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ORIGIN OF THE ROD.

Used in Driving Oxen, It Came Handy In Measuring Land.

The origin of the rod, pole or perch as a linear and superficial measure has been traced to the rod, pole or goad used to urge and direct a team of oxen pulling a plow. So it came about it was used as a convenient and handy land measure in feudal times by the lords in allotting plots of land for agricultural purposes to the villeins and others.

One rod wide and forty long built up a quarter of an acre. The furrow, or four poles wide and same depth—i.e., forty poles, one acre—was a convenient length for a furrow before turning the plow. Of course these lengths somewhat varied in different parts of the country where soils and agriculture varied, but gradually the slight variations grew less, and finally the present accepted statutory acre was evolved.

Gunter's chain of sixty-six feet (ten square chains to the acre) was invented by the Rev. Edmund Gunter (1581-1626). He was a professor of astronomy at Gresham college, London, and ingeniously adapted it to facilitate decimal calculations in land measurements. The use of the rod in superficial measurements of brick work and linearly in hedges, ditches and fences followed as a convenient existing measure.—Builders' Journal.

A CAUTIOUS SCOT.

The Elder's Search for a Strictly Orthodox Minister.

A Scotch elder who did not believe that his own minister held strictly orthodox views wished to have his babe baptized, but would not risk its spiritual welfare by having him perform the rite in any heterodox manner. So he walked to another town only to find the minister he sought was away fishing. The next one he was directed to had gone hunting. Filled with indignation, he said to his companion:

"We'll gang to Maister Erskine. That godly man will no be fishing or hunting."

He found the house, but as he approached it he heard the sound of music. When the servant lassie opened the door he remarked to her:

"Ye have company the night. I hear the fiddle going."

"Na, na," she answered, blushing. "Robin could na play like you, but the minister aye fiddles a bit afore he goes to bed."

The good man went away without making his errand known. No minister who played the fiddle could baptize his bairn, so he went back to his own, neither fished, hunted nor played forbidden music, and let him name the child.—London Spectator.

ST. AGNES ACADEMY ANNUAL MUSICALE

Thirty Nine Pupils Will Receive Grade Diplomas, at This the Third Annual Event.

All arrangements for the musical to be given Wednesday evening by the Sisters of St. Agnes at the Bosse opera house has been completed and it promises to be the best ever witnessed by Decatur people. The program is made up of various selections which will not fail to please the public. The program for the evening will be as follows:

Rapid Transit—Galop.....Piano Duet
Tally Ho—March.....Piano Duet
Flash of Lightning—Galop.....Piano Duet
Last Idea—Piano Solo.....N. Niblick and A. Kohn
Since Will became a Boy—Vocal Solo.....E. Augenbach
Minuetto Piccolo.....Piano Quartet
Marionette Walzer.....Piano Quartet
Dance of Bajadores.....Piano Quartet
Fairy Bowers—Vocal Duet.....Miss C. Terveer & Mrs. Gerard
Moonlight on the Lake.....Piano Duet
Shepherds' Evening Song.....Piano Duet
Dreams of Heaven.....Piano Duet
Pictures in the Fire—Vocal Solo.....Miss C. Terveer
Cascade of Roses—Piano Solo.....Miss N. Niblick
Galop Bravura—Piano Solo.....Miss A. Kohn
Warblings at Eve—Piano Solo.....CURTAIN.

Humanophone.....A New Invention of Musical Instrument
Drifting With the Tide.....Violin Solo and Quartet
Soprano—Miss C. Terveer; Alto—Mrs. J. Q. Neptune.

Tenor—Dr. J. Q. Neptune; Bass—Mr. H. Yager.

Remembrance.....Piano Solo

Nearer My God to Thee.....Piano Duet

Old Oaken Bucket.....Piano Duet

Poet and Peasant.....Piano Solo and Duet

Midnight Will Come Again.....Vocal Quartet

Soprano—Mrs. L. Holthouse; Alto—Mrs. J. Q. Neptune.

Tenor—Dr. J. Q. Neptune; Bass—Mr. L. Holthouse.

GOLD MEDAL PART.

Grand Polka de Concert.....Miss A. Kohn

Martha.....Miss N. Niblick

Awarding of Diplomas.....Rev. Father Wilkin

Pianos furnished by Yager Bros. & Reinking.

ED BOKNECHT INJURES ARM.

Ed Boknecht, who lately moved with his parents to their farm near Monroeville, was in the city today and called on the doctor for further examination of his right arm, the bone of which was cracked about a week ago when he fell while running in the yard. Ed tripped over his dog, with which he was running and fell with full force on his arm, the bone being cracked near the elbow. It is getting along very well, though he cannot use the arm with freedom.

CARD OF THANKS.

Michael Bogner and family wish in this way to thank the many who assisted them in so many kind ways during the illness and at the time of the death of their wife and mother.

THE BELL RINGERS

Second One of Series of Lecture Course of High School Seniors.

GIVEN JANUARY 8TH

Will be Musical—Comprises Bell Ringers, Quartet and Orchestra.

The second of a series of four lectures and entertainments to be given under the auspices of the senior class of the Decatur high school will be given at the opera house January 8th, by the Parr Newhall Concert company. The members of the company number six, and comprise the famous bell ringers, a quartet and an orchestra, in all phases of which they are artists. The bell ringers will particularly delight the public, as these skilled players bring from a string of one hundred twenty bells, peals and chimes of the most sublime music. The members of the class are selling tickets for the concert, the prices to be thirty-five and fifty cents.

Mrs. S. Joyce, Claremont, N. H., writes: "About a year ago I bought two bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy. It cured me of a severe case of kidney trouble of several years' standing. It certainly is a grand, good medicine, and I heartily recommend it." Hoithouse Drug Co.

Lame back comes on suddenly and is extremely painful. It is caused by rheumatism of the muscles. Quick relief is afforded by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Sold by all dealers.

FOR SALE—254 acre farm, good buildings, two orchards, nearly all cleared, rich soil; also 100 acre farm, 65 acres under cultivation, rich sandy loam. For full particulars address Box 1013, Warren, Ohio. 2972-502

SOCIETY COLUMN

Joint Celebration of Birthday and Wedding Anniversary.

AT J. L. EDGE HOME

Misses Carlisle Guests of Honor at Sleighbing Party

—The Clubs.

Misses Julia Gillig, Naomi Van-Camp and Vivian Burke have planned for a marshmallow roast to be held at the Gillig home New Year's evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wagner of Willshire, Ohio, were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gunset at supper. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wagner were en route to their home from Portland, where they were called by the illness of his sister.

A celebration of double significance and pleasure was that the J. L. Edge home yesterday in honor of Mr. Edge's seventy-sixth birthday anniversary, and the twenty-seventh wedding anniversary of their daughter, Mrs. M. V. B. Archbold, of Fort Wayne. The daughter's wedding anniversary occurred the day before, but the two events are always celebrated at the same time. A tempting dinner at noon was served and the day spent in a general social way. The only guests were Mr. and Mrs. M. V. B. Archbold and son, Rell, of Fort Wayne.

The Shakespeare club will have no meeting until January 5th, when Mrs. C. A. Dugan will be hostess. The club will continue its study of Central America, Costa Rica being the division of study at this season.

Samuel Coleridge and works will be the study of the Euterpean club at the home of Mrs. Fred Patterson Thursday evening.

A sleigh ride about the city for a jolly hour, with a warm lunch at the Hensley home at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon was the entertainment given by Mrs. D. M. Hensley in honor of Misses Elizabeth and Anne Carlisle of Cincinnati, Ohio. Others who shared the pleasures were Mrs. George Flanders, Mrs. J. W. Tyndall, Mrs. John Heller, Mrs. C. A. Dugan, Mrs. Fred Mills, Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. French Quinn, Mrs. Fred Bell of Hillsdale, Mich.; Mrs. Frank Bell of Flint, Mich.; Mrs. Charles Meyers.

The members of the Tribe of Ben Hur are preparing for an unusually good time next Friday evening. After the election of officers a picnic supper will be served, each member contributing to the spread of good things, and the evening will close with a watch meeting.

A very pleasant gathering was that at the home of Mrs. Charles Vogelweide when she entertained a number of her friends last Monday evening. Progressive pedro was the principal feature of the evening and all enjoyed the evening. Mrs. B. J. Terveer proved herself to be the superior player and won first honors, while second went to Miss Anna Volmer. A delicious lunch was served during the latter part of the evening. Those invited were Mrs. James Haefling, Mrs. Clem Vogelweide, Mrs. Mary Wemhoff, Mrs. B. J. Terveer, Miss Anna Volmer, Miss Bert Vogelweide, Mayme and Clara Terveer, Anna Volmer and Miss Josephine Rod of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Charles Pillof of St. Marys, Ohio, and Mrs. Thomas Haefling of Flint, Mich.

A very delightful affair was the 5 o'clock luncheon given Tuesday evening at Brookside by Miss Jean Lutz for her several girl friends who are home from college for their Christmas vacation. The library and dining room put on extra touches for the event, and were very cheery in their streamer decorations of red and green, the streamers being festooned from the walls to the chandeliers in the center of the room, where they were caught with red Christmas chimes. The lunch was very tempting and nicely served in three courses. The evening was one of pure delight to the girls who chatted over their various experiences during the past several months, when they were absent one from the other. The party included Frances Dugan, Helen Niblick, Leota Bailey, Bessie Boyers and Miss Martha McElroy of Des Moines, Iowa.

A sleighbing party drove to the home of Ed Ulman, five miles east of the

city, Tuesday evening. The party included the Misses Teresa, Agnes and Anna Miller, Ella Meyer, Bertha and Dorothy Steigmeyer, Nona Ulman and Agnes Conter, Messrs. Will Lichle, Charles Miller, Joe, Florian and Herman Gelmer and Roman Steigmeyer. Music, dancing and games were the amusements of the evening. A three-course luncheon was served, and the Ulmans were voted entertainers par excellence.

A merry party was given Tuesday evening at the beautiful country home of Fred Krueckenberg in Union township, when their daughter, Miss Bertha, entertained in honor of her sister, Mrs. Richard Kreiselmeyer, of Fort Wayne, who has been visiting there. Cards and other games were played, and there was excellent music provided by Miss Bertha, also an appetizing three-course lunch. As sleighbing was good the company took advantage of that and came in their sleighs. Those present were Martin, Richard, Carl, Clara, Pauline, Hugo, Walter, Lena, and Anton Thieme, Louis, Martha, Luetta, Freda Koldevey, Louis and Walla Reinking, Henry, Martin, Hanna and Louise Krueckenberg, Edwin Steele and Aaron Weland of Wren, Ohio.

Mrs. Chalmer Schafer will entertain the Thimble club Friday afternoon.

Mrs. John Kirchner in a very pleasant way entertained a number of friends at supper last evening at her home in Preble in honor of her sister, Miss Bertha Woldeman, of Sturgis, Mich. The other guests were Misses Amelia and Stella Klopfenstine, Marie and Nellie Daniels, Francis Gault,

The J. W. Merryman home on Grant street was the scene of quite an gathering of the Merrymans over the Christmas day and the Sunday following. Among those who were entertained at the hospitable home during this time were their sons, Oscar and Ralph, of Lima, Ohio; their son, Bert, wife and children, Harry, June, and Beatrice of Dayton, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Merryman and children, Frances, Winnifred and Clarence, of this city; Mr. and Mrs. Eli Merryman of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Merryman of Blue Creek township; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray and daughter, Helen, of Urbana, Ohio.

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The county commissioners met this morning and for the rest of the year 1909 they will be busy cleaning up the work for the year with a view of starting Adams county with a clean slate for next year. Bids were opened this morning for the furnishing of stationery and supplies for the county during the coming year. But one bid was submitted, that of W. B. Bur-

DIED AT MARION

J. W. Drummond, Former Adams County Man, Dies at Daughter's Home.

DIED THIS MORNING

After Long Illness From Stomach Trouble—Lived Here Half Century.

J. B. Drummond today noon received a message from Marion telling of the death of his brother, J. W. Drummond, which occurred there this morning at 9 o'clock. He had been ailing for the past three or four years. Several years ago he had an attack of the small pox, and from that complication arose from which he had suffered since. The deceased was about fifty-eight years of age and was born in Root township, this county. He spent his entire life in this county and city, with the exception of the past eight years, which he spent in Marion, living with his daughter, Oliver. His wife has preceded him in death. He leaves the following children: Elmer, of Portland, Oregon; Lee and Ollie, at Marion. He is a brother of J. W. Drummond, R. A. Drummond and Mrs. Jacob Ross of this city; Aaron Drummond, of Oklahoma; William Drummond of north of the city. No funeral arrangements are known here. His brother, J. B., will leave this evening or in the morning for Marion. Mr. Drummond was a faithful member of the Methodist church.

The fifty men who attended the Men's club meeting at the Presbyterian church Tuesday evening found the evening one of unalloyed pleasure. The Rev. Terhune of Huntington was present as announced, and gave a most interesting and helpful address, his subject being "A Man's Job." Then there was music by the orchestra, whose members are Jesse and Albert Sellmeyer, Fred Patterson, Ralph Hoser, Fred Engle and Vane Weaver, and chorus singing by the entire club. The evening closed with a social hour in which general good fellowship prevailed. A lunch, consisting of peanut sandwiches, doughnuts, potato chips and coffee was a feature of the social hour, and "after dinner" stories and general conversation on current topics provided a closing for a very pleasant evening.

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