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THE

WOOL BILL

By a vote of 221 to 100 the house of representatives Tuesday passed the bill revising the wool schedule. Every democratic member but one—Francis, of Ohio—voted for it, as did twenty-four republicans. Of these latter at least two were standpatters. No such majority as this was looked for. It was doubted whether the bill could command a united democratic support. And, indeed, it would not have been surprising had it been found that there were quite a number of Bailey democrats in the house. Yet only one man on the democratic side voted in the negative. So we have another proof of the effectiveness and intelligence of the new democratic leadership.

More than that, the bill was felt to be so fair—though it was severely criticized by some who voted for it—that it commanded twenty-four republican votes. And in the affirmative vote the standpatters themselves were represented. The action of the house will greatly strengthen the wool bill in the senate. It is believed that there is a chance for its passage. Every effort will be made to prevent the finance committee from smothering it, and to bring it to a vote within a reasonable time. We should think that even Senator Bailey would hesitate long before opposing a bill framed by a democratic ways and means committee, indorsed by the democratic house caucus and supported on the final vote by every democratic representative, except one. It would be better for him to follow his own precedent and resign—that is, if he is unable to support this democratic measure.

As to the bill itself it is not necessary to say much. It imposes an ad valorem duty of 20 per cent on raw wool in place of the present duty of

about 44 per cent. The duty on manufactured products is more than cut in two, the reduction being from an average of 90 per cent to an average of about 42 per cent. Ad valorem duties have been generally substituted for specific duties, and the lowest taxes are imposed on the cheapest good instead of, as now, on the most costly. The new schedule is, therefore, a great improvement over that now in force.

It ought to make a strong appeal to the senate insurgents and to the president. The insurgents bitterly opposed the wool schedule of the Payne-Aldrich law, and the president has denounced it as "indefensible." Here is a chance to get something better. It may not be all that is desired, but nevertheless it is a great improvement over the present schedule. It ought not to be difficult for republicans who really favor lower duties to vote for it. Twenty-four of them did vote for it Tuesday. So the case is submitted to the senate. It is to be hoped that body will act promptly and favorably on the bill to the end that some of the burdens now resting on the people may be lightened.—Indianapolis News.

The disgrace of Decatur just now is Monroe street, west of the G. R. & I. railroad, and the people who have to drive over that thoroughfare have a right to squeal about the road tax they pay. It is a rocky road and it seems that some way, some how and some time, some one should see that it is repaired. The street leads to beautiful Maplewood cemetery and is traveled as much as any in town. It needs something right away.

Judge Erwin, who, acting as special judge in the Allen circuit court yesterday, fined Charley Clark, a resort keeper, who pleaded guilty to bribing the chief of police, had the nerve to fine that individual five thousand dollars, the largest fine ever assessed against any man in northern Indiana. The fine was paid and the prison sentence suspended under good behavior, and it is safe to predict that Mr. Clark has been taught a lesson that he will never forget.

"The University Man" was the theme chosen by Governor Marshall in his address last evening to the graduates of the University of Pennsylvania. As always the governor pleased those who heard him and gave them some thoughts that will stick during the years to come, when

they are putting into real service that which books have taught them.

SOCIAL DOING

Miss Dowling Entertained a Number of Friends Tuesday Evening.

THE ORIENT CLUB

Held Pleasant Meeting—Mr. and Mrs. Coppock Observe Anniversary.

CLUB CALENDAR FOR WEEK.

Thursday.
Needlecraft—Agnes Gillig.
Friday.
Christian Aid—Mrs. P. G. Williams.
Mite Society—Mrs. C. C. Cloud.
Saturday.
Junior C. E. Social—Christian Church Lawn.
Pleasant Mills M. E. Aid—Social. Fullers' Hall.

The chronic gossip will, upon investigation, be found to merit as much criticism as she bestows.—Herbert Kaufman.

Miss Caroline Dowling entertained a number of young people Tuesday evening, including the Misses Clara Zeser, Agnes Gillig, Celia Gillig, Dahl Payne, Lettie Hilleary, Mary Laughlin, Mary Meyer, Bertha Payne, Blanche Ford of Portland, Ind.; Mr. Andrews, James Meyers, Mr. Steele, Mr. Zimmerman, Calvin Meyers, Frank Gillig, Mr. Star of Lansing, Mich. Daniel Caesar, Babe Caesar, Fricke Kintz, Emmet Laughlin, Will Dowling and Martin Laughlin.

Mrs. John Everett and daughter, Ina, left today for Middletown, Ohio, where they will visit with their cousin, John McGee, an dfamily. While there they will attend the wedding of Miss Alice McGee to a prominent young man of that place. The newly married couple expect to go to Scotland on a wedding trip.

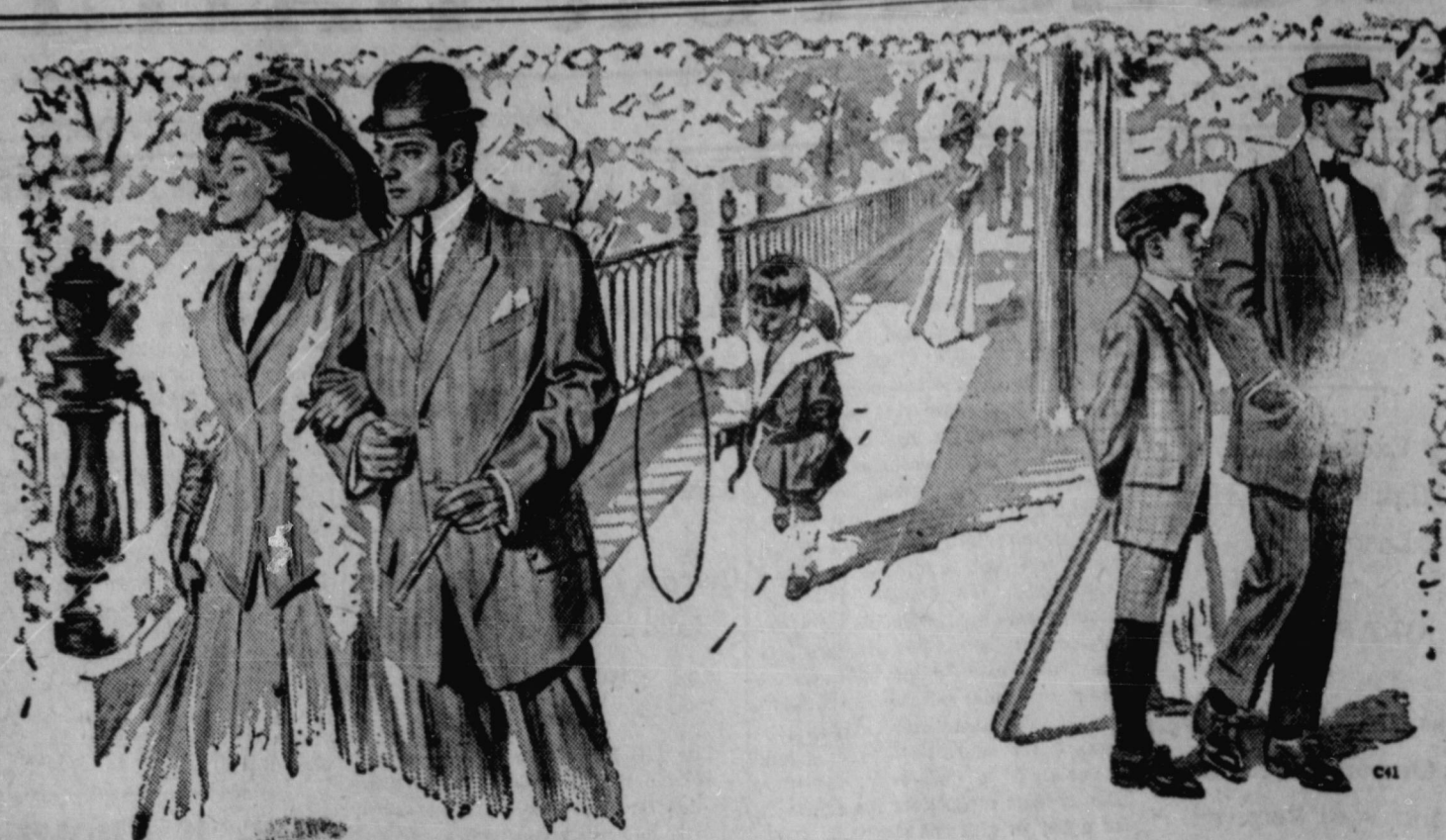
Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Coppock have issued invitations for a card party for this evening, that promises to be a very delightful social affair. The event is in celebration of the fourteenth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Coppock.

Mrs. Dr. J. M. Miller pleasantly entertained the members of the Orient club Wednesday afternoon, a number of contests besides needlework provided amusement. One contest was called a "bunch of cats," in which words beginning with "cat" were to be selected to answer certain questions. Mrs. Charles Murray won the first prize in this and Mrs. Charles Hower the booby. "A twenty-five cent affair," in which the greatest number of things were to be found on a twenty-five cent piece, was in order. Mrs. Dick Helm won the first prize and Mrs. Charles Murray the booby. Then came a general good time, with refreshments served later, the hostess being assisted by Mrs. Ed Beery. Mrs. Marsh Burdge will entertain the society in two weeks.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuelling of Union township was the scene of much pleasure Tuesday evening when they entertained a number of relatives in honor of the Rev. Martin Fuelling of Chicago, a brother of Mr. Fuelling. The evening was spent in a most enjoyable conversation, with music, making the hours pass very happily. The invited guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Fuelling, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Oetting, Clamor Fuelling, Otto Fuelling, Henry Oetting, Misses Emma and Lydia Oetting, and Marie and Clara Fuelling. A delicious lunch was served the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Peterson and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heller and son, Dick, drove to Bluffton Wednesday evening where they took supper at the Bliss, visited friends and enjoyed the evening.

The Junior League of the Methodist church enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon on the lawn of the parsonage Wednesday between the hours of 3 and 5, when this popular organization held another of their many pleasant gatherings. The afternoon was spent in playing games, while general conversation prevailed throughout the several hours. A lunch of ice cream and cake was served and one hundred were numbered among the guests. Rev. C. W. Church of Fort Wayne, a former pastor of the Methodist church, was present, whose presence added much interest to the entertainment.



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No. 12, daily except Sunday 7:08 a.m.
No. 21:11 p.m.
No. 16, Sunday only8:06 p.m.

Northbound.

No. 51:18 a.m.
No. 1911:54 p.m.
No. 3, daily except Sunday..3:24 p.m.
No. 77:54 a.m.

The Misses Jeanette and Nettie Gass and brother, Andrew, will arrive in the city tomorrow for a visit with their cousins, Nona and Mayme Harting.



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