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### THINGS

#### THAT WILL APPEAL

Among the recommendations made by Governor Marshall to the general assembly none will appeal to the interested people more than his dissent to the privileges now given to city councils to make street improvements, sometimes to the extent of confiscation to the property on such street. This is sometimes necessary in order to get needed improvements, but the principal is bad, and really should not be fostered as an Indiana statute.

Another recommendation that will appeal to most every one is upon the subject of franchises. Governor Marshall all through the message brings prominent before the mind that he believes everything is entitled to a fair consideration, and if it is worth nothing, even then it is worth as much to the city as it is to any one else. It is a truth much admitted that usually not enough value is attached to that which belongs to the public. A law curtailing the freedom by which valuable franchises are given away, would not come amiss.

The newspapers said some mighty nice things about the message and first official document of the governor. It reads well and really contains much worthy of careful study and analysis. It was clearly no gallery affair, but the honest judgment of an honest man—now governor.

Handy is down and out of the governor's office, and it is very probable that he will never again be recognized by his party in an election to a prominent official position. While he is disliked personally by many men in and out of his party, it must be conceded that he is a man of great ability, strong determination and a fighter who never quits. Owing to his unpopularity the good he accomplished during the past four years is overlooked by a majority of the people, who are pleased that his term of office is at an end. He will resume the practice of law and will find that

occupation very much more congenial than the job of bossing the officers and people of the state of Indiana.—Columbia City Post.

### CARS DERAILED

On the Clover Leaf Railroad Sunday Morning.

Three cars of Clover Leaf freight train No. 159, east bound, were thrown off the track in the north Marion yards at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning, delaying the train about six hours. The wrecking crew from Frankfort worked with the cars this length of time before the men succeeded in replacing them on the rails. Passenger train No. 3, due in this city at 7:51, a. m. was compelled to wait on a siding until the track was cleared on account of the Lake Erie officials not letting them use their tracks from this city to Hartford City, where they would have used the Pennsylvania tracks to Marion and again on the Clover Leaf road. The officials claimed that the Clover Leaf engines are too heavy for the tracks and between this city and Hartford City they claimed were their weakest places.

## THEIR SISTER DIED

John and George Everett  
Gone to Elida, Ohio, to  
Attend Funeral

OF MRS. JENNIE RICE

She Lived in Van Wert Co.  
for Years—Died in  
Missouri

Mrs. Jennie Rice, sister of John and George Everett of this city and until ten years ago a resident of Van Wert county, Ohio, died at her late home at Kansas City, Missouri, last Friday night, and the remains passed through Decatur this morning enroute to Elida, Ohio, where funeral services were held this afternoon. The deceased for many years lived in Van Wert county and visited her brothers in Decatur frequently during that time. She has many acquaintances here who will deplore the sad death which resulted from a long siege of illness from a complication of diseases. Subsequent to the death of her husband Mrs. Rice went to Missouri where she took up her abode with a brother. Besides a multitude of friends and many relatives she is survived by two children, Richard and Mabel. John and George Everett of this city went to Elida today where they were in attendance at the funeral. The Decatur acquaintances of the decedent join with the relatives in their hour of bereavement.

FOR RENT—Eight room house, well improved on Monroe street, for rent. See J. P. Snow. 9-3t

## ERWIN HAS FOR SALE

Four Vacant Lots in Fullenkamp Addition

Watch this 'ad.' it will change almost daily with new features and bargains. If you want to sell, come in or write and you will be on the market without cost, unless sold. We do not know what is for sale unless you list. We do not know you want to invest unless you say so. Now is the best months in the year to buy or sell. Yours for success,

Dan Erwin

Fine Clothes are as Much

An active evidence of refinement as are fine manners; and badly made, inartistic, or unfashionable garments are as offensive to good taste as vulgarity is to the gentleman.

You Can Wear Refined Clothes

That cost you a modest price if you have me make them for you—our fabrics are neat and exclusive, our styles especially tasteful, and

Our Workmanship is not Surpassed

We are dressing some of the most genteel looking men of this town, and our customers are placing Spring orders. Strange if we can't satisfy you. Let me make all your clothes.

CHRIS MEYER

135 S. Second St.

Decatur, Indiana

## SOCIAL COLUMN

Pleasant Surprise on the  
Wiley Last Evening

A DELIGHTFUL TIME

Was Enjoyed By All Present—Other Social  
News

The "inaugural ball" last night at the Propylaeum was largely attended. Leading Democrats from all parts of the state were present with their wives and members of the family. Governor and Mrs. Marshall and Lieutenant Governor Frank J. Hall, all of the aspirants for United States senator, state officials, officers of the Indiana national guard, members of the senate and the house of representatives, members of the Democratic organization in the state and many of the state's leading lights in art, science and literature as well as some of the captains of industry lent their presence to the occasion.—Indianapolis Star.

About thirty friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wiley gathered unexpectedly at their Fifth street home last evening, where in honor of the latter's birthday anniversary a most pleasing social session was experienced. The function had a double significance, serving as a reminder of the passing of a milestone in the life of Mrs. Wiley, and as a token of the sincere friendship of all present for the estimable family who will, in the near future, remove from Decatur. To complete the appropriateness of the occasion, music and games furnished brilliant feature to the event, and a dainty luncheon refreshed the careworn participants in the strenuous games. It was a delightful affair. The Wileys are liked immensely by their every acquaintance and the fact that they are contemplating leaving the city has signaled expression of profound regret by all who know them.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Godfrey Christen Thursday afternoon at two o'clock and the presence of every member is earnestly desired. Important business is to be transacted.

Important business is to be transacted at the regular meeting of the local camp of Modern Woodmen tomorrow night and it is important that every member be present.

The Royal Neighbors will have their regular meeting tonight, and it is requested that the entire membership be present. Subjects of vital importance are to be discussed.

Perhaps the most delightful affair of the social season was the thimble party given yesterday afternoon by the Mesdames Heuer, Sellemeyer and Vance at the home of the former from half past two to four. It was a very large company, and a most delightful time was had. Among the events of the afternoon was the talent displayed in embroidering an initial letter, which later were handed to a committee of judges in the persons of Mesdames Schirmeyer, Dugan and Ellingham and it was their privilege to award to Mrs. Frank Bell the prize for demonstrating the greatest ability and accomplishment in this line of work. The favor was a handsome pair of embroidery scissors. A two-course luncheon was served in the dining room, which was handsomely decorated with cut flowers. Those who assisted in serving were Misses Blanche Dibble, Frederica Heuer, Della Sellemeyer and Mesdames Jesse Sellemeyer, Fruchte and D. B. Erwin. The guests of honor were Mrs. Frank E. France and Mrs. Julius Spies, both of whom were associate Boston store clerks with Mrs. Heuer in the good old days. The honored guests were each the recipient of a handsome hand-painted china plate. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Compton of Winona, Mrs. Rowe of Indianapolis, Mrs. Haubold of Evanston and Mrs. Frank Bell of Cleveland. Mrs. F. E. France of Muskogee, Okla., Mrs. Frank Alwein of Shelbyville, Ohio, and Mrs. Julius Spies of Cleveland, Ohio.

The ladies of the Historical Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. C. D. Lewton this evening at which time the study of Paul the missionary will be taken up. The topic will be discussed as follows: First missionary tour; second missionary tour; imprisonment in Ce-

sarea and Rome; his death. The hostess will be assisted by Mrs. O. L. Vance in the entertainment. The ladies are expecting a very pleasant meeting.

The ladies of the Shakespeare Club are anticipating a most delightful meeting tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Morrison. "The Vice-roys" will furnish the theme and it will be ably discussed. The hostess will read a well prepared paper on the topic of unusual interest in the place of Mrs. Holloway who has left the city. The period for the study will include the intervening time between 1535 and 1822.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the M. E. church will not meet again until the month of February.

The Epworth League of the M. E. church will give a reception in honor of Harold Wilcox Friday evening, and an excellent program has been planned. Mr. Wilcox leaves Monday for St. Louis, Michigan, to assume the editorship of his father's paper, and the reception will be a tribute well deserved by Harold for his efficient and untiring efforts in behalf of the organization.

## OTT KIRSCH TO WED

The Bride to Be, Miss Seelig  
of Fort Wayne, Makes  
Announcement

TO BE IN JUNE

Mr. Kirsch is One of Decatur's Popular Young  
Men

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Otto Leroy Kirsch of this city to Miss Elma Elizabeth Seelig, of Fort Wayne, the wedding to occur in the Summit City some time in June. The groom to be is one of Decatur's most popular young men, is a partner in the firm of Kirsch-Sellemeyer and Sons and possessed of business qualifications which assure him success. He has

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## THE LOCAL TALENT

Rehearsals Are Now Going  
on For This  
Play

A BENEFIT SHOW

Will Be Given at the Bosse  
on Next Monday  
Evening

Rehearsals for "A Bachelor's Honey-moon" the big local talent benefit play of the fire department, are under way and the big cast and chorus are working hard and consistently to be in readiness by Monday, Jan. 15th the date set for its performance at the Bosse opera house. This laughable musical comedy with an entire new and up to date musical program will be presented by a cast and chorus of over forty voices, including all the old time favorites, Miss May Holt-house, Miss Minnie Orvis, Mr. Clayton Carroll, Mr. Sam Shamp and that funniest of eccentric comedians, Mr. "Petie" Helm who will appear as Jorkins Jobson. "A Bachelor's Honey-moon" is a three-act farce comedy that insures you sixty laughs in sixty seconds, teeming with life and color, bristling with musical frolic and ensemble surprises. Twelve big song numbers and every one of them "sure fire" hits, with positively the best, and prettiest singing and dancing chorus, ever organized for local talent. The new chorus formations are beautiful and the costuming will surprise you by its gorgeousness and charming electrical effects will greatly enhance the sumptuousness of the production, in fact the entire play will be handsomely gowned perfectly presented cleverly acted and richly staged, and you will be hard to please indeed if you don't get your money's worth. Henry Thomas will have charge of the stage, True Fristoe is the musical director and Francis Gast the electrician and the committee in charge will spare no pains or expense in making the fire department's benefit show as thoroughly pleasing to the public as they hope

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## Money Saved!

In the last 30 days we have received a very large stock of Saddlery goods and horse clothing and are now in a position to save you from 25 to 35 per cent. on

Horse Blankets,

Plush and Fur Robes,  
Storm Fronts, - Horse Covers,  
Horse Collars, Pads, Whips  
All Horse Goods, and Sundries

The goods are all regular and high grade and will be kept in stock at all times of the year. We have the goods and prices to talk for themselves and will be glad to show you our new department whether you buy or not.



5/8 in. Red Rope Halters,  
each ..... 20c  
8ft. Sisal cow ties, each ..... 10c  
8ft. Jute cow ties, each ..... 7 1/2c  
Large size stable blankets,  
each ..... 95c  
7 lb. Large size, all wool  
horse blankets that  
were \$3.75 now ..... \$2.75  
Good low priced blanket 1.15  
Heavy rubber storm front  
large size, well made  
each ..... \$2.45  
ALL HORSE COLLARS  
Just 1/4 Less than the former  
prices.

Our prices on all Harness Sundries and  
Saddlery Hardware Will Surprise You

SCHAFER'S  
Up-To-Date Hardware Store

## STUDABAKER'S

Great Duroc Brood Sow Sale

SATURDAY, JANUARY, 16th. 1909

At Rice's Sale Barn, Decatur. Indiana

35 Head of Bred Sows 35

Consisting of 18 head of yearling and two year old tried sows, 17 head of spring (March and April farrow) Gilts.

These Sows and Gilts are in the very best of condition and are the pick of my herd of over 200 head.

They are sired by the Greatest Boars known to the breed and are bred to the Greatest Boars not only in the Eastern States but the Western as well. Seven are bred to Grand champions and the rest to boars winning 1st. in class at the leading State Fairs of 1908. They are bred for March and April farrow.

Come and spend the day with me, look over my offering and if you are in need of a bred sow, I know you will buy one. I am not looking for big prices.

All My Herd Including the Sale Offering Will Be Inspected  
BY A GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR before the sale and before being shipped out and a guarantee given as to their soundness. Come and get a good dinner.

SALE TO BE CALLED at 12:30 P. M.

Auctioneer, FRED REPERT, Decatur, Ind

Fieldmen:- Dante M. Pierce, with "Iowa Homestead," Harry Browning, with "Duroc Bulletin," C. C. Palmer with "Farmers Guide."

D. E. Studabaker, Owner.