

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 "wet," that it is a dead issue, but Democrats here declare that 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 how to the will of the district committee. Proctor and all low 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 last week, and 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 Hepler candidacy other than that he has been declared 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 seat 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 market would bear." Increases, as the total increase to the men since 1919 was but 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 Harfield 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.

The following applications were filed for republicans in precinct committee: Alva C. Steele, second precinct, Liberty township; Earl M. Betcher, fourth precinct, Liberty township; Charles E. Early, third precinct, Liberty township.

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 native of Indiana, and a graduate of the law school at Samuel P. Schwartz, the present prosecuting attorney. Mr. Schock's application was filed today at the county clerk's office.

NEGRO CONVICTED OF KILLING POLICEMAN

SHELBYVILLE, Ind., March 31.—Upshaw Northington, negro, was found guilty of second degree murder for the death of Officer Sergeant Wade Hull of Indianapolis in that city on the night of September 10, 1919. The case was tried here on a change of venue. Northington was indicted on a charge of first degree murder and at a former trial here the jury failed to agree.

SAYS PROHIBITION DECREASES CRIME

A. D. Graves, of Chicago, secretary of the Central Howard association, spoke at the Rotary club luncheon Wednesday evening on "Redeeming the Past." The purpose of the association is to help the released criminal redeem himself after his period of prison life.

Wild Dogs Kill Hogs in Southern Indiana

CONNEERSVILLE, Ind., March 31.—A pack of wild dogs running wild in Waterloo township of this county recently killed a large number of hogs. Frank Weiser, of near Robinson Chapel during the past week lost six fine porkers. The carcasses were completely devoured. A hunt for the animals is being organized.

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, 22,011; Peru, Ind., 12,561; Maywood, Ill., 12,072; Lake Forest, Ill., 3,360; Sulphur Springs, Texas, 3,538; Lakeland, Fla., 7,062; Concord, N. C., 9,902.

FIRE DESTROYS REFINING PLANT

Origin Unknown—Neighbors Hear Explosion and Send in Alarm.

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ington st., while one of the hose wagons was stationed two blocks from the fire to prevent its spread. Use Garden Hose. The majority of the garden hose in the neighborhood was put into service, the owners of homes keeping their roofs soaked with water. Shortly after the explosion of the first oil truck, a second truck exploded, sending another wave of flames and sparks to threaten the community. The head of one of the tanks on the oil trucks was heated by the blaze until it was red hot and when the explosion occurred it was so hot that it sailed through the air for several hundred feet.

The intense heat as well as the several thousand people who were attracted by the blaze, handicapped the firemen in their work. The gasoline and oil in the tanks near the blaze was boiling during the time the fire raged, and the waves of the firemen as well as the people who crowded as close as possible to the conflagration. A wagon load of police officers were sent to the fire as soon as the third alarm was received at police headquarters and they encountered considerable trouble in keeping the crowd back. It is estimated 19,000 people were attracted to the fire. Automobiles were parked on Washington st. for several blocks and parking space on the side streets was at a premium.

The exact amount of the loss could not be ascertained Wednesday evening by Willard Byers, local manager of the Indian Refining Co., but it is thought that it will amount to \$50,000, if not more. While two motor trucks were destroyed by the blaze, several oil wagons were destroyed. So rapidly did the flames spread that people who rushed to the barn where the fire was first noticed were unable to release the four horses that were kept in it. The buildings and contents were a total loss and all that was saved was the contents of the tanks.

The flames were first noticed in the east part of the barn and the south part of the warehouse. The origin is a mystery to the fire department as well as the officials of the company. Numerous telephone calls were received from the nearby towns and farmers who thought the city was threatened because of the brilliant light that illuminated the sky. The fire was one of the worst ever known in this city, and since the time of its origin and only by considerable head work on the part of the fire fighters was the loss kept down.

DEMOCRATIC CHAIRMAN TO BE AT FORT WAYNE FOR BIG CONFERENCE

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS-TIMES: LAPORTE, Ind., March 31.—Personal invitations have been extended to several 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 Chairman Bosse and the delegates to the state convention. National Chairman Homer S. Cummings will address the gathering.

LOCAL MAN TO COVER CIRCUS OPENING FOR THEATRICAL MAGAZINE

W. W. Dunkle, local advertising and publicity expert, has received 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.

LOCKOUT IN FORCE AGAINST WORKMEN

ROME, March 30.—A lockout was put into force Wednesday against nearly 100,000 men in Rome industries who for several days have been going to the shops and performing their eight hours, but remaining no work. When they went to the shops Wednesday morning, they found them occupied by police and were unable to gain admittance. The employers decided that they would no longer permit their men to enter the factories unless they were willing to work.

RED MEN MEET

The Redmen band of the Monrovia Tribe presented a concert Wednesday evening for the benefit of a number of lodge members. The band was out in full force, and a long program was given.

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.

Section four: That whoever shall willfully violate the foregoing prohibition 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, or both; and the officer, director or agent of any corporation which knowingly participates in such violation shall be punished by a fine, imprisonment or both, or by the forfeiture of property, 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 hereinafter 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, or which were acquired by or are in the possession of the United States by reason of its participation in the war or otherwise; and the demand of the union 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, to which the resolution was referred without comment, worked in conference for more than five hours before they agreed on a measure designed to overcome all party objections. The committee will meet Thursday and is expected to report it to the house. It is estimated that the measure would vote solidly for the resolution, which they held, should meet 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, and 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 it over the veto.

LLOYD GEORGE AND CARSON TAKE SLAM AT UNITED STATES

By Associated Press: LONDON, March 31.—The United States was handled without gloves by Premier Lloyd George and Sir Edward Carson, the Ulster unionist leader, in the debate Wednesday in the house of commons on the second reading of the Irish bill. The premier said it was action such as that taken by the United States in its policy of non-recognition of the Irish republic that had fostered secession.

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TO CONTINUE POOLS ON ATLANTIC PORTS

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 31.—Coal operators, shippers and carriers at a meeting here Wednesday, appointed a committee of fifteen to draw up rules and regulations with a view to continue the soft coal pools at the various Atlantic ports north of Baltimore, after April 30, when the present arrangement for the trans-shipment of the fuel expires by proclamation of Pres't Wilson.

Sentiment at the meeting, it was said, favored continuing the pooling arrangement and the committee will reverse the present rules and submit them to a general meeting of the operators, shippers and carriers next Wednesday in this city. The committee made up of representatives of operators, trans-shippers and railroads from Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York. The committee will hold a meeting next Tuesday.

JUDGE ORDERS PROBE IN MARION COUNTY

By Associated Press: INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 31.—Investigation by state as well as federal authorities of conditions in the Marion jail became a possibility Wednesday when United States Dist. Judge A. B. Anderson called Judge James A. Collins of the Marion criminal court, and Charles Adams, county prosecutor, to the federal building and informed them of testimony at the government's investigation Tuesday of federal prisoners in the jail. Judge Collins said he will take a transcript of the testimony in federal court and refer it to Mr. Adams' with recommendations.

BOARD OF WORKS BUYS TRUCK AND FLUSHER

A flusher mounted on a Federal truck chassis was purchased by the board of public works during its regular meeting held Wednesday evening. The entire time of the meeting was spent in going over the garbage situation in South Bend with a committee appointed from the city council. No definite action was taken during the meeting and the committee will meet with the board next Tuesday evening.

MARAUDERS DAMAGE STONES AND GRAVES IN SIX GRAVEYARDS

MERCED, Calif., March 31.—Visitors and attendants today found monuments toppled over, wooden head boards pulled up and massive stones on family plots torn from their foundations in six of Merced's graveyards. The police said they were at a loss to account for the desecration.

In some instances head boards were transferred from one cemetery to another and driven into the ground at random. Some monuments were moved to strange plots and set carefully upon unfamiliar graves. Slabs weighing as much as 1,500 pounds each were found thrown about in the litter of other tomb fixtures.

CRISIS IN LABOR SITUATION TODAY

Stewart Construction Company Closes Studebaker Contract.

The crisis of the South Bend construction labor situation will be reached today. The Builders and Trades' Exchange, representing the employers, and the Building Trades council of the American Federation of Labor held meetings Wednesday night. Officials of the labor organization refused to make any statement but members who attended the meeting intimated afterwards that if the demands of the union are met the men will leave their work on the various construction jobs under way in the city during the day. This body includes men engaged in the building trades other than carpenters and bricklayers, who are not affiliated with the council but maintain separate local unions.

The employers support their position today last week when they declared for open shop throughout the city for common labor. C. H. Metz is constructing the carpenters' local stated Wednesday night that the carpenters and bricklayers would not go out today even should the members of the Building Trades council strike. They stated that the sanction of the national organization of the carpenters and bricklayers would have to be obtained for such a move and that no action in that direction has been taken. It is possible, however, they said, that a strike of these trades may be called if an agreement concerning a raise in wages is not reached. The controversy between the carpenters and employers has no connection to date with that between the common labor organization and employers. It was stated.

Stewart Pays Off. All men engaged in these classes of labor by the Stewart Construction company, which is constructing the new Studebaker factory, were paid in full and told that their work was completed Wednesday evening. This action was explained by the state department in the debate Wednesday in the house of commons on the second reading of the Irish bill. The premier said it was action such as that taken by the United States in its policy of non-recognition of the Irish republic that had fostered secession.

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CITY JAIL INMATES ASK WAGE INCREASE

PUEBLO, Colo., March 31.—Pueblo's city council has taken under advisement the demand for an increase in wages made by police court prisoners who work out their fines at \$2 per day. A representative of the prisoners declares that "common labor" receives from \$4 to \$4.50 per day for work similar to that performed by the prisoners.

Ten dollars and costs is the usual penalty imposed upon "ordinary drunks." At the \$2 per day rate it requires approximately six days to work out the fine. Three days is enough, the prisoners' representative argues.

MEN CLIMB TREES IN FEAR OF BULL

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 31.—Attacked by a mad bull while on their way to Driftwood river for a day's fishing, three Edinburg men ascended a tree to save themselves from possible serious injury. The hours passed slowly, but the bull continued to await the descent of the men. Philip Lyons, of Edinburg, and B. Freese, late in the afternoon, the animal strayed a distance from the tree and the men dropped to the ground. They reached a fence and safety.

WORK WAY AT I. U. BY BINDING BABIES

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., March 31.—Young women students who are working their way through Indiana university declare babies awake are much harder to care for than those asleep and as a result have arranged their price per hour accordingly. The girl who cares for a baby that is asleep charges only 26 cents an hour. The infant that is awake, however, brings to its "nurse" 25 cents an hour.

HOLY WEEK WILL BE OBSERVED HERE

Special Program of Services to be Held in Churches.

The last three days of Lent will be solemnly observed in Catholic churches. There were services on Wednesday night, consisting of a sermon, prayer and benediction. In the afternoon they gave a matinee for the Culver cadets. At both performances the S. R. O. sign was out. "Hello Alexander" is the type of entertainment made popular by Ziegfeld and his "Follies" and the Winter Garden Revues. There is a bewildering shifting of scenes, there are dancers galore, several specialty artists and a chorus that were flashed in their support with specially stabled roustabout and the minstrel proprietor respectively. They get away with an amusing line of foolery in their old imitatable fashion.

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Michigan Central Train Backs Into Large Automobile Van.

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Mr. Auglin is the proprietor of a moving company in Gary, Ind., and was making this trip to Keystone, Ind., about 25 miles south of Fort Wayne, for Charles Whitman, who accompanied him on the trip, and who was in the truck at the time of the accident. He was not seriously injured, but was knocked into temporary unconsciousness.

Smashes Van. The truck was coming east into South Bend while the engine was coming at a fast rate from the south in charge of Engineer "Scotty" Hard. Witnesses said that the engineer did not blow his whistle until within about 20 feet of the approaching truck. The tender backed across the road just in time to catch the back end of the machine and hurled it a distance of 10 feet, turning it over and throwing the occupants to the side of the road.

The wreck blocked street car traffic for a period of five hours until a wrecking company could rig up its block and tackle on a nearby building and pull the truck to a standing position. An engine was called to haul a reserve truck to continue the trip, which arrived late Wednesday night.

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McIntyre-Heath Company Provide Excellent Show

McIntyre and Heath, that sterling pair of blackface comedians who have been drawing laughs together for "nigh on to a half century," pleased a large audience at the Oliver last evening in what is probably the most elaborate extravaganza in which they have been starred. In the afternoon they gave a matinee for the Culver cadets. At both performances the S. R. O. sign was out. "Hello Alexander" is the type of entertainment made popular by Ziegfeld and his "Follies" and the Winter Garden Revues. There is a bewildering shifting of scenes, there are dancers galore, several specialty artists and a chorus that were flashed in their support with specially stabled roustabout and the minstrel proprietor respectively. They get away with an amusing line of foolery in their old imitatable fashion.

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RILEY JOHNSON WILHELM. Riley Johnson Wilhelm, 64 years old, died at his residence on the S. Michigan and Center roads, W. Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock, following an illness of pneumonia. He is survived by his wife, Della, a daughter, Mrs. Ethel Briggs of Chicago, and his son, John, of South Bend, at home, and a brother, William Wilhelm of Culver. Mr. Wilhelm was born in Marshall county, May 30, 1855, and had lived here 18 years.

Funeral services will be held at the residence at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Daniel Hartman and Rev. Rhodes will officiate and burial will be in Farmers' Prairie cemetery.

MRS. MARY A. SINIFF

Mrs. Mary A. Siniff, 53 years old, of Argos, Ind., died at the home of her sister, Mrs. T. Walsh, 511 Riverside dr., Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock following a five months' illness of paralysis. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. Henrietta Romig of Argos, two daughters, Ruth and Helen of Argos, and the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. W. E. Miller and Iden S. Romig of South Bend; J. M. and J. C. Romig of Argos; Mrs. G. W. South of Culver and Mrs. P. M. Brewer of Plymouth. Mrs. Siniff was born in Marshall county near Argos, June 1, 1846. She had been in South Bend but one week.

HORATIO S. WEIST

Horatio S. Weist, 45 years old, died at his home, 317 E. Lassalle av., Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock following a nine years' illness of paralysis. He is survived by his wife, Ada, and two sisters, Mrs. Eva Bowman, and Mrs. Myron Weist of Fort Wayne. Mr. Weist was born in Fort Wayne, Aug. 6, 1871, and came to South Bend from Toledo five years ago.

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MAPLE SUGAR TO BE VERY SCARC DURING SEASON

RUTLAND, Vt., March 31.—The sands of maple sugar trees are going untapped this year because of the inability of the farmers to secure sap. Consequently, a scarcity of maple sugar and maple syrup is the mark of the country is in prospect.

Farmers all over this state, which is rich in maple groves, report that large areas are deserting the rural sections for the city. The farm hands have been attracted by big salaries offered by the factories and mills.

SWISS SOCIALISTS DEFEAT SUFFRAGE

GENEVA, March 31.—Woman suffrage was defeated in the recent Swiss elections because the socialists made it their particular cause, according to the Journal de Geneve. But after announcing their wholehearted support, thousands of socialists voted the other way, the Journal adds.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY