

G. O. P. OPENS  
FIGHT AGAINST  
TAGGART MEN

Judge Blankenkaker Assails  
Record of Corruption in  
Terre Haute and Indianapolis  
at Hagerstown.

## DEWETT LAUDS PARTY

Former Progressive Tells of  
Return to Old Ranks After  
Removal of Corrupting  
Influences.

Quite a few Richmond Republicans attended the opening of the Republican campaign at Hagerstown last night, which was addressed by Charles Jewett of Indianapolis, a former Progressive, who spoke for that party in this county two years ago, and Judge Blankenkaker of Terre Haute, who presided over one of the election corruption cases in that city in which Mayor Donn Roberts was the defendant.

The meeting was held in the Odd Fellows' hall and was attended by a large crowd. Lee Reynolds, a former member of the legislature, presided.

In opening his address, Judge Blankenkaker said that if everyone in the audience was a Republican, it would be useless for the meeting to proceed further. He then asked the crowd to raise their hands when the party each was affiliated with was called. It was shown that there were members of nearly every party, Republicans, of course, predominating.

Attacks Democrats.  
"Well, this is just the kind of a crowd I like to talk to," laughed Judge Blankenkaker, "and I am going to talk to you just as a lawyer presents his case to a jury."

The speaker made a violent attack on the Taggart-Fairbanks Democratic machine. He declared it had corrupted Terre Haute and was now successfully undertaking the work of debasing Indianapolis and Evansville. He charged that the candidacy of Donn Roberts for governor was receiving the support of this machine, and he declared Roberts stood for all that was bad in politics.

He appealed for a re-united Republican party to enter the lists against this machine, which he said was leaving a trail of corruption wherever it went. He rapped Cook, the Democratic candidate for secretary of state, declaring him to be a tool of Tom Taggart, and repeated the charges which have been made against him and which he said Cook could not refute.

Calls for Prosperity.  
The judge paid a tribute to Hugh Th. Miller, the Republican candidate for senator, and he urged the election of every G. O. P. candidate for congress, so that "the smoke from the stacks of our new idle factories will be seen again."

Mr. Jewett said that he had formerly been an ardent Progressive, but he was now working for the old party once more because the efforts to "clean house" in the Republican party had been successful and there was no further need of the Progressive party. He urged Progressives who formerly were Republicans to "come back" for the purpose of restoring the Republican party to power so that prosperity would obtain once more. He said the Democrats had been given a trial and had been found wanting and it was the patriotic duty of every voter to support the party of prosperity.

John Wesley Hill spoke for the Republicans at Cambridge City this afternoon and tonight Ralph V. Sollitt of Peru, a former Progressive, will speak at Centerville. Next week Patrick J. Lynch, the Republican congressional candidate, will devote all his time to campaigning in Wayne county.

ABBOTT ON BENCH  
DESPITE PHYSICIAN

Veteran Justice Returns to  
Work Although Doctor  
Sets Limit on Life.

Judge Luther C. Abbott again resumed the duties of his office this week, after a prolonged vacation on his farm in the New Hampshire hills. Early in the summer the judge was advised by his physician to close his office and retire from active work.

"If I continued at work, he only gave me three months to live," said the judge today. "And I guess I was pretty well used up when I got to my son's home back East. I slept for eighteen hours. But I'm all right again, and have lots of work planned, with three new cases on my docket now."

Judge Abbott intimated this morning that he would probably retire next year. "Folks say I have worked long enough, and maybe I have, but I hate to quit. This little room here is home to me. Most of the old boys have gone before me, and I suppose that some day I will receive the summons to appear before the final court, and I guess I'll be ready."

WISCONSIN FORBIDS  
VOTING MACHINES

MADISON, Wis., Oct. 17.—The state department court has issued an opinion forbidding the use of voting machines at the general election on November 3. Objection was made that second choice votes could not properly be recorded.

Havoc Wrought on British Cruiser  
Sunk by German Submarine Torpedo

The destruction of British cruisers by German submarines is one of the surprises of the war. The Hawke was torpedoed on Oct. 15, and all commissioned officers were lost. This picture was drawn by Charles Dixon, R. I., from the description of the sinking of the British cruiser Aboukir by a German submarine by Stoker J. Mills. This is how Mills described it: "When I got up from below the ship had a list of 45 degrees to port, and there were about 250 of us on deck. The captain and the commander were on the bridge, and the captain sings out an order just like on any ordinary occasion. 'If any man wishes to leave the side of the ship,' he said, 'he can do so. Every man for himself.' Then we gave a cheer and in we went. 'This is the last we shall see of old Aboukir,' says an officer to me as we jumped into the water together."

D. G. REID PULLED STRINGS  
IN ROCK ISLAND'S DEALS

G. B. McMurtry, Director of System, Tells Interstate Commerce Commission How Reid and Moore Controlled Road—Officer Always Supported Motions Made by Former Richmond Financier.

[BY LEASED WIRE.]  
WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—When Daniel G. Reid or W. H. Moore, the dominating figures of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific system "pulled the strings" the directors of the road and of the numerous subsidiary corporations danced, George B. McMurtry, a director in the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company, the Rock Island Railway Company and the Rock Island company of New Jersey, testified today at the interstate commerce commission inquiry into the financial affairs of the railroad.

McMurtry, a white-haired Scotchman, said he has not the slightest recollection of the deal whereby the Rock Island railway company borrowed \$7,500,000 from the First National bank of New York to pay an obligation of the Rock Island railroad. He also professed to have no recollection of the purchase by the Rock Island of the Frisco system and the Chicago & Alton.

Followed Reid's Moves.  
Chief Counsel Folk brought out that McMurtry took the advice of Reid and Moore without it even being given; that is, he never received any verbal advice or direction on how to vote in board meetings, but when either of the railroad magnates made a motion, he had so much confidence in their wisdom that he voted for the motion. McMurtry testified that he knew nothing of any of the large bonuses alleged to have been paid by the Rock Island system to various officials and employees. Counsel Robert Walker for the Rock Island sought to show that

NO SMOKING HERE,  
DEPUTIES INSTRUCT  
MEN PAYING TAXES

Treasurer's Assistants Object  
to Odor of Cigars and  
Liquor—Submit Ethics  
Code for Taxpayers.

There is no busier place in Richmond than the office of the county treasurer during a tax rush. It will be busier this year than usual since many taxpayers who formerly came early to avoid the rush, have delayed making payments.

In order to expedite the collecting of the money and to prevent needless questions on the part of the employees of the office, the following suggestions have been made:

State name and whether property is personal, real estate or if the tax is poll. Give the name in which the property was entered on March 1, 1914, in case it has changed ownership since. After the receipt number is called, go to the second window to pay the amount of tax and receive a receipt.

For street and other improvements, inquire at the third window. The girls in the office have prepared the following instructions to add to the treasurer's instructions:

"Don't stand before the window with a cigar, cigarette or chew of tobacco in your mouth."  
"Pay your taxes before you visit the saloon."  
"Speak plainly and don't mumble."  
"Don't try to put your shoulders through the windows."  
The deputies say that the etiquette of taxpayers is conspicuous for its absence, and that in a tax rush the office is filled with the odor of every kind of smoking and chewing tobaccos, and the more obnoxious brands of cheese, garlic and whiskey.

RESIDENTS PETITION  
CEMENT PAVEMENT  
ON NEW PARIS PIKE

So well pleased are residents northeast of Richmond with the two concrete roads which are under construction and partially completed in that direction, that a strong petition has been filed with the county auditor by them, asking for a concrete pavement for the New Paris pike from the Gaar road to Smyrna road, a distance short of three miles by sixty-three rods.

This new improvement under the three mile road law will cost if built about \$50,000. It would practically make a concrete road system northeast of Richmond.

The county commissioners have not passed on the petition. It will be placed before them for consideration at the next meeting.

Should the petition be allowed it will mean that there will be \$145,000 worth of concrete improvements leading northeast out of Richmond which will be paid for in the next ten years, by Wayne township.

## The Weather

FOR INDIANA—Local rain tonight. Sunday probably fair.

## TEMPERATURE

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W. E. MOORE'S FORECAST.  
LOCAL CONDITIONS—Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday.

GENERAL CONDITIONS—The rain storm that has existed east of the Mississippi river for the past few days, is slowly moving into Canada. An extensive area of low barometric pressure over the far northwest is causing summer weather in the western states, with temperature as high as 80 degrees yesterday in South Dakota.

RUSSELL URGES  
MEN TO ELECT  
A. J. BEVERIDGE

Progressive Nominee Rouses  
Spirit at Economy With  
Words of Praise for Senatorial Candidate.

## FOR AID TO FARMS

ECONOMY, Ind., Oct. 17.—Prof. Elbert Russell of Richmond, Progressive candidate for congress in the sixth district, was the principal speaker at a most successful meeting held here last night. The auditorium of the new school building, where the meeting was held, was filled to its capacity and many people could not gain admission to the hall.

Principal Butler of the school presided as chairman and introduced Mr. Russell. The audience was not only a large one but enthusiastic and interested. Mr. Russell made a splendid impression on the voters. Following his address W. A. Bond, Progressive candidate for judge, and Will Reller, the candidate for prosecutor, were called upon by the crowd and both responded with brief addresses.

Beasts Beveridge.  
"I want to impress upon you voters the importance of sending Albert J. Beveridge to the United States senate, not only to have the state suitably represented in that body but to permit Mr. Beveridge to take his rightful place as a national leader," said Mr. Russell in opening his address. This remark was greeted with applause.

Mr. Russell in the course of his address emphasized the importance of taking the tariff out of politics and leaving it to the supervision of a commission of experts. Prosperity would never be permanent in this country, he said, so long as the two old parties were permitted to make the tariff a political football.

Taking up that question which everyone is so deeply interested in, the high cost of living, he said the inflation of prices on all necessities was due, for the most part, to the constantly increasing value of land.

## Talks on Trusts.

He argued that the effort of the Democratic party to solve this question by a restoration of competition was fruitless because competition under modern conditions could not be

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GERMAN ADVANCE  
IS FIGHTING NEAR  
DUNKIRK, FRANCE

Berlin Hears Rumor That Allies Near Ypres, Belgium, Have Been Cut Off From Base.

[BY LEASED WIRE.]

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—Via Sayville by Wireless)—The Germans near Ostend have reached the North Sea just west of Capelle. Fighting is going on in the direction of Dunkirk, France. It is believed that many Belgian soldiers that fled from Ostend will be captured in civilians' clothing. That the retreat from Antwerp was precipitated is shown by conditions as pictured in reports to the general staff. A British aeroplane which was seen over the German lines near Peronne, France, is reported to have been brought to earth today by German anti-aircraft guns.

## Prominent Captives.

Of the two British airmen captured, one is Colonel Grey, brother of Sir Edward Grey, the English foreign minister with the military authorities in Brussels. Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor will leave later today for general headquarters to make a report to the Kaiser who is there. It is reported here that the French and British troops operating around Ypres, Belgium, have been cut off from their main army by the Germans. Although this information was not given out officially by the war office, it is receiving wide credence.

A pall of terror and desolation hangs over northern Belgium all the time.

GERMANS SEND  
ARMY TO AID  
NEW ATTACKS

Right Wing in France  
Strengthened to Help in  
Movement Against Allies  
Defending Calais.

## RUSSIANS DEFEATED

Belgium in German Control  
and Offensive Tactics  
Against French Ports Expected From Teuton Army.

[BY LEASED WIRE.]

BERLIN, Via Copenhagen, Oct. 17.—The German right wing in France has received further reinforcements from Belgium. The German war office announced today that "decisive fighting" is likely to begin on the Belgian frontier shortly.

"The reinforced German right wing is going to make an offensive movement with the most possible energy," says the war office statement.

"A vigorous movement is to be directed against the allied troops defending Calais. We know that this movement will echo the longing that is in every German heart."

The general staff claims that conditions in the eastern arena of war are satisfactory and that the Germans before Warsaw are more than holding their own.

Completion of the Belgian campaign of the German army is announced by the general staff. With the capture of Bruges and Ostend the dominion of Belgium is now complete.

The following statement on the Belgian campaign was made:

"Now that Ostend and Bruges have been taken by us, the German campaign in Belgium is completed. We hold all of Belgium and the only points where our control is contested is in the extreme northwestern part—in the vicinity of Ypres—where the French and English have massed a considerable number of men."

"The German army is to be congratulated upon its feats of arms upon Belgian soil."

"We are retaining one army division (about 20,000 men) in Antwerp."

LONGLEY CONDEMNS  
TREMONT BUILDING,  
DEMANDS REMOVAL

Orders Old Block Vacated  
and Walls Razed Within  
120 Days—Trust Company  
to Act November 11.

Dickinson Trust company, owner of the buildings comprising the Tremont block North Eighth and Main streets, and tenants of the building were today notified by State Fire Marshal Longley, that the structure had been condemned because of its fire risk, following a report of the first deputy fire marshal, John W. Minor, Jr.

Building inspector Hodgins also announced today that he intends to condemn the block because it is too dangerous to be occupied. "It is liable to collapse at any time," Hodgins said.

"We had intended to construct a building to be occupied by our company next spring if conditions were favorable. The fire marshal has ordered the removal of the building within 120 days but what action we will take in this matter will not be decided until the directors meet the second Wednesday of next month," President Edgar Hatt of the Dickinson Trust company said today. "If the building really is dangerous for use our company has no desire to keep it standing."

NEW HAVEN ROAD DISSOLVED  
TRUSTEES NAMED TO DISPOSE  
SECURITIES OF COMPANIES

[BY LEASED WIRE.]  
NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Dissolution of the New Haven road was today brought in the Federal court and was signed by Judge Mayer. Under the terms of the decree, three sets of trustees are appointed to take charge of the disposal of the securities of the various companies held by the New Haven.

The first set of trustees is to take charge of the New Haven holdings of the Boston and Maine Railroad, now held by the Boston Railroad Holding company. The second set is to have charge of the New Haven holdings of trolley lines in New Hampshire, and the third of trolley holdings in Rhode Island. Attorney General Gregory states that the trustees are to be made officers of these properties and will have charge of the disposition of the New Haven holdings as provided for by the decree.

The first set of trustees is Marcus

P. Knowlton, Henry B. Day, James L. Doherty and Charles F. Hall, all of Manchester, N. H.

The second set of trustees is composed of William C. Noyes, L. B. Brainerd, Charles Cheney, G. E. Hill and William W. Hyde.

The Navigation company, in accordance with the decree, will at once assign and transfer to these men as trustees 400,000 shares of the capital stock of the Connecticut company.

The third set is Rathbone Gardner, J. O. Ames, J. P. Farnsworth, T. F. Greene and C. C. Munford, all of Providence. As trustees they will have assigned to them immediately by the New Haven 96,855 shares of capital stock of the Rhode Island company and The Navigation company will assign to these trustees, 3,132 shares of Providence and Danielson railway also \$600,000 bonds of this company, 7,000 shares of the Sea View

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