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GOOD THING

FOR MORGAN

A press dispatch from Washington says:

Free art, the dream of American collectors of foreign masterpieces in paintings and sculpture, practically is assured by the adoption in the senate committee on finance of an amendment to the tariff bill, which will admit these treasures without restriction of any kind.

The same dispatch says that this amendment is a personal victory for Senators Aldrich and Lodge. Aldrich is not only the Republican leader in the senate, but he is the special representative of Standard Oil, the steel trust and other special interests. But the dispatch goes on and tells the reason for admitting "art treasures" into this country "without restriction of any kind. It says:

The passage of such a provision as is proposed would bring to this country the art treasures owned by Americans and exhibited abroad, such as the unequalled collection in London of J. Pierpont Morgan.

Of course it would be something awful to make Pierpont Morgan pay something toward the support of the government which he has used so long for his own purposes. But the fact remains that the people of this country cannot eat or wear "art treasures," and that, for the benefit of such men as Morgan they are forced to pay big taxes on what they do eat and wear and use. That is the principle on which the Republican tariff is built.

And now the Muncie Star which in the last campaign, stood up and talked county local option better even than some Methodist preacher, is now stated to be rather inclined to wabble when the issue is to be settled in the Star's own bawlk. The Star is a good wabbler, however, and is never more at home than when bending its backbone in every which way over some public question.

The Indiana Lighting Company, the some corporation that serves Decatur, has reduced the price of illuminating gas to one dollar, a cut of fifteen cents. This was brought about after a conference between the Decatur city council and representatives of the corporation. It might be worth while for Lebanon's council to suggest to the Indiana Lighting Company that our people would appreciate a dollar gas. The present rate is \$1.25—Lebanon Pioneer.

Two New York state editors are un-

der arrest on charges of using the mails to circulate advertisements of a lottery. This offense consisted in publishing announcements of a drawing for prizes conducted in their local church. It looks a little tough if an editor cannot publish what a church can do; but the fact is that both were violating law—one the law of the state, the other the law of the United States; and Uncle Sam is not as lenient with law-breakers as are some of the states. Had the two editors refused to publish the announcements they would have been severely criticised by their home people, but reasonable persons should not ask a newspaper to do that which violates law or endangers public morals.

South Bend Times.

At least a part of the Bluffton suit case brigade were in Decatur yesterday, and the package they took home for future consumption was, as the boys say, a beaut.

BERNE HANDSOME NEW CHURCH

Will Construct a \$35,000 House of Worship Next Year.

The Berne Witness says: At a special business meeting of the Mennonite congregation here last Tuesday the committee for ways and means relative to the building of a new church, filed its report, which, with a few minor changes, was accepted. The congregation also decided unanimously to build next year (1910). Two architects who had previously submitted their preliminary sketches for a new church to the committee, appeared before the congregation and exhibited and explained their respective plans. The first one, Architect W. R. Brown, of Chicago, exhibited blue prints of his style of church architecture. Mr. Brown is considered one of the most noted church architects in the country, having been the architect of 267 churches of the most modern and improved type in all parts of the United States. The general plan of his church is approximately that of a quadrant of a circle, allowing indefinite expansion in the direction of the arc. With the pulpit placed at the apex of the quadrant the auditorium extends in the direction of the quarter circle. Beyond this and in the same general direction from the pulpit is the Sunday school auditorium. Each of these auditoria is surmounted by a dome with a skylight. Besides these auditoria there is a prayer meeting room and other smaller rooms. The church and Sunday-school auditoria and the prayer meeting room can all be thrown together by opening the sliding partitions, uniting them into one vast auditorium such as is needed for special occasions. One great advantage of this plan is, that every person in the audience is directly facing the preacher on the pulpit without turning in his seat. His plan at once found great favor with those present. The second architect appearing before the congregation was Henry W. Meyer, of Fort Wayne. Although appearing to be a comparatively young man yet he has made plans for a great many large churches. His type is the cross or cathedral plan. He explained his sketches at considerable length and laid great stress on solidity of construction and on acoustics. The plans presented by the two architects provide each for a church costing about \$35,000 and seating about 2,000 people. The congregation took no definite action on either plan, but instructed the committee to solicit further, more definite sketches adapted to its specific needs from these two and other architects, and also instructed the committee to make trips to cities to visit churches of large capacity and modern equipment.

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THE SOCIAL WORLD

The Pythian Sisters to Give a Social at Their Hall Monday Night

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. John Niblick Entertained in Honor of Mrs. O. P. Edwards

The Pythian Sisters will give a social at their hall Monday night. A splendid program has been prepared. The lodge is growing and prospering, but they are going to build as soon as possible and the money they will take in Monday night will go in the treasury of the order. If you go next Monday night you will enjoy a good entertainment and help the order along. Admission will be ten cents for all. The program is as follows:

Orchestra.

Address—Mrs. Fred Linn.

Vocal Solo—Mary Erwin.

Instrumental Duet—Lucy Fruchte and Mrs. Fred Fruchte.

Solo—Miss Charlotte Niblick.

Reading—Miss Gladys Flanders.

Solo—Miss Marsha Helm.

High School Quartet.

Reading—Miss Marie Ball.

Vocal Solo—Francis Laman.

Orchestra.

Address—D. B. Erwin.

Reading—Miss Anna Amsbaugh and Carl Smith.

Instrumental Solo—Naomi Niblick.

Vocal Solo—Miss Lillah Lachot.

Reading—Howard Wischaupt.

Vocal Solo—Mr. Ned Steele.

Instrumental Duet—Miss Nichols and Miss Hower.

Reading—Miss Vada Martin.

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Lady Blanche Josephine Krick
Violet Beatrice Van Camp
Malissa Leota Bailey
Ipsie Esther Sellemyer
Pupils: Helen Niblick, Vernia Smith, Fancheon Dougherty, Inez Snellen, Bessie Boyers, Teresa Baltzell and Marie Jackson.

Mrs. John Niblick was hostess at a luncheon party this afternoon in honor of her daughter, Mrs. O. P. Edwards of Leipsic, Ohio, who will sail for Europe in a few days. The guests were delightfully entertained during the afternoon and the luncheon was an elegant one. Out of town guests were Mrs. Robert Allison of Cardwell, Mo., and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vesey of Fort Wayne.

That wheat game in Chicago which has been creating so much interest all over the country for ten days past will close when several of the men who have made millions over night have lost their wad. It's the same as any other gamble, the man who don't cash in at the right time loses his stack of checks.

"BEN HUR" IS COMING

A Delightful Entertainment to Be Given at Presbyterian Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the First Presbyterian church has been most fortunate in securing the "Ben Hur" entertainment for their church on Tuesday evening, April 27, 1909. This entertainment is announced to be one of the finest and most complete of its kind ever offered, and cannot fail to give the people of this city sincere pleasure. It will be a triple bill illustrated with over 200 stereopticon slides, the main feature being a lecture on "Ben Hur" by a well known lecturer from Chicago. The first part of the program will be scenes in colors from the life of the Prodigal Son, as told in Scripture. The second part will be the "Ben Hur" lecture and colored illustrations, covering the entire story and, especially, many exciting scenes of the chariot race, made immortal by Gen. Lew Wallace. The intermission between these two parts is occupied by a lecture and colored slides on 75 of the most famous "Ram's Horn" cartoons, the entire entertainment exerting a most refined and elevating influence whose educational value will be of great benefit to the community. There will also be illustrated songs, stories, anecdotes and other pleasing features for both young and old, all for only 25 cents. Everybody is invited to participate in the evening's enjoyment and witness one of the most fascinating entertainments ever presented in the city for so small an admission price. Everyone is welcomed. Bring your family, bring your friends. Tickets may be purchased from any member of the Ladies' Aid Society.

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