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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 lineal 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 vassals and others.

One rod wide and forty long built up a quarter of an acre. The furlong, 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 lineally 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."

So 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, who neither fished, hunted nor played forbidden music, and let him name the child.—London Spectator.

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 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 that 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." Holthouse 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.

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SOCIETY COLUMN

Joint Celebration of Birthday and Wedding Anniversaries.

AT J. L. EDGE HOME

Misses Carlisle Guests of Honor at Sleighing Party—The Clubs.

Misses Julia Gillig, Naomi VanCamp 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 Gunsett 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 Voglewede 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 Voglewede, Mrs. Mary Wemhoff, Mrs. B. J. Terveer, Miss Anna Volmer, Miss Bert Voglewede, Mayme and Clara Terveer, Anna Volmer and Miss Josephine Rod of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Charles Pilliod of St. Marys, Ohio, 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 sleighing 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 Stelmeyer, Nona Ulman and Agnes Conter, Messrs. Will Lichtle, Charles Miller, Joe, Florian and Herman Geimer and Roman Stelmeyer. 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 Krelsmeier, 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 sleighing 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 Koldey, Louis and Walla Reinking, Henry, Martin, Hanna and Louise Krueckenberg, Edwin Steele and Aaron Welland of Wren, Ohio.

Mrs. Chalmers 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 Woldemar, 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 ingathering 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.

A crowd of young folks enjoyed a sleigh ride Tuesday evening to the home of Miss Lula Jahn, about nine miles west of the city. Although the trip was a chilly one, everybody enjoyed a good, old-fashioned ride. They took their lunch with them, which was spread by Miss Lula, assisted by her friends, and was appreciated very much, and Miss Lula was complimented on her way of entertaining. At a late hour all departed for their homes in the city, except Miss Margaret Clark, who will make a few days' visit there.

WAS STAGE STRUCK

Garneel Keefer of Ossian Suddenly Disappeared From Home Monday.

A SEARCH IS NOW ON

Traced to Muncie and Then to Indianapolis—Police Are Assisting.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Officers here are assisting in a search for Miss Garneel Keefer, seventeen-year-old daughter of James Keefer, editor of the News, at Ossian, Indiana, who disappeared from her home Monday afternoon. The girl has been stage struck for some time, it is said, and she will likely be located in some theater. The young lady left home at the time stated and went to Poneto, a small town south of Bluffton, where she met a school teacher named Vern French, and they proceeded to Muncie, where they stopped over night at the Brunn House, occupying separate rooms. On Tuesday French went to Richmond to visit friends, while the girl left on a traction car, presumably for this city. However, the search so far has been fruitless, and the girl's parents are much worried over her and are using every means to ascertain her whereabouts.

Bluffton, Ind., Dec. 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Miss Keefer arrived here on the Glover Leaf at noon today. She says she went from Muncie to Winchester, thence to Decatur, where she had been for a day or two, and went from there home this afternoon.

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 complications 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, Ollie. 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. B. 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.

OLD FROST IS KING

Mercury Registers Below Zero Over Indiana and Suffering Results.

EVEN IN THE SOUTH

Evansville Reports Cold Weather—Ohio River Ice Jams Cause Losses.

(United Press Service.) Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The temperature in this city joined the zero class today, the mercury registering zero at 9 o'clock. Two hours before that time the thermometer showed three above.

(United Press Service.) Evansville, Ind., Dec. 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—This city and southern Indiana are now experiencing the coldest weather of the year. Last night the mercury dropped several degrees below zero and most trains entering here today were from one to five hours late. There is much suffering among the poor of the city. The ice gorges around the lower Ohio are growing every hour.

(United Press Service.) Cincinnati, Ohio, Dec. 29.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Three steel tugs are today trying to break the monster ice jam in the Ohio river harbor here, and where a million dollars worth of property is in jeopardy. Because of the jam the river has risen three feet.

HAVING A SESSION

The County Commissioners Holding the Last Session of the Year.

PRINTING CONTRACT

W. B. Burford Company of Indianapolis Submits the Only Bid.

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-

ford. The absence from the city of County Attorney Lutz made the closing of the contract impossible, but it is likely that late this afternoon the contract will be signed and the contract given this firm for supplying the county with stationery and supplies for next year. This firm has had the contract for several years, and are the largest printing house in the west, they having had the state printing contract for Indiana for the last thirty odd years.

The annual inventory will take place at the county farm on New Year's day, Saturday. This is done every year, the commissioners and two appraisers doing the work, and placing a value on everything on the farm.

FIFTY ATTENDED

The Men's Club Social at the Presbyterian Church on Last Evening.

ENJOYED ADDRESS

Of Rev. Terhune of Huntington—Evening One of Great Pleasure.

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 Sellemeyer, 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.

A List of Bargains

Carefully read this list. It contains many good locations at reasonable prices. We can offer you a large number of other properties, many of which have just recently been put upon the market. By making investigations, at once, you may save money on your purchase.

The Snow Agency, - - Decatur, Indiana, Phone 230

IN ACRE LOTS, SMALL FARMS, ETC., ETC.

No. 777—An acre and a quarter tract with good four room house, cellar, fruit trees, stable, etc., on good public road\$250.00
No. 798—Is a one acre tract near the corporation, plenty of fruit, good story and a half house on traction line\$125.00
No. 787—Is a well improved 8 acre tract within a half mile of Decatur, good water, story and half house\$150.00
No. 792—Is an eight and three quarter acre tract on public road, near Decatur corporation has fair improvements\$250.00
No. 799—Is a well located 1 1/2 acre tract near the city, ordinary house, good barn, and some other buildings (would accept good small property as part payment)\$100.00
No. 743—Is a fifteen acre tract well improved on traction line, good barn, comfortable house, good poultry farm\$2,500.00
No. 808—Is a well located twenty-two acre tract near Decatur corporation. Is on main stone road, nice building sites, well fenced, tiled\$2,100.00
No. 789—Is a well improved twenty-two acre tract about a mile and a half from Decatur, all new, and good buildings\$2,550.00
No. 794—Is a well located 67 acre tract near Decatur on stoned road. Good land, well drained, and some good buildings\$110.00 an acre
No. 806—Is a good eighty acre tract close to market, on stoned road, new large buildings, good water, etc.at \$90.00 an acre
No. 791—Is a well located eighty acre tract near traction line, on stoned road, has at least \$1,500.00 worth of good buildings at \$62.50 an acre.
We have also a large number of other tracts at from \$90.00 to \$125.00 an acre. And vacant city lots some on brick streets in good locations at reasonable prices.

No. 792—Is a single story residence of six rooms on Market street, city and cistern water, brick sidewalks, alley lot\$300.00
No. 775—Is a comfortable cottage on south Ninth street, good location, alley lot\$350.00
No. 805—Is a comfortable cottage on north Third street, city and cistern water, electric lights, good sewerage, fifty feet frontage, good stable, etc.\$325.00
No. 755—A large convenient cottage on Tenth street, near Madison street, brick sidewalk, city and cistern water, good sewerage\$400.00
No. 776—Is a new five room cottage on Line street, two porches, good well, cistern, full lot, near traction line\$150.00
No. 736—Is a modern seven room story and a half residence of brick foundation in southeast Decatur, electric lights, etc.\$400.00
No. 804—Is a well arranged story and a half residence on water\$350.00
Lines, on traction line south, stable, two full lots\$1,550.00
No. 778—A comfortable large cottage, on good sewer, on south Tenth street, good barn, drove well, fruit maple shade, etc.\$1,750.00
No. 785—A well built seven room residence on stone foundation in south Decatur, on water and gas lines, electric lights, etc.\$2,200.00
No. 752—A new well built story and a half residence on north Third street, cellar, electric lights, city water good sewerage, etc.\$2,300.00
No. 788—Is a new seven room story and a half residence, on traction line, brick street, good cellar, stable, etc.\$2,750.00
No. 807—Is an up-to-date ten room residence on the brick street, about three squares from the court house, two cellars, hot and cold bath complete, furnace, electric lights, good stable, plenty of fruit, weathered oak and natural wood finish, well located and a desirable\$3,000.00

ST. AGNES ACADEMY ANNUAL MUSICAL

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. Kohne
Since Will Become a Boy—Vocal Solo..... E. Aughenbach
Minuetto Piccolo..... Piano Quartet
Marionette Walzer..... Piano Quartet
Dance of Bajaderes..... 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. Kohne
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
Moonlight 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. Kohne
Martha..... Miss N. Niblick
Awarding of Diplomas..... Rev. Father Wilkin
Pianos furnished by Yager Bros. & Reinking.

A NEW TEACHER

Professor Schurich of Chicago Accepts Charge of Friedheim's

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Will be Formally Installed With Appropriate Service Next Sunday.

Professor Schurich and wife of Chicago arrived Monday and will make their home at Friedheim, where he has accepted the position as teacher in the Lutheran schools. He will be formally installed as teacher next Sunday with appropriate services in the church. Since the death of Professor Gustav Flechbach, several months ago, an aged professor from near Chicago has served temporarily, until a permanent teacher could be secured. Professor Schurich comes with excellent recommendations and is a man well qualified for this particular position. The teacher who has been in charge temporarily has given excellent service, but wishes to retire from active work on account of age.

NOTICE.

The T. P. A. Post will give a banquet for its members at the Murray hotel Thursday evening, December 30, 1909, 8 p. m. Those who have not paid their January 1, 1910, dues can pay same to the secretary at that time.
T. M. REID, Pres.
C. H. COLTER, Sec'y.

NOTICE.

On next Friday evening the W. R. C. ladies will hold an initiation at their hall and all members are urged to be present. A good time is in store for those who attend, and a good attendance is desired.

FOR SALE—One good double sleigh, on reasonable terms. Enquire of Arthur Suttles at the Old Adams County Bank.