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The majority of the representatives from the Thirteenth district are said to be pledged to Hon. B. F. Shively in his candidacy for United States senator.

Frank E. Hering of South Bend is the latest entry in the race for United States senator. St. Joseph county is certainly doing its part, having two candidates in the field.

It is announced that the republican national committee is ready to publish the list of contributions made to the campaign fund. There are said to be some 12,000 items.

That riches have wings has again been vividly illustrated in the case of Mayor Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, who, through unprofitable investments, has been reduced from a reputed millionaire to a poor man.

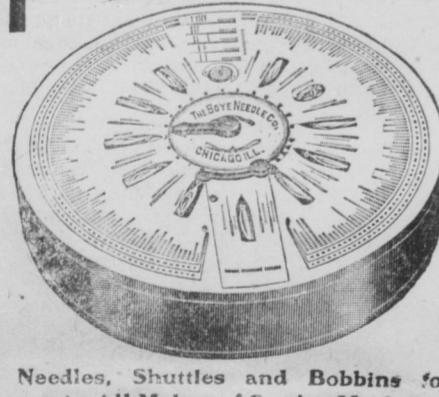
President-elect Taft has politely but firmly given notice to Speaker Cannon and other reactionaries that they will not be allowed to control the coming administration. Taft will be the president and no one else. All indications point to the conclusion that he will make one of the greatest presidents this country has ever had.

Ruth Bryan Leavitt, daughter of William J. Bryan, is reported to be suing for a divorce from her artist husband on the ground of mental cruelty and incompatibility. She met Leavitt when she was but 17 years old and it was a case of "love at first sight." Under the spell of this sentimental impulse she married Leavitt against the protest and earnest advice of her parents.

Ex Governor Winfield T. Durbin may succeed James P. Goodrich as chairman of the republican state committee. He is being talked of strongly for the position, and it is said that he is willing to accept it. The ex governor is known as a skilled organizer and a man of great political sagacity. It will require a chairman possessing these qualities to help pull the republican party of Indiana out of the hole it fell into at the late election.

Newspapers sometimes excuse themselves for devoting so much time and space to sensational matters on the ground that they are giving the public what it demands. Isn't this weak apology, lacking in logic and reason? Should vivified tastes be pandered to just because some people are built that way? The same reasoning would justify the encouragement of many other public evils because the people want them.

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VIEW OF THE PRESS.

The growth of independent thinking, independent voting and independent press guidance is largely responsible for the improved tone of this year's political discussion. The improvement should continue, will continue. There is no reason why great parties and their accredited representatives should bandy invective and epithets. The millions that vote the winning ticket do not question the patriotism, the sincerity, the intelligence of the millions on the other side. Issues can be handled without violence and without personal bitterness.—Chicago Record-Herald

The republicans in Indiana made the mistake of supposing that they could lead the people faster and farther than they wanted to go. County local option has been repudiated at the polls. The politicians did not do it; the people did it themselves. Many persons believe in temperance, but the majority does not. Talk of making the state dry is futile, the Anti-Saloon League to the contrary notwithstanding. When the people want Indiana to go dry they will arise in their might and make it so, but all organizations and agitators on earth cannot lead them one step farther than they wish to go.—Starke County Republican.

Looking at basilar conditions from an investor's viewpoint it is well to remember that the monetary crisis of a year ago, while it created disturbance and checked trade, did not destroy any real wealth, being in this respect radically unlike a crisis caused by an earthquake, a crop failure or a great fire. Since then another rich harvest had added to the country's wealth and the bank accounts of farmers. In Kansas, for instance, deposits in the banks today are more than double those of four years ago. The present surplus in the New York city banks has been seldom if ever exceeded at this season. Continuance of easy money seems likely in view of the growth of banking and the increased production of gold, while if a boom in trade should bring a "pinch" we now have the Aldrich law, under which it is possible to issue \$50,000,000 of new notes.—New York Herald.

Majority of Fourteen in Legislature.

The final and complete returns from the legislative districts show that the democrats will have a majority of fourteen on joint ballot in the coming general assembly. The republicans elected two members of the senate and the democrats elected sixteen. The republicans had seventeen hold-over senators and the democrats seven. The senate therefore stands twenty-seven republicans and twenty-three democrats, or, in other words, the republicans have a majority of four in the senate. The republicans elected forty-one members of the house of representatives and the democrats fifty-nine. This gives the democrats a majority of eighteen in the house. Deducing the republican majority of four in the senate from the democratic majority of eighteen in the house leaves the democrats a majority on joint ballot of fourteen.

Watson Believes in Dreams.

Hon. James E. Watson though defeated, is optimistic. In an address before the students of Indiana university he said:

"I will take you students into my confidence. I will tell you a secret which concerns a dream that I have cherished all my life. I have dreamed since a boy that I will be governor of Indiana. Notwithstanding my defeat I believe my dream will yet come true. Dreams always do. Dreams of today are the realities of tomorrow. My defeat was the first heat of the race. There will be another opportunity."

The G. A. R. Post served supper at their hall Saturday evening. An excellent menu was prepared by the ladies of the Relief Corps. There was a fairly good attendance.

NEWS LETTERS

Items of Interest From Our Able Corps of Correspondents.

STILLWELL.

The three months' old child of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Guenther, who live two miles south of this place, was found dead in bed Tuesday morning of last week. The child had not been sick and it is said that it was well at 2 o'clock in the morning when the mother was awake but when she awakened again at 4 o'clock the child was dead. The coroner was at once called from LaPorte and according to the statement of the coroner the child smothered in bed.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Barthel of Plymouth are visiting with T. W. Quinn and other friends in this vicinity.

Wallace Coleman, a former resident of South Bend, was found dead on the railroad by the Wabash section men at Kingsbury Tuesday morning of last week. It is not known whether he was on a train and fell off or was walking on the Wabash track when the train hit him. He had poor eyes and it is thought by some that he was walking on the track and did not see the train coming. He has been living at Kingsbury for the last three or four months and has a great many friends and relatives in that vicinity. Besides those he leaves wife and family to mourn his death.

Lots of business at the elevator of J. H. Taylor & Son since wheat has reached the dollar mark.

The dance given by the Gleaners last Saturday night was a complete success. Another dance is advertised for two weeks from last Saturday night.

F. A. Manz was in South Bend Sunday to spend the day with Prof. R. J. Rusk. Henry Robinson who, for several years has been farming near this place has accepted a position with a land company at \$1,200 a year. It is said that his duties will be to manage a large farm near LaCrosse, Ind. His family is still living here but he is expected to move to LaCrosse in the spring.

Miss Edith Draves went to Battle Creek Monday where she will spend a few weeks with friends.

BARBER.

Mrs. Sylvester Unger, who has been at the Epworth hospital at South Bend for an operation, returned home last Thursday.

Emanuel Hocker and wife and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Walterhouse were guests of Curt Ramsby and wife Sunday. John Schmitz and wife spent the day Saturday with Chas. Rupel and wife.

Mrs. Jane Wright left Tuesday for an extended visit at Benton Harbor, Elkhart and other points.

Miss Bessie Hocks was the happy recipient of a fine sideboard last week.

Mrs. Bettie Ramsby and daughter spent Thanksgiving with relatives in South Bend and Mishawaka.

Chas. Rupel raised his large bank barn Saturday.

Curtis Ramsby recently painted his new residence a coat of white, which greatly improves the appearance.

Mrs. Millie Hocker and daughter, Jessie, and Mrs. Wright and daughter, Dora, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Turner one day last week. A fine dinner was served and presided over by Grandma Hocker.

Mrs. George Sprague spent the day Saturday with Mrs. Flora Rupel.

The Barber Sunday school is increasing in attendance under the new plan of dividing it into two classes—Red class and Blue class. Each class is to solicit attendance, and the one with minority furnishes refreshments for the entire Sunday school.

KOONTZ'S LAKE.

Sam Dipert was on our streets Monday.

Chas. Alwood of South Bend was at the lake Monday.

Wanted about 17 gearless buggies. Enquire at the gun factory.

John Stankey knows how to build good roads. What is worth doing, is worth doing well.

Merton Duckett visited at home Sunday.

Vern Hardenbrook has cleaned the lake shore in front of his cottage.

TEEGARDEN.

The Menopee people will soon begin a series of revival meetings.

William Hornsby is reported seriously ill with the mumps.

Henry Lemert was treated to a birthday surprise party Monday evening.

Bruce Lemert's dog is missing. He would like those two young men to return the dog.

R. Hill of Michigan is visiting with his son Albert.

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.

President-elect Taft has announced that a special session of congress will be called shortly after March 4 to take up the question of tariff revision.

TYNER.

MYSTERY OF A PORTRAIT.

"The Unknown" Thought to Be a Painting of Washington. At the beginning of the revolutionary war a portrait called "The Unknown" was sent to the Talbot, or Town House of Glasgow, where it hung until recent years. It came there mysteriously—not by deed of gift or purchase—and very few knew anything about this picture of a youth in the uniform of a major in the British army.

In May, 1907, the State Department at Washington received a letter from R. W. Austin, American consul at Glasgow, giving an account of this portrait, then hanging in the People's Palace, which he said Mr. Langton, curator of the museum, contended was a portrait of George Washington, one that had been painted for Gov. Dinwiddie, when Washington was about 22 and was on the Colonial Governor's staff with the rank of major. Mr. Langton had made researches concerning the portrait of "The Unknown," and gives the traditional history of the picture:

When Gov. Dinwiddie was Colonial Governor of Virginia, and there were disturbances with the Indians, George Washington was recommended to him as one whose sagacity could be relied upon for conducting negotiations with the red men, and he was accordingly placed on the Governor's staff, with the rank of major.

Washington showed so much ability in dealing with the Indians and was personally so attractive that he became great favorite with the Governor, who, when he returned to Glasgow (his native place), took this full-length painting, which is distinctly of the Van Dyck school, with him. The portrait hung in his home until the beginning of the revolutionary war, when, Washington becoming a "rebel," the Governor sent it to the Town House, disguised under the name of "The Unknown." From the Talbot, a few years ago it was transferred to the People's Palace, the only picture without a record in the museum.

The curator calls attention to the general resemblance of the face and features and the proportions and bearing of the figure to the early portraits of Washington, and to the more special likeness of the gray eyes and of the mouth to Washington's youthful pictures. Washington's later portraits with which one is more familiar were very unlike the earlier ones.

The dress of the Glasgow portrait is almost identical with that of one of Washington's portraits painted in the uniform of a British officer. When the Glasgow portrait is seen in a strong light a morning glory, the native American convolvulus, which is not found in England or Scotland, is observed on the trunk of a tree in front of which it stands. Mr. Austin was so impressed with the account of the portrait of "The Unknown" that he wrote to the State Department on the subject, and suggested that the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association might take special interest in this newly-discovered portrait. Through the State Department it was brought to the attention of the association, and with the active interest and co-operation of our consul, aided by the generous courtesy of the Lord Provost and City Council of Glasgow, the portrait was finally sent as a loan to the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, which gave it an enthusiastic welcome, and has had it hung on the wall of the banquet hall at Mount Vernon.

The steamship company gave the portrait free transportation and the government gave it a free entry into the country. The association keeps the picture insured at the valuation placed upon it by the corporation of Glasgow. It will probably never be recalled, for the City Council of Glasgow disclaimed any power to give or sell the picture. It came to them in a mysterious way, and they could give no deed for it.

A Primitive Hotel. Rev. M. G. Dickinson, of the Second Baptist Church of Hoboken, was discussing the brilliant and successful war that he had made on the sheath skirt.

"The fact is," said Dr. Dickinson, smiling, "a good many women have lost sight of the purpose of the dress. They are misusing dress as—"

"But listen."

"A friend of mine stopped overnight in a rough mining camp. The sole hotel's accommodations were most inadequate. My friend had no sugar for his coffee.

"'Waiter,' he called impatiently, rapping his tin cup with his knife. 'Waiter, sugar!'

"The waiter took his cigar from his mouth and laid his soiled hand on my friend's shoulder in kindly fashion.

"'Sorry, boss,' he said, 'but you'll have to wait a few minutes for the sugar, which there ain't but three lumps in the house. An' them Redface Leary an' Stump Jerome is usin' just as present. They got 'em marked an' are shakin' dice with 'em. But I'll fetch 'em in the minute the boys is through.'

The Hurry Fad.

"Mr. Cleveland," said a Princeton lecturer, "had little sympathy with the rush and hurry that the American business man so complacently affects—not sympathy with train and boat dictation, with the lunch table telephone, the letter phonograph and the other bluffs."

"Don't rush so," Mr. Cleveland once said to me. "Lightning might do a great deal more if it wasn't always in such an awful hurry."

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Most of your friends want you to work for them for nothing.

Many a man who tells you how to do a thing, can't do it himself.

Tell us a woman's age, and we can tell you what she prays for.

Soup cannot be carried in a napkin; yet how many people try it!

As a rule, the person who carries a guitar on the street can't play very well.

Whenever a girl gets literary aspirations, she begins to use the word "erstwhile."

Usually a mother makes a bad break when she selects a middle name for her son.

There is awful little fighting done in the world, considering the big talk about it.

A boy doesn't feel there is much the matter with him unless he is sick at his stomach.