

KLINE SCORES OPPONENTS OF COUNTY AGENT

Petty Politicians Blamed for
Hampering of Progressive
Farm Activities.

Petty politicians, alleged to have hampered the county agent work of Wayne county were scored by County Agent J. C. Kline in his farewell talk to 100 members of the Farming association Saturday afternoon at the court house.

A membership of 225 was reported at the meeting as a result of last week's drive, and officials are confident that the membership of the association will be more than 1,000 in the next few weeks.

The county organization decided to join the state farmers' federation formed at Indianapolis last week, after hearing the report of Arthur Crume and Theodore Davis, who represented the Wayne county association.

"Back up the man who takes my place," said Kline. "Don't let him be hampered by the petty politicians, of whom there are several around the court house."

County Officers Blamed.

"The work of this office is being run by men who shouldn't have anything to say about it. They are not in sympathy with the farmers. The whole trouble here has been that the men back of the office are not interested in it. If the control of the office were in the hands of the live progressive farmers of the county there would be no trouble at all."

Unnamed county officers, and the county board of education were at the bottom of the trouble, Kline said. He said there was no hint of trouble until January 1, when, just after a meeting of the county board, the report was circulated that his office had cost the county between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

His stenographer was then taken away, and he was notified that his appropriation for next year would be only \$150, he said, but the county board and the commissioners were shown that the appropriation was fixed by law at \$1,500.

Satisfied With Work.

Difficulty he had in getting his salary was sketched by Kline. He said one county official had persistently refused to sign receipts for Purdue money, and had told Kline that he would sign receipts until Kline left, and that he would not sign more after that, and that he would show Purdue University Wayne county was just as big as the university was.

Kline thanked the members of the farming association for the way in which they had backed him up, and said he believed the progressive farmers were in favor of the office. He expressed himself as very well satisfied with the work of the year.

A general discussion, during which charges were made that the county board of education was unfavorable to the county agent, took place after Kline's talk. The board is waiting for Purdue University to recommend a man, a township trustee said.

QUIT PULPIT TO DO SOCIAL WORK



Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton.

The Rev. Dr. Charles A. Eaton, pastor of the Madison Ave. Baptist church, New York City, since 1909, has resigned his pastorate. Dr. Eaton did splendid work as head of the national service section of the U. S. shipping board emergency fleet corporation. He will now take up even more extensive work making addresses before labor organizations and industrial bodies and he will also write on problems of the day.

FAILURE IS

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suffering. Will they do it? I do not believe it.

Remember that for months and months the people of the world have been told that they were moulding the future as one kneads dough, were approaching the termination of their beneficial labors and that Utopia was at most not more than two or three blocks away. Remember how much these millions of people have suffered and how little illusion and confidence was left to them after all, at the end of four and a half years of agony.

Think then what may be the emotion of these people on the first of May or first of June when the truth can no longer be concealed that the Peace Congress at last is licensed by the governments to announce that one or two wars are about to commence.

Now, last of all, what about the chance of peace at the hands of the Paris conference? Within a week the conference of ten has been reduced to a conference of four, just as the conference of one hundred was reduced to a conference of ten. Theoretically, this would lead to the facilitation of business, but actually, whether you divide nothing by one thousand by ten or by four the result is nothing, and in all cases there has been no policy.

and there is no policy. There is no common objective, no one dominating influence, nothing but four men representing four countries with totally different visions and necessities, trying to accommodate living facts in this sad world of ours, alike to abstract principles of the league of nations, and to the hopelessly concrete promises of the prime ministers of England, France and Italy.

Nothing has happened since the council of four succeeded the council of ten which suggests the smallest promise. I am told that Germany has within the last forty-eight hours sent a polite but pointed interrogation to Paris: "As to the invitation you are going to send us to come down there, kindly let us know whether your purpose is to ask us to sign a peace or to discuss one." Which by interpretation, would seem to be that the Germans may not even come to Paris unless they are permitted in advance to have assurance that their views will be heard and permitted to change the conclusion arrived at here.

The man whose judgment on the subject and whose information is best in all Europe, told me last night that not until the end of the next three months could we know whether Europe would survive the world war or go down in a general smash. In the last few days I have had opportunity to talk with many people coming out of Germany, Austria and even Hungary. Their testimony does not vary. They agree that Germany will not sign any treaty of peace such as Paris plans to impose. In the same time, I have talked with many men close to the inner circles of the Paris Conference and I have found no one who believed that the Paris Conference under existing circumstances could ever reach a decision about the Treaty of Peace. Last of all, no one attempted to dislodge the fact that the utter paralysis of will and utter absence of common policy in Paris is permitting Bolshevism to gain provinces every week. We invited the Bolsheviks to go to Prinkipo two months ago; now they have come to Budapest. We are about to evacuate Odessa, we are told that Roumania is on the point of collapse, and Poland almost certainly doomed. We know that both could have been saved four months ago.

It seems to me that without sharing the panic now existing in Paris, the American people ought to understand that there is now at least a possibility that within the next three months Bolsheviks will overrun all Europe, save perhaps that part patrolled by our own soldiers, that Germany is almost certainly manipulating this Bolsheviks in the hope that when it has exhausted the powers of resistance of her enemies she will be able to resume her attack, having escaped the consequence of her military defeat, that despair in the Allied nations over the failure of the peace conference to

Ohio News in Flashes

COSHOCTON — Coal overlaid a store of whisky worth \$6,000, waiting shipment to Detroit in a coal car, was discovered by federal officials here.

COLUMBUS — Charles Slinis, restaurant proprietor, admired a pretty customer so much he let her wear his \$300 diamond ring while he went to her order. When he came back, ring, customer and admiration had vanished.

LANCASTER — Robbers who blew the safe in the Woolworth building here escaped with several hundred dollars. The explosion damaged the stock and building.

EAST LIVERPOOL — William McConville, 17 years old, high school student, was crushed to death when he fell under the wheels of a freight train.

SPRINGFIELD — The safe of Salzer Brothers' furniture store was blown and money, Liberty bonds, war savings stamps and jewelry to the value of \$1,700 were taken.

Socialists Mob City Building in Toledo

(By Associated Press)

TOLEDO, O., March 31.—When they were refused admission Sunday to Memorial Hall, a city building where Eugene V. Debs was scheduled to speak, 5,000 persons stormed the place, broke windows and doors and then paraded the streets, crying "To Hell with the Mayor."

Meanwhile Debs was in bed in a Cleveland hotel, too ill to appear in public.

A substitute speaker for Debs appeared about 3:30 o'clock but when he attempted to make an address in public he was chased away by policemen.

More than 75 men were arrested, including Thomas Devine, Socialist member of the City Council.

make peace and thus give at least a measure of recompense to millions of men and women for the supreme agony of this war, may lead these people in the presence of a new war to an act of greater folly.

In sum, it seems to me that the time has come when it should be recognized in America that the conference of peace is within two steps of failure, that the decisions which it is still unable to make may be beyond its power to enforce when, if ever, they are made.

NEWCASTLE — Mrs. Mary Groendyke, wife of Dr. O. J. Groendyke, is dead after a long illness. She was a niece of General Omar Bundy.

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Three Events on Coliseum Skating Rink Calendar

Three big events are on the skating calendar at the Coliseum next week, according to the Coliseum management.

Floyd Scott, holder of the amateur skating title in Richmond, will meet Owen Fye Tuesday night, April 8, on the Coliseum rink in a mile race. The track will be laid off around the floor and the man who completes the course first will be the winner. It will take twenty-one times around the rink to finish.

Thursday night, April 10, a moonlight skate will be given. The skate has taken well in other cities and it is expected that much interest will be shown by the skating enthusiasts in the coming events.

The following Saturday another masked carnival has been carded. Twenty dollars will be awarded in prizes. Five dollars will be given to the man and woman with the best costume and \$2.50 will be given to each with the most unique costume, and \$5 will be given to the person with the most comic costume.

INDIANA Briefs

VALPARAISO — Starting fires with coal oil was fatal to two citizens of this county. Mrs. Mary Okenowski, mother of five children, was burned to death and her house was destroyed; and Andrew Avil, a section foreman, was killed in an explosion following the pouring of oil into a stove.

BLOOMINGTON — Charles G. Campbell, 42 years old, head of the Indiana University of music department, died at his home here of pneumonia.

SOUTH BEND — Burglars robbed the Clancy jewelry store of between \$500 and \$1,000 in watches and rings, leaving by the front door in broad daylight.

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Greensfork, Ind.

County Superintendent Charles O. Williams of Richmond, Trustee Moore of Boston township and Trustee Chas. H. Bond visited the Greensfork school Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. John Bond attended the funeral of Mrs. Medearis at Centerville Thursday afternoon. Misses Irma and Thelma Stackhouse spent Sunday with relatives in Centerville. Hilda Halevy Harold of Richmond, music teacher in the schools, made her weekly trip here Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Harris are the parents of a son, born March 27. Miss Lida Retts shopped in Richmond Thursday. Mrs. Patrick Breen and son Barnard returned last Thursday after spending a few days with former neighbors and friends near Penville. Mrs. Clara Suits of Richmond, came Thursday evening to care for Mrs. Ben Harris and new son, Joseph Keever of Cambridge City spent Sunday with Irvin Breen. Harry Clark of Cambridge City was here on business Thursday. Frank Harris of Missouri, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harris, near Sugar Grove. Mr. and Mrs. Ora Wise and daughter

Niadene, attended the funeral of Mrs. Martindale's sister-in-law, Mrs. Dan Medearis, in Centerville Thursday. Miss Agnes Smith came home Friday to spend her summer vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Smith. Her school closed Wednesday. Miss Freda Benton went to Hagerstown Friday afternoon to spend the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Harrison. Mrs. Earl Ridge and daughters, Helen and Katherine Ridge are spending a few days in Richmond guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Steward. The revival meeting at the Christian church has been well attended. Rev. Morris of Williamsburg helped with the services at the Christian church Friday evening.

Economy, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Edwards and niece, Thelma, entertained P. J. Ode of Richmond and Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hiatt Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. Hiatt's seventy-first birthday. Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Bond had as their dinner guests Thursday Harold and Willard Bond of Ondia, Tenn. and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bond. Miss Mildred Jacobs of Muncie is visiting Mrs. Howard Manning. Noellerton of Webster spent the week-

end with his grandparents, O. L. Hiatt and wife. The Economy Red Cross have made thirteen comforts for the refugees. Osten Johnson and family, east of Economy, are sick of influenza. Will Conroe made a business trip to Greensfork Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hiatt, spent Wednesday with their son Lawrence. A. T. Edwards was at Greensfork Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Manning are the parents of a new boy baby, named Harry Howard. Mrs. Marie Ladd spent Saturday with John Williams and family. Miss Hazel Ladd of Modoc spent the weekend with Ruby Williams. Miss Fentmore was at Williamsburg Thursday. Link Morrison was at Winchester Wednesday. Mrs. R. W. Routh has returned to Richmond after a few days' visit with her niece, Mrs. Alice Fraiser. Mrs. Grace Edwards and Miss Thelma Gaskill were in Richmond Saturday.

Fishing through the ice at Lake Mahkenac, in Massachusetts, Wheeler Shepardson, of Lenox, and Daniel Metcalf, of Springfield, caught twenty-three pike weighing sixty-nine pounds, and ten pickerel weighing more than twelve pounds—a record catch through the ice in Berkshire.

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