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## UTOPIAN EFFORT ENDS IN FAILURE WITHOUT TEARS

Philanthropic Attempt of N. O. Nelson as Reflected by "Homecroft" Proves Unappreciated by Dublin People.

## INTEREST FLAGGED AND PLANS ARE ABANDONED.

Dreams of Earthly Paradise For Dublin Folks Failed to Materialize, So Property Is Sold for Town Lots.

The efforts of N. O. Nelson, the St. Louis Millionaire philanthropist and idealist, to convert the little town of Dublin, this county, into a Utopian colony have met with failure. The people of Dublin had only sympathy for Mr. Nelson and took but indifferent interest in his plans for the improvement of that community. They regarded his "Homecroft" establishment and his plans to erect public buildings, of which every resident of Dublin was to be a joint owner, merely the eccentricities of a dreamer who had more money than he knew what to do with.

Disgusted with the lack of interest displayed by Dublin people in his real sincere efforts to improve the town Mr. Nelson became provoked after he had built the Homecroft establishment and decided to Miss Flora Brown, and he abandoned his plans for further improvements. Mr. Nelson, it is stated, also withdrew his support from the Homecroft institution and for the past year it has not been in operation. Miss Brown has disposed of the property to John Gibbs, a well to do resident of Mooresville, Ind. It is understood he will use the building for his private residence and will stake off a greater part of the ground into town lots.

Three or four years ago Miss Brown interested Mr. Nelson in a plan to convert Dublin into a Utopian paradise. He first remodeled at a cost of \$5,000 a building which was named "Homecroft." This was to be a manual training school for the young men of the community. Furniture of antique designs and bric-a-brac of various kinds was to be manufactured, mostly by hand, by these students. After the institution had been built it was decided by Mr. Nelson to Miss Brown, and she assumed active management of the school. This building was completed in 1906.

At first there was a large number of young men who took advantage of the philanthropy of Mr. Nelson but the novelty soon wore off and the school attendance soon fell away until about a year ago it was necessary to close "Homecroft." Mr. Nelson had planned to spend about \$100,000 in Dublin by the erection of a manufacturing plant, a bank building, a kindergarten school and other public buildings, but seeing his efforts were not appreciated he abandoned these plans and has since turned the cold shoulder upon Dublin. "Homecroft," which is soon to be converted into a residence, is a splendid eighteen room building and equipped in the best style.

## COUNTRESS LIES CRITICALLY ILL

Condition Is Such as to Be Alarming.

Vienna, Sept. 1.—Countess Szechenyi, formerly Miss Gladys Vanderbilt, is critically ill. A baby arrived two months ahead of expectations and was dead at birth.

## LINDSEY ALLOWED TO LEAVE COUNTY

Petitions of Two Other Drunks Overruled However.

Edward Lindsey was up in the city court this morning for the fourth time to answer a charge of drunk. He was once more given another opportunity to get out of town. This is the third opportunity of this nature that has been extended to Lindsey.

Charles Burns and John Gibbons, each charged with drunk, wanted the same advantage as extended to Lindsey but the court overruled their petitions. "You can crack stones at the county jail for eleven days then you can have the opportunity of getting out of town," said Judge Converse. But there are no stones to crack. The judge ought to have said "live easy."

## TWO NEW TRAINS OVER C. C. & L. ROAD

Are to Be Complete in Every Detail.

The improvements on the C. C. & L. railroad bed are moving forward steadily and it is said by receiver James P. Goodrich that within the next 90 days two fast trains will be put on between Cincinnati and Chicago, giving the more efficient services between these two points than any other line. The new trains will be modern in every way and include dining and parlor cars. The night sleeper from Cincinnati to the northern points is already becoming a favorite train with the traveling public.

## PLANS COMPLETE FOR NEW DEPOT

Work Begun to Prepare North D Street for the New Freight Line.

WORK IS TO BE PUSHED.

MAIN STREET TO BE REPAVED THIS WEEK AND THE NORTH TRACKS WILL BE TORN UP AND RELAID AT ONCE.

The plans for the new freight depot to be built by the Indianapolis, Terre Haute and Eastern traction company and have been completed and the work of grading the lots for the tracks and building was started. The new building will be one of the most complete traction freight houses in the state.

The new freight building will be made of brick and be one story. It will be 140 feet long and 40 feet wide. On each side there will be a platform extending out ten feet with provision for two tracks. By large platform space the traction officials hope to get quick service. One side will be used for the incoming freight and the other for the outgoing.

There was a gang of some 25 men at work this morning grading for the tracks which are to be laid on North D street. The city has just completed remodeling this street and putting it in good condition. The tracks are laid down the middle of the street and workmen find it an arduous task.

The work on paving Main street between the rails of the south tracks will begin soon at Fourth and Main streets. When this is completed the tracks on the north side of Main will be torn up between Fifth and Sixth streets to be relaid in concrete. The concrete work on the tracks between Tenth and Thirteenth streets, will be finished today and the paving will be commenced next week.

## PETIT JURY TO HEAR EVIDENCE

Case of State vs. Lapaylia Set For Friday.

Deputy Sheriff Oscar Mashmeyer this morning received orders from Judge Fox, of the circuit court to summon the petit jury for Friday of this week. The jury is to hear the case of the State against Frank Lapaylia, the Italian, who is charged with assault and battery with intent to kill Joe Rigo.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS INSPECTED

Also Approved by Visitors From New Castle.

V. M. Mendenhall, chairman; Jack Lenon, chief of the fire department, and H. J. Pressnall, a special committee from New Castle, inspected the fire department in Richmond, Sunday, in order to get new ideas towards making the New Castle department more complete. While here they especially inspected the combination wagon at No. 4 hose house and the chemical wagon at the city building. The committee was very much pleased with the department here and will recommend the purchase of a similar equipment.

## A SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Jacob Rosenbloom has returned from Syracuse, N. Y., where he took his wife to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Mrs. Rosenbloom had to undergo a most painful operation at the Good Shepherd's hospital but she is recovering as well as could be expected.

## MARION COUNTY BUT EXAMPLE OF OTHER COUNTIES

Lesson of Value for Officials in All Counties Found in Report of Auditor Sahm of Marion County.

## STATE FAIR NOT SO LARGE AS TO STOP TALK FEST.

Republicans Waiting to Hear Democrats Before Announcing Assignments of the Speakers.

(Special Correspondence.)

Indianapolis, Sept. 1.—In a statement prepared by County Auditor Sahm, in regard to the growing indebtedness of Marion county, there is a lesson of value to all county officials of the state. Auditor Sahm shows that Marion county's officials, regardless of politics, have been reckless and totally out of touch with the best interests of the people. He cites instance after instance looseness in management, carelessness in the matter of expenditures and a total lack of those business practices and principles which would apply in private affairs. He shows that practices have been going on for years which, while not strictly in violation of law, have been a clear violation of the motives that should underlie the conduct of the public's business. As a result, Marion county finds herself deep in debt, practically bankrupt, with her credit stretched to the limit. Her debts have doubled since 1869, and in the last four years \$1,000,000 has been added to the burden that the taxpayers are carrying. He asserts that the building of bridges, not always necessary, has constituted one of the chief items in the county's ever-swelling debt. The expense of maintaining the courts has also gone to the limit.

The doubtful practices, he says, are today being carried on in many counties of the state, and the people should see to it, he says, that county affairs are properly handled—that county officials be checked in their never-ending scramble to grab fees and extra emoluments that are not provided for by law and that should find their way into the public treasury. He considers county reforms to be the most important question now before the taxpayers, who must bear the load. The recent revelations in the Marion county scandals have done much to point the way, and he feels that counties over the state should profit by the showing up of these doubtful practices. Mr. Sahm believes that there is room for improvement in every county of the state.

## Oratory Not to Stop.

The recent request that campaign orators be called off during the state fair, to be held here next week, has evidently been ignored. As far as can be learned, there will be as many speeches over the state during fair week as the speakers' bureau of each party can assign and there will be no let up. The state board of agriculture had hoped to improve the fair attendance by removing every attraction that might turn the farmer's eyes away from the big show, and for a time it was thought that the board's request along these lines would be complied with. But Marshall and Watson got busy. Kern was nominated, Bryan has been to town and altogether the republicans, at least, were in no humor to call off any of its speakers, feeling that the democratic managers had already had the best of things.

## Rain Needed Badly.

Reports from over the state show an alarming condition of the corn crop because of lack of rain. In the central part of the state, at least, there has been no rain for three weeks. The fields are dry and the corn crop is suffering greatly. The rivers and other streams are lower than known before in years. Boating has practically been suspended at summer resorts along White river, and campers are breaking up and returning home because of the terrific heat and the dried up condition of things generally. The sun's rays started many fires out in the country and damage from this cause is being reported daily. The weather bureau has predicted rain time and again, but it does not come and the temperature is rising from day to day. The situation is serious.

## Republicans Are Waiting.

One reason given for the action of the republican speakers bureau in holding off its best speakers and refusing to announce any assignments at this time, is the fact that the republican managers are desirous of waiting until the democrats have exposed the best that they have, in the way of arguments, it being admitted that the republican party being the party in power, is somewhat on the defensive. Already Bryan has said much and presented to the republicans the issues that he will emphasize and these are to be met with the best speakers the republicans can muster, every moment being taken advantage of to formulate a plan of meeting these arguments. It is promised that when the republican spellbinders are turned loose they will be loaded and that the democratic speakers will have something to answer.

## BOY RAN INTO BY TEAM OF HORSES

Lad Failed to Look Ahead—Collar Bone Broken.

Milton, Ind., Sept. 1.—While playing with a number of his young friends Sunday little Walter North jumped in front of a fast moving team of horses belonging to Hiram Crooks and had his collar bone broken and was otherwise considerably bruised. He darted out into the street and falling to see the horses, jumped right into their path. The horses shied and he was run over by only one of the wheels of the carriage, or otherwise he would have been more seriously injured. He is improving as well as can be expected.

## BIBLES NOT NEEDED In Public Schools, But Teachers Should Vitalize Precepts of the Book.

EARLHAM MAN SPOKE.

Winona Lake, Ind., Sept. 1.—"School boards are recreant in their duty when they employ irreligious teachers in the public schools," said Prof. Charles Swain Thomas, in an address yesterday at the Friends General Conference, on "Friends and Public Education."

Prof. Thomas has been teacher of English in the Indianapolis high schools, but this winter will go to the Newton High School at Newton, Mass. He doubted if any good would come from an assigned place on the program for the study of the Bible, but the education must come through the personality of the teacher.

Prof. Thomas said he regarded the chief weakness of the public schools today their ignoring of religious teaching. The science teacher of today fails if he does not see the spiritual in his teaching. Good teaching is vitalized with emotion and he is a good teacher in proportion, as he throws his personality and soul into his teaching. The speaker emphasized the point that the history teacher must himself be a patriot, and it is the duty of the parent to object to any other kind of a teacher.

Dr. Joseph Swain, formerly of the Indiana State University, but now of Swarthmore, said that he was not in favor of giving the Bible a regular place in the school program, but that a religious teacher should always be selected by the school board.

William Grist of Earlham College said educators must get away from holding up warriors as attractive. This is a false education, he said, and one all colleges, independent of denomination, must denounce.

## AGED WOMAN DIES.

Had Passed the Age of Four Score Years.

Sarah Jones, widow of the late Warren Jones, died this morning at her home, three miles west of the city on the National road at the age of 84 years. Ten children survive her six sons and four daughters and also two sisters. The funeral announcements will be made later.

## WIFE WAS OUT LATE

Husband Followed Down Town And Double Tragedy Ends Both Lives.

## ANOTHER WOMAN IS ILL.

Indianapolis, Sept. 1.—Henry S. Tuckman, thirty-six years old, a produce merchant, shot his wife Lizzie, aged thirty-three, through the heart and then ended his own life with a repeating rifle at their apartment at Washington and Eastern avenue, at 3 o'clock this morning.

When Tuckman got home from business last night his wife was down town. When she did not return by 11 o'clock Tuckman went after her, bringing her home after midnight. A violent quarrel followed resulting in the tragedy. Myra Fisher, a visitor is under a physicians care, suffering from the shock. She was the only other person in the flat, being in the next room. Tuckman was jealous because his wife went out nights.

Commencing today it will be lawful to hunt ducks, woodcocks, snipe, squirrels and rabbits, but if the hunters of Wayne county expect to do any slaughtering they will have to get licenses. It will be unlawful to hunt anything except water fowl during the month of October and until November 10th. After this it is lawful to kill any kind of game except squirrel.

The demand for that very necessary document, a hunting license, has not been very heavy this year at the clerk's office, but the number is expected to increase as the season advances.

## MRS. HATFIELD DEAD.

Centerville, Ind., Sept. 1.—Mrs. Marie Hatfield, a widow and a well known resident of this town, died this morning at 3 o'clock at her home. She leaves two children. Funeral arrangements have not yet been announced.

## LOCAL DRUG STORE MAY BE FOUND TO BE "BLIND TIGER"

Prosecutor Supplied With Information Regarding Conkey-Monninger Store That May Lead to Serious Charge

## BOY CLERK CONFESSED TO SELLING LIQUOR AT STORE

Supt. Bailey Believes Store Has Done Business as Saloon—Monninger Is Man Said to Be at Fault.

Prosecutor Jessup stated this morning that affidavits will be filed against Albert D. Monninger of the Conkey-Monninger Drug Co., charging him with the illegal sale of intoxicating liquors. This action is to be taken on information supplied the prosecutor by Everett Benham, a minor employed as a clerk at the drug store. Benham is under arrest on a charge of selling liquor on Sunday. The charge of selling liquor without a prescription could not be placed against the young man as the prosecutor learned on investigation that Benham was neither a licensed pharmacist or a licensed assistant pharmacist. Benham's case has been filed in the juvenile court.

Prosecutor Jessup states that he does not know what the nature of the charge to be filed against Monninger will be, as he has not thoroughly investigated the case. In the event it is ascertained that Monninger is a licensed pharmacist he will be charged with selling liquor without a prescription from a reputable physician. If he is not a licensed pharmacist he will be charged with a violation of the blind tiger law.

Young Benham after being arrested, it is understood, admitted that he had been guilty of illegally selling whisky. He also stated that the drug store had twenty-five or thirty patrons who were supplied whisky without prescriptions. He stated that this whisky was generally sold by Monninger.

"I am convinced that the Conkey-Monninger drug store has been operated virtually as a saloon for some time past," stated Chief Bailey this morning.

No charges will be filed against Conkey as he lives in Indianapolis and is not directly connected with the management of the drug store. Chief Bailey thinks that a number of cases can be made against Monninger as he knows of several men who loaf about the store and who probably would know something about Monninger's alleged illegal sale of whisky.

## CANNING COMPANY BEGINS ITS SEASON

Tomato Crop Poor, So Apples Will Be Ground.

Greensfork, Ind., Sept. 1.—The Greensfork Canning company opened Saturday with fair business. The crop of tomatoes this year is very light and as a result, the firm does not expect to have a very heavy business. In an effort to keep up their good financial standing a cider plant has been installed in the factory and the company expects to have a good trade. The apple crop is light, but it is thought there are enough apples in the vicinity to justify the installing of the cider plant.

## WATER FOWL MAY BE HUNTED FOR

Open Season Now on for Holders of Licenses.

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## DATE EXTENDED FOR CONVENIENCE

Uniform Bill of Lading Not in Effect.

An order has been issued by the interstate commerce commission extending from today to November 1, the date when the new uniform bill of lading will become effective. Both shippers and railroads have represented to the commission that because of the many changes in the new bill, which really consists of two bills, one negotiable and the other not, the extension of the date will lead to a better understanding of the effects and will insure the acceptance by the shipping public.

## PEACE CONFERENCE NOT SUCCESSFUL

Taft Did Not Journey to Ft. Meigs to Attend the Dedication.

MEANT TWO LONG TRIPS.

ACTION IS DISAPPOINTING TO THOSE WHO EXPECTED TO BRING ABOUT PEACE BETWEEN FORAKER AND BIG CANDIDATE.

Middle Bass Island, Ohio, Sept. 1.—If there was any probability of a harmony meeting being arranged between Judge William H. Taft and Senator Joseph Benson Foraker at Ft. Meigs today, it vanished last night when the presidential nominee stated he would not attend the dedication ceremonies at that place.

At his cottage he said that he would be compelled to decline any invitation that might be extended by the committee, because of the difficulties attending the travel between this point and Ft. Meigs.

To be present would mean beginning the journey almost before daylight in order to reach Toledo and the return journey would be as full of difficulties. This would have to be repeated on Wednesday, as he would have to return to Toledo in order to deliver his address before the National G. A. R.

There is no doubt but that the fact that this decision was disappointing to Congressman J. Warren Keifer, of Springfield, and General H. C. Corbin, who, as announced in these dispatches, are hard at work to bring the senator and Judge Taft together. Both of these distinguished gentlemen are here and this afternoon were quite hopeful of good results in their missionary work.

General Corbin, early in the afternoon went to Sandusky, and returned after dinner tonight. What message he bore to Judge Taft is known only to both of them, but before his arrival the nominee said that nothing that might be said would alter his determination not to go to Ft. Meigs. There still remains a chance to bring about a meeting Wednesday, as it is understood that both of the principals in this affair will be in Toledo at the same time for several hours.

## DISASTROUS FIRE AT CENTERVILLE

Home of W. J. Richardson Was Damaged Severely.

Centerville, Ind., Sept. 1.—A fire last evening, the origin of which is unknown, destroyed the roof and completely gutted the second floor of the residence of W. J. Richardson, College street. Mr. Richardson was not at home at the time, but members of his family succeeded in getting nearly all the household goods to a place of safety. The building is partially insured. The volunteer fire department rendered good service fighting the blaze.

## TESTIMONY MIRED BUT COURT CLEAR

Anyhow Lawler Was Given a Fine for Drunk.

Philip Lawler, who yesterday entered a plea of not guilty to a charge of being intoxicated Sunday, was given a hearing this morning in the city court. John Barth, a Main street tobacco dealer, and another witness testified they did not think Lawler was drunk, but he was fined \$1 and costs. Turnkey Sam Roberts testified that a bottle of booze had been found on Lawler. The accused denied this when Roberts revised his testimony by stating the whisky had not been found on Lawler's person, but in the jail.

## CHANCE GIVEN TO CONTRIBUTE FOR FALL FESTIVAL

Business Men Are Expected to Respond in Liberal Manner To Requests for Subscriptions of Funds.

## SPIRIT SHOWN COMMENDED BY THE COMMITTEE.

Two Men Have Agreed to Give \$100 Each and Non-Resident Sends Check—Dance Abandoned.

"Business men of this city have complained that Richmond has no hustle or enterprise and that the town is as dead as a door nail. These business men will be given an excellent opportunity to show in a substantial manner if they approve of the efforts of the fall festival executive committee to instill ginger into the city with the end in view of making it a good live town. If on Wednesday of this week the soliciting committees for the fall festival succeed in raising between \$3,000 and \$4,000 to meet the expenses of the affair, then the business men of Richmond will go on record as approving the enterprising policy shown."

This statement was made last evening by Nimrod Johnson, chairman of the finance committee of the fall festival. It was addressed to about sixty-five members of the committee who met at the city building for the purpose of discussing ways and means of making collections. It was the opinion of all the committeemen that the business men of this city are heartily in favor of the movement and that the necessary expense fund can be raised with but little effort. The committee also decided to solicit Wednesday. The following day the chairman of the various sub soliciting committees (these officials were appointed last night) will turn over the collections of their respective committees to Mr. Johnson. It was decided that if the various business men solicited were not ready to make immediate cash or check donations they should be requested to give their notes, agreeing to make their payments the first of October. A list of all business men not found in their establishments when the solicitors call, will be made and at a later date they will be visited.

Already donations and promises of donations have been made. Two men have each agreed to contribute \$100. One of these men, Mr. Johnson stated, would not be benefited directly or indirectly by the festival. This announcement was greeted with applause as was the statement that one man, who is not a resident of Richmond, has agreed to contribute ten dollars.

Vice President Perry J. Freeman of the Young Men's Business club, in opening the meeting, stated that the prime object of the festival is to get people living in this vicinity in the habit of coming to Richmond. He said if the festival this fall was a success, it is proposed to make it an annual event. On Wednesday, Mr. Freeman stated, he and Paul Comstock will go to Indianapolis and learn definitely when the Tenth Infantry will be here. The dates of the festival will depend, he said, on the time the regiment will be in this city.

The second night the regiment is here a big ball will be given for the commissioned officers, but the plan of having a ball for the privates and non-commissioned officers has been abandoned, because Col. Green has informed the military committee that the march the regiment is to make will be a hard one on the men and that they will need all the rest they can obtain. He said that enroute from Indianapolis to Richmond the regiment will make two night marches.

## GOOD SAMARITAN?

Man Knocks You Down—Have Him Fined—Then Pay For His Release.

## ODDEST CASE ON RECORD.

James Dunn knocked Harvey Koonitz down last night because, it was alleged, Koonitz had been saying mean things about him. Koonitz prosecuted Dunn in the city court this morning. Dunn pleaded guilty, drew a fine of \$1 and costs, and then Koonitz hustled about and secured enough money to pay his assailant's fine. Sympathy was all with Dunn. He had cared for Koonitz when the latter was ill and had secured a job as lineman for him in this city. He said this kindness was rewarded by Koonitz libeling him. He said when he met Koonitz last night he lost his temper and assaulted him.