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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, in speaking for the central bank measure, is telling the people that "Andrew Jackson was a great man, but he is dead." But this sneer of Aldrich, the tool of the trusts, will not be effective. Andrew Jackson dead is a much greater and more potential man than Aldrich living.—Lebanon Pioneer.

Notwithstanding the busy newspaper correspondents who have been handing out stories of factional strife in the re-organization of the Democratic party of Indiana, the fact remains that perhaps never before will the organization of the party be made with less strife and contention than in this good year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and nine. There is no fight in sight, and the preliminary organization will be made with good feeling existing among all classes of the rank and file.

Ex-Governor Durbin wants it known that he sides with Taft, Aldrich and Cannon as to the merits of the new tariff, and not with Beveridge, Cummins and other insurgents. As Colonel Durbin is a man of influence in republican conventions, his advice may be sought on the question as to how the party can endorse both Taft and Beveridge in its next platform. It is not believed, however, that he would be disposed to urge the amputation of the dog in order to save the tail.—Hartford City News.

James S. Clarkson, who is now in the limelight in connection with the New York custom house, is an Indiana man. He was born at Brookville, in 1844, and passed his boyhood there. His father, C. F. Clarkson, was editor of the Brookville American, and the son was a typesetter and "devil" in that office. In 1856 the family moved to Iowa where the older Clarkson was elected to the state senate and the two sons, Richard and James S., engaged in a small way in newspaper work. Eventually they became owners and editors of the Iowa State Register at Des Moines. As part own-

er and principal editor of the paper James S. became prominent in state and then in national politics. He was chairman of the Republican national committee during and following the campaign of 1884, and was postmaster at Des Moines, and later, first assistant postmaster general. He was appointed surveyor of customs at New York in 1902 by President Roosevelt.

### EYESIGHT IS BEING RESTORED

John Tousand who lives about four miles southeast of Monroe, returned home yesterday from Fort Wayne, where he went to pay a visit with his son Buel, who is undergoing treatments for his eyes. He is but four years old and has been almost totally blind ever since he was born. Dr. Thaine, the noted specialist, is attending him and Mr. Tousand says he is beginning to see much better, and with continued treatments it is thought his eyesight will be restored to him in time.

FOR RENT—A seven room house on Ninth street, good water, cistern and hydrant and other conveniences. Inquire of Mrs. P. J. Hyland, Fifth street.

### THEY ARE GROWING

Schools of the City are in a Prosperous Condition

### ENROLLMENT IS 783

Boys Are in Majority—Attendance Good in Past Month

Professor E. E. Rice, superintendent of the city schools, has completed his report for the month, which shows that the schools are in a growing condition, the total enrollment for last month being 783. Of this number 414 are boys and 379 girls, which is rather unusual, as girls have usually outnumbered the boys when it came to school matters. The number of boys in attendance at the west ward is 87, and girls 60. The enrollment of the other schools is as follows: North ward 72 girls, 74 boys; south ward, 91 girls, 79 boys; central grades, 103 boys, 95 girls; high school, 61 boys, 75 girls. The percentage of attendance at the various schools for the month is: West ward 98.8; north ward 98.2; south ward, 97.8; central, 97.7; high school, 98.1. Of the 783 pupils enrolled, 589 were not absent during the month, the division being as follows: West ward, 118 not absent; north ward, 103; south ward, 118; central, 145; high school, 105. The total number of visitors during that time was 297.

## SOCIETY COLUMN

Many Were Entertained at Thanksgiving Dinners Yesterday

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY

Of Their Wedding Day Celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heller

A very elaborate Thanksgiving dinner was served yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Straub of Peterson. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. S. Gault of Monroeville, and Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Gault of near Peterson, were present and unanimously voted Mrs. Straub as being equalled by none as a cook. No turkey, but "Oh you chicken and roast rabbit."

One of the delightful Thanksgiving festivals of yesterday was the dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Cress, those sharing with them the bounties of the day being Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Beavers and children, Ireta and Glen, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shamp, Mr. Yager and grandson Melton.

The Pocahontas Lodge is planning for special exercises for next Thursday evening at which time several candidates will be initiated.

A royal dinner yesterday that reinforced the reputation gained by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Breiner as entertainers, was enjoyed at their home by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Luttmann and Mr. and Mrs. William Fruchte.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heller observed Thanksgiving day and celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary by serving a dinner and supper to the Heller family including Judge and Mrs. D. D. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tyndall, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Heller, Miss E. C. Corbus and Miss Bertha Heller. It was a happy family reunion. During the day they took in the picture shows and in the evening the greater number went to the Bosse.

Mr. and Mrs. James Harkless of Paulding, Ohio, were here over Thanksgiving, the guests of relatives. They will remain in the city over Sunday.

Misses Madge and Merle Barkley, of Union township, were the guests of Miss Annie Wilder at Thanksgiving dinner at her home in Monmouth.

Thanksgiving cheer reigned at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heuer yesterday, those who gathered with them around the festive board being Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Vance and daughter Lena, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Heuer and son Harry, and Misses Hobrock and Adella Sellemeyer.

Roy Mumma gave a turkey dinner at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reisen Mumma yesterday, in which a number of his young friends shared, including Misses Blanche Jeffers, Zelma Steele, Mary Mumma and Mr. Chester Imler.

Thanksgiving proved a very happy day for Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gunsett, it being the twelfth anniversary of their wedding. Only the intimate friends were invited, and the day will be long remembered by them. A sumptuous dinner was served at high noon, which included turkey and everything good to eat, which goes to make up a Thanksgiving dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Gunsett received many valuable presents and also the best wishes of their many friends. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gess and family, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Durkins and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pennington and family and Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parent and family.

The girls of the U. S. club will be entertained tomorrow afternoon by Miss Edwina VanCamp. On account of the school tests which have been in progress the girls have held no meeting for several days, so the one tomorrow will be looked forward to with greater interest, coming as an oasis in a dreary desert.

The annual Thanksgiving reunion was observed yesterday at the D. M. Rice home at Monmouth, with an gathering of the children, and a sumptuous dinner at noon. Besides the members of the family at home, those who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rice and daughter of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Rice.

The Elks are desirous of having a good attendance at their regular meet-

ing of the lodge this evening, as they will make arrangements for their memorial services, which will be held one week from next Sunday.

Squire and Mrs. J. H. Smith rejoiced yesterday in a reunion of their family at Thanksgiving dinner served at the parental home. D. E. Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Rorse Hoagland were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Moses of Fort Wayne, were guests in the city Thanksgiving of the former's mother, Mrs. Julia Moses. A Thanksgiving dinner and a pleasant social day was enjoyed.

A very enjoyable dinner party was that given yesterday by Mrs. William Geary, a number of Fort Wayne and Deacon people being the guests. A tempting four-course dinner was served.

Another happy event of yesterday was a gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. VanCamp, who entertained a number of their friends at twelve o'clock dinner. All enjoyed themselves very much and considered it a very pleasant gathering. Those who were invited were Mr. and Mrs. Martin Stair, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Borrough, of Bluffton; the Misses Elma and Mabel Ashbacher and Mr. Fred Ashbacher and lady friend Miss Bertha Knapp. The same party were entertained at six o'clock supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knapp.

Hunters' licenses have been issued to Earl Ault, Guy Mason, Charles Stults, Will Hamrick, Wess Miller, Fred Engle, Ervin Breiner and Frank Engle.

Cardwell Mill and Lumber Co. vs. John W. Vail et al, appearance by W. J. Vesey for A. T. Vail and by C. J. Lutz for J. W. Vail. Rule to answer.

Letta Thomas vs. Elsie Thomas, replevin suit, demurrer filed to complaint.

Charles Heffner vs. Jacob Hunsicker damages \$600, answer filed in two paragraphs; set off paragraph also filed. Rule to answer.

LOST—Gold initial ring letter B. Reward given for its return to C. Biggs at the Crystal theater. 281-3t

FOR SALE—A malleable steel range, good as new, can be bought at right price. Inquire of Mrs. A. R. Bell, Third street. 280-2t

Quite interesting and indicative of good times to come, was the meeting of the Modern Woodmen at their hall Wednesday evening. At that time it was arranged to give an entertainment, the same to be held at their headquarters on the evening of December 15. At that time, there will be addresses by various members of the order, along the fraternal line, and among the speakers will be John Volz, of Indianapolis, Mr. Volz and the state deputy of this order. Quite a number of other social features will add to the pleasure of the event, and the Woodmen will not be selfish in their pleasure, but herewith extend to the Royal Neighbors an invitation to join with them at that time. It was also arranged at the session Wednesday evening, for the initiation of a large class on December 20. The class will include about twenty-five and the initiation will take place at Fort Wayne.

### FALLS DOWN STAIRS

Mrs. Laura VanCamp Badly Injured Last Evening

### IS BEDFAST TODAY

Falls Entire Length of Stairs

Injuries Back

Badly

Mrs. Laura VanCamp, of First street is confined to her bed today, the result of injuries sustained in a fall last evening. Mrs. VanCamp had gone upstairs about five o'clock, and as she was ready to descend, she slipped at the head of the flight of stairs, and before she could catch herself or retard her fall, she fell down the entire length of the long stairway. She fell in such a way that her back was badly injured. She was given prompt medical attention, but is still bedfast. No bones were broken, and this is one fortunate feature of the case. Her friends earnestly hope that the injury will not prove permanent ill, and that she will soon be restored fully to her good health. The injuries sustained by Decatur citizens by falls during the past week has been alarmingly great, this being the third chronicled during that time, Mrs. Samantha Dorwin and Mrs. Allison being the other two who were badly hurt.

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