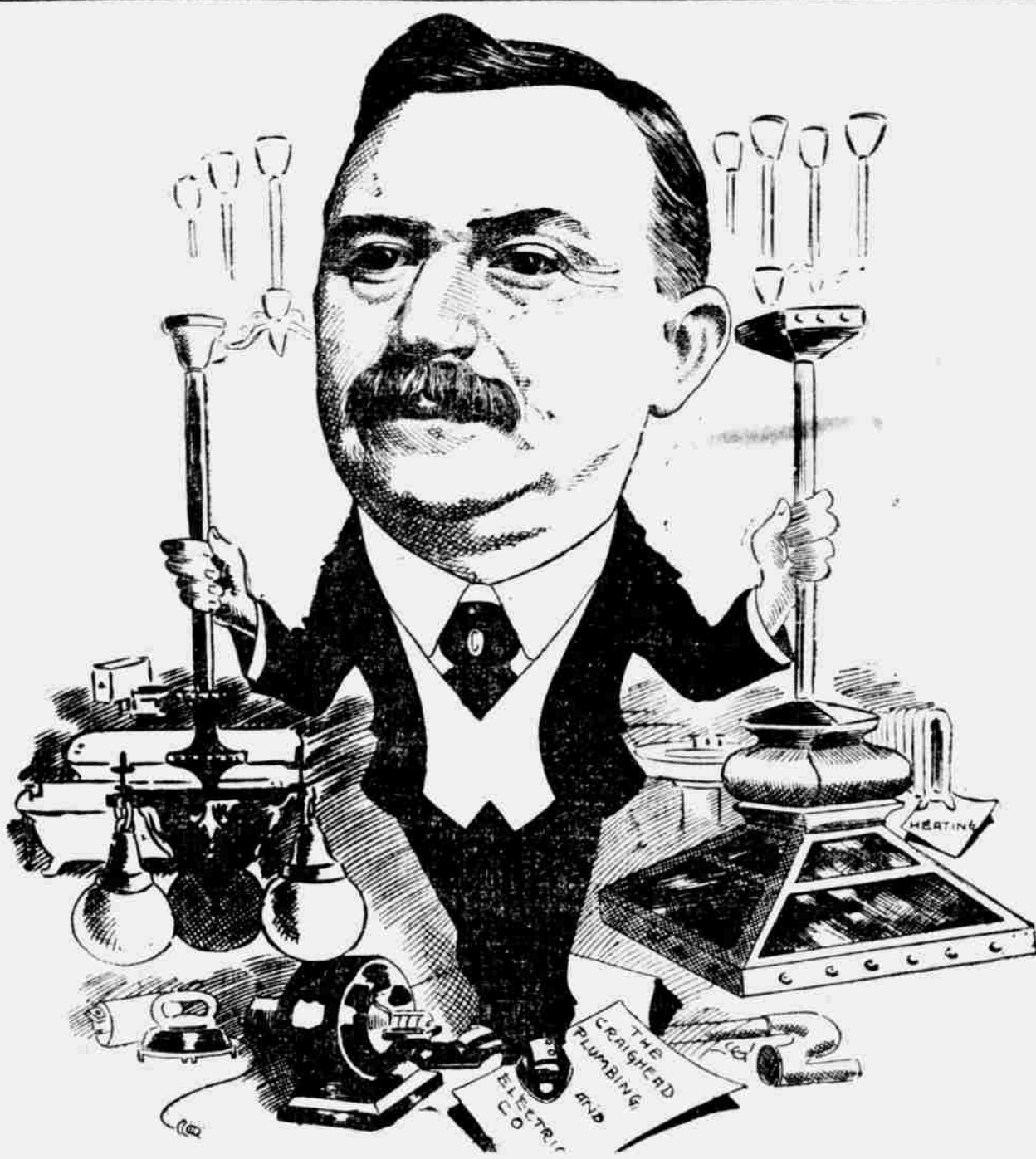
Judge Felt of Greensburg, opened the afternoon session with a rousing Democratic speech advocating clean politics and an entire new organization, after which the convention unanimously elected John Osborne, of Greensburg, district chairman. Osborne publicly declared his intention of supporting Stokes Jackson for state chairman, saying that Jackson under no circumstances would affiliate with any of the present managers of democratic politicians in this state.

## VETERAN FIREMAN RAPIDLY IMPROVES

Was Removed From Hose House to Home.

Rufus Newman, a veteran fireman and a member of No. 2 Hose company, who was seriously injured at the hose house Wednesday night, has been removed to his home and it was stated today that his condition was considerably improved.

## MEN OF AFFAIRS IN RICHMOND



E. W. CRAIGHEAD.  
The Craighead Plumbing & Electric Co.

## LABOR CONDITIONS STOP MARRIAGES

Cupid Is Making a Poor Record in the Opening Days Of the New Year.

## CLERK PENNY'S OPINION.

No marriage licenses have been issued this year, despite the fact that the year is three days old. County Clerk Penny is of the opinion that there have been few marriages of late because so many men are out of employment.

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEATH RECEIVED

Miss Anna E. Vaughan Died in California.

Announcement has been received of the death of Miss Anna E. Vaughan, who died suddenly at Los Angeles, Cal., January 2. She was the sister of Edward G. Vaughan and John D. Vaughan, of this city. Funeral arrangements will be announced later.

## UNIVERSALISTS TO ORGANIZE CHURCH

Several Prominent Ministers Of That Faith Will Assist In the Work.

## MAY BUILD NEW EDIFICE.

At a meeting to be held Sunday afternoon at the Pythian temple, the Universalists will arrange for the organization of a church. The Rev. Mr. Guthrie, who will preach Sunday morning at 10:30 and Rev. Mr. Blackford of Eldorado, and Rev. and Mrs. Jones, will all assist in the work of organization. It is believed by many of the local citizens who are of this faith, that it is an opportune time to organize a local church and if possible secure a permanent home. With this idea in view, all persons of this denomination are requested to attend the Sunday afternoon meeting and assist in the promotion of the enterprise. The entire day will be spent at the temple and all local people of this faith will bring their basket of provisions and spend the entire day.

## THE WEATHER PROPHECY

INDIANA—Fair Friday; increasing cloudiness Saturday.

OHIO—Fair Friday and Saturday.

## LOCAL SHIPPERS WELL PLEASED

The Kentucky and Indiana Bridge Company Will Not Increase Toll.

## ASSURANCE JUST RECEIVED.

NEW ALBANY COMMERCIAL CLUB INFORMED LOCAL ORGANIZATION THAT PIG IRON RATES WOULD ASCEND.

Letters received by the local commercial club from the Kentucky-Indiana Bridge and Railway company and from the Southern Railway Co., deny that the freight rates have been raised on pig iron from the south passing through the Louisville gateway, as charged in a circular letter issued by the New Albany commercial club. Some extra charges are made for switching purposes for the town of New Albany alone, but they do not apply to any through movements. The bridge toll remains at 10 cents per ton. Local shippers had manifested much concern when informed of the supposed raise, through the Richmond commercial club, which body at once took steps to prevent it. Whether the New Albany commercial club was misinformed, or the K. and I. Bridge company saw themselves losing business and hurriedly changed front does not seem clear, but the outcome of the matter is pleasing to the local shippers.

## NEWMAN UNDERGOES SURGICAL OPERATION

Is Now Confined in Indianapolis Hospital.

Attorney J. W. Newman, is confined at the Deacons hospital at Indianapolis, where he just underwent a surgical operation. Mr. Newman is reported to be in good condition but will not be able to return to this city for at least two weeks.

## THREE YOUTHFULS FACE CITY JUDGE

Were Charged With Stealing Small Articles.

Three young boys, badly frightened, faced Judge Converse this morning in the city court to answer charges of breaking into the City Mill Works and stealing a small number of articles of little value. Judge Converse and Prosecutor Jessup after giving the lads good lectures discharged them. The boys promised faithfully that they would never get into trouble again.

## HORROR SURROUNDS YOUTH'S HANGING

Fall Did Not Break Neck and He Hung Seventeen Minutes Before He Died.

## WAS EXECUTED FOR CRIME.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 3.—Horror attended the execution of Clarence Sturgeon here today. His extreme youth was the basis for many efforts to secure his pardon. The execution was delayed several minutes owing to the failure of the mechanism to work. Sturgeon was so light the drop did not break his neck, and he was not pronounced dead until seventeen minutes after.

## DR. HAMILTON IS CRITICALLY ILL

Condition Is Unimproved and Friends Cannot See Him.

Dr. C. M. Hamilton, the well known local dentist, was reported to be very low this morning. Dr. Hamilton was recently taken ill with pneumonia and since then other complications have set in. None of his many friends are allowed to see him.

## CAPTAIN PILLSBURY SUCCEEDS BROWNSON

Becomes Chief of the Bureau Of Navigation After a Long Conference.

## HELD AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

Washington Jan. 3.—After a conference with President Roosevelt Secretary Metcalf announced that Capt. J. E. Pillsbury had been selected as chief of the navigation bureau of the navy department. Captain Pillsbury participated in the conference between the president and the secretary just prior to the announcement. Captain Pillsbury will succeed Rear Admiral Brownson, who recently resigned.

## HAS MADE OTHER ARRESTS.

Unwittingly the Palladium committed an act of injustice toward Sheriff Meredith. It was stated in a news story that Tuesday evening he made his first arrest since assuming office. This is not the truth. During the year Mr. Meredith has been sheriff he has made numerous arrests in various parts of the county. Unlike some former sheriffs, Mr. Meredith does not depend upon his deputy to do this undesirable work.

## OUTLOOK AT MUNCIE IS NOW CONSIDERED VERY GRAVE BY ALL

The First Violence Today When Strike Breakers Attempted To Operate Three City Cars Before Being Forced to Flee

## ROCKS, BRICKS AND CLUBS USED FREELY BY MEN.

Strikers Are Now Soaping the Tracks That It Will Be Impossible for Cars to Operate in the City.

## MINISTERS TAKE A HAND.

APPEARED BEFORE TRACTION OFFICIALS IN ANDERSON INTERCEDING IN BEHALF OF THE HUNDREDS OF STRIKING MEN.

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 3.—The first violence in the strike among traction employees here today was when a crowd of sympathizers hurled bricks, stones and clubs, breaking every window in a car being operated, compelling the strike breakers to flee. An attempt was made to operate three city cars but this failed. Strikers are soaping the tracks. The outlook is very grave.

The Muncie Ministerial association took an active hand in the Indiana Union traction company employees' strike last night, when it sent a committee of three members to Anderson to present the officials of the traction company a proposition submitted by the strikers under the conditions of which they agreed to return to work. The committee was composed of Rev. Benjamin M. Nyce, of the First Presbyterian church, the Rev. C. E. Watkins of the Seventh street Baptist church, and the Rev. W. H. Allen of the Jackson street Christian church.

**Strikers' Proposition.**  
The proposition of the strikers in full is that they return to work as usual and continue to run the cars until the strike question is arbitrated, providing the company first agrees to submit the matter to arbitration. If the arbitrating committee finds the strikers are in the wrong, the amalgamated association will send its men back to work without a murmur, its representatives say.

The agreement to put the proposition up to the company in this manner was reached at a conference between representatives of the strikers, of the ministers of the Muncie trades council and Mayor Guthrie. The strikers, however, contend this is only their original proposition to the company, repeated that the company has refused even to submit the question to arbitration before this time.

Arbitration of the differences between employers and the striking employees, practically was demanded by the better citizens of Muncie in the hope they could do something to bring about a peaceable settlement of the difficulties between employee and employer. G. W. Purcell and C. F. Woerner, state labor commissioner, came to Muncie and investigated the situation. They conferred with the strikers and learned their side of the question and were to have gone to Anderson to get the company's version, but postponed the trip.

**Oran Perry There.**  
Adjutant General Oran Perry, of Indianapolis, came to Muncie as personal representative of Governor Hanly to look over the situation with a view to advising the governor on the question of sending state troops to quell the rioters and General Perry's report was that soldiers would be unnecessary.

Pending the outcome of the proposed arbitration conference the local traction company officials are preparing to send out strike breakers in charge of city cars again.

At police roll-call, Chief Benbow issued the following order in person: "We are tired of this thing of rioting. Arrest every man who interferes in any way by talking or inciting riot. Fill that jail down there if you can't stop it any other way."

Formal notice that the company would run its cars and that it would demand police protection for the men in charge of them from the city, was filed with Mayor Guthrie yesterday by Arthur Brady, president of the Indiana Union Traction company. The notice was given, however, before the visit of the three Muncie ministers to the traction company officials at Anderson.

**Hanly's Stern Orders.**  
Following stern orders from Governor Hanly that rioting must cease, the board of police commissioners met with the regular police force and special officers and the sheriff and his special deputies, to give instructions. The officers were ordered to do their full duty without fear or favor.

The police commissioners realize the choice of two courses—control the situation or submit to military invasion—and Muncie, above all things, desires to pass through this trouble without being forced to submit to martial law. The number of arrests caused by the strike totals nine. Five of

## DR. PPED DEAD WHEN BAD NEWS CAME

Erroneous Report of Sister's Murder Kills.

Mascoutah, Ill., Jan. 3.—George Bickhaupt, a farmer, 65 years old, dropped dead today when told by telephone that his sister, Mrs. Ida Schaller, had been murdered. The report of her death was erroneous, she having dropped dead of heart disease.

## CLERKS ARE BUSY.

December reports for the year 1907, are at present occupying the attention of the clerks at the local division offices of the Pennsylvania station.

these were strike-breakers, who were taken from their mobbed cars, and the other four were union sympathizers, who were charged with inciting a riot. The strike-breakers were slated on charges of carrying concealed weapons.

## Strike Waiting Game.

Anderson, Ind., Jan. 3.—The strike situation in this city seems to have developed into a waiting game. Nothing occurred here to create any excitement and the crowd which congregated about the traction station began to disperse about 3 o'clock.

## CHANCE TO ACQUIT THAW ON INSANITY THEORY CLAIMED

The Young Defendant Has Promised to Submit to Such A Plea as He Wishes to Become a Free Man.

## NO BREACH BETWEEN HUSBAND AND WIFE.

It Was Reported That the Defendant and His Young Wife Were Estranged, But Both Deny This.

New York, Jan. 3.—Dr. Britton D. Evans, inventor and patentee of the "brainstorm" as applied to criminal insanity, and the other alienists who testified in favor of Harry Kendall Thaw in his first trial for the murder of Stanford White held a long conference today with Martin Littleton, Daniel O'Reilly and Russell Peabody, in the former's office, preparatory to the second Thaw trial, which will begin on Monday.

It was learned that a straight plea of insanity will be urged in behalf of Thaw in the forthcoming trial, and on this mainly the defense will rest its chances.

The insanity plea does not offer such an easy escape to the defendant as has been generally supposed. It is known that District Attorney Jerome will not consent to Thaw's liberation on any plea of insanity without making a fight. His plan of campaign in this trial, as in the first, so far as the sanity of the prisoner is concerned, will be to establish clearly the form of insanity from which it is claimed the defendant is suffering, or was suffering at the time the act was committed. In either case, if the form of insanity is one which medical science says is incurable, the District Attorney will insist upon the defendant being sent to Mattewan.

It was planned in the last trial to call Anthony Comstock also, and the Thaw family objected, and now Mr. Comstock is to take the stand and tell of the peculiar actions of Thaw when the latter was engaged in his effort to have Stanford White and "studio revelers" put under arrest.

Both Thaw and his family are said now to have waived all objections to the insanity plea, and they are prepared to make this final sacrifice to save the young millionaire's life.

It is practically certain that Florence Evelyn Nesbit Thaw will again take the stand in her husband's defense. She is fully prepared for the ordeal, and this time is fortified by a much better condition of health than upon the previous trial.

The story that she and her husband have become estranged and that Thaw and his lawyers were also at odds was today flatly denied by all concerned. The young woman paid her established visit in the Tombs prison today and remained with Thaw for an hour.

O'Reilly and Peabody also spent some time with the prisoner, and among the other details which cropped out in advance of the trial was the statement that Abe Hummel, who a few weeks ago was dying on Blackwell's Island, had recovered sufficiently to be able to go on the witness stand when wanted and give against Thaw the same damaging testimony that he swore to in the last trial.

## WILL TEST MERITS OF BLIND TIGER LAW OF INDIANA

First Arguments Were Heard In the City Court Today and Judge Converse Took the Case Under Advisement.

## WILL BE CONTINUED TO THE HIGHER COURTS.

Should the Court Rule for Its Legality or Illegality, the Decision Will Be Appealed to The Circuit Court.

## SUPREME COURT TO DECIDE

AFTER IT LEAVES CIRCUIT COURT IT WILL GO TO THE LAST RULING BODY—BOTH ATTORNEYS MAKE STRONG ARGUMENTS.

The first action ever begun in the state of Indiana to test the legality of the blind tiger law, took place this morning in the local city court. Prosecutor Jessup, by an agreement with John F. Robbins, attorney for the Wayne Aerie of Eagles, whose club room in this city was raided last November, petitioned Judge Converse for an order to destroy all liquors seized by the police. Mr. Robbins made a brief argument against the court issuing such an order. Both attorneys then submitted to the court authorities to substantiate their respective arguments and the court took the matter under advisement. It is expected that he will make a ruling within a few days. No matter what decision Judge Converse makes, the case will be appealed to the circuit court. In turn, the ruling of the circuit court will be appealed to the supreme court.

Prosecutor Jessup, this morning, in compliance with his agreement with Attorney Robbins to have the legality of the blind tiger law tested, on the affidavit for a search warrant, issued on information by Sergeant McManus that he had reason to believe liquor was being sold in the Eagles' club rooms, made a motion to dismiss the affidavit against Jesse Evans and Harry Cook, two trustees of the Wayne Aerie of Eagles, charged with selling liquor.

In making his argument for an order to destroy the confiscated liquor, Prosecutor Jessup said to the court that there had never been a ruling made by the supreme court in respect to the act of the last legislature, commonly called the blind tiger law. He said that he had no desire to prosecute all the members of the Eagles' club, as such a procedure would be nothing more than a "holdup." It was cited by the prosecutor that the Wayne Aerie was not an incorporated body, but that the national organization of the order was incorporated. Liquors, he said, had been purchased by the aerie as an entirety and that they were dispensed only to members of the club. The money received from the sale of such liquors went into the club funds.

It was pointed out by the prosecutor that notwithstanding the fact that each member of the aerie had a certain right to all liquor purchased by the aerie, but that if any member purchased from the aerie a certain amount of this liquor, he became the personal possessor and owner of it. This was a violation of the law, Mr. Jessup insisted. He said that under the laws of the state liquor could be sold no place unless a license was first obtained and he said that it would be impossible for the Eagles to obtain a license under the laws of the state for the reason that their club room bar was located on the third floor of the old Vaughan block. The law, he said, especially provided that all places where liquor was sold must be located on the ground floor of a building facing the street.

Attorney Robbins in his argument held that there was no infringement of the liquor laws in the Eagles case. This case he said involved three cardinal questions to-wit: The authority of the legislature to pass such an act as the blind tiger law; the jurisdiction of the city court to pass upon the case, and the power of the court to issue an order for the destruction of the liquor seized at the Eagles club.

Mr. Robbins contended that members of the Eagles club had the authority to purchase from the club liquors of which they were joint owners. "If I buy some whiskey and I take a drink, do I have to take money out of my right hand trousers pocket, pay myself and then put the money back in the left hand pocket of my trousers? That is the Eagles case in a nutshell," stated Mr. Robbins. He then offered the court his authorities and the court adjourned to take the case under advisement.

## CALLED TO CHICAGO.

Mrs. Lizzie Essmaker and Charles Essmaker have been called to Chicago by the death of Albert Essmaker, formerly of this city.