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IN CIRCUIT COURT

Lulu Johnson Was Granted an Absolute Divorce this Morning

THE OTHER ITEMS

Amended Complaint Filed in Suit of Wisconsin Lumber Company

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of the people over the state, it will cause some hesitation among legislators who want the present county option law repealed.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 & Runyon's 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"

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.

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.

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 whisky 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.

Resentment.

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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.

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

Democrat Want Ads. Pay

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 re-

port a most delightful time, they par-

ticipating 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 en-

joyed. In the bowling contest the lo-

cal team put up a great battle, but

were defeated by the small margin of

twenty-nine pins in the three games.

The score was:

Port Wayne—

Tonkel 143 177 189

Volz 137 161 159

Kiell 170 193 166

Ryan 157 198 169

Williamson 162 174 169

769 903 828

Decatur—

France 206 200 143

Studabaker 150 171 103

Vaughn 159 144 159

Frisinger 162 177 137

Peterson 203 154 203

880 846 745

Grand totals—Port Wayne, 2,500;

Decatur, 2,471.

TO ALL

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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.