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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

The prospect of any considerable lowering of tariff rates is anything but bright. The bill now before the house seems to have been constructed with little or no regard for the welfare of the people who are so unfortunate as to be mere consumers. As we showed Monday, the wool schedule is about the same as that under which the country at present groans. Apparently there was no thought of freeing the people from any of the burdens which they now carry. Nor is there any hint that the bill will be improved. On the contrary, it is said that the senate, while retaining the present high duties, will insist on restoring those that have been cut down or abolished, to the old figure. The gloomier of our prophets are on record as saying that when the bill is completed it will be found to be worse than the present bill. Our people have favored tariff reform, as they favor it today, not because the present tariff fails to yield sufficient revenue, not because it is not sufficiently protective, but because it enhances the cost of living. This defect, which is vital and fundamental, is not cured. We shall not, of course, judge the completed measure in advance, for it is possible that a miracle may happen. But it does look as though the same old interests were about to win another victory, and to win it, as usual, at the expense of the people.—Indianapolis News.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

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To G. Burri, part of lot 286, Berne, \$1,200.

Robert A. Perkins, administrator of the estate of Viola M. Gilbert, filed his final report which was approved.

Evidence was submitted this afternoon in the case of Anna Sheline vs. L. L. Sheline and the court granted the decree, also allowing the plaintiff \$200 alimony.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank our neighbors and friends who so kindly and generously assisted us during the sickness and death of our beloved husband and father.

Mrs. J. E. LeBrun and children.

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CITY LIBRARY MONTHLY REPORT

Shows That Popular Institution in Thriving Condition.

Miss Annette Moses, librarian, has issued her report for the month ending the twenty-third of March. The patrons of the library are enjoying the books and the circulation has been splendid. Last month was a record breaker; this month the circulation is not quite so high. M. S. Smith has donated the "Red Book" to the library. This periodical is filled with the best reading matter, contributed by some of the leading authors of the country. The April magazines are coming in each day. The report is as follows: Number of books on the shelves, 3,625; borrowers, 1,567; number of books in circulation 1,844; gifts 2; highest daily circulation, 93; lowest, 51; average 71.

WITH THE BOWLERS

Berling's Five Continue to Lead the Bunch in League Contest

TOOK TWO MORE

From the Postoffice Team—The Games Were Interesting

LEAGUE STANDING.			
	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Berling's Five	18	9	.666
Postoffice	11	13	.459
Elks	5	7	.419
Palace	8	13	.380

The bowlers were busy last night battling for supremacy in the league contest which has been on here for several weeks, and as a result the Berling's Five took two out of three games from the Postoffice boys. The games were all interesting and the scores were creditable. Dyke Frisinger made the only 200 score, but the boys all rolled very fair games, making each contest a spirited one. The results:

Berling's Five—			
Berling	152	153	155
Mutchler	143	165	179
Lachot	120	162	126
C. Schafer	174	174	138
Peterson	191	191	160
Totals	810	945	758
Postoffice—			
F. Frisinger	134	151	157
Vaughn	157	151	146
Dorsey	128	160	149
A. Schafer	167	164	179
D. Frisinger	170	183	200
Totals	756	809	831

A BARGAIN IN REAL ESTATE
For Sale—Two full sized lots, on one of which is a five-room house, barn, good fruit, well, etc. Lots are on improved street, with good sewerage. Will be sold free of all liens for \$850 if taken in ten days. Reason for selling, owner has moved from city. Inquire at Old Adams County Bank. 67-6t

MONEY TO LOAN—I have plenty of money to loan on farms. No commission charged. Dore B. Erwin, attorney at law.

THE SOCIAL NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hensley Entertain at Six O'Clock Dinner

THE SEWING CLUBS

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lower Entertain Ladies' Aid of Union Chapel

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Union Chapel United Brethren church met today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lower, east of the city, where sewing and quilting were indulged in and an enjoyable and delightful time had. Among those present were Pastor I. Imier and wife of the United Brethren church of this city.

A very pleasant feature in Decatur social life are the clubs for the girls who are neither young ladies or little girls. Most of these girls are too old to play with dolls, and not yet big enough to enjoy themselves like a young lady would prefer. So the sewing club fills in very nicely. The girls enjoy the meetings very much, and employ their time profitably. Instead of having nothing to do, that is enjoyable, they go to the club. A number of Decatur women have expressed themselves pleased with the plan. A new club is being organized of girls. Among the pupils at one of the school buildings. Two clubs of this kind meet every week, the G. L. C. and Sewing Club. The former will meet with Miss Veda Hensley, Friday after school.

The W. R. C. are meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Rineason on Tenth street. Very important business will be transacted.

Miss Ruth Ernst will be hostess at a meeting of the Entre Nous Club this evening at her home on Monroe street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hensley entertained Mr. and Mrs. Dick Miller of Indianapolis, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heller and children, Fanny and Dick, at six o'clock dinner last evening. To those who have enjoyed the hospitality of this delightful home, it is needless to say that the dinner was par excellence and the hours which followed were happily spent.

The Rebekah lodge initiated nine into their order last night. Five of the children of Philip Baker, living west of town, were initiated. Ice cream was served to the large assemblage.

Mrs. D. E. Studabaker will have as her guests at a six o'clock dinner this evening, about a dozen of her lady friends, the event which is to be an informal affair, being in honor of Mrs. Dick Miller of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Sarah Miller of Winchester.

The Historical Club was entertained last evening by Mrs. P. B. Thomas at her home on Third street. Mrs. S. D. Beavers read an excellent paper. Master Brice Thomas favored the guests with a vocal solo. Mrs. Otto Haubold of Evanston, Ill., rendered an instrumental solo which was greatly appreciated.

GREATEST OF WESTERN PLAYS

Henry D. Carey's romantic play of the western plains, "Montana," will be the attraction at the opera house on Friday, March 26. This is the fourth successful season of "Montana," and a record of three and four return dates by popular demand in each city played, attests to the popularity of Mr. Carey's play. The question is often asked, to what can the success of "Montana" be attributed, the answer is, it is sane, human, consistent, plausible, clean and has the heart interest. Mr. Carey, the author, knew his subject and his characters as they are in real life, having spent several years in "Montana," and a great many of the characters and incidents of the play are taken from life. There are no impossible situations, no missing papers, no will, no gambling house or saloon scenes, but a clean natural story of the west as it really is. The play is given a fine scenic production and the cast has been carefully selected and is well balanced.

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Democrat Want Ads. Pay

THREE MORE DRY

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estimated. Center township, with Fowler, the county seat, shows the following results: North precinct, "dry" 76, "wet" 94; east precinct, "dry" 102, "wet" 57; west precinct, "dry" 138, "wet" 51; south precinct, "dry" 56, "wet" 36. The signal for the final struggle in the local option contest sounded at 6 o'clock that morning when every church bell in Benton county was rung for thirty minutes.

The spring rains have started and the annual flood stories should be due within a few days. The high water marks are broken every year and from the start today this spring should be no exception.

EASTER BONNETS

Our Social Editor Takes a Walk Among the Hat Displays

STYLES FOR SPRING

Include Many Shapes and Many Colors at Various Prices

The millinery stores of Decatur are filled with ladies hats for the spring openings. The windows of these places are quite gay with hats of various colors. Pass by every day and there is always a crowd of women and girls admiring the headgear displayed. The favorite colors this year are wisteria and old rose. Other colors are quite popular, as the customers generally select what is considered most becoming. The large hat is very stylish. However, the smaller hats are worn and liked, and the medium-sized hat is very desirable. There are all kinds of shapes this year; the mushroom style is very pretty and is generally becoming. "There are hats to suit all faces this year," as one milliner expressed it. The trimmings are of chiffon, satin drapery and jet. There is a large choice to select from and if millady cannot find one to suit she can select a frame and have one made to order.

KIDNAPPERS IDENTIFIED

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they have no criminal record. They planned and executed the steal possibly being aided at times by an ally or two. Willie Whitla has also identified the place where he was confined, it being an apartment house, known as the Granger and located about a mile and a half from Cleveland.

A special session of the grand jury has been called and convened here this afternoon. They will indict Boyle and his wife, who will then be taken to Sharon, Pa., for trial under the laws of that state. Great excitement has prevailed here all day and Billy Whitla as he is known is the lion of the hour.

Cleveland, O., March 23.—In the arrest here tonight of a man and a woman having \$9,790 in their possession the police believe they have captured the kidnapers of Willie Whitla. In fact the woman in the case, who is greatly excited, admitted that she had been responsible for the kidnaping. When placed in custody at the central police station, she said to Captain Shattuck: "I am the one who planned the whole thing. There will be trouble for me and hell in Sharon tomorrow." Beneath the woman's skirts was found \$9,790. All of it but \$40 was bound in packages, with the original slips placed on the money when Mr. Whitla took it from the bank. Captain Norman Shattuck and Detective Frank Wood made the arrest in the east end of the city. When near the police station the man broke away from Detective Wood and ran toward an alley. The policeman fired two shots from his revolver into

the air and the man stopped. The woman made no attempt to escape. Captain Shattuck and Detective Wood trailed the man and woman around the business district of the city for several hours during the afternoon, but delayed taking them into custody. Shortly after nightfall, the police learned that the two had gone to the east end of the city. The police walked behind the pair and Captain Shattuck took the woman by the arm, Detective Wood securing the man. The couple staggered, say the police, as if they were intoxicated. They made no protest against accompanying the officers. The man was downcast and would not talk. The woman chatted with the policeman at her side at first and asked to be released. It was then she admitted having planned the kidnaping. In the meantime the man attempted to escape, and the revolver shots of Captain Shattuck brought him to a standstill. Whitla says he has the numbers on the currency bills handed the kidnapers and the police are comparing the notes found in the possession of the prisoners with the memoranda of Whitla.

MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY

In the Following Verse on "The Telephone Girl."

You'd better keep on the right side of the telephone girl for she sits still in her chair and listens to the voices from everywhere. She hears all the gossip, she hears all the news, she knows who is happy and who has the blues; she knows all our sorrows, she knows all our joys, she knows every girl who is chasing the boys; she knows of our troubles, she knows of our strife, she knows every man who is mean to his wife; she knows every time we are out with the boys, she hears the excuses each fellow employs; she knows every woman who has a dark past, she knows every man who is inclined to be fast; in fact, there's a secret 'neath each saucy curl of that quiet, demure looking telephone girl. If the telephone girl would tell all that she knows it would turn half of our friends into bitterest foes; she would sow a small wind that would soon be a gale, engulf us in trouble and land us in jail; she would let go a story (which gaining in force) would cause half our wives to sue for divorce; she could get all the churches

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