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The Indianapolis News speaks as follows of the governor's message:

"Though the message of Governor Marshall is comparatively short, it covers a great deal of ground, and contains many recommendations, most of which are wise. On the liquor question the governor is in line with his party platform and with his own speeches during the campaign. He advises the substitution of the city and township for the county unit, insists that the remonstrance law be left as it is, and asks for additional legislation for the regulation and control of the traffic. The governor would strengthen the present license law, divorce the saloon from the brewery, increase the license fee and the bond of the liquor seller, limit the number of saloons, "increase the penalties and provide for a suspension of the license on a second violation and a complete revocation on the third." We think there will be a general approval of the suggestion that the legislature repeal the law which permits the organization of literary and educational clubs which exist only to enable their members to get liquor unlawfully. To repeal the county option law and to make no new provision for the better control of the traffic would be a serious mistake."

After taking up each item of the message and discussing it, the News concludes thus:

"As a whole the message is a creditable utterance. The legislature could hardly ask for a better chart by which to steer its course. It is hardly possible that all the governor's plans can be carried out. He is right in preferring a few reforms embodied in wise laws to a large number of crude and undigested statutory enactments. The legislature, though it may not be able to do everything, can do much. It can act at least in the spirit of the message and serve the people rather than the interests."

OBITUARY.

Lewis Lincoln Rupert, the youngest of a family of eleven children (four of whom only survive him) was born February 17, 1861, on a farm in Allen county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood, receiving a good common school education. He was a kind hearted, dutiful son, and a favorite among his schoolmates and associates, and a boy with whom other parents were pleased to have their sons associate. In early life he became a member of the United Brethren church, and at once became active in Sabbath school and other church work, which activity never ceased until death—a Sabbath school teacher, superintendent, class leader. In 1889 he was licensed by his chosen church as an exhorter; in 1893 made a regular ordained minister and later ordained to the office of an

elder of the church. He was a regular minister for two years, when he retired from the work of a regular minister and with his growing family engaged in farming. His devotion to and activity in the church, however, never ceased. In his death his family has lost a kind and attentive husband and father and his church and community a powerful factor for morality and the upbuilding of a strong Christian citizenship. In 1889 he was married to Anna Trippi, a resident of Van Wert County, Ohio, to which union, were born nine children, one of whom died in infancy while the family resided in Ohio.

In 1895 he moved with his family to Indiana, having purchased a farm which has ever since been the family home. He had been in poor health for several months, but his serious illness came about the middle of November. The middle of December he was removed to a Fort Wayne hospital in hopes that careful medical attention might help him, but the disease baffled the skill of the best physicians and death claimed him December 28, 1910, at the age of 49 years, 10 months and 11 days. His was a life full of noble deeds.

His sufferings were intense, all of which he bore with patience, knowing that all was well with him. Among his last statements were the words, "Tell the children to be good and meet me in heaven." Besides a wife he leaves eight children: Sarah, Margaret, Cynthia, William, Jesse, Mary, Harvey and Sylvan, four of whom are married; also three grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn his departure.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. Weyer at the Monroe M. E. church, interment at the Maplewood cemetery.

Thank God for a father's love
In the hour of weal or woe.
A father's voice will reach us
Wherever we may go.

And, though his life has ebbed away,
And left his friends so dear,
Earth will hold no dearer spot
Than thy peaceful grave.

EXECUTRIX SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, the executrix of the last will and testament of Anson Van Camp, deceased, will offer for sale at public sale at the late foundry and machine shop of the decedent, known as the VanCamp Foundry and Machine Works, on North Eighth street, in the City of Decatur, Adams County, Indiana, on

Monday, January 16, 1911, at 1:30 p. m., the personal property of said estate, consisting of one book case, 1 lot of books, 1 lot of glue, 1 lot of asbestos pipe covers, 2 elevator gears, a lot of tools, nipples, couplings, steam and gas engine supplies, and fittings, iron, steel and brass junk and various other articles.

Terms—Cash in hand on day of sale. LAURA A. VAN CAMP, Executrix.

Heller, Sutton & Heller, Attorneys.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Indiana, Adams County, In the Adams Circuit Court, November Term, 1910.

First National Bank of Fort Wayne vs. The Cardwell Mill and Lumber Co. et al.

To the creditors of the Cardwell Mill and Lumber Co.

Notice is hereby given that by an order of the Adams Circuit Court, made and entered in the above cause all creditors are ordered and directed to file their claims with the undersigned receiver, appointed in said cause, within thirty (30) days from this date.

Dated this 5th day of January, 1911.

F. M. SCHIRMEYER,

Receiver.

Vesey & Vesey, A. P. Beatty, Attorneys for Receiver.

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SOCIETY DOINGS

Columbian Club's Annual Mid-Winter Ball the Social Event of

THE NEXT WEEK

Medical Association Will Meet Friday the Thirteenth—Social Notes.

Prayer pulls the rope below and the great bell rings above in the ears of God. He who wins with heaven is the man who grasps the rope boldly and pulls continuously, with all his might.—Spurgeon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Johnson of north of Monmouth will entertain a company of neighbors at supper this evening. Guests will be the families of C. D. Kunkel, E. S. Christen and Harvey Clark.

One of the most brilliant social events of next week will be the annual mid-winter dance given Monday evening by the Columbian club at the K. of C. hall. A great many invitations have been issued and a large attendance will enjoy the pleasure of this festive event.

The Christian Ladies' Aid enjoyed a very good meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. C. Enos. The attendance was quite large and after the business was disposed of the ladies enjoyed a pleasant hour in social intercourse.

The Historical club will make a study of Buchanan's administration next Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. P. G. Williams. Mrs. R. S. Peterson will conduct the arrangement of the program.

The medical association will hold its regular monthly meeting next Friday, the thirteenth, at the office of Dr. J. M. Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jaberg of North First street entertained the Twilight club in a very fine manner Friday evening. Progressive pedro was a much-enjoyed game and the first prize was won by Mrs. Anna Yabne, while the booty went to Mrs. Clifton Haughton. A flower contest was also most interesting, the honors in this going to Clifton Haughton. Delicious refreshments were served. Guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Butler.

Miss Martha Tribble of Bluffton will be entertained over Sunday at the home of Miss Ruby Artman.

MARTIN'S "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN."

The Bosse opera house will have on Tuesday, January 10th, Al W. Martin's mammoth production of the immortal American drama, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," the most correct and expressive scenic production of the late Harriet Beecher Stowe's everlasting legacy to posterity ever seen in America. The only version that has been accepted by the pulpit as a moral instruction. No such amount of money as Mr. Martin has spent on this play has ever before been expended on this neglected and much-abused American drama.

He has taken great pains in the selection of the cast and has engaged actors for their special fitness for their various parts, rather than for their ability to play some instrument in the band, which has been the rule with managers of like attractions.

The company which Mr. Martin will bring to our city is said to number over fifty people, including negroes to add to the pictures and sing and dance in the levee and other scenes.

A special train of Pullman palace cars are required to transport this famous monarch of them all.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire in this manner to thank our neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted us during the sickness and death of our husband and father. MRS. ANNA RUPERT & CHILDREN.

Encouraging.

A Philadelphia clergyman tells of an incident in connection with his first visit to a town in Pennsylvania, where he expected to be called as pastor.

While tramping along a dusty road he was so fortunate as to encounter a man in a wagon who gave him a lift. During the conversation that ensued between the two the divine chance to ask:

"Do the folks hereabout enjoy religion?"

"I don't know exactly," replied his companion, "but I suppose that them that has it enjoys it."

QUEER INDIAN BELIEFS.

The Five Worlds of the Bella Coola Sun Worshippers.

There is an odd feature in the theology of the small Indian tribe of the Bella Coola which inhabit British Columbia in about latitude 52. They believe that there are five worlds, one above the other, and the middle one is our own world, the earth. Above it are two heavens, and under it are two underworlds. In the upper heaven is the supreme deity, who is a woman, and she doesn't meddle much with the affairs in the second world below her. The zenith is the center of the lower heaven, and here is the house of the gods, in which live the sun and the rest of the deities.

Our own earth is believed to be an island swimming in the ocean. The first underworld from the earth is inhabited by ghosts, who can return, when they wish, to heaven, from which place they may be sent down to our earth. If then they misbehave again they are cast into the lower of the underworlds, and from this bourn no ghostly traveler returns.

The Bella Coola are sun worshippers for Senex, the sun, the master of the house of gods, who is called the father and the sacred one, is the only deity to whom the tribe pray. Each family of the Bella Coola has its own traditions and its own form of the current traditions, so that in the mythology of the tribe there are countless contradictions. When any one not a member of a clan tries to tell a tradition which does not belong to his clan, it is like a white man trying to tell another's joke—he is considered as appropriating the property right which does not belong to him.

SMOKELESS POWDER.

It Came Through Experimenting For High Explosives.

The idea is very general that smokeless powder in being practically smokeless achieves its greatest end, but as a matter of fact its smokeless feature is incidental and was an accident.

When the idea of modern long range guns was conceived it was at once apparent that the old black powder lacked explosive force, and thousands of experiments were made with various chemicals to procure a powder of high explosive properties, and this was last accomplished.

When the new powder was tried, much to the surprise of every one it was found that practically no smoke followed the explosion, though this could of course have been predicted had the question ever arisen. The volume of smoke from black powder is due mainly to the quantity of charcoal in the powder, an ingredient not found in the smokeless explosive.

Smokeless powder, though a great boon to the sportsman, is of questionable value on the battlefield, so far as its smokelessness is concerned. The smoke clouds of old days were frequently most advantageously used to cloak movements of troops and batteries and really interfered with the enemy much more than with the troops creating the smoke.—Exchange.

Saved by Fireflies.

The gigantic tropical fireflies which swarm in the forests and canebrakes of most of the low lying West Indian islands once proved the salvation of the city of Santo Domingo. A body of buccaneers, headed by the notorious Thomas Cavendish, had laid all their plans for a descent upon the place, intending to massacre the inhabitants and carry away all the treasure they conveniently could, and had actually put off their boats for that purpose. As they approached the land, however, rowing with muffled oars, they were greatly surprised to see an infinite number of moving lights in the woods which fringed the bayou up which they had to proceed, and, concluding that the Spaniards knew of their approach, they put about and regained their ship without attempting to land.

The Wonderful Banana.

Some people believe that the banana was the original forbidden fruit of the garden of Eden. In any case it is one of the curiosities of the vegetable kingdom, being not a tree, a palm, a bush, a shrub, a vegetable or a herb, but a herbaceous plant with the status of a tree. Although it sometimes attains a height of thirty feet, there is no woody fiber in any part of its structure, and the bunches growing on the dwarf banana plant are often heavier than the stalk which supports them.

No other plant gives such a quantity of food to the acre as the banana. It yields 44 times more by weight than the potato and 133 times more than wheat. Moreover, no insect will attack it, and it is always immune from diseases of any kind.

Convinced.

"Do you think a college education helps a man in business?"

"Sure. I've had two college boys here workin' for me durin' the past year, and I was afraid to discharge either one of 'em for fear they'd find fault with my grammar when I done it."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Following Orders.

Charlie—What have you been doing to your face, dear boy? Percy—I tried to shave myself this morning, Charlie—What on earth for? Percy—The doctor told me that I ought to take more exercise.—Illustrated Bits.

At Cross Purposes.

Scott—Half the people in the world don't know what the other half are doing. Mojt—No; that is because the other half are doing them. — Boston Transcript.

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Under Auspices of Epworth League—Program Contains Many Surprises.

Many tickets have been sold by the members of the Epworth League for the entertainment to be given at the M. E. church this evening under their auspices by the Blue Bells Concert company. An admission of twenty-five and fifteen cents will be charged and a large audience should greet this one of the best entertainment companies. The company includes Miss Blanche Kettlewell, soprano; Miss Lucile T. Paine, violinist; Miss Pearl Bogart, pianist; Miss Alma McCormick, reader. The company makes a specialty of ensembled numbers, though their solo work is also exceedingly fine. Their program is finely arranged and is rendered in a most informal way. It is always announced from the platform and this keeps the audience on the alert in anticipating what will come next. This gives the concert company a chance to spring delightful surprises upon the audience at opportune times which would not be possible if the audience were in possession of a printed program. Miss McCormick, reader, has appeared in an entertainment in this city a year or so ago, and those who had the delightful opportunity of hearing her at that time, will not miss the pleasure in store for them this evening.

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