

STATE COMMITTEE HAS JUMPED INTO THE OPTION FIGHT

Democratic Pilots Get Together and Decide to Carry Out Temperance and Other Pledges.

STEERING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN APPOINTED

Without the Aid of Bolting Independents, House Democrats Cannot Repeal County Local Option Law.

Indianapolis, Feb. 1.—The Democratic state committee has decided to enter the local option fight now on in the General Assembly.

It proposes to see to it that the platform pledges of the party in the recent campaign are carried out, as far as it is within the power of the Democrats in the Legislature to do so.

The committee held a meeting yesterday at state headquarters, at which a committee was appointed to look to the interests of the party at this session. The membership of the committee follows:

Peter Foley, chairman of the Fifth District.

M. E. Foley, chairman of the Ninth.

George Pleasants, chairman of the Fourth.

Bernard Korbly, chairman of the Seventh.

John Osborn, chairman of the Sixth.

Peter Foley is chairman of the committee.

State Chairman Jackson presided and with the exception of two or three all the members of the state committee were present.

To Take Up Its Pledge.

One of the first things to be taken up will be the enactment of the Democratic pledge of a ward and township unit for local option law. It will be the state committee's purpose to bring the Democratic recalcitrants on the question of repealing the county local option law into line, and a determined campaign with that end in view will be begun today.

All of the other legislation pledged in the Democratic state platform will be taken up also including that providing a weekly pay day for employees in mines and factories; providing for a reduction in state expenditures; safeguarding bank deposits; the abolishment of needless offices; employers' liability; a general primary election; the repeal of the metropolitan police law; and the appointment of the state mine inspector by the Governor, instead of by the state geologist.

Liquor Men Are Active.

While admitting there is little hope of the repeal of the county local option law at this session of the Legislature, the men who are leading the fight for the liquor interests are leaving no stone unturned to unite the Democrats on some plan that will give them relief from the county unit system.

Around the Denison Hotel there is considerable activity on the part of men who were mainstays in the brewery lobby at the special session of the Legislature last September. Crawford Fairbanks, president of the Terre Haute Brewing Company, is a frequent visitor to Indianapolis. Joseph E. Bell, attorney for the Terre Haute Brewing Company; Floyd Woods, John R. Ward and others who were credited with being active for the brewers at the special session are about the Denison daily interviewing members of the Legislature.

The committee appointed at last Thursday's caucus, one consisting of Representatives Racey, Behymer and Kleckner and representing the "repealers"; the other consisting of Representatives Merriman, Clore and Hostetter and representing the "independents," have been working on the report they will make to the caucus tonight.

The "repealers" committee, it was said yesterday, will agree to the elimination of the provision in the Kleckner bill which suspends the Moore remonstrance law for three years in counties voted dry under the county unit law, provided that the "independents" are willing to leave the remainder of the Kleckner bill intact.

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THE THEATER



SCENE FROM "THE WITCHING HOUR."

THEATRICAL CALENDAR.

GENNETT.

Feb. 6—"The Witching Hour."

Feb. 9—"Mary's Lamb."

Feb. 13—"The Man From Home."

NEW PHILLIPS.

All Week—High Class Vaudeville.

"The Witching Hour."

The importance of "The Witching Hour," which comes to the Gennett theater on Saturday, February 6th, as a play will be cumulative. It is impossible fully to describe in the ordinary space of dramatic reporting the personality, the force, the effect of this play; and it is not easy to convey a sufficient idea of its method and art. Its subject can be declared in cold terms that are understandable. It is the dramatization of telepathy. That thoughts are conveyed from mind to mind by some subtle medium other than words we all know. But how, when, where, in what measure—these are untrodden fields, new fields, vastly interesting, already peered into by all thinking beings—interesting to even a hodgepodge as well as the man of finest culture. The dynamic force of a thought, the fact that it is an entity launched into being by a human being and having its effect upon mankind and for which we are responsible, is a thought, big, tremendous, one which humanity is obliged to handle, classify, chart and analyze in the near future. Romance, superstition, love, tragedy, the whole gamut of life's scheme, can be traversed by a story of telepathy. This is what Augustus Thomas has accomplished in his wonderful, touching, inspiring story of a large man's—a noble man's—character development.

"The Man From Home."

"The Man From Home" fortified by one of the strongest acting companies, Liebler & Co., have ever placed in the field and flanked by one of the most imposing stage productions of the season, is announced for Saturday evening, February 13th, at the Gennett. The play is repeating everywhere the wonderful hit it made during its year's run in Chicago. It has everything to commend it. It is clean, wholesome, witty and dramatic. Its humor is distinctively American as are its characters pronouncedly cosmopolitan. Its laughs have the real Yankee ring of enjoyment, full measure and freighted to the last pennyweight with the sunshine of living. It is American corn, wheat and oil with a tincture of irony at the expense of Anglomaniacs and heinous hunting foreigners of high degree and lowly morals. It is Mark Twain. George Ade and Mr. Dooley, with a touch of Warfield and Belasco, a Clyde Fitch flip and a Booth Tarkington-Harry Leon Will finish. It is the latest polite conversationalism. It is altogether "worth while."

The New Phillips.

A. Sweeten drew a large afternoon audience at the New Phillips today and agreeably entertained them with numerous grand opera selections. Sweeten's voice is a barytone, and of exceptional quality. Although full and harmonious it does not carry that rough intonation which usually accompanies voices of the lower registers. No two of his entertainments will be the same in detail. Cayne and Tomber, in their artistic act of hand balancing, gave a few new stunts in this line of entertainment which met the approval of the gathering. Their work is of the best in that line. Baldwin and Shea drew laugh after laugh during the presentation of their comedy skit which hurtles along at a terrific fun-making rate. There is not a slow moment in the time of the sketch, which also includes a couple of very well sung songs.

"Mary's Lamb."

Richard Carle will be the attraction at the Gennett Tuesday, February 9, in "Mary's Lamb," a musical comedy right out of his own fountain pen—book, lyrics and music.

Mary's Lamb began gleating in public on March 2. Since then it has enjoyed two extended engagements in Chicago and it was presented altogether for four months in New York. Everywhere the piece has been voted a

delicious morsel from the theatrical menu as "The Spring Chicken" proved to be last year.

The central character is Leander Lamb, the henpecked husband of Mary Miranda Lamb, whence the title of the piece. Leander has been under the domination of his shrewish wife for many years, when he is suddenly seized with an infatuation for an actress. He meets the charmer in the studio of an artist friend, where the two are surprised by the wife, to escape whose wrath Leander pretends he has been walking in his sleep. Various other escapades of Leander are depicted, but in the end the long suffering husband turns the tables on his wife.

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PARTY FORMING IN CONGRESS FOR THE ANNEXATION CUBA

Many Representatives and Senators Who Have But Little Faith in Stability of Gomez Government.

ROW ALREADY STARTED AMONG CUBAN LEADERS

United States Cannot Always Intervene and the Next Trouble on Island Means Its Occupation.

By Sheldon S. Cline.

Washington, Feb. 1.—There is springing up in congress a Cuban annexation party. Despite the apparently auspicious circumstances under which the new Cuban government was launched, there are many senators and representatives who have little faith in its permanent stability. That their misgivings are not without foundation was evidenced by the fact that before the new government was forty-eight hours old President Gomez and Vice President Zayas were "lighting over patronage, with the vice president threatening to resign.

Not Another Chance.

It is solemnly declared that if the Cubans fail in the present attempt at self-government they will never get another opportunity, that public sentiment, both in the island and in the United States, will demand and compel annexation. There always has been a strong sentiment in congress that the resolution passed at the outbreak of war with Spain declaring it was not the purpose of the United States to acquire Cuba was a mistake. The annexationists insist, however, that now the United States has done everything good faith requires of it toward establishing a stable Cuban government and that should the present attempt fail this government will be released from its pledge of eleven years ago. For our own protection in a national sense and for the protection of the vast American and other foreign interests in Cuba, it is pointed out, there must be a stable government in the island, and if the Cubans will not furnish one there will remain nothing to do but for the United States to furnish it for them.

Have Always Eyed Cuba.

Since the very beginning of the republic there have always been eminent Americans who believed that Cuba properly should be a part of the territory of the United States. The question of annexing Cuba occupied the thought of our earliest statesmen, and overtures to Spain for the purchase of the island were made before the war between the North and South.

Even those who would prefer to see Cuba an independent republic realize how impossible it would be to have it so if it is to be a typical Latin-American one. Lying as the island does right at our southern door, a continuous state of revolution there, inviting the intervention of European powers, would properly be regarded as a menace to the United States. This was our excuse for terminating Spain's misgovernment of the island, and the excuse would be just as valid in the case of a so-called Cuban government which failed to govern.

Cannot Always Intervene.

On one thing there is agreement of opinion. The United States cannot afford to be always intervening to save the Cubans from themselves. It's too expensive a proceeding. The millions of dollars already spent in setting to rights affairs in Cuba would come in pretty handy just now for other purposes. While the money expended up to date has been paid out with a good deal of cheerfulness, a good deal of a growl likely would go up if further heavy outlays were demanded.

Officials of the administration responsible for starting Cuba a "second time" of a career of self-government are hoping for the best, but they are not overly sanguine of the outcome. This is discoverable by a careful reading of the messages which President Roosevelt and Secretary of War Wright sent President Gomez on the occasion of his inauguration. They bid the new republic good-speed and were nice and polite as could be, but they didn't burn any bridges behind them. It is simply an experiment—the second one—and there isn't likely to be a third. If this experiment should fail and the United States should step in and possess herself of the island it is not likely that even Spain would accuse this government of bad faith.

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Dental.

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A. sits up.

"Rats," he roars. "Stoicism leaves off where toothache begins."

Epigram—New York Times.

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FEED WIRE QUESTION

At Council Meeting This Evening Action in Traction Matter on Program.

MILK DEBATE POSTPONED

At the regular meeting of council on Monday evening John J. Appel of Indianapolis, will discuss the matter of leaving the feed wires of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction company on top of the iron poles on the north side of Main street. Sentiment among the councilmen is said to favor the company. Council will probably take into consideration pecuniary reasons and allow them to remain where they are. This will be the only thing up for prolonged consideration. The milk ordinance will not be presented as the councilmen desire further information to ascertain what other cities are doing. Resolutions will be presented council in regard to the death of former Market-master Henry Waltherman. It is bare-possible that annual reports will be made by several city officials.

Natural Needles and Thread. What is commonly known as the "needle and thread" tree, which grows upon the plains of Mexico, has large, thick, fleshy leaves, somewhat similar to those of the cactus, especially of the one known as the "prickly pear." The needles of the needle and thread tree are set along the edges of the thick, fleshy leaves. In order to obtain one fully equipped for sewing it is only necessary to push the "needle" backward in order to loose it and draw it gently from the socket. If this is properly done 100 or more fine fibers adhere to the thorn like so many spider's webs. The action of the air on the fibers toughens them, a thread from it being capable of sustaining a weight of five pounds.

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