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MEN ARE CLEVER

Men's Club of the Presbyterian Church Entertain Their Friends

A GOOD PROGRAM

Very Interesting Talks and a Round of Refreshments

Men are sometimes real clever. This was demonstrated last evening when the Men's Club of the Presbyterian church acted the part of the host and entertained the ladies together with several outside guests. W. A. Lower was master of ceremonies, and he acted the part well in announcing the program which began with a selection by the orchestra, followed by the invocation by Rev. Richard Spengle. Rev. Imler gave a well directed talk about the accomplishment and progress made in the last few years, after the men actually became aroused to the needs of the hour. Since that time it was no uncommon thing for men, and many of them, to stand for the things that are right, instead of being all things to all men at all times. His talk was really good as well as interesting. Mr. L. E. Steele sang a solo which was beautiful to hear and which brought forth an encore. Mr. D. B. Erwin followed and his illustration again brought to mind the fact that after all, honesty is the best policy. When two public speakers lay so much stress upon this one need in our public and business life, it would seem that we are certainly growing better. Mr. Erwin's address was good and was highly complimented by all present. Mrs. C. J. Lutz gave an organ recital, Mr. Steele sang another solo, followed by the benediction and then came refreshments, which the men served, and it was readily discerned that many of them had good home training. We do not like to be personal, but if hard luck ever hits those captains of industry in last night's entertainment, there is a good job awaiting them. The refreshments, too, were good, and the evening was a delightful and a red letter one in the history of the Men's Club of the Presbyterian church.

ASSESSORS SESSION

George Gentis of this County Attended District Meeting

AT FORT WAYNE

Receive Instructions from Tax Commissioners and Statistician

George W. Gentis, assessor for Adams county, was at Fort Wayne yesterday, where he attended a district session of similar officers, called to receive instructions from the state officials. Among those who addressed them were State Tax Commissioner Gemmer and McArdle and L. L. Peetz chief of the Indiana bureau of statistics. The meeting was held at the assembly room of the court house and from the reports submitted by the various county assessors an average valuation of the assessing of furniture, horses, cattle, sheep, hogs, farm machinery and the like will be obtained. The averages in the various counties are obtained from the work that has already been done by the assessors, who have been out since March 1, and will be used in equalizing the assessments all over this portion of the state. Mr. Peetz instructed the assessors in the work they are required to do in conjunction with the bureau. Since his inception in office Mr. Peetz has inaugurated a system that will greatly please the farmers. Heretofore the bureau has required the assessors to secure estimates in advance of the acreage in the various crops which the farmers planned to plant. Farmers objected to this estimate charging that the information was used by speculators in market manipulation and price fixing and that the speculators were given an undue advantage. Another serious objection was the inaccuracy of the system. As an example an assessor might visit a farmer in March who had forty acres in wheat and who proposed to plant an equal number of acres in corn. Later a frost might occur, killing much of the wheat and perhaps half the wheat ground would be plowed up and planted in corn, increasing the acreage of corn and decreasing the acreage of wheat, rendering the statistics very inaccurate and practically worthless. Under the new system the farmers are required to give merely the results of their efforts during the previous year.

NEW G. R. & I. AGENT NOT NAMED

Mr. Bryson Checked Out and Leaves Tomorrow.

No announcement has been made yet as to who will be appointed agent at the G. R. & I. railroad station to succeed Mr. Jeff Bryson who goes to Portland, and it is probable that no appointment will be made for a day or two. Mr. Bryson will begin his duties at his new place tomorrow morning, the auditor having completed the work of checking him up this morning. Many regrets are heard here on the part of Jeff's many friends regarding his departure and each time he comes down street he is kept busy answering questions and saying good-bye.

DECLARED OF UNSOUND MIND

Mrs. Louisa Kruckenbergs, wife of Henry Kruckenbergs, of Union township, was this morning declared to be of unsound mind by an insanity board which met at the house. The board consisted of Drs. J. D. Morgan, of Dixon, Ohio, the family physician and J. S. Boyer and S. D. Beavers and Squire James H. Stone of this city. Mrs. Kruckenbergs has been in failing health for nearly two years, since the death of her mother and a daughter at about the same time. She is forty-nine years old and has eight children, the youngest being but five years old. In February she was taken to a hospital at Fort Wayne, but the treatment failed to aid her and this inquest became necessary. About a year ago she attempted to hang herself, but was prevented by members of the family. She imagines her friends have all abandoned her.

IN CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Merryman Hearing an Important Will Case at Portland

IS A HARD FIGHT

And Will Require Several Days—Real Estate Transfers Numerous

Judge J. T. Merryman, of Decatur, arrived in this city Monday evening, and assumed jurisdiction in the case brought by William S. Jesse O., James C. and Effie Manor, Cora Hoppes and Mary A. Reese, to set aside the will of the late Jane Manor. Emma Boots, Charles Manor, John Manor, Hannah Dowden, Rosa Lord, Martha Hayling, Opal Bales, Rollie Bales, Emma Bales, May Bales, Dollie Bales, Harriett Bales and Jesse O. Manor, administrator of the estate with the will annexed, are named as defendants. The case was referred to Judge Merryman as special judge, on account of Judge J. F. LaFollette being disqualified by writing the will before he was elected judge at a time when he was practicing law in this city.—Portland Sun.

Real estate transfers: J. S. Colchin et al to Fred Scheiman, 60 acres Root tp., \$3,200; D. N. Erwin to W. P. Schrock, lot 993 Decatur, \$160; F. M. Schirmeyer to Roy Archbold and W. P. Schrock, lot 53, Decatur, \$35; D. D. Habegger to Albert Huber, 80 acres in Monroe tp., \$3,400; Jacob Shanebeck to George Zehr, 55 acres Wabash tp., \$5,000; Abraham Lehman to Anna J. Sprunger, lot 214 Berne, \$1,600; Anna J. Sprunger to A. A. Lehman, 6 acres Monroe tp., \$2,800.

Henry Deam arrived home last night from Alexandria, where he and L. D. Price have been conducting a lot sale on the same plan that lots were sold here by the M. & M. They have completed a successful sale at that place. Mr. Deam says that they have other places in view. He will go to Chicago before they start out again.—Bluffton News.

LEAVE FOR CUBA

J. E. Moser of this City Joins Party for That Rich Island

TO LOOK OVER LAND

May Invest There—Have Option on Rich Plantation

James E. Moser, of this city, in company with a crowd of business men from Fort Wayne, left Tuesday for Cuba, where they will investigate thoroughly the opportunities there for investment and may purchase a large tract of land on which the Fort Wayne men have had an option for some time. It is said this tract abounds in timber, valuable almost beyond belief, being covered with the original growth of mahogany, red cedar, ebony and other trees of almost priceless worth. The plantation also includes a coffee farm, sugar cane and other articles that make it a bargain. In the party are Dr. Barnett, who first discovered the land and its value several years ago; A. J. Vesey, the attorney who will investigate the title while Mr. Moser and Mr. Jones of Fort Wayne will take a number of views of the place. They left Fort Wayne yesterday at noon and will arrive at Havana on Saturday going via Key West. From there they go to Trinidad and from there into the interior twenty-four miles on pack horses. The trip requires about a month and if nothing else will prove an interesting and educational journey. Mr. Moser has promised to let us know the outcome of his trip.

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TO MANAGE BAKERY AT OSSIAN

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OWENS WAS FINALLY CAPTURED

Ex-Secretary of State Must Face Serious Charge.

Augusta, Ga., March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—W. D. Owens, former secretary of state of Indiana, and an ex-congressman of that state, has been arrested here, after being a fugitive for over four years. The charges against him are in connection with the Ubere Plantation company, of Boston, whose gigantic swindle of five years ago, startled the country from one end to the other and in which hundreds of people lost their money.

DRYS WIN AGAIN

Three More Indiana Counties Vote Against the Saloon

BIG MAJORITY'S

More Than Fifty Counties in the State Are Now Dry

Newport, Ind., March 31.—Vermillion county temperance forces are jubilant because of their victory in the county option election yesterday, after having encountered great obstacles put up by the saloon interests in parts of the county. The county gives a majority of about 300, with one or two precincts yet to be heard from, in favor of the "dry." The election passed off quietly in every township except Clinton, where it is reported the "wets" imported 250 negroes and 150 foreigners from Terre Haute, a number of whom succeeded in voting. Two arrests were made at Clinton, both being foreigners for attempting to vote without their papers. The brewers of Terre Haute sent twenty-five automobiles to Clinton to help haul in the foreign vote. Most of the saloons there were open.

Columbus, Ind., March 31.—Bartholomew county gave a "dry" majority of 801 in the option election. Columbus township, in which Columbus is situated, went "wet" by a majority of thirty-eight. It is estimated that about 700 votes were lost on account of the machines not registering and many believe that they were tampered with. Eighteen saloons in Columbus and five outside the city will be put out of business. Church bells were ringing from almost every belfry while Bartholomew county cast her vote today. Sunrise prayer meetings were held at Hartsville, Elizabethtown, Hope and at the Columbus church, where the bells rang every hour while women prayed.

North Vernon, Ind., March 31.—Jennings county voted against licensed saloons today by a majority unofficially given as 518. There was a good percentage of the vote cast and no incidents to mar the day's events. Center township, in which North Vernon is situated, voted "wet" by a majority of eighty. There are thirteen saloons in this city and in Vernon which will be affected by today's voting.

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THE ROUND ROBIN

The Graduates of 1908 Will Inaugurate a New Feature

THE PLAN IS NOVEL

Will Keep the Class in Touch With Each Other for Years to Come

The senior class of last year is going to keep together; for this purpose they will start a "round robin" or its way on their first anniversary, the last of May. Every class that has gone through four years of hard work feels a bond among the members which binds them as a strong body of friends. They have struggled together over hard problems in geometry and chapters of Caesar, and there is consequently a close friendship. It sometimes happens that a certain class will outstrip others in the loyalty of its classmates. There is none ahead of the '08 class in this respect for they are determined, even if separated to keep in touch with each other. The last of May, Miss Pansy Bell will write a letter telling all about herself during the time since she graduated. Miss Clara Boknecht will receive the letter and add to that her account of affairs since she left school, and so on in alphabetical order. The next year another letter will be started and this will be kept up every year. It has not been a year yet, and there has been but few changes in the class. However, in this short time various occupations have been taken up by the members, and several are away from home. The idea is a good one and will be interesting and pleasant for the boys and girls who graduated last year. Miss Rose Dunathan, the Latin teacher of the pupils is included in the "round robin." The members of the class are Etta Brandyberry, Pansy Bell, Frances Bryson, Clara Boknecht, William Conrad, Miss Dunathan, Frances Dugan, Helen Evans, Lucile Gillig, William Hammel, Florence Kunkle, Fancheon Magley, Fannie McConnel, Margaret Walters, Harry Weldy.

WITHOUT A HITCH

The Waring Glove Company Have Old Force Back

THE FILLER COMPANY

Are Busy Sending Out Their Manufactured Product

The Huntington newspapers say that the Waring Glove company are now running on old time, with the same force that was with them before the fire, which wiped most of the plant temporarily out of commission. They made quick work in resuming operations after an adjustment had been reached with the insurance companies, losing less than a month's time. This was an important feature with them, as they had future orders enough for a steady grind, and the loss of even a few days meant many dollars to them. The Huntington plant is one of the best in the country for the manufacture of cotton flannel gloves, and the famous Waring brand is known the country over.

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WANT TO BE DEPUTY EXAMINER

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Miss Caoline Tripplett, of Stamping Ground, Kentucky, is the guest of Miss Marie Patterson and other friends here.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY CALLED

To Take Care of Rush of Business in Jay County.

On account of the shooting of Alonso Uptegraft by John DePew, marshal of Bryant, Frank Gillespie, clerk of the circuit court, was on Monday instructed to issue a call ordering the members of the grand jury selected at the beginning of the present term of the circuit court to meet on next Tuesday and conduct an examination of the circumstances leading up to the sad affair, which it is now thought will terminate in the death of Uptegraft. While in session the grand jury will also investigate other matters of less importance. The six men composing the venire are Jacob Gagle and John B. Stults, Wayne township; William Hartupp and Samuel Thomas, Green township; Finley Menhall and Ward Bell, Jefferson township.—Portland Daily Sun.

HAVING TROUBLES

Congress Getting Farther Apart on the New Tariff Law

LINES ARE BROKEN

The Majority Cannot Agree and the Whip Has No Effect

Washington, March 31.—One of Speaker Cannon's lieutenants expressed regret that the house organization did not force a vote on the Payne tariff bill within three days after it was presented. The bill has lost favor daily. On the one hand, is the "ultimate consumer," demanding cheaper living, and on the other are the protected interests, insisting that duties that have been lowered shall be increased. Under the circumstances the house leaders were not prepared to say when an effort will be made to get a vote. "It looks as if the house is almost deadlocked over the bill," said one of the members of the ways and means committee. "Our canvass of the membership does not convince us that we can obtain a rule under which the bill can be passed without amendments, except such as the committee is willing to accept, and we are fairly well convinced that the various cliques are not in position to co-operate in a way that will be effective in changing the bill in important places."

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MANY STILL SICK

Hopes Are Entertained for Recovery of Mrs. Sprague

IS CONVALESCING

Jacob Buhler a Sufferer—Others Are Very Sick

For the first time for several weeks hopes are entertained for the ultimate recovery of Mrs. Harvey Sprague, who has been hovering between life and death for a long time. A serious case of liver trouble has been largely responsible for her illness and even the family members have been bereft of hopes until today. She is greatly improved and every conceivable indication points toward her recovery. This news will be received by the many friends of Mrs. Sprague with gladness.

William Darwacter, north side, is confined to his home as a consequence of a severe affection. Lumbago is playing the principal part in his illness.

Mrs. J. B. Jones, of Seventh street, is still seriously ill, with but slight chances for recovery. A complication of ailments has ushered the life of this aged woman near to eternity's door and she can live but a short time at the most.

New cases of sickness are reported each day and at present many of Adams county people are suffering from some complaint.

Miss Mabel Weldy will entertain a number of her friends this evening at her home on First street at a farewell party. Several of the guests will leave soon for the normal college to prepare for teaching.

THE SUMMERHOMES

Decatur People Already Planning for the Warm Season

TWO BUY PROPERTIES