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## ANOTHER SHOCK

Two classes of society which, heretofore had looked with favor upon the Republican party, have now received a shock that has caused their enthusiasm to cool rapidly. These two classes are the bankers and the retail merchants. The shock comes in the form of a statement by the leaders of the Grand Old party that the coming Congress will pass both a postal savings bank and a parcels post bill. While the campaign was in progress bankers everywhere were declaring against the bank guarantee plank of the Democratic platform. When it was suggested to them that the postal savings bank was still more radical legislation, they winked the other eye and declared that the great bankers in New York city would look out for that and see to it that no such bill was passed. Now it appears that such a bill will be one of the first to be considered. They say at Washington that distrust of the banks is growing rapidly over the country, and to get the money now being hoarded it will be necessary to make banks safe and to place the guarantee of the government upon them. This, it is believed, will bring large amounts of hoarded cash from each community and place it in the large centers where the postal banks are located. Thus will each local community lose its cash.

The parcels post is also causing a shudder to sweep over the country. It means low and rapid transportation from the great mail order houses to the consumers all over the country. Heretofore the country buyer has been compelled to go to town after his mail order purchase. Now it will be brought to his door by Uncle Sam. He will receive goods with greater ease from Chicago than from his home town. Here is radical legislation indeed, and against those who supported the party. It is for the Democrats, however, to laugh.

The newspapers of Indiana, and the people of Indiana seem unable to cease discussing the late political fight. Especially is the temperance question still the center round which much of the discussion revolves. We can but feel that the continued partisan discussion of this question is bad both for temperance and politics. The Republican papers that insist in posings as martyrs and attempting to show that state and local politicians on their ticket were sacrificed upon the altar of temperance, defeated because they were good and honest men, is not helping either their party or the temperance cause for which they pretended to stand. As a matter of fact, after the passing of the county local option bill the people of the state insisted on believing that the question was out of politics. The frenzied shrieks of Watson and his followers could not make them believe that it was anything else than an issue decided. It was a political battle. The Republican party seized upon the temperance question as a political lever, and then removed the fulcrum by passing the law before the election. Other questions then came to the front, and the party was defeated. To now pose as martyrs is silly. To accuse the state of defeating Watson because he stood for temperance is to think too meanly of the state and too highly of Watson. In another column we quote from the Noblesville Ledger a rather sane discussion of the question, marred, however, by the tone of the wailing martyr in the first para-

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You may depend upon this Shoe Store to show all the correct styles, in the best Shoes made, for all uses, at all times.

You can count on finding here just the sort of Shoes, you'll take pleasure and satisfaction in wearing. We believe that we have better Shoes than you'll find at most Shoe Stores.

Match them, if you can. Match the Shoes at the price, not the prices, for prices can be matched anywhere.

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Christie's Shoe Store

graph. Let temperance men now forget politics and take up temperance. Let politicians forget temperance and take up politics. The two things do not mix. It is time they were separated again that each may do its best, which can not be done together.

## FEAR BROKEN PROMISES.

The Manufacturers Association and other stand-pat men who have been voting for and supporting the Republican party on the strength of its tariff declarations in its Chicago platform, are now trembling with a great fear. This fear is that the platform, in the words of the Springfield Republican, "was made to get in on, not to act on." In other words the signs of the times seem to show that the Republican party, from Taft down, is about to forget the Chicago platform, the men who aided with the sinews of war and the standpatters, and will go in for tariff revision downward. The president of the Manufacturer's Association believes this. He declares that it would be exceedingly tricky and deceitful for the Republican party to now repudiate its Chicago plank which all manufacturers understood to be a bid for the support of the high tariff men. The Democrats honestly stood, he declares, for tariff reduction on a revenue basis. The Republicans pretended to stand for just the opposite. To now make their pledges of no effect and to adopt, even in modified form, as a result of the canvass and analysis of the election returns, the position of the Democratic party, is to act dishonestly. It is to make both sides distrustful of the party and the party leaders. Taft has attempted, throughout his campaign to do all things to all men. Now he must choose, and it appears that he to choose that which is contrary to the platform declaration of his party.

And now a court in Boone County has issued a restraining order to prevent the contractors who are making the course of upper Eel River wider and deeper from destroying the bridge of the Ben Hur Traction company. Judge Artman and Judge Par have both concurred in the decision. It is a case practically parallel with our Cook ditch case, except the bridge in this instance is owned by the traction company instead of the townships or county. Putnam County people will watch with interest the course of this case through the courts. It appears that the lower courts everywhere recognize that ditch contractors have no right to destroy bridges. It remains, in each instance, for the upper courts to grant this right. Will it do so on this case?

## BANK REPORT

Report of the condition of the Central National Bank, at Greencastle, in the State of Indiana, at the close of business, November 27, 1908:

**Resources.**

Loans and discounts	\$422,393.19
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	4,439.38
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
United States Bonds to secure U. S. deposits	50,000.00
U. S. Bonds on hand	3,630.00
Bonds, stocks, etc.	104,855.50
Banking house, furniture, and fixtures	10,000.00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)	25,013.30
Due from State Banks and Bankers	15,000.00
Due from approved reserve agents	118,563.59
Checks and other cash items	700.42
Notes of other National Banks	1,276.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents	572.12
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank	69,405.00
Legitimate notes	69,405.00
Total	69,405.00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	5,000.00
Total	\$930,892.50

**Liquidities.**

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00
Surplus fund	100,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	6,753.18
National Bank notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to other National Banks	6,685.35
Due to State Banks and Bankers	51,537.92
Due to Trust Companies and Savings Banks	16,425.52
Individual deposits subject to check	465,126.17
Demand certificates of deposit	34,381.36
United States deposits	50,000.00
Total	\$930,892.50

State of Indiana, County of Putnam, 1911.

I, J. L. Randal, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. L. RANDEL, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of December, 1908.

ALBERT E. HARRIS,  
Notary Public.  
My Commission expires December 7, 1911.

Correct—Attest:

EZRA B. JEVANS,  
BASCOM CHAIR,  
FRANK A. ARNOLD,  
Directors

## MODERN WOODMEN ELECTION

The Modern Woodmen of America held their regular annual election of officers Tuesday evening. The following were elected to serve one year beginning January 1, 1909:

Venerable Counselor . . . L. D. Snider

Worthy Adviser . . . W. W. Soper

Clerk . . . R. A. Confer

Banker . . . O. F. Overstreet

Escort . . . Wm. Mercer

Watchman . . . Elmer Gibson

Sentry . . . Raymond Michael

Managers Jesse Hughes, Ernest Stoner, F. P. Huestis.

THINGS TO  
THINK ABOUT

Thoughts from men of affairs upon questions of the day.

## Special Privilege's Geography.

When Lincoln said that no nation could exist half slave and half free he had particular reference to that artificial boundary between north and south known as Mason and Dixon's line.

For half a century this line divided believers in special privileges from those who held opposite views. It was not wiped out without terrible sacrifice in blood and treasure.

If Mason and Dixon's line, long since a mere memory, was terribly real to Americans of the past generation, it was not more real than the sectional line between east and west marked off by Tariff-protected special privilege beneficiaries.

The American republic has had two separate and distinct industrial growths. The tariff has filled the east with industrial feudal barons, and filled the west with industrial seifs.

Special privilege always becomes arrogant upon what it feeds.

High tariff beneficiaries come to look upon "protection" as an inalienable right. Tariff schedules that were originally intended to raise American wages, and benefit the entire community, become, under manipulations, a mere vehicle of oppression to American consumers.

The schedules that enable trusts to tax American consumers, long after all need for the protection of "infant industries" has passed, are finger posts marking special privilege's boundary line between east and west.

The great west owes its industrial growth to individual effort.

It is the geographical area where American bone and sinew are carving out the nation's real destiny.

It is the area where real wealth is being created.

The farmer, the mechanic, the small merchant, are working hand in hand with other empire builders, railroad pioneers, waterway developers, irrigation conservators.

Were it not for this great west, with its stupendous agricultural and industrial growth, there would be no Wall Street, no tariff barons, no predatory trusts, no financial parasites.

The east accumulates riches out of the sweat and toil of the west.

The east manipulates wealth after the west has created it.

The barons of modern industrial feudalism take toll from their western serfs through the medium of a tariff that has ceased to be "protective," and has become a tax on industry.

Every high tariff victory in American political campaigns has been an eastern victory.

The soul of the high tariff propaganda is in the east.

It is one of the ironies of American political history that the New England and Middle Atlantic states, where abolitionists sowed the seeds of moral victory over the special privileges of slave-holders, are today the hotbeds of industrial feudalism through the tariff.

The west asks only industrial freedom. And the west will get it. The great producing and consuming section of the United States is gradually learning its political power.

It may have temporary setbacks before its organization for industrial freedom is complete. But the west's mandate to the American congress for genuine tariff revision will be heard. Some of the first bugle notes were held November 3.

Paraphrasing Lincoln again, no nation that attempts to maintain a condition of industrial serfdom can permanently endure.

## Wide Awake.

"But, look here," said the indignant antiquary. "In my article on early Greek sculpture I distinctly mentioned Phidias. Why has his name been deleted?"

The editor smiled quietly. "When," he said, "you find old man Phidias getting his work advertised in this paper under 5 shillings a line you come right around and let me know."—Bangkok Times.

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♦♦ MARRIAGE LICENSES ♦♦

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Ertle McCullough and Ada F. Job.

For a mild, easy action of the bowels, a single dose of Doan's Regulets is enough. Treatment cures habitual constipation. 25 cents a box. Ask your druggist for them.

## Good Stylish Cloaks

Can be Bought of us for Comparatively Little Money



We are showing quite an assortment of new style—desirable—Cloaks for women—all sizes up to 46—at \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$8.00—that are just as warm as Cloaks that are more elaborately trimmed and that cost you considerable more money.

## Women's Cloaks at \$10.00

Are getting better each day—because instead of buying Cloaks to replace those sold—

## We Are Taking Higher Priced Cloaks—

Cloaks that are easily worth a third more money—And Putting Them in the \$10.00 Line.

## Cloaks in Finer Materials—

And that are more elaborately trimmed are shown in big variety at \$12.00, \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.00, \$20.00 and upwards.

## Cloaks for School Girls and Little Folks—

If—you are going to buy your daughter the Cloak she needs to replace the one she has out-grown—don't delay the purchase—but buy it now.

Prices never were as reasonable for good, warm, serviceable Cloaks—as now.

\$5.00 buys choice of the best School Girls' Cloaks we have ever shown at the price—and you'll see that this is so when you look at them.

## Cloaks for Little Ones—

Are shown in the popular bear skin fabrics in white and all colors at \$2.50 and upwards—(We also show Hoods to match Cloaks.)

## Women's Tailored Suits—

Do you know that for new style desirable Tailored Suits that no place in Putnam County compares with our department of women's clothing ready to wear.

And whether you want to pay as little as \$10.00 for a suit or up to \$25.00—

You will be shown the best suit for the money you can possibly buy anywhere.



## Furs for Women and Girls—

Our line of Muffs and Neck Pieces is complete in the different kinds and qualities of Furs—made in the newest and best styles in medium and low priced Furs—and we would suggest that no one thing that you could give would make a more acceptable Christmas Gift—than would Furs—Furs would please her.

## ALLEN BROTHERS.

## THEY SPEND MONEY FOR NOTHING

Montgomery County Makes Roar in Regard to Hunting Licenses and Money Paid for Them.

During the month of November Dumont Kennedy, county clerk, has issued 155 licenses to hunters of this county. He collected \$1 each, which makes \$155 he sent to Rev. Sweeney of Columbus today. Since the law became effective Mr. Kennedy has sent as much as \$750 to the state game and fish commissioner and during that time not a quail or other game bird has been turned loose in this reserve if they had reached this country in healthy condition. It looks as though \$250 ought to help some toward restocking this county with game birds if we got our one-third of the money collected for hunters' licenses.

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..... of .....

for the Senate of the United States.