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If the local option elections in the two counties which have voted is any indication of the sentiment of the people over the state, it will cause some hesitation among legislators who want the present county option law repealed. The drys won overwhelmingly. Pike county votes today, and the anti-saloon league is planning for twelve more county elections early in January. These elections will greatly influence the action of the legislature.

The local lodge of Elks will give their annual charity show on the evenings of January seven and eight. These yearly functions are not only enjoyable, but they make prominent the one great fundamental principle of their order—charity. There is not another society that so fully and faithfully practices instead of preaches the art of giving. Many of the poor of Decatur can testify to the benevolence of the local Elks. The public is invited and they should be glad of the privilege of helping them distribute charity to those in need.

SERVICES AT THE GERMAN REFORMED CHURCH.

7:15 this evening, service in English. Text, Psalm 119:54. "Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage."

10:30 New Years morning. Services in German. Text, Psalm 43:3-4. Our guides for 1909.

You are cordially invited to worship with us.

Louis C. Hessert, Pastor.

Be sure to visit True & Runyons store during the next two weeks. The big sale begins next Monday and lasts sixteen days.

THE GRAND

One of the finest shows ever come to the city. Don't forget

TONIGHT

Buffalo Bills Wild West
A Farmers Trouble in a Hotel

MYSTERIOUS KNIGHT SICILIAN HERMIT

Music.

"O'Brian Has No Place to Go"

"Everybody goes to the Grand"

IN CIRCUIT COURT

Lulu Johnson Was Granted
an Absolute Divorce
this Morning

THE OTHER ITEMS

Amended Complaint Filed
in Suit of Wisconsin
Lumber Company

Wisconsin Lumber Co. vs. Cardwell Box Co., suit on drafts \$1,100, amended complaint filed making new parties defendants. Summons ordered for new defendants returnable January 11.

Lulu Johnson vs. Pleasant Johnson, submitted, divorce granted. Judgment and decree for absolute divorce on payment of costs.

E. P. Reed & Co. vs. Fred B. Tague account \$250, reply filed to second, third and fifth paragraphs of answer, Answer filed to counter claim.

C. C. Burry et al have transferred to John Burry 6½ acres in Monroe township for \$650.

Isaac M. Dickerson, guardian for Lulu Johnson and Grace Chrisman, filed a petition to sell real estate, which was granted and Thomas Drew and W. W. Briggs were appointed appraisers.

Three cases are set for trial next week: Butcher vs. Wade on Monday, Williams vs. Clark on Wednesday and Butler vs. Mayer on Thursday.

TO DOUBLE TRACK

Clover Leaf May Soon Be
One of Best Roads in
Country

THE "KATY" ROUTE

May Be Added, Also a Line
to the Great North-
west

According to the unofficial statement of one of the high officials in this city yesterday the Clover Leaf and Alton system is soon to absorb new property which will make the road with its subsidiary lines one of the greatest systems in the country and will enable it to cross the United States with through trains from Detroit to Galveston, Texas. The road which will be absorbed is the M. K. & T., or Missouri, Kansas and Texas, known as the "Katy" route, and its 3,072 miles of track will swell the mileage of the Clover Leaf-Alton system to over 5,000. The statement that the merger will take place was made in apparent good faith and the local agent has every confidence that the deal will be put through on the first of the year, just as stated. The M. K. & T. connects with Kansas City, Oklahoma City, San Antonio, Texas, Shreveport, La., and Galveston, and with the Toledo and Detroit short line owned by the Clover Leaf and the Grand Trunk

will enable the merged system to connect two of the great lake ports with the principal shipping centers of the great southwest. The Railroad Telegrapher, a paper devoted to railroads, also forecasts the deal and also includes the Minneapolis & St. Louis road, 500 miles in length, in the deal. It reaches central northern states. If the deal goes through it is said the Clover Leaf will be double-tracked.—Bluffton News.

PREPARING A BILL

Senator Aldrich Looking
Out for the Special
Interests

WILL BE A FIGHT

Revision That Does Not
Revise Will Be Pushed
by the Interests

Washington, Dec. 31.—Senator Aldrich is preparing a tariff bill which, according to inside information, will represent the last stand of the reactionaries. The Rhode Island senator is pre-eminently and conspicuously the "angel" of the special interests which President Roosevelt has been fighting during the last eight years. The interests now look to Aldrich to save their faces in the tariff fight and, while the ways and means committee is making a tariff bill that provides for a real revision, in accordance with the Chicago platform and the wishes of President-elect Taft, Senator Aldrich is quietly framing another bill which will have the "O. K." of the interests. His activity in that line became known through a leak in one of the channels through which he is seeking data for his measure. The enormous aggregations of wealth which are concerned in the maintenance of certain schedules, or in a revision upward, if that were possible, have abandoned hope so far as the house of representatives is concerned, and have shifted the base of their operations to the senate, where Senator Aldrich is on the watch tower.

Ignorance of Our Customs.
"What caused the hitch in the progress of the courtship of Miss Coynerox by the duke?" asks one interested party.
"He got the idea that her father didn't have any money," explained the other.
"But couldn't he look the matter up?"
"He thought he had. The trouble was he looked at the tax duplicate just after the old man had finished swearing off his assessment."—Judge.

Resentment.
An old toper, being very hard up, went into his favorite bar and asked the publican for a glass "on tick."
"No," said the proprietor, "I won't give you whiskey on credit, but there's a sixpence. Now, what do you want?"
"Nothing here," replied the tippler, lifting the coin and putting it in his pocket. "The man who refuses me credit won't get my ready cash," and with an elevated nose he marched out at the door.—London Telegraph.

Knew All About George.
"Do you know, my daughter, that every name means something? For instance, Charles means brave, William resolute, George—"
"Oh, I know what George means, mother."
"Well, what is it?"
"George means business. He told me so last night."—Chicago Inter Ocean.

SOCIAL COLUMN

Mrs. George Flanders Gave
a Euchre Party for
Her Guests

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Delightful New Years Party
to Be Given by Mr. and
Mrs. Ned Steele

Mrs. Geo. Flanders gave a prettily appointed euchre party last night complimentary to her guests, Mrs. Robert Carlisle and the Misses Carlisle. The guests, twenty in number, played euchre for points and Mrs. Dorothy Durkin and Mrs. Fanny Cole secured the highest score. Mrs. Flanders served a most delightful luncheon after the games. The guests were Mesdames John S. Peterson, T. M. Reid, J. H. Heller, L. A. Graham, Ned Steele, C. O. France, H. R. Moltz, Chas. Meyers, Fanny Cole, Dorothy Durkin, J. W. Tyndall and the Misses Gertrude DeVoss, Minnie Orvis. The out-of-town guests were Mr. R. Carlisle and daughters, and Mrs. Jenny Owen.

Mrs. David M. Flanders will give a New Year's dinner tomorrow for Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Flanders, guests who are Mr. Carlisle and the Miss Carlisle. On Sunday evening Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hensley will give a six o'clock dinner for the same people.

Mrs. F. L. DeVilbiss will have for her guests tomorrow Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lower and Mr. Harold G. Wilson for the day.

Another delightful party for New Years will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Ned Steele. Their guests being Mrs. Steele's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barker, and Mr. A. E. Steele and Mrs. Ellen Steele, father and aunt of Mr. Ned Steele, all of Marion, Ind.

A number of brilliant social events are scheduled for next week and the social set promises to be unusually busy from now on. Several clubs have resumed their meetings.

The Shakespeare Club will meet next week and a most enjoyable time is anticipated.

AT THE POSTOFFICE.

The postoffice will be open tomorrow from eight to nine o'clock and it will be well for those wanting mail to keep this fact in mind. The office will be closed for the balance of the day.

Jerome's Mistake.

One of the early vicissitudes of Jerome K. Jerome as an actor was to be offered his choice of playing the part of either a soldier or a donkey in a pantomime, a real donkey with four legs. After careful consideration he thought the red coat the more becoming disguise and chose the part of the soldier. Apparently he made a mistake, from the point of view of success, at all events, for a few days afterward the manager came to him and said: "You made a great mistake, Jerome, in not taking the part of the donkey. It would just suit you, and there's 5 shillings a week more in it."

True & Runyon announce a January sale for this season, and you will find bargains there to your heart's content.

A Happy New Year

May Prosperity of every
kind attend you during
the coming new year
and may you be willing
and able to pass it along

Niblick & Company

HAD A GOOD TIME

Elks Bowling Team Enjoyed

Trip to Fort Wayne
Last Night

OPEN NEW ALLEYS

Defeated by Small Margin—
Were Banqueted and
Toasted

The bowling team and the other Elks who journeyed from this city to Fort Wayne last evening to attend the opening of the new and handsome home returned this morning and report a most delightful time, they participating in all the festivities of the evening, including a grand banquet, to which was attached all the good things in season, and the toasts were appropriate and were thoroughly enjoyed. In the bowling contest the local team put up a great battle, but were defeated by the small margin of twenty-nine pins in the three games. The score was:

Fort Wayne—		
Tonkel	143	177
Volz	137	161
Kiell	170	193
Ryan	157	198
Williamson	162	174
	769	903
Decatur—		
France	206	200
Studabaker	150	171
Vaughn	159	144
Prisinger	162	177
Peterson	203	154
	880	846
Grand totals—Fort Wayne, 2,500; Decatur, 2,471.		

Democrat Want Ads. Pay

FREE—10c. package Conkey's Laying Tonic and 25c. Poultry Book. Bring ad. to Smith, Yager & Falk. By mail ad. to Smith, Yager & Falk. 249-504

TRICKER'S Jackson Sootless coal leaves no whiskers on the stove lids. Hocking Splint and other grades at the low price. Office Phone 534; Res. 311.

If your dealer does not handle Admiral coffee, others do. 309-4

All meats at 10c a pound. Beef and pork until after New Year's. Boiling meats at 6c. Alex LeBrun. 306-3t

NOTICE—Piano tuner Wm. Spiegel of Fort Wayne is in town now. Any one wishing work done may leave their order at Park Hotel. 2t

NOTICE—I am operating my feed mills every day and can grind ear corn and small grain any way you want it. Satisfaction guaranteed. Respectfully P. Kirsch. 299-12t

PENNY PICTURE STUDIO—Over Clem Voglewede's. 303-6t

GEO. TRICKER has for sale a brand new Splint coal, hard as a rock, per ton for a few cars. You have not seen its equal. Phone 534. 258-1t that lasts equal to Anthracite at \$12.50

You have tried the rest, now try the best—Admiral coffee. 299-4

More people are taking Foley's Kidney Remedy every year. It is considered to be the most effective remedy for kidney and bladder troubles that medical science can devise. Foley's Kidney Remedy corrects irregularities, builds up worn out tissues and restores lost vitality. It will make you feel well and look well. THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

Feed Perless Crushed Oyster shells to raise poultry and eggs profitably. For sale at all drug stores and at Hale's warehouse. 254-12t

SAVED THEM

Dr. J. O. Greson, State Secy of American Veterinary Medical Assn., Kokomo, Ind., says: "The herd of hogs on which the Bourbon Hog Cholera Remedy was used, was sold yesterday. We give this remedy the credit of saving them."

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL

Cris Meyer, The Tailor

YOU GIVE IT TO US

WE GIVE IT TO THE POOR

A REAL BIG ENTICING AND ENJOYABLE

MINSTREL SHOW

TO BE GIVEN FOR CHARITY, BY THE ELKS OF DECATUR
AT THE BOSSE OPERA HOUSE ON

Thurs. and Fri. Nights Jan. 7th. and 8th.

GET YOUR TICKETS EARLY AND FOLLOW THE BAND WAGON

BIG PARADE AT 2 O'CLOCK P. M. Don't Miss It.