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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

Teddy has five lions in his belt, and that is going some. We have seen the time in this country when he beat that record. Teddy is nothing if not rank bloodthirsty.

The sugar refining trust are paying large sums of money into the government coffers, which they have swindled Uncle Sam of, in short weights. There ought to be something criminal about these convictions and then they might be encouraged into being honest.

That was a great speech made by Senator Dolliver, of Iowa, and almost as good a one was that of Senator Cummins, of the same state. They punctured the Aldrich tariff bill full of holes, and gave many reasons why the interests should not have everything their own way. Senator Shively will likely be heard in the senate in a few days.

### NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF DECATUR COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The annual meeting and election of officers of the Decatur Commercial Club will be held at the club rooms of the club at 7:30 p. m. on Monday, May 10, 1909. A full attendance is desired.

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## THE SOCIAL WORLD

Mrs. French Quinn Entertained the Young Matrons Club

### OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Miss Emma Magley Entertained Sewing Club Last Evening

Mrs. French Quinn entertained the Young Matrons Club and a number of other friends in honor of her house guest, Mrs. Triplett, of Rome City, Ind., last evening and the party was most delightful. Being a "Jabberwock" party which means as seen in a looking glass, everything was turned around, even the weather. The luncheon which was served as soon as the guests arrived was given backward, but the guests were not the least backward about eating it. The tables looked very pretty, white and yellow being the colors for the evening. The decorations were crystal candlesticks with yellow shades and beautiful yellow carnations. The guests found their places by the aid of small mirrors. During the evening Mrs. J. Q. Neptune sang a very pretty solo. One of the contests was the guessing of names of flowers, the names having been "ditched." Almost every one was successful and all drew slips for the prize. Mrs. John Heller was the lucky one, and was given a handsome bouquet of yellow carnations. Next Mrs. Don Quinn played a popular piece backward, and Miss Marie Patterson was the first to call the title of it. Then Master Geo. Triplett gave an excellent recitation, which was quite the hit of the evening. Mrs. Quinn was assisted in entertaining and serving her guests by her son and daughter, Robert and Miss Reba, and her sisters, Mrs. C. Myers and Mrs. F. Bell.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Roop and son, of Berne, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Runyon at dinner today.

A merry birthday party was given for Miss Clara Sorg, of Hesse Castle, by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sorg. The twenty-five guests enjoyed themselves immensely, and late in the evening refreshments were served. Some of the guests from the south, and some from Fort Wayne, came to the party on the interurban.

Miss Emma Magley entertained the Sewing Club last evening at her home.

This was the first meeting, and it proved a very pleasant one. The club will choose another name which will be suitable soon. Sewing and fancy work was in order for an hour. Music and games and conversation made the evening pass quickly, and late in the evening refreshments were served. The girls decided to meet next Thursday evening with Miss Ellen Krill. Those who belong are the Misses Alma Watts, Annice Wilder, Saloma Rice, Irene Evans, Helen Fanner, Edith Rice, Ellen Krill, Emma Magley, Erma Houck, Hattie Wilder, Bessie Wilder, Fannie McConnell, Florence Kunkle.

In a contest conducted by S. A. Cramer in his school room for the best poetry, Ireta Jackson was successful. Men famous in this country's history were the subject of the poems, which tested their knowledge of history. Ireta's poetry was as follows:

#### COLUMBUS.

Christopher Columbus sailed from Spain;  
The people thought he was insane,  
And after they saw him come in sight  
They thought they were wrong and he was right.

#### BOONE.

Boone settled in Kentucky;  
They say he was so very lucky.  
He escaped from the Indians every time.  
And that is why I made this rhyme.

## WON HIGH HONOR

Mr. Frank Kern Ranks Second Among Agents in Indiana and Ohio

### FOR HIS COMPANY

Is Attending a Big Merry-making and Banquet at Toledo Today

Mr. Frank Kern, the local agent for the Metropolitan Life Insurance company of New York, is at Toledo today attending a big celebration given by the company and which will close with an elaborate banquet this evening. Indiana is divided into four districts and Northern Ohio into two, and of all the agents in these six districts Mr. Kern stands second in the amount of business written. The honor is one sought after by every agent, and carries with it several valuable prizes, besides the commission given. Frank has a right to feel proud over his record which came only through his own efforts and this means many hours of hard work, which counts in the insurance business as in any other line. The affair at Toledo today will be a merry gathering, and Mr. Kern will enjoy it as much as any one there. The contest continued for three months, the first quarter of the year.

#### PARK HOTEL DINNER MENU

Sunday, May 9, 1909.

#### Consomme

Celery Radishes

Roast beef, brown gravy

Mashed Potatoes

Asparagus in cream

Sliced Cucumbers

Baked Custard

Strawberry Short Cake

Tea

Coffee

Milk

Do not fail to attend Hensley's annual sale.

## UNIQUE BUSINESS

Democrat Reporter Chances Upon Frank Gass at Work in Hot Bed

### RAISES MANY PLANTS

Cabbage, Tomato and Sweet Potatoes and He Knows It Thoroughly

Wandering about, this morning, in a wild search for news, we chanced upon a unique business, operated by Frank Gass, manager of the Fullenkamp store, and located just at the rear of that business house. It is a hot bed in which he raises each year an immense quantity of cabbage and tomato plants. It looked to us as though there were a million sets in the bed, but Frank informed us that he had two beds as large at his residence and then never had enough. The plants are healthy looking, and years of experience has taught Frank just what plants are the most generally wanted and that's what he raises. His tomatoes are the big and meaty peck, four of the fruit making a half peck. He says that every one who used them last year were delighted and he is having many calls for them this year. His cabbage plants are the early Winningsstead, always first on the market, and a sturdy, healthy plant, also very popular. They are guaranteed to please, and Frank sells them at ten cents per dozen or three dozen for a quarter, separate or mixed, and fresh out of the bed. In about ten days he will also have a bed of sweet potato plants ready for the market. It's quite a business, and requires the attention of some one who knows just how to do it.

## WEDDED AT QUINCY

Berton Niblick and Wife Are in Decatur for Visit

### RESIDE AT QUINCY

Where Mr. Niblick Has Been Attending College

Mr. and Mrs. Berton Niblick arrived in the city this morning to remain for several weeks as the guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick. They will remain to attend the commencement exercises in which Miss Helen Niblick will participate. Mr. Niblick has been attending college at Quincy, Illinois, for some time and several months ago was united in marriage to a prominent Quincy girl. Although the relatives of Mr. Niblick were aware of the marriage, a public announcement of same has not been made in this city. Mr. Niblick by diligent work, has acquired an excellent college education, and will no doubt accept a lucrative position in Quincy in the near future, where he will make his future home. He and wife will enjoy the hospitalities of Decatur relatives for several weeks, before they return to their home. Although a little late, Decatur friends will extend to them, well wishes for their future prosperity and happiness.

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## PUBLIC SUPPORT OF DEPENDENT CHILDREN.

When the public accounting commission get to work, it will investigate county expenditures. One thing needing correction is the custom of paying for the support of children who are public wards. In many counties these children are cared for by private associations, the county paying a specified amount per day toward the support of each child. As long ago as 1897 a law was passed which contemplated that the counties should be required to pay only for such children as were properly committed by a public official, or were known to have no means of support. It was the intention to reach, by this law, a custom which had become notorious in certain parts of the state, that of receiving for care at public expense, children whose parents were entirely able to support them. In 1907 the legislature passed another law on this subject, the effect of which was to strengthen the 1897 law, making it illegal for a county to pay for the maintenance of a child unless that child had been declared a public ward by the juvenile court. Unfortunately this law is not always obeyed. In some counties bills presented by the orphan's home association are paid by the counties without the slightest attempt to ascertain whether the claims are legal or not. An example of this was found a short time ago in Shelby county, when the agent of the board of state charities, examined the claim of the Orphans' Home association against the county for the preceding quarter. The claim was for the maintenance of thirty children, but an examination of the juvenile records indicated that only two children had ever been made public wards. Eight of the thirty had been sent to the home since the passage of the 1907 law. The agent found further that one child was included in the bill had been placed in a family home the preceding August and had therefore been off public support for nearly seven months. The next week the same agent was in Montgomery county. There he found that the county had just paid a claim for the maintenance of twenty-six children, not one of whom had ever been made a public ward. In one case the association was collecting from the county for four children whose board in the home was being paid by their father. These are but samples of what the board of state charities believes can be found in a number of other counties. It is not believed that it was the intent to do any wrong. The practice has grown up and become a custom. It is a condition which should be corrected at once. If it is not done now by the associations or the commissioners, it will doubtless be forced upon these various boards later by the public accounting commission. The first concern is, of course, for the children. Without a court proceeding, good families hesitate to take dependent children into their homes, for fear of being annoyed later on by worthless parents or relatives. Many a dependent child has lost a good home in that way. On the other hand the public funds should be handled in a legal and business-like way.

#### A SPECIALIST SAYS:

"Piles Can't Be Thoroughly Cured by Outward Treatment."

Dr. J. S. Leonhardt, of Lincoln, Neb., the celebrated specialist, who has studied every phase of piles, says: "Piles can't be thoroughly cured by ointments, nor any other outside treatment. The cause is internal, and needs internal treatment." Dr. Leonhardt perfected Hem-Roid, the first internal pile cure. It frees circulation in the lower bowel, and has cured 98 per cent. of cases. Sold under guarantee at Holthouse Drug Co. Price \$1. Dr. Leonhardt Co., Station B. Buffalo, N. Y., prop. Write for booklet.

## THE SLEEPING SICKNESS WHICH MEANS DEATH

How many readers have heard of this terrible disease? It prevails in that far-away country—Africa—especially the Congo district. It is caused by the bite of the tsetse fly. When it bites a person, the sleeping symptoms begin and finally the sufferer sleeps until death occurs.

Contrast this with the peaceful, balmy sleep of health. Is there anything more wearing than to lie awake at night, tossing about, nervous, with cold feet, hot head and mercy knows what else? Short of letting the tsetse fly bite us we would do almost anything for relief. How can we prevent it? Mr. George Hayes, of Union City, Pa., writes: "I had lost my appetite, was all run-down, could not sleep nights. I had tried everything without relief. Vinol was recommended, and to my surprise, it helped me at once; gave me a splendid appetite, and now I sleep soundly."

What Vinol did for Mr. Hayes, it will do for every run-down, nervous and overworked person who cannot sleep.

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A new line of combs, Dutch collar pins, sash pins, umbrellas, souvenir spoons, and a nice line of cuff buttons and rings.

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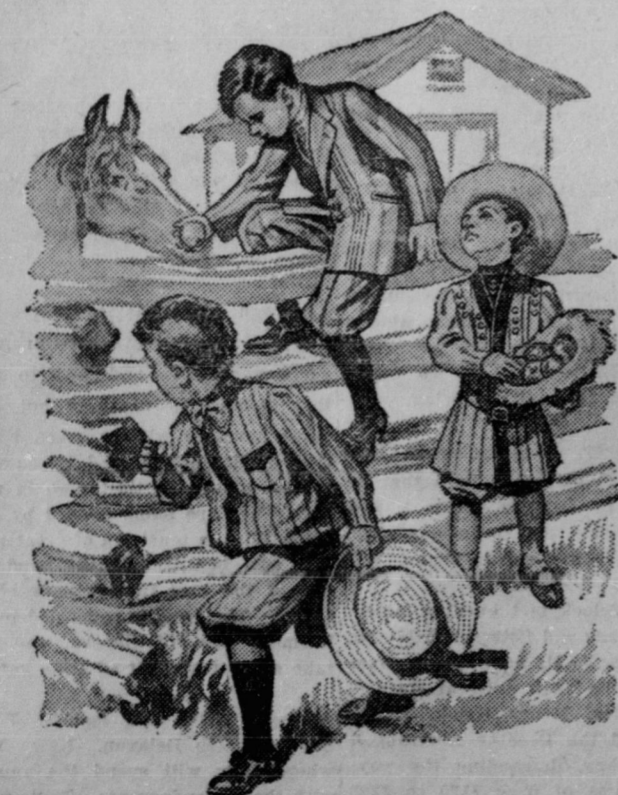
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