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### RETURN

### OF THE PRODIGAL

Noah Marker's home. Wasn't it nice of him to come back? He's home and he's free as air, although he is supposed to have taken something like \$106,000 that belonged to other people. He took enough, you see. Now if he had stolen a spring chicken, for instance, or had become intoxicated and had no friends to go upon his bond, he would have been reposing in the county jail, and in the case of the chicken theft he might even have gone to the penitentiary.

The American standard of legal procedure should teach all thieves and prospective thieves one thing: Never steal a small amount. If you can't filch enough to make it worth while, you'd better lead an honest life. The world has no use for the petty thief. He is a bad man. It is the chains and dungeons for him and a diet of bread and water. But if you can steal a hundred thousand dollars or so, that is different. Then you become a wonder, a wizard of finance, a hero and friends will rally around you and raise all the bond you may need and the girls of the community will come in, evenings, and hold hands with you. It is certainly a gay life.

They thought so much of Noah Marker over in Tipton, his home people did, that they did not even arrest him. Instead they welcomed him back to their beautiful little city with glad acclaim. He sent for his friends and they greeted him as one returned from the dead and all participated in an impromptu love feast. Then Noah pressed his finger thoughtfully to his brow, as in an attitude of deep thought, and remarked to this effect: "Let's see; I knew I forgot something. Why, of course. I ought to be arrested, I suppose. George, you call up my attorneys and tell them to have the United States marshal arrest me so I can get this little formality over with. Mercy, isn't it warm today?"

And so a polite marshal came and arrested him and a happy little party came to Muncie where bond was furnished and all went back to Tipton after a trip whose pleasure was only marred by the extreme heat.

His townspeople, in the meantime, had held a meeting, a kind of popular demonstration in Noah Marker's behalf. The beauty and the chivalry of Tipton was represented, and the wealthy men of the community turned out in force. At the conclusion the men whose wealth aggregated two and a half million dollars signed their names to a blank bond for Marker and figuratively told the court to "go as far as you like" in the matter of a bond and they would furnish it. They're strong for Noah Marker, over Tipton way; that's certain.

It is an edifying spectacle to be sure, but it may be inclined to make the youth of the land envious. However, they should be content with their own honest lot for the time at least, while awaiting an opportunity, and remember that we can't all be Noah Markers.—Muncie Press.

Connecticut is to be the first state in the union to report in favor of an income tax amendment to the federal constitution. Their state legislature is now considering such a course and they are expected to enact such legislation next week.

Taft smiles over tariff victory! He must be easily tickled. It is quite a coincidence, but quite noticeable, that while Taft smiles, Cannon, Lodge and Hale grin, while Aldrich laughs out-

right. If Taft feels as cheap as his smile looks to the public he must be a pretty sick man at heart.—Huntington News-Democrat.

It's all clear enough now. The stand-patters have worked a smooth game. For fear the tariff would be revised downward they made a desperate effort to raise it—the Aldrich-Cannon crowd. Then President Taft steps in and makes threats, a conference is held and the result? A tariff whose average schedule is about the same or perhaps a little higher than the present Dingley law of which most people complain. The joker is there but it won't fool the people this time.—Portland Sun.

## SPECIAL PROGRAM

A Musical Program at the Presbyterian Church Last Evening

### WAS WELL ATTENDED

Miss Jean Lutz Received Many Congratulations on Her Playing

The special services at the Presbyterian church last evening were well attended and appreciated. A special musical program was rendered with Miss Jean Lutz at the organ. She has been studying in Boston for the past year and plays beautifully, and her many friends were pronounced in their congratulations for her part in the program of last evening. The entire program, however, is worthy of special mention, and was as follows:

Organ prelude—Eddy, Chadwick, Chadwick—Miss Jean Lutz.

Chorus—"Oh, Sacred Head Now Wounded"—Men's Chorus.

Bass solo—"Hold Thou My Hand"—Mr. Will Schrock.

Organ—Offertory—Chadwick—Miss Lutz.

Solo—"Easter" — Miss Florence Sprunger.

Address by pastor.

Caritone solo—"The Celestial Pilot"—Dr. Fred Patterson.

Rev. Spetnagle, pastor of the Presbyterian church, will leave in a few days for a month's absence in the west, during part of which time he will join his wife on a visit with relatives in Iowa. He will see much of that country during his absence, and in all will have a good time and a good season. They also know how to make the best of such a situation. The great attractions are the climate and the scenery, and there is no denying the fact that they have these elements clinched and that the far west will always be an attractive place for the sight seer to go. They all stood the trip well and came home with that old feeling that there is no place like Indiana, and no place in Indiana like good old Decatur, Adams county.

## WAS A GREAT RALLY

Sunday School Rally at the Church of Christ Was Interesting

### TALKS WERE MADE

By Prof. J. C. Trich and Howard Wisehaupt—Fine Music

The Sunday school rally held yesterday morning at the Church of Christ was a brilliant event, in which ideas very instructive to Sunday school work were presented. Representatives of the various Sunday schools of the city were specially invited to attend and give addresses relative to the cause represented. Prof. J. C. Trich of the M. E. Sunday school delivered an interesting discourse touching upon many phases of Bible school work and emphasizing particularly the essentiality of careful gradation. His talk was well received. Howard Wisehaupt of the United Brethren church discoursed on the "Care of a Boy," which proved a very interesting theme to the large audience. The meeting was a marked success and one from which much good was derived. Inspiring music was furnished throughout the session by the choir and this added greatly to the appropriateness of the occasion. Such meetings are conducive of much good and should be continued from time to time that interest may be at a high pitch at all times.

FOR RENT FOR SALE—The Park hotel. Inquire of Mrs. Dan Meyers, just across the street.

## BALOON WENT UP

But Just a Few Feet Above Ground Yes-terday

## BIG CROWD AT PARK

During the Afternoon and the People Had Big Time

Yesterday afternoon a large crowd gathered at Maple Grove park for recreation and remained to witness the balloon ascension so widely advertised. The big bag was filled at about 5:15 and when Prof. Dickey informed the men to let loose the guy ropes the inflated bag left the ground far enough to carry the parachute from the earth then it came down within seventy-five feet of where it started. Weston, who was to ride the balloon cut the parachute loose and it fell across some telephone wires. This is the second time the people have been fooled by the aeronauts. It seems that they either do not know how to fill a balloon or else they do not want to make the jump. At any rate the park directors will not contract with them any more. Other amusements at the park were well enjoyed by the people. The dances at the park are becoming more popular each week and many people attend the dances. A number of picnics will be held at Maple Grove this week.

## SOCIETY COLUMN

Mrs. Elizabeth Walter Entertained at Dinner Yesterday

### OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Miss Lilah Lachot Entertained a Crowd of Friends

Mrs. Eli Sprunger and daughter, Miss Florence, entertained in a pleasant way a company of out-of-town guests yesterday by giving a six o'clock dinner. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Sid O'Connor and baby Louise of Fort Wayne, Frank Braun and Mrs. Barbara Reisen of Berne.

Mrs. Cris Strebe entertained at dinner yesterday several out-of-town guests. The guests were Mrs. Frank Strebe, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Carr and Mrs. E. M. Swanders of Auburn.

The Epworth League picnic at Steele's park Thursday, promises to be a very pleasant affair. Beside the league members their friends will be present.

Mr. James Fristoe entertained at Sunday dinner Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fristoe and daughter Marguerite of Geneva, who stopped in the city enroute to Rochester, where they will spend their vacation. Mrs. James Fristoe is at Winona Lake.

Mrs. Elizabeth Walters gave a dinner party yesterday and pleasantly entertained during the afternoon her guests, who were Mr. and Mrs. Carding, Mr. Frank Maley and wife, Mrs. Jenny Corley and daughter Elva, and Mrs. Charles Twigg of West Virginia, Miss Mamie Leonard, Elijah Walters.

It was a rally day of the Christian church Sunday school yesterday and an excellent program was given during the Sunday school hours. With plenty of good music and several addresses, the exercises proved to be very interesting. Professor Jonas Trich, Mr. Howard Wisehaupt and the pastor of the congregation gave talks. For the past several months the school has been increasing. A cordial welcome is extended to all who do not attend services elsewhere to attend the Sunday services at the Christian church.

Mrs. Charles Heckman and daughters pleasantly entertained at luncheon yesterday evening. Guests were Mrs. Meyers and daughter of Fort Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shroeder of Bingen, Mr. Charles Zwick of Bingen, Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Gerber and daughter Helen of Preble.

Rev. E. G. Krampe, president of (Continue on page 4.)

## MAY CONFISCATE BOATS

Patrolman of Reservoir, Celina, Says All Licenses Must Be Paid.

Celina, O., Aug. 2.—C. F. Lindall, the recently appointed police patrolman of the grand reservoir, and successor of Wesley McDonald, made the rounds of the reservoir the past week. Police Lindall issued warning to all owners of boats that the license on boats must be paid for at once or the boats will be confiscated. It is not his intention to wantonly destroy any property, but the state regulations must be met with speedy compliance.

## GONE SEVEN WEEKS

C. H. Elzey, Wife and Mother Came Home Saturday Evening

### HAD A GREAT TRIP

Saw the Coast and Everything Else in That Country

C. H. Elzey, wife and mother came home Saturday evening from a seven weeks' absence during which they saw much of the Pacific coast country spending the most of the time in Portland, Oregon, where they visited relatives. They were at the Seattle exposition, which they pronounce as being all that it is advertised, and a success from every viewpoint, even to being a financial enterprise that is going to pay a fair interest on the investment, besides it will be the greatest advertisement of the vastness of that country ever before undertaken. This is saying much when it is known that the west generally speaking, are the greatest advertisers in the world. They were clear to the Pacific coast and saw everything worth seeing in that great country. There are many visitors there now, and the railroads are carrying thousands every day, so it will be seen that the exposition and other attractions will have a good season. They also know how to make the best of such a situation.

The great attractions are the climate and the scenery, and there is no denying the fact that they have these elements clinched and that the far west will always be an attractive place for the sight seer to go. They all stood the trip well and came home with that old feeling that there is no place like Indiana, and no place in Indiana like good old Decatur, Adams county.

## THE WATER IS PURE

State Chemist Pronounces Maple Grove Water Wholesome

### A LETTER RECEIVED

This Morning by Dr. Miller Gives Out the Information

Dr. J. M. Miller who, with Dr. Clark and Frank McConnel went to Maple Grove park a few days ago and secured a quantity of water from the spring there, which was sent to the state board of health for analysis, received a letter this morning from Henry Everett Barnhart, of the chief division of chemistry, in which the chemist states that the water is absolutely free from germs of any nature and that it is good to drink. Reports had gained circulation to the effect that the water was impregnated with typhoid germs and the park managers hearing of this, at once decided to have a thorough examination made to ascertain whether or not the water carried germs of any nature. A state reception was sent here and in it was placed a quantity of the water which was sent to Indianapolis, where the examination disclosed the above named facts. Hence patrons of the park need not be apprehensive of dire results should they imbibe of the pure spring water.

Those Dutch collars and jabots are just the things you need for this hot weather. Get them at Baughman 5 and 10 cent store.

## ARE 262 GRAVES

Of the Soldier Dead Under Jurisdiction of Sam Henry Post

### WILL BE MARKED

Appropriately—Soliciting Committee Needs But Fifteen Dollars

A. J. Tepele and Robert D. Patterson, the committee chosen by the Sam Henry post, G. A. R., to solicit funds for the purchase of markers to be placed upon the graves of the departed soldiers in the jurisdiction, have met with good success in the project, although they hope to get subscription for fifteen dollars more before their regular meeting Thursday night. The remains of two hundred and sixty-two departed noble and brave comrades lie beneath mother earth in this jurisdiction and it is to mark their last resting place appropriately that this movement has been launched. There are sixty-two graves at Decatur cemetery to be marked and the remaining two hundred are in the various cemeteries of the county. The committee has succeeded in securing thirty-five dollars by subscription and the amount needed is fifty dollars. It is hoped that the people will respond nobly to the call and give this amount to the G. A. R. before their meeting that the markers can be purchased and placed in position as soon as possible.

## REMODEL INTERIOR

St. Joseph School Rooms Are Being Greatly Improved

### MEN ARE AT WORK

New Floors, Stairways, Etc. Are at Present Being Installed

Contractors Mann and Christen have begun remodeling the interior of the St. Josephs schools, which when completed, will add to the convenience of the educational institutions. New floors are being installed in two of the hallways. New stairways will also be installed and new banisters constructed. The carpenters will complete the work as rapidly as possible.

The pupils of the St. Agnes Academy are doing well in their music studies. The class has increased very much and a large number of students are enrolled.

### KITCHEN FOR AUTOMOBILE

Man Invents Portable Device for Outing Excursions.

Columbus, Ind., Aug. 2.—G. L. Reeves, a member of the Reeves family here, is having built at the Fehring Carriage company's plant a combination kitchen and dining room, which is intended for outing purposes. It will run on two wheels and will be so constructed that it can be hooked on to an automobile and thus taken to any outing locality to which Mr. Reeves shall care to go.

### SPECIAL STEAMER SERVICE

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## Harvest Time is Here Again!

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Ninth street. Good location, near Adams street. Chicken cistern, etc. .... \$850.00

745—A nearly new five-room cottage on South Front street. Cement walks, city and cistern water, good sewerage .... \$1,250.00

721—A comfortable story and a half residence, on Eleventh street. Stable, drove well, plenty of fruit, corner lot .... \$1,300.00

738—A roomy seven-room residence property, with cellar, stable, etc., on north Third street. Good sewerage .... \$1,700.00

752—A good, and well located cottage on Mercer avenue. Electric lights, cistern and city water, stable sewerage, etc. .... \$1,700.00

778—A well located and convenient cottage on South Tenth street. Nice porch, drove well, maple shade, fruit trees, stable, etc. .... \$1,750.00

785—A well located story and a half residence on the traction line in south Decatur. Stable, city and cistern water, bath, electric lights, etc. .... \$1,200.00

776—Is a new seven-room story and a half residence on North Second street, cement walks, cistern, cellar, stable, etc. Sidewalks and all street improvements made .... \$2,750.00

783—A four-room cottage on north Third street, long lot, good sewerage, brick walls, cistern, etc. .... \$800.00

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