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It will pay you to examine our stock of loose and mounted stones.

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Danbury Hat Co.

Fall and winter stock is here and we are offering the biggest exhibit of new shapes and styles ever seen in this town.

Hats, Gloves and Umbrellas

Is the most complete our house has ever shown.

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Nowadays mean a pair of Tucker's gloves.

Now, we can fit any hand. Large line infants' gloves.

Prices from 50c to \$25 (for a pair).

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THE ONLY GLOVE STORE, 12 E. WASHINGTON ST.

THAT COUNTERFEIT BILL.

Not Likely that Any Have Come Here Except Through Ordinary Trade.

United States Secret-service Agent Carter says he does not think there has been any effort to pass the counterfeit \$2 silver certificate, series of 1891, that has appeared in this city.

That has appeared in this city. Thus far only four or five have been discovered and they indicate that they have been in use for a long time.

They were first put out in 1887. Mr. Carter thinks they have reached this city through the ordinary channels of business and not through persons interested in putting them out.

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GOOD SHOWING MADE

OF THE BUSINESS DONE IN THE INDIANAPOLIS POSTOFFICE.

Tabulated Statements for the Use of the Federal Building Committee.

This Winter in Washington.

Postmaster Sahn is still at work compiling statistics of the business of the Indianapolis postoffice to be used in the furtherance of the effort to secure a new federal building.

In point of money order business the Indianapolis postoffice outranks the office of a number of cities much larger in size.

An average of \$80 money orders are issued and cashed every day.

The following table shows the income in the money order business since 1886:

Table with columns: Year, Issued, Paid, Amounts. Rows for years 1886-1894.

Orders issued and paid, Amounts.

But while the volume of business has continued to increase, and while the number of employees has increased, and while the office has been enlarged, and while the room and room postoffice has not been increased, except after the most primitive fashion.

Our mail department has been completely crowded out of the government building and is now, in part, in a room down stairs.

The light is bad and in the best dark or cloudy weather we are compelled to substitute the artificial for the natural light.

The ventilation is worse and the result is the postoffice is a most unhealthy place, as is witnessed by the number of employees constantly on the sick list.

The arrangements for heating the building are incomplete and in cold weather there is much inconvenience and at times actual suffering on the account.

In addition to this Mr. Sahn has prepared other tables showing the increase of the business.

The following table shows the net profits of this office in the last seven years:

Table with columns: Year, Net Profit. Rows for years 1887-1894.

The number of square feet of floor space occupied by the present postoffice is 12,572.

Mr. Sahn shows that to properly handle the business, without inconvenient crowding, there should be 40,740 square feet, without making allowances for future growth.

HOOSIER EXPLORER DEAD.

Carl Steckelmann Drowned Off the West Coast of Africa.

Word has been received that Carl Steckelmann, an African explorer, was drowned Aug. 10.

The report comes from Mayumba, South Africa. It is hoped by his friends that there may be an error in the reports, but they seem to have been confirmed by letters received by the explorer's brother, Carl Steckelmann, of Shelbyville.

His information is that his brother found it necessary to use surf boats in transferring cargoes of merchandise for Tomlinson & Co., of Liverpool, whose agent he had been for ten years.

The coast opposite Mayumba is dangerous and during a high sea the boats were blown upon the reef.

Although an expert swimmer, Steckelmann was unable to save himself and was drowned.

Steckelmann had a number of Indianapolis correspondents, who have received occasional letters giving interesting information upon many questions.

They have revealed the nature of the explorer. His first thought seems to have been to better the condition of the natives and settlers with whom he came in contact.

He was an American in spirit, although foreign-born, and was proud of his adopted State.

Carl Steckelmann was born in Ellettsburg, near the Hartz mountains, in Prussian Saxony, thirty-two years ago.

When eighteen years old he determined to go to Africa as an explorer.

His father was opposed to the idea and sent him to visit an uncle, hoping his mind would be diverted into other channels.

He was not to be turned from his purpose, and in 1885, four years later, he went to Liverpool.

A contract was made by which he employed him upon his arrival in Africa if his services were needed.

Steckelmann landed at Mayumba. Some of Bishop Taylor's missionaries took an interest in him and he joined them in building houses and aided them in other ways.

A year later a young man employed by one of the English trading houses died and his place was given to Steckelmann.

From that time on he was actively engaged in the African trade and worked his way upward.

He became head of the firm. He visited this country in 1888, bringing with him a collection valued at \$20,000.

He could not dispose of \$3,000. During his stay in this country he was before many colleges and scientific societies with his collection.

Steckelmann was a noted gorilla hunter and has given a number of interesting descriptions of his experiences in that region.

He was shot by a gorilla that attacked him. On another occasion he captured a young gorilla, which he kept for some time at Mayumba.

During his first sojourn on the west coast of Africa, north of the Congo, he made a trip inland three hundred miles to Stanley pool by a route almost unknown.

On this trip he secured many valuable biological specimens.

In this connection Mr. Steckelmann bought a strip of land sixty by thirty miles in diameter on the west coast of Africa.

The price paid was about \$100 worth of gunpowder, beads, etc.

George C. Woodson, of this city, received probably the last letter he ever wrote to this country. It is dated in August.

His letter he asks as to the right to display the stars and stripes in the basin of the Congo ever his canoe.

This matter had been laid before the State Department, but was never acted upon.

Two Insanity Inquests.

Andrew Shackel was declared insane yesterday. He is a carpenter by trade, thirty years old, is married and has two children.

His worry about being out of work is supposed to have driven him mad. His trouble is that of acute melancholia.

Mrs. James Darnell was also pronounced insane. She is fifty years of age and married, but has no children.

She avoids her friends, believing they are about to take her life.

Sent to the Insane Hospital.

John McCloskey, an inmate of the Central Hospital for the Insane, was permitted to go home on parole some time ago.

He was considered cured, but has given his family considerable trouble lately and became unmanageable.

He was taken in charge by the police yesterday at his family's request and will be recommitted. The family lives at 12 Sullivan street.

New Organization Formed.

About twenty-five representatives of organized labor met at A. F. of L. headquarters, De Soto block, last evening and organized a Social Reform Club.

In harmony with the vote of the Denver convention of the A. F. of L. the object is to advance the interests of labor generally, by educational methods and otherwise.

Temporary officers were elected as follows: Milton Farham, president; J. W. Folger, secretary.

St. Louis Party Arrives to Make the Trip Over the Route To-Day.

The following prominent citizens of St. Louis reached this city this morning over the new L. D. & W.—Clover Leaf route, and will be entertained at breakfast at the Denton Hotel, after which a drive through the principal streets will be taken before their departure for St. Louis at 10 a. m.

On the first train to leave this city over the new St. Louis route:

Capt. Joseph I. Nanson, of the Nanson Commission Company; C. H. Spencer, Spencer-Hawlowe Commission Company; T. Birch, secretary Farmers' Elevator; N. O. Nelson, president N. O. Nelson Manufacturing Company; E. E. Ott, manager Merchants' Transportation Association; L. H. Tutting, president Tutting Sash and Door Company; A. F. Shapleton, president Shipley Hardware Company; Gordon Willis, manager Thorn & Hankins Lime and Cement Company; Forrest Ferguson, manager Ely Walker Dry-goods Company; Henry G. Kraft, Fern-Hart Milling Company, and the following members of the St. Louis Board of Trade: C. C. Jenkins, G. P. A.; J. Jennings, A. C. T. S. L. L. A.; J. E. May, J. E. A., of the T. S. L. & K. C. railroad. There is also a representative of each of the St. Louis dining parlors in the party.

The return party will be accompanied by a large number of Indianapolis people and representatives of each of the papers.

HIDES UNDER THE LAW.

Borrower of County Funds Refuses to Pay—A Comma or Semi-Colon.

A case in Randolph county emphasizes the fact that more care and consideration in editing bills passed by the Legislature is necessary.

In this case it is claimed by Judge Elliot that the question of a comma or semi-colon changes a law so as to make it mean probably the opposite of what is really intended.

Section 41 of H. B. 206, 1881, in the enrolled copy, reads:

"Whoever uses by way of investment in any kind of business, or either with or without interest, (c) or deposits with any person or persons, corporation or corporation, or any law, or exchanges for other funds, \* \* \* is guilty of embezzlement, etc."

Where in this enrolled copy there is a comma after the word "interest," in Burns's statutes there is a semi-colon. It is possible that the difference in punctuation may make no difference in the meaning of the law, but it leaves a point for the mystification of courts, and makes it necessary for the Supreme Court to rule upon the question, if any one desires to raise the point.

The case from Randolph county is one that arises under a recent question of the Supreme Court. The treasurer of Randolph county failed to pay the borrower now refuses to pay it, relying upon the decision that it is not collectible.

COTTON MANUFACTURE.

The Industry Seems Prosperous Just Now in This City.

The Indianapolis Bleaching Company, lately incorporated by Brower & Love Bros., will be operated in conjunction with their cotton mill.

The combined concerns will be one of the largest labor employers in the city.

Within six weeks a new plant for bleaching house No. 120 will be completed adjoining the present one. The new building will be a three-story structure.

The company bleaches cotton, hemp, wool and jute, and will use 50,000 tons of clay annually. The plant will employ 100 men, and will be equipped with the latest machinery.

The shirtings and sheetings bleached are for the consumption of the entire country. The present daily output of the bleaching is 30,000 yards, but when the new plant is finished will be increased to 100,000 yards a day or more will be handled.

The present force of hands employed is 225. This will be increased to 250. The Love brothers have operated the cotton mill since July, 1884. In the winter of 1885 the mill was burned. When rebuilt it was made three stories high. The present buildings are 30x150 feet.

DOUGLAS CLUB MEETING.

Speeches by Prominent Members and Others Well Received.

Wednesday night the Douglas Republican Club, of North Meridian, held an enthusiastic meeting at Greenleaf's Hall.

James Williams, in an eloquent manner, outlined the object and purpose of the organization. Merrill Moore spoke on the influence of good citizenship. Attorney Isaacs Blair made a stirring speech, commending the efforts of the club.

Robert Metzger was listened to with great attention and frequently interrupted by applause. Warwick H. Ripley said before the meeting the work in which the Lincoln League is engaged, and gave valuable hints for effective work. Messrs. Jones, Richardson, and Robinson gave short speeches, and after this part of the programme refreshments were served.

The club has a membership of several hundred, and meetings are to be held frequently from now on.

At the meeting of Wednesday night expressed themselves as highly pleased with the manner in which the new club has commenced operations.

A BRIGADIER COMING.

The Salvation Army Will Be Assisted by an Officer High in Rank.

Brigadier Fielding, divisional commander of the Salvation Army, accompanied by his wife, will arrive in this city from Chicago tomorrow.

Brigadier Fielding has lately returned from England, where he spent considerable time investigating General Booth's various schemes for the uplifting of the "submerged tenth," and he will speak on that subject at the Salvation Army Hall, South Illinois street, at 8 p. m. tomorrow.

Mrs. Fielding has had twenty years' experience in the work of the Salvation Army. She will be charged with the duties of Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Sunday night there will be a meeting for the purpose of awarding medals to a band of colors will be presented to the corps here.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning, Ensign Blackhurst, Brigadier Fielding's private secretary, will conduct a holiness meeting.

AT THE TRUSTEE'S OFFICE.

Little Destitution Reported Among the Local People—Transient Calls.

The number of applications for aid, made to the Trustee's Office, has not increased in number those made this time last year. The trustee is anticipating the usual business for the season.

No cases of destitution have been reported up to date. The weather has been favorable to the poor, and the large amount of work has given employment to many.

At present the office is called upon by many transients who are passing through the city in effort to find some desirable place to pass the winter. Many of them are going home, many are trying to find homes, and a few are hunting work.

WILL RAISE PRICES.

Fruit Bottle Manufacturers Meet and Decide on an Increase.

The Western Fruit-bottle Association held its annual meeting at the Bates House yesterday, at which it was decided to make a substantial advance in prices.

The increase is to take effect Jan. 1, and to counteract the falling off of business, incident to the holidays, a two weeks' stop was ordered in January. Fully 20 per cent. of the output of the country will be represented at the meeting. Those attending the meeting are very excited, and have reported that every manufacturer is busy, working only on orders.

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And a large variety of Airt, at prices that will astonish you. See our CHANGEABLE CYLINDER BOXES. They are beauties.

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Estimates Furnished. See us before contracting.

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WHERE ARE THE DEMOCRATS?

Not in Evidence and Little Talk or Clamor for Nominations.

The Democratic State committee has not held a meeting since this State went 40,000 Republican last year. It has been so long since a meeting was held that not many Democrats can remember the date of the last.

The committee has not retired from the field permanently, however, and will meet for reorganization. Yesterday Secretary Riley, of the committee, said he had heard nothing on the question of reorganization, but it would take place in January.

He said the district inquests would be held about the same time as the Republicans hold theirs. He also said the call could be issued by the chairman and secretary, but it was usual to call the entire committee together for the purpose of authorizing the district meetings, and he supposed the same rule would be observed this year.

Mr. Reilly is chief clerk in the pension office, and is paying but little heed to politics, and, indeed, no one seems to be looking after the party organization at the present time.

A little time after Mr. Taggart was elected Mayor of this city there was some talk of the State next year. It was held back after the recent sweeping Republican victories. The men usually regarded as the best candidates for the nomination are: Charles W. Meikel, of North Vernon, will also try for the nomination.

It is hard to get light on the subject of who will be candidates for the other nominations. The men who will be candidates for the nomination for Governor, is seeking the nomination for Governor. He seems to think the Democratic party can carry the State next year if it will get to work and nominate a good ticket. He believes his party is strong after defeat. B. F. Shively, of South Bend, and Allen Zoller, of Fort Wayne, are also candidates for the nomination. Another candidate is John P. Shanahan, of Chicago. J. D. New of North Vernon, will also try for the nomination.

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