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WINTER IN MEXICO

Mrs. Morrison Leaves Tomorrow for Four Months' Absence

THE CLIMATE IS FINE

Accompanied by Kansas City Friend on Prolonged Absence

Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison will leave tomorrow morning for Kansas City, Mo., where she will be joined by a lady friend, Miss Emma Brownlee, who will accompany her on a four months' sight seeing expedition to many historical places in Texas and Mexico, returning by the way of Havana, Cuba. These ladies will make a short stay at San Antonio, Texas, after which they will go to Monterey, Mexico, for a brief visit. From here they go to Tampico, Mexico, located on the Gulf of Mexico and the greatest seaport of that country. The grand canyon from Panafato to San Luis Potosi, will then be visited, after which the ladies will see the pyramids of the sun and the moon at Pueblo. The volcano Popocatepetl the second highest in the continent, will then be visited and the hot belt in which the growing and shipping of coffee is the principal industry will be given attention by the party on their way to Lake Chapala, which is the second highest lake in the world being between 5,000 and 6,000 feet above sea level and only being exceeded in height by the lake at Yellowstone park. Placola, the place where Christopher Columbus built his boats when he went to the city of Mexico in the sixteenth century, is the next historical spot that will occupy the attention of the ladies. They will then make a short stay in Vera Cruz, sailing from there to Progreso, Yucatan, returning to Miami, Florida, by the way of Havana, Cuba. They will then travel along the eastern coast for a short visit, returning home therefrom. The trip to be made is a most extensive one even more so than indicated in this article, as there are many places in Mexico these ladies expect to visit that have not been mentioned. Mrs. Morrison has already visited some of the places they expect to make but this trip will be one of the most extensive journeys ever taken by Mrs. Morrison and it takes in innumerable historical places that will indeed prove interesting to her and her friend. They will return some time in May.

ROME CITY COTTAGERS MET.

Planning to Rid Lake of Stumps and Weeds.

A meeting of the Rome City Cottagers' association was held last night in the offices of F. P. Wilt & Co., for the purpose of hearing the report of the secretary and treasurer, F. P. Wilt, which showed that about \$400 had been pledged by the cottagers to carry on the removing of weeds and stumps from Sylvan lake.

A committee of five, consisting of J. C. Peters, Louis Fox, W. S. Spohnauer, F. P. Hilt and J. B. Franke, was appointed to confer with Superintendent Hudson, of the G. R. & I. railway, with a view of having him to ask the company to set aside an amount for the assistance of the project. The committee has the power to proceed with the work in any manner they may see fit.

As soon as the lake is frozen over, the work of removing the stumps will be commenced as the low stage of the water, which is now about five feet below the normal summer level, will favor the operations of those performing the work. The subject of removing the weeds will be discussed later and the best manner in which to go at the work, will be investigated, so that the work may be taken up without delay, about June of this year.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.

The meetings at the Evangelical church continue evening by evening with good sized audiences. The meetings are of good interest and are helpful to all who participate. Christian people near and far are invited to attend. The "grip" is abating and our forces are rallying more and more. This is work of the Kingdom of God and you should have a part. Service begins at 7:15.

AT LUMBERMAN'S CONVENTION.

A. H. Sellemeyer, Son Jesse and M. Kirsch Attend Meeting.

Messrs. A. H. Sellemeyer, son Jesse and M. Kirsch, of the firm of Kirsch, Sellemeyer and Sons, have gone to Indianapolis to attend the Lumberman's convention, which is in session at the Claypool hotel in Indianapolis. At this meeting the election of officers for the ensuing year were elected and much important business transacted. The discussion of the lumber question was taken up and many interesting facts were presented.

THE RIGHT STUFF

Chairman Jackson Makes a Statement to His Party

HIS ONLY AMBITION

To Bring Democrats Together and Win Victory in Indiana

Greenfield, Ind., Jan. 15.—U. S. Jackson, the new state chairman of the democratic party issued a formal statement of his position now and in the coming campaign. In it he declares he is controlled by no faction and will be dictated to by no man. The following written statement was issued today:

"To the Democrats of Indiana—In assuming the duties of chairman of the democratic state committee I feel it my duty to communicate to you of the rank and file of the party some of my aims and purposes. You are interested in my convictions and you shall have them without reservation.

"I shall perform the duties of the position, having in mind only the welfare of the democratic party, fully conscious that victory can be brought about only by harmony. If there is any man in Indiana who expects me to aid him for his personal end or ambition, or if any class or interest expects to use me or my position to assist in any selfish purpose or end of that class or interest, they will find they have misjudged me.

"I will allow myself to be dictated to by no man, nor will I be controlled by any faction within the party, nor by any faction either within or without the party.

"In this campaign all democrats who will loyally support the candidates and principles will look alike to me and all such will be welcomed at headquarters, for I will need the co-operation of all.

Refute Falsehood by Acts.

"It has been charged by the republican newspapers that I was elected to back one man and two or three interests. I can only refute these monstrous falsehoods by performing the duties of the position in such an impartial manner and with such zeal for party success as to demonstrate how basely false this is, for you, my fellow democrats, will watch my movements.

"I owe my full allegiance to the democratic party. All my life, in season and out of season, in victory and out of victory, I have worked for democratic success. I put all my heart in the democratic party and I love the grand old party, and venerate its traditions.

Ambition is Bryan's Election.

"If I can only contribute this year to the election of William Jennings Bryan to the presidency I will have reached the summit of my ambition, and will be more than repaid for all my labor which I intend to give to these ends.

"Democrats, on behalf of these ends, dear to my heart, I earnestly ask you for co-operation and support in organizing for victory. Without this I will be well nigh powerless. With your enthusiastic support, our cause will be invincible. Let your best men be named for office in the township, county and district. Let personal ambition and petty jealousies be put out of sight and put forth your best efforts.

"In conclusion, I want to repeat that every democrat who is willing to work for party success will find in me an ally and friend and I earnestly invoke the aid of all friends of this good country in the great contest which is before us.

(Signed) "U. S. JACKSON.

Chairman of the State Democratic Committee."

A CURRENCY BILL

Senator Bacon Introduces One in the Senate

REJECT APPOINTMENT

Foraker is After Taft and President—Forest Planting

Washington, January 16.—Senator Bacon introduced a currency bill and explained its chief features to the senate. The bill provides that any national banking association with circulating notes outstanding, secured by deposits of United States bonds of not less than 50 per cent of its capital stock and with a surplus of not less than 20 per cent of the capital stock, may secure circulation by the deposit of security with the treasury department. The same privilege is extended to any bank, trust or savings institution chartered by the United States, and it is provided that such institution may secure on the basis of these securities United States currency notes to the extent of 100 per cent of the par value in the case of United States bonds deposited as security, and 75 per cent of the par value of State, county or municipal bonds or obligations.

Washington, January 16.—The president received an unusual communication from the senate. It was from Secretary Bennett, of that body, and it informed him that the senate had rejected four nominations for postmasters in Ohio sent in by him two weeks ago. The communication did not give the ground on which the nominations were rejected, but the president knew it without being told. He had appointed the postmasters on the recommendation of Secretary of War Taft, instead of following custom by accepting the recommendations of the two republican senators from Ohio.

Washington, January 16.—The study of forest planting in Indiana made by the forest service the last field season brought out some interesting facts regarding a number of economic trees. This was especially true of the southern third of the state, where there is much broken land too poor to be considered valuable from any agricultural standpoint.

BABY SON DEAD

The Death Angel Again Visits Home of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Light

CLAIMS LITTLE SON

Within Few Months Mr. Light Has Lost Mother, Sister and Son

Luther Daniel, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Light, who reside at Steele's park, died last night at ten o'clock, after an illness dating back several weeks, death resulting from pneumonia. The little son was eighteen months' of age and had just reached that point in life where it had become a household pride and the fond parents are grief stricken over the turn of affairs. The babe first took sick with an attack of lung fever, which gradually ran into a rank case of pneumonia, and owing to its already weakened condition the child was unable to battle against the ravagings of the latter disease and last night death relieved it from all earthly suffering. During the past few months Mr. Light has lost his sister, Mother and now the baby son. Surely this family are having more than their quota of sorrow.

The funeral will be held Friday at ten o'clock, the funeral cortege leaving the house at nine-thirty o'clock sun time. Rev. A. B. Haist, of this city, will officiate. Interment will be made in the Salem cemetery.

J. S. Buchanan brought his feathered possessions home from the Decatur poultry show last week, and to say that he was in high feather because of the accomplishment of his fowl, is making a mild expression indeed. His famous Buff Plymouth Rocks, three in number, walked off with prizes as follows: First on cock, first on cockerel and first on pullet. He was given a special prize also for the best Buff Plymouth Rock in the show. This makes three years in succession that he has won 1st on cockerels and pullets, which is positive proof of the quality of his stock.—Willshire Herald.

GIVEN NEW TRIAL

Rev. Charles Preston Foreman May Yet Secure a Judgment

IN DAMAGE SUIT

Is Asking \$15,000 for Injuries Sustained in Wreck at Jeffersonville

New Albany, Ind., January 15.—A new trial was today granted the Rev. Charles Preston Foreman, formerly of this city, now living at Winona Lake, by Judge W. C. Utz, of the Floyd circuit court, in his suit for \$15,000 damages against the Louisville & Northern railway company for alleged personal injuries sustained by the overturning of an interurban car in Jeffersonville, while returning from a meeting of the Presbytery at Charlottesville in September, 1906. The jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant last October, and Mr. Foreman's attorneys filed a motion for a new trial. Judge Utz sustained the motion today on the ground that the verdict was contrary to the evidence.

Rev. Foreman conducted services at the Presbyterian church here for several months prior to January 1st. He has not recovered from the accident by any means and his friends will be glad to learn that he has been given another chance, for they believe him entitled to a verdict. He left Winona recently to take a country charge near Indianapolis, hoping to recuperate during the year.

MISS GUSTA CRAMER ILL AGAIN

Popular Telephone Operator Suffering from Old Ailment.

Miss Gusta Cramer, the telephone operator, is at present confined to her bed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cramer, suffering from the same old complaint, stomach trouble. She was taken ill at the above named place Sunday, where she had been spending the day and since that time she has been under the constant care of her physician. Her condition has been such that it was impossible to move her until today, when a turn for the better caused her removal to her own home on First street. It is thought by her physician at this time that she will recover and will in a short time be able to be up and around again and resume her duties at the telephone plant.

"WHIRLWIND" STRIKES SHOALS.

Comic Opera Company Disbanded at Fort Wayne.

There was no "Whirlwind" at the Indiana theater last night. The event failed completely to hit the town. The show played a date Tuesday night at Fort Wayne and, it is stated at the ticket office at the Indiana, that it played it so badly that the show was cancelled by the local house. As a result, Marion people, prompted as much by curiosity as anything else into purchasing tickets for the event, were disappointed in failing to see the former Miss Irene Keck, local girl, with a limelight history, glitter before the local footlights.—Marion News-Tribune. Charles H. France, of this city, was one of the comedians with the "Whirlwind."

EARLY NEXT WEEK

New Gas Line Will Be Complete—Will Be Used at Geneva Monday

DECATUR DELAYED

The Gas Will Likely Be Turned on Here by Wednesday

The people of Decatur who are anxious to know about the gas situation will no doubt be glad to hear that an official announcement from T. Wishart, who has full charge of the construction and maintenance of the Wabash Valley Gas company, is to the effect that the new line will be completed between Geneva and the new gas territory by next Saturday. According to a statement from this gentleman, Geneva will have gas by Monday sure and probably next Saturday as the city officials of that place have accepted the conditions of the gas company. Decatur can be connected as quickly as Geneva, but owing to the fact that the city council has not, as yet decided upon accepting the minimum rate, the citizens of this place will be without gas until they have acted upon same. In all probability the city dads will render their decision next Tuesday night and then the gas question will be definitely settled. In the interview with Mr. Wishart it was explained that the gas to be used at Geneva and Decatur will be purchased from the Warren Oil and Gas company at a certain percentage and consequently the rates are fixed by them. Mr. Wishart is anxious that Decatur have gas and he is pushing the work of construction to get the lines connected as soon as possible.

Plans are being made for a great time during the meeting of the Fort Wayne district conference to be held in this city at the M. E. church during the first part of March. Arrangements are being made to accommodate one hundred and fifty guests.

The vxarious business men of the city have elaborately displayed their windows with the excellent goods they sell and it will pay any one who contemplates making a purchase to take a look before buying.

Miss Countz is in the city making a visit with her mother.

A GOOD PROGRAM

An Entertaining Evening at the Library Hall, January 30th

BY EUTERPEAN CLUB

Miss Grace Miller, Formerly of Decatur, and Miss Elliot—"Tennyson"

Miss Grace Miller, formerly of Decatur, and Miss Etta Elliott will fill an engagement at the library hall, Thursday, January 30. This entertainment will be given under the auspices of the Euterpean club and the patronage of the public is earnestly solicited. Tickets may be obtained of the club members or of Miss Fannie Eite, the secretary, at twenty-five cents. The program is as follows:

Tennyson's Lyrics:

(a) The Brook.....Dolores
(b) The Milkmaid's Song.....Foote
(c) The Bugle Song.....Metcalf
Miss Grace Miller.

II.
Enoch Arden, with musical setting by Richard Strauss, as arranged and presented by Miss Etta Elliott.

III.
Crossing the Bar.....Neldlinger
Miss Grace Miller.

Mr. John Herman, of north Fifth street, is confined to his home on account of the grip.

Fred Schaffer, of Whiting, Ind., is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schaffer, of St. Marys township this week.

During the past several days there has been considerable argument among various citizens as to whether or not there is such a thing as the woman in black. Some are firm in their belief that there is, while others scoff the idea. However, we desire to say this much, that owing to the fact that our informants are such reliable people we are firmly inclined to believe that there is such a woman, but who or what she is we are at a loss to state. We would like very much for some brave man to expose this woman and we assure you we will publish the names if caught.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Three New Cases Will Soon Arrive Here From Jay County

CHANGE OF VENUE

Miss Bess Wherry Chosen Deputy Recorder—Two Cases Dismissed

Eli D. McClellum filed apition to be released as surety on the bond of Tazewell Fritz, guardian for George A. Fritz et al. The notice was made returnable February 3rd.

The case of Henry Schindler et al vs Julia Betzell, suit on note, attachment and garnishment has been dismissed and the cost paid.

Elmer Eaton vs Cora Hooker Eaton, submitted, find and decree for a divorce to the plaintiff. Judgment against plaintiff for costs.

Charles McConnell vs Florence and Clinton B. Gliner, a case brought here from Jay county to replevin a restaurant located at Portland, has been dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff.

Notice for final settlement of the Charles Bixler estate on February 10th has been ordered published.

Miss Bess Wherry has accepted a position as deputy county recorder and began her duties this morning, succeeding Miss Cloud, who will leave soon for the west on a several months visit.

Three new cases will be filed in the circuit court, being sent here on change of venue from the Jay circuit court. The nature of the cases could not be learned, but the transcripts should arrive within a day or two.

The jury was discharged for the term last evening, there being no other cases for their consideration. A divorce case for Friday and another for Saturday will wind up the term.

A marriage license was issued to Samuel D. Henschen, aged twenty and Florence F. Yane, aged nineteen, of Kirkland township.

THEY WANT MORE MONEY.

Township Trustees Held a Meeting at Indianapolis.

The Indiana township trustees who arrived in Indianapolis to attend their seventeenth annual meeting in the senate chamber at the state house, have come with the conviction burning deep in them that their services are worth more than \$2 per diem in their townships. Probably the principal fruits of the trustees' meeting this year will be a lobby that in the next legislature will again urge an increase of their pay from \$2 to \$3 a day, and will also again urge a change in the laws that will permit re-election of township trustees. Both of these bills were pushed by their lobby before the legislature last year and were bowled out. The trustees will also probably make another effort for the enactment of the Wood bill, legalizing the acts of township boards when approved by advisory boards and when made in good faith and in the absence of evidences of fraud or collusion.

REVIVAL MEETING AT ALPHA.

Rev. Newcomb will begin his revival services at the Alpha M. E. church next Sunday evening. The meeting will continue two weeks or longer if the interest demands it.

SOCIAL DECATUR

Knights of Columbus Gave an Enjoyable Dance to Their Friends

SHAKESPEARE CLUB

Held Regular Meeting—Mrs. David Gerber Entertained the Aid Society

A sleighing party to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Zimmerman, near Peterson, last Tuesday evening, was an enjoyable affair. Games and music were the chief amusements after arriving. A dainty luncheon was served. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Edd Zimmerman, Mrs. Sue Bell, Margaret, Edith and Mabel Beery, Clyde Beery, Chas. Zimmerman, Jessie Barry, Wilson Griffith, Daton Zimmerman.

The Shakespeare club spent a very delightful afternoon on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. John Tyndall, of Monroe street. The hostess had an interesting paper on the early history of Canada, while the sub-topics were along the same line. The attendance was excellent.

Mrs. David Gerber was pleasant hostess at the business meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the German Reformed church yesterday afternoon. During the session they elected new officers for the coming year. They were: President, Mrs. C. Vogt; treasurer, Mrs. P. Hurst; secretary, Mrs. Fred Reppert. At the close of the meeting a luncheon was served and a social hour enjoyed.

There will be no meeting of the Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church on Friday afternoon on account of sickness.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church will give a social on Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Lee on north Third street. A splendid program will be rendered, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

N. Swank and baby Lilah, of Muncie, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Al Burdick and family. They will leave today for a visit at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Among the notable social events of the week will be an amicable shower to be given for Mr. F. E. France at the Commercial club Saturday evening. It is rumored that the list of presents will include several chickens and other things. Pinochle will be served in chunks of four. Everybody not invited.

Mrs. Isaac Peters entertained a few friends at a twelve o'clock dinner this noon at her home on Monroe street. The guests who were so delightfully entertained were: Mrs. John Bollinger, Mrs. D. V. Steele and daughters Iva, Lillian and Zelma, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peters.

Miss Gertrude DeVoss will entertain the Euchre club on Friday evening at her home. There will be only the members present.

The chief event for this evening will be the box social of the C. B. L. of I. lodge at their hall. The public is cordially invited, and a large crowd is expected.

The K. of C. members and their lady friends were royally entertained at a progressive pedro party last evening given at the hall. Eight games were played and Miss Edna Ehinger led the ladies, winning seven games. A beautiful china dish was given as a prize. Tom Haefling proved to be the winner among the gentlemen, a brown silk handkerchief and tie being captured by him. Afterward the hall was cleared and the merry guests danced the light fantastic until midnight. The music was furnished by Med Miller and John Wemhoff.

The Eastern Star lodge will meet this evening at their hall. All members are earnestly requested to be present.

Mrs. G. W. Knorr is entertaining a number of ladies this afternoon at an afternoon party. A full description will appear in tomorrow's issue.