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WOULD FORCE COUNTY LOCAL OPTION FIGHT

National Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League Says Elections Should Be Held at Once.

INDIANA LEADERS ARE MUCH IMPRESSED.

Forces May Be Organized and Fight Conducted Systematically—Fear That Law Will Be Repealed.

By Ellis Seares.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 25.—Plans were discussed yesterday at the annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Indiana Anti-Saloon league for holding county local option elections in this state as rapidly as possible. It is believed that such elections will be held in many of the counties before the legislature convenes in January.

Dr. P. A. Baker, of Columbus, Ohio, national superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, was present at the meeting of the trustees and he made it clear in his speech that the Indiana Anti-Saloon league ought to get busy at once and hold elections.

One of the principal topics of discussion at the meeting was the possibility that the legislature will seek to repeal the county local option law at the coming session. It was stated that there is danger that such an attempt will be made, and Dr. Baker said that the most effective way to head off any scheme to repeal the law is to put it into force at once.

Would Force Elections.

"Select the counties in which you know you will win," Dr. Baker told them, "the counties that you know will go dry at the local option election. Appoint a committeeman for each township and precinct in the county, let him organize the forces. Then establish county headquarters. Have a county chairman and a stenographer who can get in touch with the township and precinct workers each day. Send out speakers and literature among the people. Get them worked up to it, and then when they come to vote they will vote right. If you do this and hold elections in all the counties possible before the legislature starts its session it would not be well for any political party to undertake to repeal the law. If it did it would be buried so deep at the next election that it never could find itself out. Don't make any mistake about the counties you select for the first elections. Be sure to pick out those in which you know you will win. Don't let the first effort go astray."

Baker's speech made a hit with the trustees of the Anti-Saloon league. Judging from the number of questions that were asked of him the trustees were deeply interested in his plan, and the comment was that the plan proposed was a good one.

It is known that the Anti-Saloon leaders in this state have been anxious ever since the election to try out the county local option law, but they hesitated about starting it into action. But now that Dr. Baker has advised them as to how to go about it, there is good reason to believe that petitioners for elections will soon be whizzing about in numerous counties.

Dr. Baker called attention to the fact that when the Anti-Saloon people in Ohio began seven weeks ago to hold county option elections there were only seven dry counties in that state. Now there are fifty-two dry counties, and more elections are to be held this week. Only seven counties out of fifty-two in which elections were held, voted wet. The entire Ohio river shore from the Pennsylvania state line to Cincinnati, a distance of 350 miles, is dry, with the exception of Marietta, Baker said, and it will be but a short time, he declared, until practically the entire state will be dry.

Shumaker Makes Report.

E. S. Shumaker, the state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, said in his report to the trustees that during the last year the league has spent \$27,000 in its work in Indiana. This was \$9,000 more than was spent the previous year. During the coming year, he said, he hopes to collect \$40,000 for the work in this state. He said eighteen counties went dry through the remonstrance process during the year, making a total of twenty-seven dry counties in the state at this time. Twenty-one county seat towns were made dry in the year. There are more than 800 dry townships out of a total of 1,016 in the state.

Shumaker said the effort of the league during the next year should be to prevent the repeal of the county local option law and to work for the submission to the people at an election of a constitutional amendment for state wide prohibition. He said he believes this can be accomplished by 1912. After Shumaker had read his report, a motion was made to adopt the lines laid down in the report as the legisla-

TAGGART NOT FOR ANY CANDIDATE

Slack and Menzies Happy by Assurance.

Indianapolis, Nov. 25.—National Committeeman Taggart met L. E. Slack, Major Menzies and other candidates for the United States senate here. He made glad the Slack and Menzies men by declaring emphatically that he will not take part in the race for any candidate. The other candidates feel that Kern cannot win without Taggart's support.

Representatives of the republican and democratic Marion county senatorial candidates appeared before Special Judge Edenharder and argued the petition for a recount of votes in this county.

Attorney-General Bingham, on behalf of the republican candidates, held that the court here has no authority to reopen the machines. A decision will be rendered Friday.

MEYER FOR HIGH CABINET POSITION

His Friends See in Him Qualities of Ideal Secretary Of State.

BURTON IS NOT QUALIFIED.

SEVERAL MEN SUGGESTED FOR THE PLACE BUT IT SEEMS THAT MEYER WOULD MAKE A BETTER MAN THAN OTHERS.

Special to Palladium.

Washington, Nov. 25.—It is simply impossible to keep away from the subject of President-elect Taft's cabinet. Judge Taft announced that it would be sometime after the Christmas holidays before he seriously undertook the task of selecting his official advisers, but not a day goes by but that the volunteer assistants do not place some new man in Taft's official family. Any republican statesman who hasn't been mentioned for a place in the Taft cabinet has a right to feel slighted.

Your correspondent decided some time ago that he would record the President-elect the privileges of selecting his own cabinet ministers. Mr. Taft having publicly intimated that he felt quite equal to the responsibility. But because unsolicited and perhaps unwelcome advice is not the thrust upon the next president is no good reason why the selection of less considerate amateur cabinet builders are not properly subject to discussion. Those who persist in going to the relief of Judge Taft in the matter, appear to be having most difficulty in finding the right man for secretary of state. Most of them had Elihu Root slated to continue in the premier portfolio, until Mr. Root began to evidence signs of senatorial yearnings. Now they are all at sea.

There is a considerable faction that wants to place Representative Theodore Burton of Ohio, at the head of the state department, but as Mr. Burton is running for Senator Foraker's seat, and is being boomed for Speaker Cannon's job, his selection for the premiership doesn't give general satisfaction. Besides, while it is admitted Mr. Burton is equipped intellectually for the place, he lacks in other respects. The secretary of state has one member of the cabinet who has social obligations which are of any consequence to anybody but themselves. The secretary of state has to entertain the diplomatic corps and momentous questions of world policy may be determined by the sort of dinner he gives the Ambassador from Timbuktoo, or the Minister from Dahomey. Now, not only is Mr. Burton a crusty bachelor, with little knowledge of and less liking for the social stunts in which diplomats indulge, but he is a disreputable-looking individual and probably wouldn't recognize a good dinner should he meet one on the street. Mr. Burton is a book-worm, a devotee of weighty things in the original Greek, and Latin and Sanscrit. No doubt he would be able to tell you the scientific name of the diamond-back terrapin, which flourishes on the Eastern Shoo' of Maryland, but served at his table he couldn't tell it from cod-fish balls. And as for canavas duck, beyond the fact that it is ashy, valenaria, he takes no interest in the bird. Clearly he would be a misfit in a place where gastronomy and diplomacy are synonymous terms.

Those who urge those weighty reasons against the selection of Burton to succeed Root find their ideal foreign minister in George von Lenkerke Meyer, former ambassador to Italy, former ambassador to Russia, and at present Postmaster General. There isn't anything in the art of feeding diplomats which Mr. Meyer doesn't know. He picked up a lot of useful information around Rome and St. Petersburg, and, besides, he has the natural gift. Mr. Meyer is effulgent in a drawing room and when he

WOULD SEND HIS COUSIN TO PRISON TO STEAL WIFE

Secret Service Officers Unearth Romance of Real Life In Theft of Rural Route Mail Box.

TRACKS MADE BY HIS RIVAL'S SHOES

These Led to Home of Man Who Was Arrested But Later Released—Theory on Which Officers Work.

Right in the heart of rural Wayne county, federal officers believe they have unearthed a romance of real life that reads like friction from the pen of the most romantic writer. The plot hinges around the theft of just a common ordinary rural mail box belonging to Albert Harmeson of the Cedar Lane stock farm near Middleboro.

The theft of the mail box, it is thought by the federal officers, was actuated by the love of the thief for his cousin's pretty wife—for of course all good romances have a "woman in the case." To add picturesqueness to the plot there is included in the cast, just like the best selling "yellow backs", a roving band of gypsies and feral-eyed secret service men.

The box and its contents was stolen last Saturday. Since then the secret service men have been steadily working on the case. Monday an arrest was made—the husband of the woman in the case—but he was released after examination. Everything pointed to his guilt, but the very fact that the evidence against him was so elaborately perfect proved his salvation.

It made the crafty secret service men believe this evidence against the suspect had been cunningly planned and executed by an enemy who desired to "put him out of the way" by having him sent to a federal prison.

There will be another chapter to the case shortly and when the next arrest is made it is thought light will be thrown on the mystery.

Here is what the secret service men believe to be the true story of the peculiar case: Last Saturday the Harmeson mail box was torn from its fastenings and carried off. On the road about where the box was located were the footprints of a man, evidently pigeon-toed. These tracks were so distinct that it looked as though the thief had taken particular pains to make them well defined to attract the attention of the secret service men.

These tracks, clear and distinct, led from the mail box site along the road to the home of the man who was arrested Monday. They then skirted around back of the barn, through a cornfield and thence into a woods.

At the time of the theft there was a band of gypsies in these woods. Their camp was thoroughly searched, but no mail box was found. After the gypsies had broken camp they were halted on the road by the secret service men, and their wagons were searched again, without success. The officers were then convinced the thief was not implicated in the theft. (Exit gypsies.)

Further investigation led to the arrest referred to. This man emphatically denied any knowledge of the crime, even when the officers told him they had taken a pair of his old shoes from a buggy in his barn and that the soles tallied exactly with the footprints. The suspect was also pigeon-toed. Then the suspect told the officers that not long ago he left home and returned unexpectedly. In his home he found his cousin making violent love to his wife. He created no trouble, but left the couple to continue their love making.

This statement caused the secret service men to form the theory that the man whom they had arrested was the victim of his cousin, who had plotted to send him to prison so that he could steal from his wife. On this theory the officers are now working and the arrest of the man who is now believed to be guilty will probably soon follow. "It would be easy for the man now under suspicion to steal his victim's shoes and make tracks with them. The artistic feature of this cunning plot, is its very simplicity," remarked an officer.

LOCAL PASTOR TO ASSIST.

The Rev. R. H. Dunnaway will be in a few days for Louisville, where he will assist in revival services that are to be conducted there. He expects to be gone the greater part of next week.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair, somewhat colder Wednesday night; Thursday rain or snow and colder; fresh shifting winds.

OHIO—Partly cloudy and slightly colder Wednesday night with strong southwest winds. Thursday rain or snow and colder.

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DESires CHILDREN

Count Boni de Castellaine's Suit Heard in Paris Today.

WOULD TAKE ALIMONY TOO

Paris, Nov. 25.—The closing argument was made by the counsel for Count Boni De Castellaine in his suit to recover his children and alimony from his former wife (Anna Gould) today. His counsel stated that Prince De Sagan was accompanied by another woman when he visited America to negotiate for the marriage with the widowed countess and otherwise endeavored to prove that the atmosphere of the De Sagan household was not of the proper moral tone for the Castellane children. The court reserved its decision.

SENSATION SPRUNG IN WHITEMAN CASE

Nature of Threatened Charges Made Known by Prosecution.

MISTREATED DAUGHTER.

STATE CLOSES TESTIMONY AND DEFENSE TAKES UP ITS FIGHT DENYING CHARGES PREFERRED BY WIFE.

A subdued sensation was sprung in connection with the case of the State vs. Whiteman, on trial in the Wayne circuit court this morning. J. C. Thomas, clerk at a downtown clothing store, was on the stand for the defense. He had testified to the good character of the defendant, Clement V. Whiteman, charged with assault and battery upon his wife, with intent to kill. Thomas said Whiteman's reputation for peace and quietude was good. "What do you know about it, who told you?" asked H. E. Johnson, for the state, in the cross examination. "You say it's good. Did you ever hear how he ravished that little girl over there? Did you ever hear that his first wife secured a divorce on the ground of cruel and inhuman treatment?" continued Mr. Johnson. And then he called to the little daughter of Mrs. Whiteman by her former husband to stand up in the court room. The girl appeared about fourteen years old.

The sudden expression on the part of the attorney, caused a stir in the court room. The child arose and stood near her grandmother. It was the first time that anything had been said in connection with the case of any mistreatment by Whiteman of his wife's daughter. It has been known to court attaches for some time that the state's attorney was considering filing other charges than assault and battery with intent to kill against Whiteman. The prosecutor has asserted the man has been guilty of intent.

Testimony Concluded.

The state concluded its testimony in the case this morning and the defense began the task of clearing from the minds of the jury all traces of the allegations that have been made by the state. The state concluded its testimony in examining Policemen Lamberson and Vogelsohn, Mr. and Mrs. William Lohman, and recalling Mrs. Whiteman to the stand. The jury was handed the jacket worn by the woman, when she alleges she was shot at, and also the revolver she had in her possession and the one taken from Whiteman after the shooting.

Mr. and Mrs. Lohman testified to meeting a man and woman on South Fourteenth street, purported to be Mr. and Mrs. Whiteman, one night last spring. Mr. Lohman said the woman had overtaken and passed him and his wife, when she was confronted by a man. The woman told him not to shoot, and he said he would not, if she went with him. She did as requested. The defense objected to the state being permitted to introduce the testimony of John Noss out of order, but the court overruled the objection. The state had closed its testimony with the exception of Noss, who was not in court. Upon his taking the stand he told of the finding of the revolver that belonged to Whiteman.

In making the statement for the defense, W. A. Bond, who today was assisted by P. J. Freeman, as counsel for Whiteman, declared the defendant had never threatened to take his wife's life, with any intention of doing so. He said the defense would show that the meetings between the husband and wife, told of by Mrs. Whiteman, and at which times she said the threats had been made, were brought about solely at the instigation of the prosecuting witness. He said he could prove she sent messages and notes asking him to meet her and talk matters over. He said the defense will show that Whiteman was at the home of his wife the night the assault is said to have occurred.

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CONGRESS MUST COMPLY WITH TAFT'S WISHES

In Case Tariff Bill Passed by Congress Does Not Suit Him, It Is Understood He Will Veto It.

IS PREPARED TO FIGHT TO LIMIT FOR REVISION

Realizes Obligation to Country At Large to Effect Revision Which Will Be of Real Benefit.

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SCHOEPF STILL SILENT ON MATTER

No Reply to Proposed Trac-tion Agreement.

ONE WORD WOULD MAKE ALL CHANGES NECESSARY

Would Add Amendment to Statute Making Jail Sentence Optional Rather Than Compulsory.

POINTED OUT THAT UNDER PRESENT LAW CONVICTIONS ARE HARD TO SECURE BECAUSE OF JAIL SENTENCE CLAUSE.

ON THE GROUND THAT THE PRESENT STATUTE KNOWN AS THE "BLIND TIGER LAW" IS TOO DRAMATIC AND PROSECUTIONS FAIL TO RESULT IN CONVICTIONS, SENATOR ROSCOE E. KIRKMAN, OF THIS CITY WILL OFFER AN AMENDMENT AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATOR KIRKMAN WILL MAKE THE BILL ONE OF THE FIRST TO BE INTRODUCED. IT IS PROPOSE