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SUMMONS CAME TO "UNCLE MAC"

Alfred McCoy, Once Leading Citizen of Jasper County, Dies at Daughter's Home in Missouri.

"Uncle" Alfred McCoy died Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 21st, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. William A. Rinehart, in Queen City, Mo., where he has made his home since the jury at Monticello pronounced him guilty of the crime of embezzlement in June, 1905.

He had been failing rapidly since the hot days and nights of August, and in a letter to a friend here, written Sept. 22, Mrs. Rinehart had indicated that the end was not far off and that his condition then was quite critical. She said "He seems exhausted, but does not suffer greatly except that he is very weak. He has no appetite and has lost greatly in flesh."

It was not known generally here that he was in a critical condition of health, and the news of his death, therefore, came as a sudden shock to his old home.

The funeral will be held Saturday, Oct. 24th, at Queen City, where the burial will be made beside his wife, who preceded him to the great beyond about a year ago. Mrs. A. Parkinson, widow of Addison Parkinson, left for that place on the early train this morning, to be present at the funeral.

The death of Alfred McCoy recalls the days of his life in Rensselaer and Jasper county, and of the sudden collapse of the bank that he had helped to establish. For almost fifty years the bank was considered a very bulwark of safety, and the name of Alfred McCoy was regarded as synonymous with business stability. Coming here in the early days of the county he had purchased many acres of land that grew in value as the county increased in population and being a strong and vigilant man Alfred McCoy had taken advantage of every opportunity offered to build up a fortune for himself. And fortune came and with it power and although Alfred McCoy was possessed of little education and no refinement he had an unusual personality, not altogether pleasing but still attractive and it made him known and respected and trusted, and his broad acres and his presumed business sagacity caused him to pass as a very successful man, and there was never a quiver of confidence in him until the crash that closed the bank, and even then most every citizen of Rensselaer was inclined to believe that not Alfred but his son Tom was responsible for the failure.

As the investigation of the bank proceeded and the magnitude of the failure became known there were many things that indicated that Alfred McCoy too had been implicated in the failure. He had an overdraft in the bank amounting to \$10,000 and persons recalled that he had fathered some quite foolish schemes, and some remembered that as far back as the old creamery days he had said he did not know whether he was worth a cent. But many others thought that he had been deceived by Tom and that he never realized that he was really insolvent until after the bank failed.

One person recalls that not many months before the bank failed he was seen leaving it with tears in his eyes and was heard to say, "They seem to think that I have no business in there any more." And others believe that Tom feared his father's discovery of the bank's condition and refused to allow him to spend any of his time in the bank.

After the bank failed "Uncle Mac" said that he would give every dollar

he had on earth and turn over everything that he possessed for the benefit of his creditors, and had he done this he could have saved for himself the respect of many who forsook him after the effort that was instituted to retain every asset that the law would permit through the dower right of his wife. The feeling toward him changed with this action and with it came a severance of the friendly relations that had existed for a half a century between Uncle Mac and the people. He became angry and abusive and the public, especially the voters in the bank, treated him with the greatest contempt. Finally he left Rensselaer and his hatred for the old town grew until he cursed about every depositor that was called to Monticello to testify against him at the trial.

He vowed that he would never set foot on Rensselaer soil again and after the trial he went to Queen City, Mo., where he has since resided with his daughter. But the buoyancy of his life was gone and he declined from day to day. The future held no hope for him, and he was just waiting for the summons.

A year ago his wife died and he was again shocked immeasurably. But meagre reports came from him, and all were to the effect that he was not very well.

Alfred McCoy was born in Columbian county, Ohio, in 1831, and seventeen years later he engaged in the grocery business in Cincinnati, in partnership with another young man from New Lisbon, the firm being known as Graham & McCoy. They continued in business there three years, doing a large whole sale business. They disposed of the stock in 1838, and Mr. McCoy came to this county, bought a section of land in Hanging Grove township, and took up his headquarters in the then struggling village of Rensselaer.

He entered the banking business in Rensselaer in 1856, the firm being known as A. McCoy & Co. After a few years Alfred Thompson became a junior member, and the firm was known as A. McCoy & T. Thompson, bankers. Alfred Thompson disposed of his interest in the institution to his brother Thomas, and from that time until 1888 the firm was A. McCoy & T. Thompson. In that year the firm was once more changed, Mr. Thompson retiring and Thomas J. McCoy, son of deceased, becoming junior partner. They then assumed the old style of A. McCoy & Co., and the bank continued under this name until the failure in 1894.

During his early residence in Rensselaer Mr. McCoy was united in matrimony to Mary Jane Parkinson, whose death took place in Missouri last year. The fruit of this union was three sons and one daughter, Lee and Chas. deceased; Thomas J., and Mattie A. Rinehart, now of Queen City, Mo.

Another chapter of the bank's affairs is closed by his death.

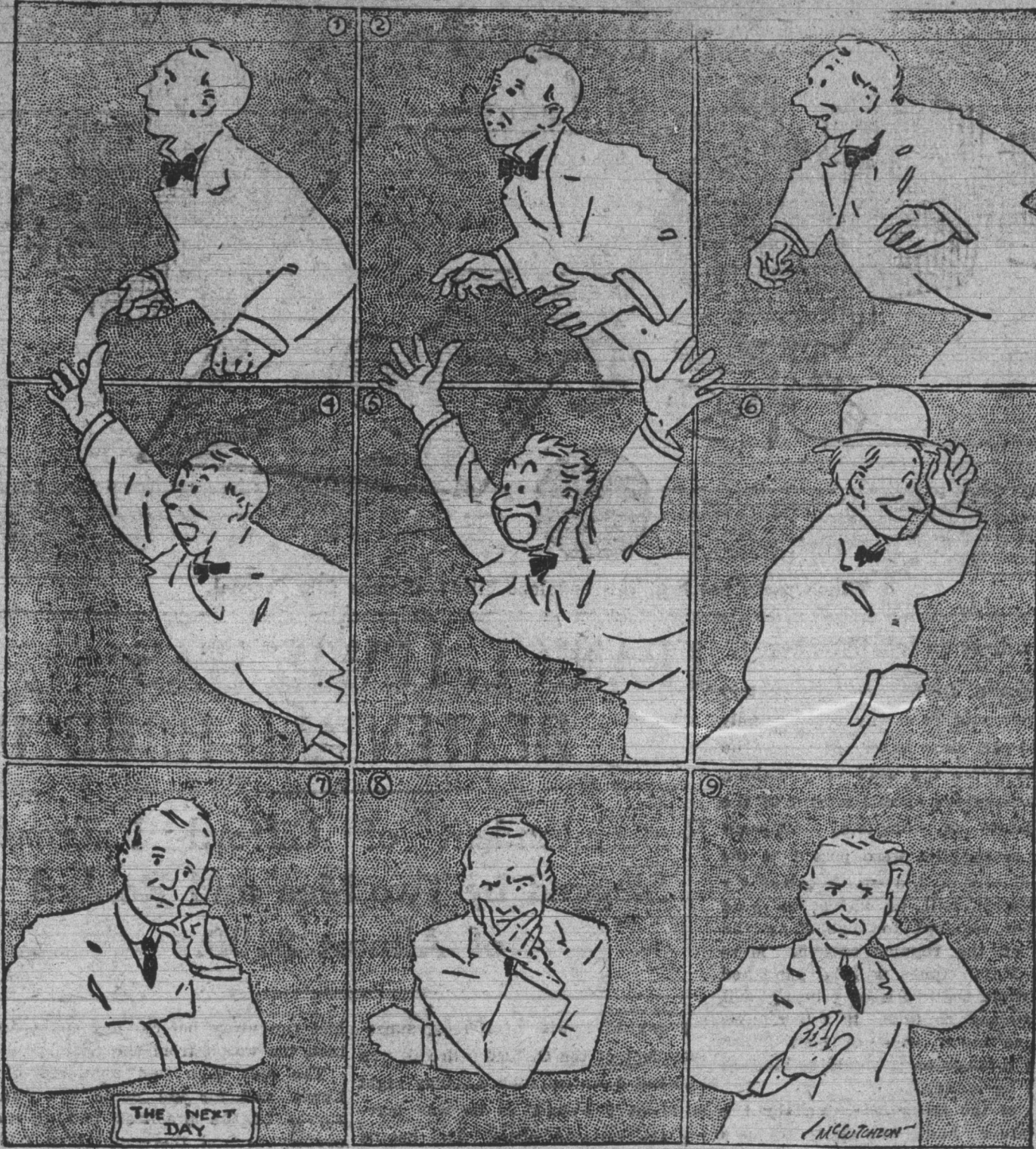
Poor old "Uncle Mac." He paid dearly for his share in the failure of the bank, for the last four years have been bitter ones for him.

Over the grave of Caesar, Mark Antony said:

"The evil that men do
Lives after them.
The good is oft interred
With their bones."

Let us remember "Uncle Mac" with the charity of forgiveness and remember him for his better qualities. In doing so we are paying no one tribute and we might be right.

LISTENING TO BRYAN.



—Chicago Tribune.

A BIG RALLY ON THURSDAY

Campaign in this County to Close With Visit of Senator Beveridge and Other Speakers.

Thursday afternoon and evening has been designated by County Chairman Leopold as the time for a big republican rally in Rensselaer, and preparations for it are being made as rapidly as they can.

Chairman Leopold was in Chicago Saturday and rented a mammoth tent, 90x160 feet in dimensions, and this will be erected probably on Milroy park and the speaking will take place therein.

Senator Albert J. Beveridge will be here a short time only. He will come on a special train, arriving at 2 o'clock and remaining just one half hour. He will be met at the train by an automobile and hastened to the big tent and begin speaking at once. Probably Mr. Beveridge is the greatest speaker on political issues in the country today, and it will behoove every person in Jasper county to come here to hear him even for the short time that he will speak. Senator Beveridge has addressed audiences all over the United States since the opening of the campaign and wherever he has spoken he has made many converts to the republican cause.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Potts on Sunday, Oct. 25th, the children gave a dinner in honor of Mrs. Potts' fiftieth birthday. All were present excepting Miss Pearl Potts; the others were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Webber and daughter Hazel, Mr. Everett Potts, Mr. and Mrs. George Henson, Mr. and Mrs. Nat Henson. The children and Mr. Potts presented her with a large mirror and her sister a silver thimble.

All left at an early hour wishing her many more such happy birthdays.

We will have a car load of fancy New York apples in a few days to sell by the barrel, bushel or peck.

JOHN EGER.

Home Grocery—The farmer's friend.

A Taft Rally Side Trip.

Quite a number of people who attended the Taft rally at Lafayette last Friday spent part of the day at Purdue University. Among those who visited the agricultural experiment station and the stock barns were Mr. and Mrs. Eli Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Daniels, Newton Pumphrey, True Woodworth and the writer. Vaughn Woodworth, who is a student of the agricultural course, acted as guide.

The show ring where the fat cattle were examined and graded by the students was first visited, and one of the animals brought out was a short horn bull weighing 2,300 pounds, and which took 3d prize at the international stock show. He was examined by all the students, who were required to write a description of him, in which all of the good qualities and all of the deficient ones were pointed out. After they had done this the instructor criticised the scoring of the students, and the work was very interesting for spectators. Several of the fat steers were being put in condition for the Chicago fat stock show and there were some fine animals of several different breeds. The dairy barn was also visited and the dairy stock inspected. It is largely Jersey, and each cow is given a separate test for the production of butter fats. Several of the visitors also visited the butter making plant. The hogs on the farm were rather inferior in appearance, but it is said there are several prize winners among them. They have Poland Chinas, Berkshires, Durocs and O. I. C's. There is also a good flock of sheep on the farm.

Among the new buildings being erected this year is a mammoth one at the experiment station. It is almost completed and will be in use when the farmers' short course takes place. This course last year was taken advantage of by about 1,000 Indiana farmers, who were fully repaid for their attendance.

Several of the visitors at Purdue spent the remainder of the afternoon visiting the various buildings there. Rensselaer always has several students at this school and most of the graduates from this place have been very successful. Purdue is certainly a great school and visitors to Lafayette should not fail to spend part of their time at the university.

Last year 15 and 25 cents a pound; this year 10 cents. Fancy California evaporated apricots, peaches and pears 10 cents a pound at John Eger's.

Marriage License.

Oct. 21. James William Bishop, born Hamilton county, Ind., Dec. 25, 1881, present residence Peru, occupation teacher, and Bertha Nichols, born Jasper county, Ind., July 6, 1883, present residence Rensselaer, Ind., occupation housekeeper, father's name S. R. Nichols, first marriage for each.

A Coal Contract Worth While.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has recently spent \$1,000,000 opening up a new road to coal fields. At least 1,200 men began work in the mines Monday morning and 2,800 miners will be put to work within the next ten days. The company announces the closing of one of the largest coal contracts in railroad history, a contract which will require 4,000 men to work steadily for five years. The contract calls for the delivery of 3,000,000 tons of coal yearly for five years to the M. A. Hanna Company of Cleveland.

New Cases Filed.

Oct. 16. Geo. O. Stemple vs Jacob Frances et al. Suit on account.

Oct. 16. The P. C. O. & St. L. R. Co. vs Charles E. May. Complaint for injunction. Plaintiff asks for a temporary restraining order to prevent defendant from constructing a drain under said railroad.

Oct. 16. Reesey Cavinder vs Fay Cavinder. Suit for divorce. Suit compromised later and the couple are now said to be living together.

Oct. 17. Owen Hurley vs Warren Springer. Complaint on contract.

Oct. 19. Chas. G. Spittler vs Lillie Mitchell et al. Petition to sell real estate.

In Honor of Twins' Birthday.

On Sunday, October 19th a dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Woodward at their country home in honor of the sixty-ninth birthday of Mrs. A. G. W. Farmer, of Rensselaer, and her twin sister, Mrs. Taylor, of Woodsfield, Ohio. Mrs. Taylor was unable to be present, but thirty-six relatives of the two sat down to a bountiful dinner in the large old fashioned home of Mr. and Mrs. Woodward. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Larkin Macy and daughter, of Cambridge City; Mrs. Rebecca Mary and Mrs. Henderson and son, of Mooresville; Mrs. Minnie Hadley and son and Mr. and Mrs. Worth Woodward and family, of Plainfield; Mr. and Mrs. Carol Mills and Mr. and Mrs. Warner Macy, of Strang; Mrs. Martha Shephard, of New Castle, and U. C. Macy and family, of Spiceland. A picture of the gathering was taken in the afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Farmer are visiting relatives and friends in Wayne and Henry counties.

Horses Killed by Disease.

It is estimated that farmers in Pulaski and Starke counties and those in the southwestern part of LaPorte county have lost 1,500 horses since early last summer from a disease of unknown origin. The horses, as a rule, when attacked by the malady drop as if consumptive, and finally die. In a few instances they recover, but when they do they are mere wrecks and have to be killed. One man killed four that survived the attack of the disease.

An examination revealed the fact that the liver and other organs of the dead animals were infested with long worms, no larger than a hair, and it is the popular belief that the worms are bred inside the horses from minute eggs taken with the grass from pasture lands.

The loss of horses from the affected district has discouraged the farmers. Many of them have lost every horse and it is unsafe for them to buy any more to do their fall plowing. Out of seventeen horses one farmer has six left and some of the six are unfit for use. In Salem township the death rate has been exceedingly large. It has been noticed that mules are not affected by the disease and a horseman of Starke county has gone to Kentucky to buy all the mules he can get to ship into the infected district and sell to the farmers. —Francesville Tribune.

Republican Speaking.

A. Halleck and S. E. Sparling at Fair Oaks, Saturday evening, October 31st.

George A. Williams at Buckhorn school house, Walker township, Wednesday evening, October 23rd.

Sure, the Home Grocery pays 22c for eggs.

The Postoffice Was Moved.

The postoffice was moved Sunday afternoon from its old location to the K. of P. building, and now occupies what is expected to be its quarters for the next ten years, the government having entered into a lease for the room for that length of time. The move has resulted in the box number changes for a large number of patrons of the office, and has created a great amount of unavoidable confusion, and until the distributing clerks get acquainted with

the new boxes the service will probably not be altogether satisfactory.

The new office is quite a metropolitan one in appearance, all the furniture being new. There are 688 boxes, of which 240 are call, 20 drawer, and 408 are lock boxes. The lock boxes and drawers are all provided with the combination locks, doing away with the key system. The new lock boxes are greatly in demand.

There is plenty of room in the new office and when all the work is systematized it will be a very fine office.