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THE GROWING

COST OF LIVING

The problem of living, the great problem of maintaining a balance between the income of the masses and their necessary expenses, is pressing the people hard—harder than ever before, harder than in times of the worst business depression. Now, perhaps it is well that prices are advancing. Perhaps it is necessary to put the general public under the screws of the trusts and other combinations in such a way that the cause of hardship may be unmistakable. For it is practically certain that the people will be robbed just so long as they neither protest nor retaliate. Food prices are ten per cent higher than they were a year ago, and they were far too high at this time in 1908. They are more than 40 per cent higher than they were ten years ago. The cost of all kinds of clothing will be greater because of the new tariff. Cotton will especially increase. The cheaper grades of men's suits and women's dresses will be either greatly increased in price or much deteriorated in quality. The new tariff hits the poor man much harder than it does the man who can afford to buy an expensive suit or an expensive dress. There will be no reduction in the cost of lumber and there will be an increase in the cost of paint. Furniture will be more expensive, so will be many other kinds of house furnishings. The cost of living is 49 per cent higher than it was twelve years ago. In short, the drain for the necessities of food, clothing and shelter, no matter how the individual or the family may economize will become heavier. That is the way things are going. That is the way things will continue to go just as long as the people let them. But the cost of many

of the necessities of life is affected sympathetically. There are some things the people can't control, and by controlling these they can affect others. They can keep down the cost of clothing and shelter and the tariff to their needs. They do not need to pay two cents a pound more for sugar than the English people pay for American sugar unless they want to pay this extra price. They do not need to pay twice what they ought to for lemons. But so long as the country remains complacent when congress deliberately engineers a gigantic tariff grab, just so long manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers and even retailers will be more or less affected by the spirit of grab that is allowed to prevail in Washington. When the people awaken to the abuses they are made to suffer and learn who is responsible for them, they will do two things—they will put an end to extortionate tariffs and they will eliminate a lot of middle men who now stand between the producer and consumer and make artificial prices for both.—Shelbyville News.

FINISHES COURSE

Miss Fay Smith Will Return Tomorrow From Boston Where She

GRADUATED MAY 13TH

From Emerson College of Oratory—Was Student There Three Years.

Miss Faye Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, who has been a student at the Emerson College of Oratory for the past three years, will arrive home Saturday. Her many friends will be pleased to hear of her graduation from this well known college, which took place last Friday, May 13th. Miss Faye graduating with an enviable record. Miss Smith has a great natural gift of expression, and this combined with her excellent course of training in the Emerson college, make her an artist of much skill, as those can testify who heard her in her recital given last summer, with the assistance of her sisters, the Misses Rose and Nora Del Smith. Miss Faye returns from Boston by way of Washington, D. C.

SOME SOCIAL NEWS

Decatur Yeomen Will go to Fort Wayne Monday—Twelve Candidates.

FROM THIS CITY

Mrs. Rev. Wehmeyer Entertains Aid Society—Party This Evening.

O trefoll, sparkling on the rainy plain. O rainbow with three colors after rain. Shine sweetly.

—Tennyson, "Gareth and Lynette."

CLUB CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK. Friday.

Christian Aid—Mrs. C. C. Enos. Sewing Club—Mrs. Dan Sprang.

Mrs. Rev. Wehmeyer was hostess to the Aid society of the Zion Lutheran church yesterday afternoon. While a number of the ladies quilted, others cut blocks and joined them for the new quilt to be made later on. At 5:30 o'clock a delicious supper was served, which was rendered all the more enjoyable by the piano music rendered by the Rev. Wehmeyer while the supper was in progress. Mrs. Wehmeyer was assisted in serving by the Misses Clara Weiland and Martha Gotsch. The society will meet next time at the Golden home at Preble.

Aprons, handkerchiefs and gowns, for the bazaar which they will hold this autumn, grew forth like magic under the skillful hands of the eighteen or twenty members of the Presbyterian Aid society that met yesterday afternoon with Mrs. Cramer and daughter, Gusta, at their home on Mercer avenue. The afternoon was not all work, however, for they talked as they sewed and a pleasant social time was spent and a tempting lunch served by the hostesses.

A full attendance of the girls of the Entre Nous club characterized the meeting at the home of Miss Lilah Lachot Thursday evening. "A Romance of the Shirtwaist," a little storey with blanks to be filled by the names of parts of the shirtwaist proved interesting and Miss Golda Gay won the prize. The girls have decided to spend their week's vacation in July by camping on the "Banks of the Wabash" and they anticipate a glorious thae.

A large representation of the local order of American Yeomen will go to Fort Wayne Monday to be the guests of the Fort Wayne lodge. Ten or twelve candidates from this city will join the Fort Wayne class for initiation, and the festivities attending the event will be great.

The dinner given last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Butler for their son, J. Earl Butler and wife, whose wedding occurred Wednesday evening, was a most enjoyable one. A large number of relatives were guests and the occasion was a most happy one.

Miss Bertha Knapp entertained the G. W. C. girls last evening in a pleasant way. In a series of interesting games first prizes were won by Vena Parent and Lizzie Kortenbrer. A luncheon added to the pleasure of the evening.

Mrs. T. W. Watts' proved an admirable hostess yesterday afternoon to the members of the Baptist Ladies' Aid. After the business and social session refreshments were served. Mrs. Yager will be hostess in two weeks.

The room of the west ward school taught by Miss Nellie Winnes had planned to hold a picnic after school hours in a little park-like grove a few blocks west of the school.

Mrs. Dan Vail delightfully entertained the members of the Thimble club yesterday afternoon, the ladies enjoying a general social time over their needlework.

George Naektrieb and Miss Bertha Hiltbold have issued invitations for a party this evening at the Naektrieb home that promises to be an unusually enjoyable one.

Miss Cleo Henry of Laketon will arrive tomorrow to be the guest of Miss Irene Evans during commencement week.

Charles Loch and Morris Noll were received into the K. of P. Lodge last evening with appropriate ceremony.

THE RIGHT KIND OF AN ONION SOIL

There is no reason why onions should not be grown as a money crop in many districts in New England, New York and Pennsylvania where they are not produced to any extent at the present time. It should be realized that if the conditions are right it does not require a very large tract to produce a large quantity of onions. The fact is that there are many small soil areas or fields outside the limits of the present well-developed onion districts upon which onions may be grown with profit, and in time, when the conditions are more fully realized, advantage will undoubtedly be taken of this fact.—The Garden Magazine for May.

ELKS' CALL.

All members of the Elks' lodge are asked to be present at their hall this evening as some business of much importance will be taken care of. One candidate will be taken into the order to help swell the already large list, and which assures plenty of amusement. Other business will be looked after, including arrangements for Decoration and Flag Days.

NEW BELL IS HUNG

Musical Notes of Bell Will Call Zion Lutheran Congregation.

TO THE SERVICES

For First Time Sunday—Bell Was Hung in Belfry Thursday Evening.

On next Sunday morning the deep-toned musical notes of a bell will call the congregation of the Zion's Lutheran church on West Monroe street to worship. The fine church building, which is comparatively new, having been built in 1902 and dedicated in 1903, has been without a bell and quite recently a fine new one was ordered by the congregation. This arrived Thursday and in the evening was hung in the belfry, many of the congregation being present to assist in the hanging, or to watch the proceedings. After being hung the bell was tried and the musical notes gave forth a glad sound that was particularly pleasing. The Lutheran congregation of this city is quite a prosperous one and under the charge of Rev. Wehmeyer, who is both minister and teacher in the Lutheran parochial school, is rapidly growing.

OPENING OF CRYSTAL AIRDOME.

Look who's here! Big opening of the Crystal Airdome, with the LaDelle Sisters as the stellar attractions on the vaudeville bill. Special new featured motion pictures and an especially prepared musical program for this eventful opening. One of the startling attractions tonight is the new film, "Ranson's Folly," adopted from Richard Harding Davis' popular novel of the same name. This film has just been released and this presentation will be its premier. The LaDelle Sisters are popular favorites here, being members of the famous "Four Fantastic LaDelles" and need no introduction to amusement lovers here. They have arranged an entire new act with a new singing and dancing act for the Crystal Airdome's big opening. Same old price, Five Cents.

THEY MADE TWO SALES.

The Schafer hardware firm this week sold two rebuilt threshing outfits and a clover huller, one going to Bremen, Ind., and the other to Churubusco. These machines were rebuilt entirely in the shops of the Schafer's and shows additional enterprise on the part of the Decatur business men.

QUARTERLY SERVICES.

The first quarterly meeting of the conference years for the Evangelical church in this city will begin this evening at 7:30 o'clock. After the sermon of the evening the quarterly conference will be held. The services will continue until Sunday night, when there will be none as the Rev. Wise will deliver the baccalaureate sermon for the Decatur high school graduating class at the Presbyterian church.

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A LITTLE TALK!!

ON DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS

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For this purpose, and who will not soon want to remember, some of your young friends, we offer a special line of umbrellas, gloves hat pins, kerchiefs, purses and other novelties that are guaranteed to please the recipient

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