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If they introduce a bill in the house for the repeal of the law, they say it will pass that body without a doubt. But it might have tough sledding in the senate, in which the republicans will have a majority. If the democratic house passes the repeal bill, they say, and it goes to the senate afterward, the republican senators can vote against it and prevent its becoming a law. Then the republicans would be in a position, they say, to go before the people and claim the credit for saving the county option law from repeal and thus make the republican party more solid than ever with the temperance forces of the state, while the democrats would have to stand the shame of having attempted to get rid of the law.

Some influential democratic representatives are behind this scheme and they will work to carry it through, but it is doubtful if they will be able to do so. The democratic party is pledged to a different kind of local option and it is believed that a majority of the members will demand that the platform pledges be carried out to the letter along that line. If they depend on the republicans to start the machinery to repeal the law they will wait in vain. That much is certain, for the republicans will not do anything of the kind. But the scheme of these democrats is likely to cause a serious situation with reference to the local option law.

Secures Residence.

Governor-elect Thomas R. Marshall has leased a residence at 1219 North Pennsylvania street in which to live during his term in office. It is a large frame house in one of the fashionable sections of the city and will cost him \$65 a month. He declares that he will pay his rental himself out of his salary and not out of the fund appropriated by the state for that purpose. In fact, there is some talk to the effect that he may seek to bring a suit against Governor Hanly to recover from him the money he has used in paying rent for a house. The legislature passed an act appropriating \$1,800 a year to pay rent for a house for the governor of the state and Hanly has been using it. Marshall claims, so it is said, that the constitution prohibits the governor from receiving any compensation except his salary and on this ground, he says, the \$1,800 appropriation is illegal. But it is hardly likely that Marshall will bring a suit of that kind, at least most people think so.

Object of Visits.

Considerable speculation has been indulged as to the reason why Marshall is making a round of the state institutions prior to taking office as governor, but a story leaked out here today that may throw some light on the matter. A few weeks ago Governor Hanly appointed a committee of members of the legislature to visit all these institutions in the state and ascertain their needs. This committee

OIL TANK EXPLODES \$300,000 NEEDED FOR HOSPITAL

Standard Oil Company Loses
Seventy Thousand Gal-
lons Today.

Tuberculosis Commission for
Erection of Institution
Next Year.

PANIC IN BAYONNE, N. J.

New York, Dec. 5.—The mammoth oil tank belonging to the Standard Oil company's plant near Bayonne, N. J., exploded with terrific roar this morning, causing a panic among the citizens. 70,000 gallons of oil were consumed by the fire which followed. No body was injured.

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STAMPS ARE DELAYED

Second Indiana Red Cross
Consignment Has Not
Yet Arrived.

DELAY AT WASHINGTON.

The second consignment of Red Cross stamps did not arrive here yesterday as was expected, but it is thought that they will arrive the first of the week, in which case they will be once placed on sale for the merchants and general public at the three local newspaper offices and at the G. H. Sonnenberg store, the Price & Sons' knicknackery and the Ross drug store.

There has been an exceptionally heavy demand for these stamps in Richmond but great difficulty has been experienced in securing them. The Indiana Red Cross society, which has its headquarters in Indianapolis, has experienced much trouble in securing stamps from the national headquarters at Washington, owing to the slow process of printing them, but as soon as Indiana's share arrives Richmond will be one of the first cities to secure them.

THE WEATHER PROPHET.

INDIANA—Fair Saturday night; Sunday increasing cloudiness; variable winds.

OHIO—Part cloudy Saturday night and Sunday, colder in east portion, Saturday night; variable winds.

ROW PATCHED UP

Not Probable Pennsylvania
Engineers Will Now
Strike.

RECOMMENDATIONS MADE.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 5.—A successful issue of the conference between representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and of the Pennsylvania railroad lines west of Pittsburgh, and the board of mediation, consisting of Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission, and General Manager G. L. Peck of the Pennsylvania lines, and by the board of assessment of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

When the controversy was submitted to the board of mediation it contained serious elements. The engineers on the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburgh had voted to strike unless they could obtain what they deemed proper redress of their grievances.

Some of their requests, it appears, had been handled according to the rule of the company and some had not. The board of mediation recommended that the committee eliminate from their petition to the general manager requests that had not been submitted to the division and general superintendents.

On the other hand, the board recommended that the general manager receive the committee at once, and take up for settlement those matters that have been passed on by the subordinate officers.

The board, to lessen further friction, recommended that a reasonable time be fixed within which any appeal to the general manager must be taken, and a reasonable time within which subordinate officers shall pass upon requests presented to them.

FIREMAN INJURED
AS RUN IS STARTED

Charles Sinex Knocked From
Step.

As the hook and ladder truck was leaving the city building last night in answer to an alarm of fire, Charles Sinex, assistant chief was knocked from its step. His left leg was pinched severely by one of the rear wheels. Sinex believes the wheel passed squarely over the limb. He was removed to his home on Sotuh Ninth street in the city ambulance. His injury is not serious, although he is required to be absent from duty. The limb was bruised painfully.

MARCHES INTO CITY

General Simon and Revolu-
tionary Forces Now at
Port au Prince.

GETS SPLENDID RECEPTION

Port au Prince, Dec. 5.—General Simon and his revolutionary army of about eight thousand men, marched into the city at nine o'clock this morning. The general was given a splendid reception and there was no disorder.

INSANE AND DEAD VOTED IN PRIMARY

Chicago's First Election of the
Kind Was Hotbed of
Rottenness.

THE GRAND JURY REPORTS

DOUBTS ARE EXPRESSED THAT
THERE HAS BEEN AN HONEST
ELECTION IN THE CITY IN
MANY YEARS.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—The ballots of men long residents of other cities, the ballots of temporary absences, the ballots of the insane and even of the dead were cast in the primary election of last August in Chicago.

"Repeaters" voted in platoons with the connivance of willing election judges and clerks of election, and fraud, rampant to an extent hitherto never known in this city, rendered the resultant party nominations morally worthless.

These and other startling allegations were made in the report of the special grand jury, which, after several weeks of delving into charges growing out of Chicago's first primary, and returning 81 indictments against two score or more politicians and others, adjourned.

The investigation, owing to physical limitations, merely scratched the surface of the situation, according to the report of the grand jury, which was cast in the primary election of last August in Chicago.

The findings of the inquisitorial body characterize the primary election as a disgrace to the city. Voting machines are urgently advised as a step in a remedial direction and a wider application of civil service.

It is stated that while the jury cannot affirm that no frauds were perpetrated by Civil Service employees, it is significant that the inquisitors found none such.

On the other hand the report remarks the fact that although the police were in the vicinity of every polling booth, the investigators received no aid from them in seeking to fasten responsibility for the conditions which prevailed.

The report in closing recommends a law making compulsory the services of voters as judges and clerks of elections, that general election inspectors provided by law shall be men of standing with police authority, an improved method of identifying voters, and the denial of every candidate being present in a polling place except while casting his own vote.

SHALL SHAFER ESTATE BE DIVIDED?

Settlement Delayed by Fail-
ure to File Complaint.

The complaint in a case in the Wayne circuit court that was filed November 16 did not come to the hands of the county clerk until today. The complaint is in the case of Margaret A. Smith, Theodore Shafer et al. vs. Adam H. Shafer to have construed the will of the late John Shafer. After being stamped "filed" the complaint was not recorded on the clerk's file book, but taken to Judge Fox for consideration. It was discovered today and started in the proper channels for procedure.

Suit is instituted against John Shafer as executor of the last will of John Shafer. The will, however, was joint and made by Shafer and his wife. The will provided that upon the death of Mrs. Shafer all the property was to be bequeathed to the husband. Incident to his death the property was to be divided as stipulated. Shafer died and by the terms of the will his wife is left unprovided for. The court is called upon to determine whether the estate shall be kept intact or whether the effort of Mr. and Mrs. Shafer resulted only in the making of the will as to Mr. Shafer and the signature of the wife is merely surplusage.

NO HOSE HOUSE FOR WEST SIDE

City's Finances Will Not Per-
mit Construction, Say
Councilmen.

PROPOSITION MUST WAIT.

PROBABLE LOSS OF SALOON REV-
ENUE TO CITY, IN CASE COUN-
TY GOES "DRY" ONE OF REAS-
ONS GIVEN.

PLACE ASSURED IN TAFT'S CABINET



TRUMAN H. NEWBERRY.

Newberry but recently succeeded Metcalf as Secretary of the Navy and is unacquainted with the work to a certain extent. He however is considered a good man for the place and after he becomes thoroughly acquainted with the workings of the department he is expected to make one of the best officials ever holding this position.

BEVERIDGE IS LOGICAL LEADER

Retirement of Goodrich Marks
End of the Fairbanks
Machine.

FAVORS REORGANIZATION.

TAFT HAS ENCOURAGED IDEA OF
FACING REPUBLICAN PARTY
IN INDIANA UNDER A NEW
LEADERSHIP.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 5.—The announcement of James P. Goodrich, chairman of the Republican state central committee, that he is out of politics and will retire from the committee is regarded here as the first step in the reorganization of the party to be undertaken soon by Senator Beveridge.

Goodrich was elected chairman four times in succession through the influence of Vice President Fairbanks, and always has been regarded as the head and front of the Fairbanks machine. Since the partial defeat of the republican ticket at the recent election there has been a strong demand for reorganization. Indiana leaders, who have visited President-elect Taft, have discussed the subject with him, and it is said he has encouraged the idea of placing the party under new leadership.

As Beveridge will have the distribution of patronage in eleven congressional districts that elected democrats this fall he is regarded as the logical leader of the party and the retirement of Goodrich means he is simply making way for Beveridge as state leader. It is understood that Fairbanks, while he will still take interest in politics, will not make a fight to retain control of the organization or ask anything from the party in the near future. Beveridge has long represented the Roosevelt sentiment in Indiana.

WATSON WILL STAY IN SIXTH DISTRICT

Does Not Propose to Move to
Terre Haute.

Rushville, Ind., Dec. 5.—When asked regarding the story of his proposed removal to Terre Haute, Congressman Watson declared there was no truth in it or any grounds for the statement. The story came from Terre Haute and appeared in the Indianapolis Star.

There is a suspicion that Senator Aldrich of Rhode Island, who is chairman of the committee on finance, does not favor the measure, and there may be other leaders who can see no beauty in having it passed. However, it is expected to find comparatively plain sailing in the senate and strike its snags in the house, where there are elements hostile to the postal savings bank scheme in spite of the declaration in the recent republican platform.

BILL INTRODUCED LAST WINTER.

The measure was introduced last winter in both house and senate, but made no headway in the former body on account of the extreme hostility which was shown it in the house committee on postoffices and postroads. Senator Carter obtained a report on his bill from the senate committee, and when he endeavored to press it in the senate he found it necessary to compromise on an agreement that it should come up early in this winter's session.

KELLER MURDER
CASE COMES NEXT

Hearing of Railroad Commis-
sion's Suit Delayed.

Owing to other cases occupying the attention of the court, the argument in the case of the Railroad Commission against the Fort Wayne, Richmond & Muncie railroad will not be heard Monday. Judge Fox stated today as soon as the Martin-Chitwood case is completed he will call the Keller murder case. This case now is docketed for trial Tuesday of next week.