

COUNTY CHAIRMEN CONCOCT PLAN TO SIDETRACK SMITH

Goshen Democrats Resent Program of South Bend District Meeting.

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on the most notorious "wet" in the 13th district. Proctor was not only the author of the notorious Proctor law but spoke all over Indiana in behalf of the "wets" wherever there was a local option fight from that time on until 1917, when he led a huge lobby from Elkhart to Indianapolis to oppose the passage of the prohibition act of that year. He claims now that he is no longer a "wet"; that is the dead issue but the mention of Proctor for any legislative position will be a synonym for "wet" representation and make an issue of the saloon for some years to come.

Word also reached here Wednesday that the LaPorte man had refused to bow to the will of the district committee and Proctor and fellow the author of Indiana's former liquor bill to make the primary race without his opposition as a candidate. Mr. Smith was here several days ago in the interest of his candidacy for congress, and democratic leaders say that he made an excellent impression and obtained promises of a large and influential support. They also say that at the time of Mr. Smith's visit here he had recently seen Proctor and was assured by him that the Elkhart man would not be a candidate. The action of the committee is looked upon here as being directed principally against Mr. Smith. Little has been heard of the "wet" in the campaign, but that he has filed his declaration as a congressional candidate, and leaders here look upon the action of the district committee as an effort to place Proctor in the race for the congressional office without democratic opposition.

MINERS GET INCREASE OF 27 PER CENT

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to show the increases were "unwarranted." They declared that present prices were "no reflection of what the miners received in increases" at the total increases to the men since 1919 was 47 cents per ton, while the "increase" in the cost of coal averages from \$1.11 before the war to \$2.70.

Mine workers asserted that although Fuel Administrator Garfield declared the operators could absorb the 14 percent he awarded the miners without increasing the price of coal to the consumer, the mine owners boosted their prices accordingly.

DEPUTY PROSECUTOR IS OUT FOR PROSECUTOR

George A. Schock has announced his candidacy for nomination for prosecuting attorney of St. Joseph county on the democratic ticket. Mr. Schock is at present deputy prosecutor. He has been in the practice of law for the last three years, prior to which he was engaged in newspaper work. He is a brother-in-law to Samuel P. Schwartz, the present prosecuting attorney. Mr. Schock's application was filed today at the county clerk's office.

Sydney H. Cohen, 1310 S. Michigan st., filed his application for democratic precinct committeeman from the seventh ward, Portage township.

The following applications were filed for republican precinct committeeman: Alva C. Steele, second precinct, Liberty township; Earl M. Betscher, fourth precinct, Liberty township; Charles E. Early, third precinct, Liberty township.

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN TO BE AT FORT WAYNE FOR BIG CONFERENCE

Special to The News-Times:

LAPORTE, Ind., March 31.—Personal invitations have been extended northern Indiana democratic leaders to be the guests of National Sec'y Hoffman at Fort Wayne Saturday, April 17, for a conference which will be attended by State Chairmen of the democratic precinct committees for governor. National Chairman Homer S. Cummings will address the gathering.

Claude Steele, clerk of the senate for the 1919 term and senate official for several years, has announced his candidacy for the joint senatorship of Laporte and Starke counties. He is a resident of Starke county.

Oscar B. Smith, joint senator, has announced that he will not be a candidate for another term.

LOCAL MAN TO COVER CIRCUS OPENING FOR THEATRICAL MAGAZINE

W. W. Dunkle, local advertising and publicity expert, has received an assignment from the Billboard, a theatrical magazine, to cover the opening of the Ringling Brothers circus, which opens next Monday in Madison Square garden, New York city.

Mr. Graves told of the population of Bridewell prison, stating that before prohibition there were 22,000 inmates and that there are barely 4,000 enrolled at the present time. He also told of the root of prison evil and explained the reforming principle of the Howard Institute.

Wild Dogs Kill Hogs in Southern Indiana

By Associated Press:

CONNELSVILLE, Ind., March 31.—A pack of wild dogs running wild in Waterloo township of this county recently has killed a large number of hogs. Frank Weiser of near Robinson Chapel did not the past week lost six fine porkers. The carcasses were almost completely devoured. A hunt for the animals is being organized.

JOIN STRIKE.

By Associated Press:

ROANOKE, Va., March 31.—Brakemen and switchmen in the local yards of the Norfolk and Western railroad will join the strike of railway clerks Thursday, according to J. B. Smith, general chairman of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen employed on the railroad.

POPULATION FIGURES

WASHINGTON, March 31.—The census bureau announced today the following 1920 population figures.

HARRISBURG, Pa., 75,917; Oshkosh, Wis., 33,162; Grand Rapids, Wis., 7,243; Peru, Ind., 12,561; Maywood, Ill., 12,072; Lake Forest, Ill., 3,369; Sulphur Springs, Texas, 5,558; Lakeland, Fla., 7,062; Concord, N. H., 9,156.

Increases since 1910:

HARRISBURG, 14,734, or 18.3; Oshkosh, 100, or 30; Grand Rapids, 722, or 11.1; Peru, 1,651, or 15.1; Maywood, 4,039, or 53.3; Lake Forest, 11, or 3.3; Sulphur Springs, 407, or 7.9; Lakeland, 3,343, or 89.9; Concord, 1,188, or 13.6.

FRAME BILL TO END WAR AGAINST HUN

Republicans in Control of House Placed Squarely Before Congress.

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to the German government or the inhabitants of Germany, directly or indirectly, by the government or the inhabitants of the United States, shall, except with the license of the president, be prohibited.

Fine and Imprisonment.

"Section four: That whoever shall wilfully violate the foregoing provision whenever the same shall be in force, shall upon conviction be fined not more than \$10,000, or, if a natural person, imprisoned for not more than two years, and the officer, director or agent of any corporation which knowingly participates in such violation shall be punished by a like fine, imprisonment or both, and any property, funds, securities, papers or other articles or documents, or any vessel together with her tackle, apparel, furniture and equipment, concerned in such violation, shall be forfeited to the United States."

No Waiver.

"Section five: That nothing herein contained shall be construed as a waiver of the United States of its rights, privileges, indemnities, reparations or advantages to which the United States has become entitled under the terms of the armistice signed Nov. 11, 1918, in which we acquired by war are in the possession of the United States by reason of its participation in the war or otherwise; all fines, forfeitures, penalties and seizures imposed or made by the United States are hereby ratified, confirmed or maintained."

Work Five Hours.

Republican members of the foreign affairs committee, which the resolution was referred without comment, worked in conference for more than five hours before they mapped out a measure designed to overcome all party objections. The committee will meet Thursday and is expected to report it to the house.

Leaders declared the republicans would vote solidly for the resolution when they did, should make the approval of the state department, since it did not declare peace, but simply put an end to an existing state of war.

Democrats, on the other hand, contending that termination of the war rested solely with the executive branch of the government. The possibility of a presidential veto was pointed out by Chairman Porter, who predicted that, in that event, there would be no difficulty in obtaining the necessary two-thirds vote to pass over the veto.

Loss Estimated.

The exact amount of the loss could not be ascertained Saturday evening by Willard Bivers, local manager of the Indiana Refining Co., but it is thought that it will amount to \$50,000. The two tank trucks were parked on the street. Automobiles were parked on Washington st. for several blocks and parking space on the side streets was at a premium.

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