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With all the blow and bluster of governmental economy still the congressional appropriations bids fair to stagger the economic mind, and cause one to wonder where they would land were the president not bound by his many public utterances on reform and economy.

President Taft has consented to a curtailment of his congressional program. He consented because the republican members of congress were making it too plain to him that their presence was needed in their congressional districts. Their political fences are swaying in the balance and unless something radical is accomplished, they will have no more of a congressional job than a rabbit. This tearful expose brought the president to time and now he not only favors an early adjournment but is anxious for it.

The legislative program recommended by President Taft will in a large measure, at least, fall in the present congress. The regulars blame the insurgents and the insurgents in turn place the odium upon the regulars. Perhaps it is a divided responsibility, but that in nowise mitigates the offense.—Fort Wayne News.

This is but a little more evidence that the state of mind in the republican party is cut in two in the middle. It is also evidence of the fact that the "conspiracy" against Senator Beveridge is real. No matter what the well organized and well trained republican press of the state may say to the contrary, it is a fact known to

every one that tries to keep in touch with the politics of the state, that Senator Beveridge is in grave danger of defeat. His own state chairman admits it and acknowledges that the senator's gravest danger lies within the ranks of his own party.

The Huntington county republicans are not afraid. The resolutions adopted by their convention Thursday contain this pronouncement: "We approve of all legislation in support of the protective principle in the nation and of all legislation to promote sobriety and temperance in the state." That is an unqualified endorsement of the Aldrich tariff law, which the republican state convention ignored, and of the Hanly county option law, which the republican state convention was afraid to say anything about. Huntington county republicans are not going to hide their light under a bushel nor put the muffer on their voices. They know what they believe in and fear not to say so.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION FATAL.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 4—Manuel Hackney, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Hackney, received burns which resulted fatally in a few hours in a fire at the home of P. J. Risley on Fig street, Hyde Park. The fire started from an explosion of gasoline, which the driver of an oil wagon was pouring into a gasoline stove. A gallon measure of gasoline, which the drover was pouring into the stove flamed up, burning the man's arm. The driver started for the back door, intending to throw the burning liquid out on the ground, when the young boy came running into the door and collided with him. The lad was enveloped in flames in a few seconds, and suffered terribly until he died. The house where the explosion occurred burned down, and the one next door was partially burned before the fire department reached the scene.

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SOCIETY DOINGS

Miscellaneous Shower to be Given This Evening For Mary Mumma.

TO ATTEND REUNION

Of Bowlers at Ft. Wayne—Ministers Will Hold Meeting Monday.

THE LADIES' AID.

(Continued—Verse II.) We've got an organ at the church—very finest in the land; It's got a thousand pipes or more; its melody is grand. And when we sit in cushioned pews and hear the master play, It carries us to realms of bliss unnumbered miles away. It cost cool three thousand, and its stood the hardest test; We'll pay a thousand on it—the Ladies' Aid the rest.

(To be continued.)

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Reisen Mumma on Fifth street will be the scene of a happy social gathering this evening, the same being a miscellaneous shower given for their daughter, Mary, who is a bride of this spring, the groom being David Cook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Coat Cook, prominent residents of Root township. The shower is given by Mrs. Philip Auth and a large number of the friends of the young couple, and about sixty, will be in attendance. The shower was intended in the first place as a surprise for the couple, but they learned of it in some way and now it is said they have quite a neat little surprise to spring themselves upon the would-be-surprisers. After their marriage they will go to Colorado, where the groom has taken up a homestead. He will leave in two weeks with his brother-in-law, George Mumma, for that place to make preparations for the new home and the bride and her sister will go in July.

The Entre Nous club met Friday evening at the home of Miss Ruby Miller and one of the most pleasant evenings enjoyed for some time was this one. All the members were present and the evening was spent in various ways. A contest planned by Miss Ruby was one in which guests were to form an animal out of paper without the use of a pair of scissors. Miss Lilah Lachot proved herself to be the best in this line and was awarded a beautiful prize. Later in the evening a delicious lunch was served.

Miss Ruby Artman pleasantly entertained a number of friends last evening in honor of Grace Blake of Fort Wayne. Other guests were Nora David, Jessie Shrank, Frank Malay, George Sanageal of Canton, Ohio; Earl Von Horn of Indianapolis. Music and a general social time with light refreshments contributed an evening of pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Brokaw and daughter, Mrs. Effie Johnson, left this morning for Fort Wayne to attend the Bowser reunion, which will be held at the beautiful country home of Mrs. S. Cook, four miles north of Fort Wayne. This is their fifth annual reunion. Two hundred invitations have been issued and the spacious lawn of the Cook residence is expected to be filled to its capacity. A special program has been prepared and Mr. S. F. Bowser will make one of his ever-pleasing speeches. Mrs. Wesley Depew of Charlotte, Mich., a sister of Mrs. Brokaw, will arrive in Fort Wayne today. Mrs. Brokaw was a Bowser before her marriage.

Mildred Leone, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Moses of Lima, Ohio, is one of the graduates from the Lima high school this spring. The commencement will be held in the Faurot opera house June 10th. Rela-

tives here received invitations to the event.

Miss Minnie Orvis writes friends from Muncie that she is enjoying a delightful time as a guest of Mrs. A. C. Surber, formerly Miss Abbie Keuchman, well known here. The Surber home is a fine one on McCullough boulevard, with spacious grounds, velvety lawn and with a glimpse of the river across the blue lead. The Muncie Star gives the following account of a musical given by Mrs. Surber: "Mrs. A. C. Surber of McCullough boulevard was hostess at a very interesting musical this afternoon when she entertained in honor of her mother, Mrs. Keuchman's birthday. A beautiful basket filled with roses adorned the dining table and in the reception hall and parlors were great bunches of red and white carnations. A light luncheon was served to about seventy-five guests. An excellent musical program was also given." Miss Orvis was one of the out-of-town guests, and she was also privileged to meet Mrs. Ross Stone.

A reunion of the Shady family at Bluffton is an event in which Adams county folk are interested. The reunion, with a sumptuous dinner, was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Shady, and all their children, except Mrs. Elzina Good of Trenary, Mich., were present, they being: A. W. Shady, J. M. Shady, Lewis A. Shady and Mrs. Melvin Daugherty. Five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren were also in attendance. The party included the following: Messrs. and Mesdames Lewis Shady, Bluffton; Lewis A. Shady and son, Lewis C., St. Joseph, Mo.; Arthur W. Shady, Laredo, Kans.; F. O. Daugherty, Bluffton; A. P. Kelly, Tocsin; T. W. Story, Bluffton; W. T. White, Bluffton; Mr. John H. Shady, Winters, Mich., R. C. Shady, Panama; Will Shady, Fort Wayne; Joseph Shady and daughter, Mrs. Martin Beery, Decatur; Mrs. Eila Wolfe, Bluffton; Miss Elizabeth Daugherty, Ann Arbor, Mich.; Mrs. Rachel Kelley, Caledonia, Ohio; Miss Margaret Kelley, Caledonia, Ohio; Miss Letta Kelley, Tocsin; Miss Irene Kelley, Tocsin; Miss Justice Kelley, Tocsin; Edmund D. Walker, Markle; Harry Covault, Anderson; Robert C. Storey, Bluffton.

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Bernice Dailey, Frances Cole, Vane Weaver and Carl Smith will drive to Berne tomorrow afternoon, where they will be the guests at supper of Miss Emma Bixler.

The meeting of the Christian Ladies' Aid society at the home of Mrs. (Continue on page 4.)

SUMMER CARE OF ORCHARDS.

The fruit crop in many localities in central and northern Indiana has been severely damaged by the recent succession of heavy frosts. The crop in most sections of southern Indiana, also, has been made lighter than was

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