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## THE REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION

The republican state committee, after fixing the date of their state convention at April 5, then determined to make it a one-day affair instead of two as has been the custom. Furthermore, there will be no speeches except such as have been carefully investigated in advance. The men now in charge of the republican state organization are fearful of speeches and of resolutions and are inclined to shy even at their own shadows. It is impossible to guess what may happen if the Hon. James E. Watson and the Hon. James A. Hemenway should ask the humble privilege of defending the tariff bill which Senator Beveridge voted against. And one stands appalled at the possible results that may ensue if the Hon. J. Frank Hanly and the Rev. E. S. Shumaker should ask leave to say a few words. The able Charles B. Landis, with his ship subsidy contract in his pocket, will hardly venture to repeat his celebrated effort about "All sorts of jobs for all sorts of men." It should be a notable convention—notable for straddling every important question now before the people—notable for smothering resolutions—notable for choking off speeches—notable for the absence of about everything which the honest and earnest rank and file of the republican party would like to see. But then it is a difficult task that confronts the organization just now in control—the task of riding horses going in opposite directions—of praising Beveridge for opposing a thing which it must praise Taft for doing.

## GILPINS DRAW FULL HOUSE.

The largest audience of the week greeted the Gilpins at the Bosse theater last night and were kept in an uproar of laughter for two hours. The performance seems to get better each night. Many new and interesting features were presented last night. The country circus was funny in the extreme. Their tests in mental telepathy are realistic and prove without a doubt the transmission of thought from one to another. The Gilpins have proven to the public that mental telepathy and hypnotism is a science worthy of the attention of the educated class. Those who have not seen the Gilpins have missed a highly instructive, as well as an enjoyable entertainment. Entire change of program tonight.

## SOAKED FOR SEVENTY-FIVE.

Bluffton, Ind., March 4—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The case of the state against Manson Reiff, who was charged in thirteen indictments with conducting a blind tiger, and who has been on trial here this week before a jury and Judge Merryman of Decatur, went to the jury about noon yesterday and at 5 o'clock last evening a verdict was returned, finding Reiff guilty and assessing a fine of \$75.00 and costs.

## THE NEW BOOKS

For Self Sustaining Shelf of Decatur Library are Now Here.

## THE LATEST BOOKS

By Popular Authors—Ready For Circulation This Evening.

The books of latest fiction—which were purchased recently by the library board for the self-sustaining shelf are here and will be ready for circulation this evening. A fee of ten cents for use of each book for seven days will be charged, and if this method proves a success in the way of self-sustenance, the latest books will be purchased each month and added to the collection. The following are the new books now ready:

John Marvel, Assistant—Page.

Lord Loveland Discovers America—C. N. and A. M. Williamson.

Friendship Village—Zona Gale.

Friendship Village Love Stories—Gale.

Ungava Bob—Wallace.

Peter—F. Hopkinson Smith.

Beasley's Christmas Party—Booth Tarkington.

A Gentle Knight of Brandenburg—Major.

Little Sister Snow—Frances Little.

A Certain Rich Man—White.

Thurston of Orchard Valley—Bindloss.

My Lady of the South—Randall Parrish.

A Lincoln Conscript—Homer Greene.

Happy Hawkins—Wason.

The City of Beautiful Nonsense—E. Temple Thurston.

The Old Wives' Tale—Arnold Bennett.

Jeanne of the Marshes—Oppenheim.

The Lord of Lovedale—R. D. Chetwode.

Joseph Vance—DeMorgan.

The Shepherd of the Hills, The Calling of Dan Matthews—Wright.

The Lords of High Decision—Nicholson.

The Foreigner—Ralph Connor.

Truxton King—McCutcheon.

The Florentine Frame—Robins.

The Kingdom of Slender Swords—Rives.

The Fortune Hunter—Vance.

The White Sister—F. Marion Crawford.

The Cash Intrigue—Chester.

The Silver Horde—Rex Beach.

Susanna and Sue—Kate Douglas Wiggin.

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FOR RENT—One good house on Madison street. Enquire of Mrs. R. J. Holthouse.

## SOME SOCIAL NEWS

Large Attendance at M. E. Woman's Home Missionary Meeting.

## QUEEN ESTHER BAND

Will Be Entertained by the Misses Eady This Evening—A Good Program.

The Helping Hand society of the St. Johns German Lutheran church held a very enjoyable and profitable meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Linnemeier Wednesday afternoon. While the ladies spent the afternoon in sewing for the orphans' home, the Rev. Koch held a reading contest for them. At 5 o'clock Miss Matilda Linnemeier, assisted by Mrs. Henry Buick, served a fine country supper. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. Koch, Jennie Koch, Grandma Meyer, Mrs. Chris Hoffman, Mrs. William Grote, Mrs. Ed Meyer, Mrs. Henry Buick, Mrs. William Jaebker, Mrs. Henry Werling, Mrs. Theodore Ewel, Mrs. William Mankey, Mrs. Gust Werling, Mrs. Henry Ehlerding, Mrs. William Linnemeier, Mrs. Chas. Koenemann, Mrs. Chris Bleibrich, Mrs. John Wefel, Mrs. Ed Dirkson and daughter of Friedham, Mrs. Herman Bleibrich, Mrs. Fred Homeyer of Fort Wayne; Miss Matilda Linnemeier, Miss Emma Meyer, Miss Emily Buick. The next meeting will be held April 6th at the home of Chris Schaeckel a mile and a half north of Preble.

About thirty-six were in attendance Thursday afternoon at the meeting of the Methodist Woman's Home Missionary society at the home of Mrs. C. R. Dunn, the hostesses being Mrs. Dunn and Mrs. Jonas Tritch. "The Freedman" was the subject of the study, with Mrs. Powell leader. Excellent talks on this subject were given by Mrs. Mesdames Emma Daniels and L. G. Ellingham, and a story by Mrs. W. H. Nachtrieb. Each member present also contributed to the interest of the meeting by readings entitled "Voices of Freedom," and a reading, "The Black Sheep," was excellently given by Mrs. Dunn. A vocal solo by Mrs. Jesse Sellemeyer, piano solo by Miss Frances Merriman and a piano duet by Misses Lilly Teeple and Ruth Gay were enjoyed. Following the study period refreshments were served. The attendance, interest and the collection for the treasury of the society, which does so much good in its missionary work, was unusually large.

The Queen Esther band will meet this evening with Miss Cecil Eady, who will be assisted in entertaining by Miss Agnes Eady. A song by the members will be followed by the devotional, which will be conducted by Miss Neva Brandyberry. The following program will be rendered: Reading—"The Doyal Industrial Home." Duet—Misses Margaret Mills and Winnie Burke. Responsive Reading. Reading—"Darkness Into Light." Collection of Dues. Social Period.

The Helping Hand society of the German Reformed church who furnished lunch at the Martin Miller sale Thursday, report an excellent patronage. The sales amounted to \$39.01, of which \$28.26 was profit. Added to this is \$2.90 from the sale of sunbonnets, dust caps and other articles made by the society.

A goodly number of the members of the Ladies Aid society of the United Brethren church met Thursday afternoon in special session at the home of Mrs. Mary Christen on Tenth street, where they made four comforts. The next regular session will be held next week.

The annual election of officers and initiation is the program at the Elks' lodge this evening, and this will bring a large number of the membership to the meeting. The meeting is thus doubly important and every member should attend.

Roland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Smith of Tenth street, will celebrate his fourth birthday anniversary next Wednesday by giving a dinner party to a number of relatives and friends.

## T. P. A. MEETING.

The T. P. A. will meet at the Murray hotel Saturday evening, March 5th, at 7:30. Selection of delegates to the national convention at Chattanooga, Tenn.

## FREIGHT WRECK AT PREBLE.

Scatters Four Cars of Coal Along the Railroad.

W. H. Sowards of Tocsin passed through the city this morning on his way to Fort Wayne. He stated that he had spent the entire night at Preble, assisting in clearing away the wreck of four freight cars on the west bound freight, wrecked there about 5:10 Thursday evening. The wreck was caused by the breaking of an axle and the sudden stopping piled up four of the cars, badly wrecking them. They were filled with coal and this was scattered along the way. Ten lengths of rails were torn up and one of the cars was so badly wrecked that it was necessary to burn the remains. Men were busy all night clearing it away. No trains were delayed, however, because the accident happened on the main track at the side of the switch for passing.

## KICKED BY HORSE

Henry Baumann, Prominent Farmer Northeast of City, Seriously Hurt.

## KICKED IN THE BACK

By Horse as He Was Passing—No Bones Broken—Injuries Are Bad.

Henry Baumann, a prominent farmer of northeast of Decatur, living on the Judge Heller farm, which he purchased some time ago, was seriously injured Thursday afternoon about 3 o'clock by a kick from a horse. Mr. Baumann was passing in the farm yard when the horses were frisking about, when the hoof of the family driving horse happened to strike him in the back over the kidneys, as he passed. Drs. Clark were called at once from this city and an examination revealed no broken bones, nor internal injuries, but very bad bruises, which are considered quite serious. Mr. Baumann passed a very bad night, and this morning was no better.

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## FULLENKAMP'S

### GENERAL STRIKE TO BE CALLED.

Conditions in Philadelphia Street Car Strike Become More Serious.

(United Press Service.)

Philadelphia, March 4—(Special to Daily Democrat)—At noon today the Philadelphia Rapid Transit company had failed to answer the letter of the strikers asking that they join the strikers in asking that the court of common pleas appoint an arbitration committee of nine to settle the strike and it is now up to the threat of the strikers to call a general strike of 10,000 men at midnight tonight. Labor leaders say 75,000 men will go out tonight and more will follow, while city authorities say that not

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