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The Hoosier friends of Senator Shively will be glad to know that he returns to Washington in better health than has been his lot for a long time. Should this continue, the country will hear from the junior Indiana senator during the present session of the United States congress.

Congressman Adair wants every soldier to have a dollar a day pension and the congressional hopper will contain a bill introduced by him. The Eighth district congressman has always been mindful of the needs and rights of those who sacrificed their lives and health for the preservation of the union.

The friends of W. H. Scheelman, treasurer of Allen county, are busy suggesting his name for a place on the democratic state ticket for state treasurer. Mr. Scheelman is one of the most active and influential democrats of the Twelfth district, an avowed grace the place designated for him on the state ticket.

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SOCIETY COLUMN

Oscar Jones Given Surprise on His Birthday Anniversary.

MANY ATTENDED

Mr. and Mrs. Michaud Entertain—Rebekahs Will Initiate—Social Items.

One of the very pleasant birthday anniversary surprises was that planned by Mrs. Oscar Jones and daughter, Addie, for their husband and father, yesterday in honor of his thirty-eighth birthday anniversary. Relatives and friends to the number of eighteen arrived on the 10 o'clock car from Fort Wayne and other points north and proceeded to the Jones home on Seventh street where the day was spent in quiet, but happy reunion. Many beautiful presents as well as good wishes were given to Mr. Jones in remembrance of the day. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Jones of Columbia city; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Franks, Mr. and Mrs. John Kraus, Mr. and Mrs. Sherman McClintock, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Brundidge, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Fisher and daughter, Ethel, of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. William Franks and children of this city.

All arrangements are complete for the venison dinner which the ladies of the Mite society will serve in the dining hall of the Methodist church tomorrow, Tuesday, at the noon hour. The following menu will be served:

Venison—Stewed and Fried
Pot-pie with Potatoes
Beet Pickles Cream Slaw
Bread, Butter, Jelly
Apple and Mince Pie
Coffee

The price of the meal will be 25 cents.

A number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. J. E. Ward Sunday to remind Mrs. Ward of her thirty-ninth birthday anniversary. All those present enjoyed themselves and at 1 o'clock a bountiful

dinner was served of chicken and all good things that they have at a surprise party. They were amused by instrumental music and singing. Many beautiful presents were received by Mrs. Ward. Those present that enjoyed the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barger and children, Vera, Theo and Grace; Mr. John Barger and children, Orville, Floyd, Dora, Glenn, Alta, Leta and Lola; Mr. Pete Hartman, Mrs. Rose Helfner, Mr. and Mrs. George Niblick and children, Milo, Edith and Rufus; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ward and children, Belle, Charley, Leona, Harley and Henry, Norman Stalter, Darcy Niblick, Joe Hartman, Clarence Stalter, Belle Niblick, Susie Weldy, Delva and Allen Stalter, Harvey Ward, Elmer Bryant, Grace Ward, Ada Elliott and Francis Ward of this city. All departed at a late hour wishing her many more happy anniversaries.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Michaud entertained last evening at luncheon, the guests being the Misses Matilda Sellemeyer, Bessie Baumgartner and Lilah Lachot.

The Helping Hand society, an organization of the German Reformed church, will meet tomorrow afternoon at the parsonage to continue work on comforters which they planned to make using the proceeds of the sales for church work.

The regular monthly business and social session of the Christian Endeavor society of the German Reformed church will be held tomorrow evening at the home of the pastor, the Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Hesser.

The Rev. Shoemaker of Bluffton delivered the sermons for the congregation of the Methodist church at the library hall last evening in the place of Rev. Powell, who is assisting in a revival service out of the city.

The "True Chapter" of the Woman's League will hold a "Christmas bazaar" December 18th, and will probably serve a chicken pot-pie dinner on same date.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson W. Teeple (Continue on page 4.)

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Christian Woman's Board of Missions Holds Special Services.

ANNUALLY OBSERVED

Local Church of Christ Joins in the Work With Interesting Program.

The services held at the Church of Christ Sunday evening under the auspices of the Christian Woman's Board of missions, was a very interesting and beautiful one, attended with music, addresses, readings and recitations appropriate for the occasion. This day is universally observed and the local church felt it was working in accord with the churches over the entire country in this department. Special music was provided by the choir and there were vocal and instrumental music by the Misses Gretel Shoemaker, Marguerite Daniels, Jennie Bentz, Velma Schroll, Maud Cowley, while Mrs. A. D. Artman spoke on "Our Orphanages." Miss Sarah Segur on "Medical Missions," and Mrs. P. G. Williams on "The Executive Committee," and the pastor, the Rev. F. H. Vernor gave words of encouragement and tribute to these earnest workers for the cause. Several members united with this auxiliary at the close of the meeting and the year just opening promises to be an even greater one in the service than that just past.

FOR SALE—A Poled-Angus bull, coming two years old. Enquire of Dyke Frisinger, at the postoffice. 289tf

THE JOLLY WIDOW

She Will be at Opera House This Evening and is Sure to Please.

NOT A DULL MOMENT

Many Special Features Have Been Arranged for Between Acts.

The big theatrical event of the season comes tonight when the Pythian Sisters give the "Jolly Widow," the proceeds therefrom to be used for the purpose of furnishing the ladies department of the new Pythian home. The ladies have worked hard and believe this affair will be a complete success. The local players are ready to give the best account of themselves, ever, and there will not be a dull moment, not even any intermissions as special musical features have been arranged for between acts. You should see little Virginia Pratt as "Little Trixie" and she will delight you with her songs and recitations; also Mr. Don Burke in violin solos and many other special events. It will cost you but a quarter to drive away the blues and make you forget the worldly cares. This is the one you have been waiting for all winter and if you miss it you will be sorry when you hear your neighbor talking about how good it was.

MONTHLY SESSION

Board of County Commissioners are Busy With the Regular Routine.

REPORTS ARE FILED

By the Various County Officers for Last Quarter of the Year's Work.

The December session of the board of county commissioners convened this morning and there was considerable business brought up. This is the last regular meeting for William Miller, who has proved an efficient and capable officer. He will be followed by James A. Hendricks, who was on hand today taking a few pointers on the job.

County treasurer John F. Lachot has filed his monthly report, and the quarterly reports and receipts from the county treasurer were filed by H. S. Michaud, auditor; H. S. Steele, recorder; James P. Haefling, clerk; Eli Meyer, sheriff, and J. R. Graber, superintendent of the county farm. All were duly examined and approved by the commissioners.

County treasurer-elect, Charles W. Yager, has filed his bond in the sum of \$200,000. That it is as good as a government bond is proven by the fact that it was signed by the following well known business men: C. S. Niblick, E. X. Ehinger, M. Kirsch, John Niblick, N. C. Anderson, C. J. Voglewede, C. A. Dugan, H. L. Conter, E. B. Lenhart, Jesse Rupp, C. A. Neuenchwander, R. Schug, Fred Bentz, J. C. Schug, J. F. Lehman, Fred Schaffer, John Baker, John H. Yager, S. E. Hite, Henry Hite, J. F. Lachot, Dyonis Schmidt, A. H. Sellemeyer and Irvin Brandyberry.

Abraham Egley filed a petition for a bridge on the Wabash-Hartford township line and the matter was referred to the county council.

The petition filed by Samuel Butler and others asking for an orphan's home was referred to the county council.



Mr. William Owen and associate players at Bosse Opera House December 9th.

THE PIONEER.

The pioneers of all countries have and always will be the subject of thoughtful consideration and those who follow in their tread often too lightly appreciate their efforts and achievements. That they fared better than their ancestors is but an idle tale. A false delusion, an utterance from the lips of those void of appreciation. To travel through mud and brush or on pikes of stone and gravel. To ride on horseback or on cushioned vehicles shaded from the scorching sun and rain or in autos, or interurans one can easily tell which the traveler would much prefer. True the pioneer grew poetic in the moonlight courting but to grope in the dark or under the brilliant light of the ark lamp he would without hesitancy choose the light.

Ours has been a profitable age. All possessions of reality has grown in value for a score of years at least 5 per cent annually and will so continue in the years to come. How favorable we are situated and how little we appreciate what a storehouse we possess, and how poor we pretend, are shameful meditations and sinful ingratitude. Compare our country with Michigan, Texas, Canada or any other where efforts are made to induce the rural settler to go and none will equal ours in advantage, productiveness and profit yielding.

Ours was once a pioneer country, once on the frontier, once her value and fertility of soil was unknown, now her history is an open book, the problem has been solved, at the price of great labor, demonstrating truthfully and emphatically there is no excellence without great labor, and to a certainty that with labor here the reward and good returns are assured. Ask the pioneer the value of our lands and he will answer as valuable as life itself.

If you would know the value of an investment ask the pioneer. If you would know the value of improvements, advancement and civilization ask the pioneer. If you would know when you can buy ask us after years of experience learning to select only that which would yield the investor profit, and assure him value received we invite your inspection and ask your judgments after investigating the following long since shown from the wilderness by the pioneers and at a sacrifice of brain and muscle. If you have money or have it not, but want it, we gladly consent to assist you to acquire and point out the way that leads you to possessions that will bring with it the blessing of contentment.

Think of some of these advantages within three miles of our paved streets and are light for \$80.00 per acre with comfortable fireside wherein you may sit protected from the storms of winter, with well built barns wherein the lowing herd may be sheltered from the icy air of night.

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