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TO GIVE MUSICAL

Pupils of St. Agnes Academy Will Give Public Entertainment

A GOOD PROGRAM

List of Pupils Who Have Completed Grades and Will Receive Diplomas

A choice treat to all lovers of music will be given by the pupils of St. Agnes academy at Bosse opera house on December 29, 1908. Begins at 8:30 p. m. All are kindly requested to encourage the pupils by their presence. The academy will be closed after the recital until January 4, 1909. The pianos will be furnished by Mr. Stoneburner. The program follows:

1. Christmas Bells March. Piano Solo Misses Agnes Melbers, Ruth Buhler, Dale Payne.
 2. Evening Chimes. Duet Misses Edna Ehinger, Lettie Fullenkamp, Minnie Loether, Adelaide Sellemeyer, Rose Egan and Georgine Melbers.
 3. Military March. Trio Misses Eva Stein, Louisa Teeple, Catherine Keller, Frances Gaffer, Frances Burrell, Irene Eady, Naomi Baker, Marcella Kuebler, Dreda Parent.
 4. Friendship, Love and Song. Vocal Quartette Piano, Miss Mary Deininger; sop., Miss Clara Terveer; alto, Mrs. J. Q. Neptune; ten., Dr. J. Q. Neptune; bass, Mr. H. Yager.
 5. Congenial Hearts. Duet Misses Esther Corbett, Agnes Coffee, Edith Ervin, Josephine Lange, Etta Elsey, Ruth Buhler.
 6. Dying Poet. Duet Masters James Sprague, Joseph Didot, Misses Naomi Niblick, Agnes Kohne, Marie Kintz, Agnes Melbers.
 7. Shooting Stars. Trio Misses Veda Hensley, Matilda Beling, Gladys Meyers, Matilda Helmann, Marie Connell, Stella Braun and Masters Eugene Bremerkamp, Raymond Keller, Norbert Holthouse.
 8. Silver Trumpet. Quartette 1st piano, Misses Mary and Bertha Deininger, Cecilia Kinney, Josephine Lange; 2nd piano, Mrs. J. Q. Neptune, Miss Georgia Melbers.
 9. Charge of the Hussars. Duet and Trio Miss Nora Ehr, Mrs. E. Vaughn, Misses Rose Colchin, Lettie Fullenkamp, Germaine Coffee, Genevieve Bremerkamp, Genevieve Berling.
 10. Jolly Brothers Galop. Duet Masters Norbert Holthouse, Omer Niblick, Misses Gladys Meyers, Laurine Keller, Matilda Helmann, Stella Braun.
 11. Come and Join the Merry Dance. Vocal Quartette Piano, Miss Mary Deininger; sop., Miss C. Terveer; alto, Mrs. J. Q. Neptune; ten., Dr. Neptune; bass, Mr. Louis Holthouse.
 12. Ventr Terre Speed Galop. Quartette 1st piano, Misses Marie Kintz, Naomi Niblick, Agnes Kohne, Agnes Melbers; 2nd piano, Misses Germaine Coffee, Genevieve Berling.
 13. Race for Life Galop. Duet Misses Leona Bosse and Laurine Keller, Masters James Sprague, Joseph Didot, Francis Schmitt, Glen Tague.
 14. Midnight Fire Alarm. Vocal Quartette Piano, Miss Mary Deininger; sop., Miss C. Terveer; alto, Mrs. J. Q. Neptune; ten., Dr. J. Q. Neptune; bass, Messrs Louis Holthouse and H. Yager.
- DIPLOMA PARTS.
IV and III Grade.
Morning Prayer, by Wiegand.
Piano Solo Genevieve Berling, Naomi Niblick, Agnes Kohne.
III and II Grade.
Music on the Water, Reverie, by Wyman.
Misses Josephine Lange, Marie Kintz, Agnes Melbers.
II Grade.
Little Postillon. Piano Solo Laurine Keller, Stella Braun, Matilda Helmann.
Distribution of Diplomas.
Rev. Father Wilken
Light Cavalry March. Quartette 1st piano, Misses Eva Stein, Lau-

rine Keller, Leona Bosse, Masters Glen Tague, J. Didot; 2nd piano, Matilda Helmann and Stella Braun.

Misses Genevieve Berling and Naomi Niblick have finished Major and Minor scales in a most creditable manner, and will be presented with a scale book to serve as future guide.

Following is a list of names of pupils who completed grades and will receive diplomas:

Grade IV.—Miss Genevieve Berling, Naomi Niblick, Mary Deininger.

Grade III.—Misses Josephine Lange, Agnes Kohne, Marie Kintz.

Grade II.—Misses Genevieve Berling, Naomi Niblick, Agnes Melbers, Agnes Kohne, Effie Johnson, Laurine Keller, Stella Braun, Matilda Helmann, Masters Glen Tague, James Sprague, Francis Schmitt.

Grade I.—Misses Catherine Keller, Louise Teeple, Frances Gaffer, Emma Kinney, Dreda Parent, Eva Stein, Frances Burrell, Naomi Baker, Edna Ehinger, Esther Corbett, Electa Baltzell, Etta Elsey, Irene Eady, Effie Johnson, Rose Colchin, Rose Egan, Marcella Kuebler, Edith Ervin, Masters Omer Niblick, Norbert Holthouse.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Usual Grist Has Been Received at the Daily Democrat Office

SENT TO TOYLAND

One Boy Wants So Much He May Scare the Old Fellow Clear Away

Of course as Christmas approaches the usual number of letters to Santa Claus have been written from this county, and a stack of them high enough to frighten the kind old gentleman we fear, quite badly, has been received at this office. We regret that we have been unable to publish them on account of the lack of space, and we assure our little friends that they have been duly forwarded to Toyland where they receive due attention no doubt from the old gift man. These letters are interesting. Some want many things, others will be satisfied with just most anything, a few would rather that brother or sister was taken care of and all are written in a childish way that makes them good to read. The following from one modest little fellow is a sample of what the average youth wants nowadays:

Monroe, Ind., Dec. 18, 1908.
Dear Santa Claus—Please send me a little drum and a wheelbarrow and a sled and a little tin horn to blow and a shetland pony and a little cart and a long buggy whip and a otomobile with men ridin on it one that can go like sixty if you can't bring these bring me a pair of skates and a fiddle a lots of peanuts and candy and oranges would like to have some building blocks and a revolver to kill indians and bears and a little lantern and a baloon and a fiddle and bango and a plain and hatchet and saw to build a big house with please send these dear Santa Klaus as I am a good boy and mind my pa.

Good by Santa,
George A. Myers,
Monroe, Ind., R. R. 1, Box 38.

XMAS PLANS OF SOLONS.

Few Indiana Members of Congress Are at the Capital.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The exodus of Indiana congressmen has continued steadily during the last two days, and but few of the Hoosier statesmen are left at the capital. Representative and Mrs. Chaney will spend Christmas in Washington. Representative Foster will start to Evansville the day after Christmas. Representative Rauch started homeward today. He is scheduled to make a speech on the night of Dec. 29 before the Jefferson Club of Marion, when his subject will be "The Eleventh District." Representative Crumpacker, who is helping to frame the tariff bill, will go to Indiana long enough to eat Christmas dinner at the old home farm where he was raised. All of the Crumpacker children—seven in number—arranged when their father died recently that they would have a reunion on that day at the old home place.

IN CIRCUIT COURT

Change of Venue Taken in Straub Damage Case Against Erie

SUIT ON ACCOUNT

Being Heard Before Jury Today—Marriage at the Clerk's Office

The case of Daniel Straub et al vs. Chicago & Erie Ry. Co., damages \$1,500 has been sent to the superior court, Fort Wayne, for trial, change of venue being granted on motion by defendant.

The case of Mutal Mfg. Co., vs. Christine Kuntz, account \$350, is being heard by the jury today. It is a case wherein the plaintiff seeks to recover for a bill of toilet articles. Mrs. Kuntz claims she never signed the order. The jury was empaneled and trial began at 9:45. The plaintiff is represented by Dore B. Erwin and the defendant by F. M. Cottrell and A. P. Beatty.

Fort Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co. vs. Andrew Miller et al, injunction, bill of exceptions No. 1 filed by plaintiff, signed, dated and made a part of the record.

Real estate transfers: Henry Colter to Harvey Brodbeck, lot 9, Rivarre \$35; B. F. Brown to J. M. Hoagland, 20 acres, Washington township, \$2,400; Decatur Cemetery Ass'n lot 458 to A. B. Wolfe, \$35; Rosa L. Watts et al to Winnie Marhenke, tract in Root township \$200; Maggie Vesey to Mary E. Rickard lot 16, Monroe, \$305.

Arthur Ford, an oil pumper and Cecil Shoemaker, both from Geneva, were married at the clerk's office Saturday evening. Squire J. H. Stone officiated. The groom is twenty-two and the bride seventeen years old.

GOT A BAD FALL

William Woodward, of Ossian, Thrown from Horse

BUT WILL RECOVER

Was Trying Out a Horse for Frank Berger of this City

William Woodward, of Ossian, met with an accident Saturday that for a time looked pretty much like he was done for, and at that he is not feeling the best over his rough treatment, says the Bluffton Banner. Mr. Woodward had gone to the home of J. Orr, west of Ossian, with Frank Berger, a horse buyer from Decatur. Mr. Berger has been buying horses out of Ossian for the past several days and Mr. Woodward has been going with him in the country. At the Orr home this morning, there was a deal on for an animal, one that was thoroughly broke to drive and work, but not to ride. Mr. Woodward mounted on the animal's back to try him up and down the field to see whether or not his wind was good, and the animal, not used to that sort of thing, at once began rearing and plunging, finally throwing Mr. Woodward off. He fell on his left side and it was at once known that he was seriously hurt. Mr. Berger took him to Ossian as soon as possible, and it was some time before a doctor could be secured, and the fact that breathing was hard for Woodward, the report soon spread that he was very seriously injured. However, upon examination, it was discovered he was not so seriously hurt as was at first reported.

Judge Richter of Laporte, is in receipt of the following letter dated Hamilton, Ohio, December 17th: "Dear Sir: I write this to inform you that Ray Lamphere is not guilty in connection with the burning of my house. You are greatly mistaken as to the finding of my body among the ruins. I am, yours truly, Mrs. Gunness."

JOHNS WHITE WAS UNRULY.

Wouldn't Go to Bed so His Wife Called the Police.

A call was received at midnight by Sheriff Lipkey to go to the home of Johns White, where Mrs. White said her husband and his brother, "Dug" White were raising a row so that none of the family could sleep. She said that she would like for them to be taken away. The two brothers live close together and when the officers arrived "Dug" immediately started for home and announced that he was going to go to bed. His brother, however, said that he would be darned if he went to bed. He did not like the idea of accompanying the officers to jail, but under pressure he was forced to do it. Lew Stout has taken the man home twice from town but he refused to remain there each time and returned down town, until the last time when he concluded to raise a disturbance at home instead of down town.—Bluffton Banner.

BOUGHT HIS GOODS

Street Man Sold Assorted Nuts, Some Were Good, Most Were Bad

A BIG BUSINESS

Says He Will Return—If You Got Cheated Demand Your Money Back

Stung again. That's the way a number of people of this city and vicinity may express it, and the wise ones are saying we thought so. Saturday afternoon a fellow drove up to the corner of Second and Madison streets with a whole wagon load of assorted nuts, and began offering them at ten cents per quart or three for a quarter. He sold them while businessmen shook their heads in a way that said there must be something wrong, and there was. It is known by all who have reason to price such goods that they are retailing at from twenty to thirty cents per pound and here was a fellow selling them for half what they cost wholesale. He sold bushels of them and pulled out for his home in the evening (he lived at Fort Wayne), announcing that he would return Thursday with a wagon load of fruit. Maybe he will, but if he does, it's even he will have to catch new suckers, for those who bought the nuts and have tried them discovered that about two to the quart were good and the rest bad. The truth probably is that he bought up some old spoiled nuts and put in a few good ones. One man noticed came back and demanded his money back and as he was accompanied by the marshal and looked like he meant business he got it. That's what all should do if the fellow comes here Thursday, for that's exactly what you do with a home merchant and this fellow has no more right to "skin" you and then come right back to do it again. Patronize your home merchant.

NEW MEXICO KNOCKS AGAIN

Governor Curry Appears Outside Statehood Door in Annual Report.

Washington, Dec. 20.—"We have a wide awake, progressive, industrious and intelligent population and we want to be treated like men," says Governor George Curry of New Mexico in an appeal for statehood for his territory in his annual report to the secretary of the interior. Governor Curry says New Mexico's credit is excellent, no strikes mar the record of its industries; the laws are good; gambling is prohibited and "Sunday closing" enforced.

COMPANY WILL REORGANIZE.

Change Coming in Indian Territory Illuminating Oil Concern.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 20.—The Indian Territory Illuminating Oil company, which was charged recently in a suit instituted by the state of Oklahoma with being in collusion to form a monopoly in the production of gas in the Osage Indian Reservation, will dissolve its present charter and reorganize under the laws of the state.

ELECT OFFICERS

United Brethren Sunday School Re-organized Yesterday Morning

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Will Be Rendered Friday Night and It Will Be Great

The United Brethren Sunday school was re-organized yesterday morning for the year 1909 and the following officers were chosen to guide the destiny of the religious institution during the coming year: Superintendent, J. J. Foughty; assistant, Mrs. Etta Ball; secretary, Homer Knodle; assistant, Jesse Hurst; treasurer, John Hill; organist, Gala Nelson; assistant, Flossie York; chorister, Effie York; assistant, Mrs. Philip Melhs. In the above mentioned an able corps of officers has been chosen and the Sunday school will continue on its prosperous career.

The United Brethren Sunday school will render a very interesting Christmas cantata next Friday night, entitled, The Star of Blessing, which portrays beautifully the attendant glories of the birth of Christ. A large number of the young and older people will participate in the program which will without a doubt appeal to all who are fortunate in being in attendance. The cantata consists of literary and musical numbers. The United Brethren Sunday school is closing the most successful year ever experienced for which every member should be proud. The record shows a noticeable increase in attendance and interest has been at high tension throughout the year. An adult Bible class will be organized on the first Sunday in January and the school will be graded.

HE WILL RESIGN

Dr. C. B. Wilcox Makes Formal Announcement of His Intention

RESIGN IN APRIL

He Will Devote His Time to Journalism and Lecture Platform

Dr. C. B. Wilcox, recognized as one of the ablest and most scholarly ministers of the North Indiana conference, and who has so successfully filled the pulpit at the local M. E. church during the past two years, made a formal announcement yesterday morning that he would resign from the active pastorate at the next session of the conference which will convene in April, 1909. The announcement came as a surprise to many, while some of his most intimate friends were not so greatly astonished. Dr. Wilcox, as stated before in this paper, purchased one of the best newspapers in the state of Michigan and the concern will require much of his attention. In addition to this, he will devote some of his time to the lecture platform, upon which he has made such a decided hit at many places. His great ability as a lecturer, minister and thinker places his services in demand at any time if his voice (which is affected), permits him to lecture. Dr. Wilcox in notifying the congregation of his intention, took occasion to express the sincere appreciation of himself and family for the many courtesies extended and further stated that he would serve the congregation as best he could until his resignation became effective. The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. Wilcox regret to hear of their intention of leaving the city.

The big holiday rush is on, and all the merchants are doing a very good business. From the number of people who were in town Saturday we'd venture that many boys and girls will receive appropriate presents.

SOMETHING DOING AT PANAMA

Publisher New York World Going There to Investigate.

Newport News, Va., Dec. 21.—Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, accompanied by a party of friends and several staff writers have arrived off Old Point on Mr. Pulitzer's yacht Liberty. It is stated that he is on his way to Panama to investigate the conditions prevailing in the canal zone and probably to secure evidence in connection with the purchase of the canal property by the government. According to information obtained at Old Point Comfort, the yacht will make the trip by easy stages, the publisher desiring to reach Panama about the time set for the arrival of President-elect Taft. Mr. Pulitzer's trip is of special interest on account of the attitude of President Roosevelt in demanding that congress have Mr. Pulitzer and other publishers prosecuted for criminal libel for publishing articles attacking the administration in connection with the canal purchase.

TAFT'S CABINET

His Friends Are Busy in Assisting in Its Erection

THE SPOILS SYSTEM

The Census Bill to Go Through—Labor Legislation Agreed on

Washington, Dec. 21.—Cabinet builders at the national capital, and those who have moved to Georgia as a part of the entourage of President-elect Taft, are succeeding in placing on the anxious bench public men in all sections of the country who have been looked upon as aspirants for portfolios, or whose qualifications have been urged by admiring friends. For example, Charles Nagel of Missouri, has suddenly loomed up as strong cabinet timber, his name being discussed in connection with the secretaryship of the department of commerce and labor. It is known that at one time Judge Taft thought very strongly of naming Nagel as attorney general, but that later he considered Wickersham more adaptable to the purposes of that department. He has said, however, that he would like an able lawyer to head the department of commerce and labor.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The indications are that the 2,500 clerks to be employed in taking the census will be chosen under the spoils system. Congressman Crumpacker has assurances from the senate that that feature of the census will not be disturbed, but will pass the senate and go to the president precisely as it passed the house. That this is a correct surmise is indicated by the action of the senate committee on census, which reported the census bill, spoils feature and all, favorably. President Roosevelt thinks the clerks should be appointed under the competitive plan, but it is hardly thought he would veto the census bill because of his objections to this provision.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The measures for which organized labor will stand during the present session of congress have been agreed upon by the labor leaders who are here to represent the organized toilers of the United States. The program, which has not yet been given out for publication, but which has been definitely completed, provides that organized labor shall stand for an anti-injunction bill and a boiler inspection bill and shall stand against the Townsend compulsory arbitration bill.

INDIANA BANKS SHOW WELL

Controller Gives Out Standing of National Institutions.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The condition of the national banks of Indiana, at the close of business Nov. 27, was made public today by the controller of the currency. On that day the national banks of Indiana outside of Indianapolis, had total resources of \$150,329,871. The amount of individual deposits was \$94,595,710. The percentage of legal reserve of deposits was eighteen and fifty-two hundredths.

TO PUSH CONTESTS

Democratic State Candidates Except New Push the Fight

HAD A MEETING

The Alleged Frauds in Lake County Encourage Them

Indianapolis, Dec. 21.—That all but one of the Democratic candidates for state office will contest the election of their Republican opponents before the legislature was the statement issued by State Chairman Stokes Jackson following a meeting of some of the state candidates with their attorneys yesterday afternoon at Democratic state headquarters. The decision of Burt New of North Vernon, the Democratic candidate for court reporter of the supreme court, not to contest the election of his Republican opponent, George W. Self, of Corydon, will not affect the other candidates, it was said. The meeting yesterday was called for the purpose of making plans for financing the contests. The state committee, it was said, will stand behind the candidates in their contests. The meeting was attended by James E. Cox of Columbus, the Democratic candidate for secretary of state; Marion Bailey of Linton, candidate for auditor of state; Bernard Korbly and Henry Seyfried, attorneys for the contestors, and State Chairman Jackson. Both Mr. Cox and Mr. Bailey said they had no intention of abandoning the contests, for both believed they were elected. Attorney Seyfried is assisting in the hearing of the contest filed by Edward Simon against his opponent, Edward Wickey, who was elected to the legislature in Lake county. It is upon the alleged frauds in Lake county principally that the Democratic candidates base their hopes. The situation in Lake county, as it is being disclosed at the hearing now being held at Crown Point, was reviewed by Attorney Seyfried yesterday. The candidates also went over the figures compiled by the accountants who have been in the employ of the Democratic state committee since the election. While the Democrats are not giving out any of their figures, they say that the figures show conclusively that Cox Bailey and Walter Lotz, candidate for attorney general, were elected, as well as P. J. Kelleher, the candidate for state statistician. The Republican candidates are also preparing for the contests, and they say that where the Democratic candidates are making gains, they are gaining also, according to the figures as they find them, and they will resist any contests that are filed. The contests, according to State Chairman Jackson, will be filed within twenty days after the legislature convenes. Investigation by a joint committee of seven from the house of representatives and seven from the senate. The house, it is taken for granted will elect seven Democrats and the senate will elect seven Republicans. The Democrats, it is understood, will endeavor to have representation on the senate committee.

"DOLLIE DIMPLES" TUESDAY

At the rise of the curtain, and from the time Miss Cameron appeared in the part of Little Dollie Dimples, she was the talk of the audience, in fact the whole house. It began to dawn on them that they were making the acquaintance of an extremely charming and talented young woman when she made her first appearance, but it was not until her singing of "Goodbye Dear Old Home" that she took the house by storm and then they accorded her an ovation that shook the house, many of the enthusiasts rising to their feet to applaud her. She graciously responded to several encores and would still be singing and bowing had the audience had their say. Th company is a strong one, supporting Miss Cameron, having been selected especially by the author Mr. C. Herbert Kerr, and the one hundred and on good things seen in the piece will make its life long and we hope prosperous. Come again, was the one thing heard about the foyer and lobby after the play finished by the large audience that attended.