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In speaking of the scandalous mismanagement that is charged against the trustees and superintendent of the Jeffersonville reformatory, the Indianapolis Sun says:

The "policy" of Superintendent Whittaker and the reformatory board of trustees, under which good and hard working and "handy" prisoners are held in bondage to work for contractors, or to earn money on which others may draw interest; the policy under which men of clear records are robbed of the liberty the law gives them after the terms of their minimum sentences have run out, is being attacked on all sides.

Such a policy if pursued, should be attacked and condemned. It is an outrage on civilization. According to charges that have been made prisoners have been held for years after they had earned a parole, largely because they were good workmen and valuable to the prison contractors.

The terms of the custodian and engineer of the state house expired the middle of April. These officials had been appointed by the Republican governors for twelve years under the terms of an act passed in 1897. Governor Marshall, convinced that he had at least equal authority to make these appointments, issued commissions to two Democrats. Thereupon State Auditor Billheimer and Secretary of State Sims, proceeding under an act of 1895, which Governor Matthews had vetoed and which no one considered of any validity (although the redolent Owen

had printed it in the official acts of 1895) appointed two Republicans. And now the supreme court has decided that an act which neither Governor Mount, Durbin nor Hanly would recognize, which no subsequent legislature heeded, and which no administrative officer thought valid until a Democratic governor was elected, is all right. By this decision the Republicans will continue to hold a large amount of state house patronage.

## AIRDOME TONIGHT

A Three Reel Show and a Big Orchestra for a Five-Cent Piece

### IS THE OFFERING

The New Place Promises to Become a Popular One During Summer

The Airdome will be open this evening, according to the announcement of J. B. Stonburner, the proprietor.

The sun has warmed up the atmosphere to such an extent today that John figures that the air will be just about right for an outside show this evening, and he has accordingly arranged for the same. He will give a three reel exhibition and with this will entertain his patrons with a four-piece orchestra. He will strive to please the public and no one can say that John isn't the kind of a hustler who gets there. From time to time he will have special entertainments at the airdome and will at all times provide an excellent picture show, with the price the same as indoors, five cents. The first show last Saturday night was a winner, and he is looking for a big crowd tonight. The airdome is located on the vacant lot just east of the Star. You can't miss it.

Mrs. John Johns who suffered a stroke of paralysis about a week ago is able to be up and around at times. If nothing else unforeseen sets in she will be out again in a week or so.

## SOCIAL DECATUR

### Crowd of Young Ladies

Planning a Trip to the Rome City Lake

### LADES' AID SOCIETY

Of Christian Church—Meeting of Miss Hoffman's Sunday School Class

### MRS. LAMAN IS QUITE SICK

Miss Frances Bryson and sister, Mrs. Jerry Torrence, entertained with a six o'clock dinner party Tuesday evening at their home on north Pleasant street. The guests were Misses Marie Patterson, Madge Hite, Bertha Heller, Midge Smith, Bessie Wherry, Mrs. Jack Daily, Mrs. Harvey Smith and Mrs. Zoe Miller, all from Decatur. The young ladies arrived on the Tuesday afternoon train.—Portland Daily Sun.

The Bachelor Maids will this evening meet at the home of Miss Kint Vogelweide on Fourth street, and all the members are requested to be present.

Don't fail to attend the ice cream social to be given by the ladies of the Christian church Saturday evening in front of the Stoneburner picture show. Remember the day, Saturday the 10th.

A company of girls of this city will leave July 25th for Rome City, where they will enjoy several weeks of vacation. They have rented the Members' cottage and boating and fishing will be the pastime, and it promises to be pleasant.

The little girls of Miss Edna Hoffman's Sunday school class met at her home this afternoon. The girls are going to organize a reading club and each hostess will entertain the members when they meet with a lesson. There will be a course of study which will greatly improve their youthful minds.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Christian church were entertained by Mrs. Noah Mangold, 122 south First

street, and a pleasant time was enjoyed. The order of service was as follows: Hymn, prayer, business, offering and a social hour with refreshments. The society is planning to raise money for the benefit of the church.

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The Thimble Club is holding its meeting this afternoon with Mrs. Fannie Cole and a very enjoyable time was spent during the afternoon. Those who were present and were not members of the club are the Mesdames Fred Patterson, Bart France, John Heller, H. L. Conter, Eugene Runyon, Fred Mills, David Studabaker, Fred Hoyer, O. L. Vance.

### MRS. LAMAN IS QUITE SICK

Mrs. Samuel Laman, who was operated on yesterday is very weak today, but her condition shows an improvement from yesterday. The operation was not completed owing to her growing so weak, and it was expected that the work would be finished within a day or two. She was quite ill last night, but the improvement today leads the friends to hope she will soon recover from any ill effects.

The Stanislaus county big exhibition car with museum and a display of all the crops from that wonderful country will be here next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The farmers are especially invited.

Miss Eleona Forbign and Virginia Smith have gone to Tipton, Ind., where they will visit for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Minerding. Mrs. Minerding was formerly Miss Gertrude Forbign.

Bob Gregory is at home from Clear Lake, where he has been enjoying a week's sport fishing. He will return to the lake tomorrow and remain until the fifteenth when he will probably make a trip through the west.

Dr. D. D. Clark, Dr. Roy Archbold, M. E. Brackett and C. C. Schafer, Harry Ward, H. L. Conter Dr. E. G. Coverdale were among the Decatur people who took in the Buffalo Bill show at Fort Wayne last evening returning in automobiles afterward.

The latest piece of boosting gossip is to the effect that a handsome row brick buildings is contemplated from the Winnes shoe store corner to the alley by the postoffice. This would certainly be a boomer for Monroe street and would add much to the appearance and to the business of that important street.

These will show you.

These will be the things this year and they

will be the