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FUTURE FOR

AUTO TRUCKS.

The recent hot spell in New York killed 1,708 horses in two weeks. Not an automobile died from heat. This, with the soaring price of hay and oats, adds just a little more to the speed with which the age of the horseless city seems to be approaching. The recent investigation made by the Wall Street Journal indicates that the price of horses still holds up fairly well, but it seems probable that the horse's days are numbered in the city. The condition is by no means limited to this country. The auto has monopolized Paris; in London the famous old horse bus has all but disappeared; and now there are some unreliable figures which indicate that 70 per cent of the automobiles in this country are used for business purposes. The figure is undoubtedly too high, but it is evident that the auto is passing from the status of a pleasure and touring vehicle to the utilitarian basis which the bicycle reached. Already there are 240 different kinds of motor trucks manufactured in this country, and within a week a string of forty different ones will make a trip through Indiana. What is to become of the horse? Of course, the automobile, and even the motor truck, will displace him in some instances in the country, and there, too, he will probably be pressed even harder by the sturdy mule. But even at that he will always be the mainstay of the man who raises our breadstuffs. It seems that he is losing his hold as an entertainer. The automobile and aero-planes as racers, draw the crowds now. His old place in front of the fire wagon is being taken by the motors, and there are even automobile hearse in Europe. Certainly the future of the horses and horse raiser, notwithstanding the continuance of high prices, is not very rosy. But whatever comes, there will always be some at least who will have a warm spot in their hearts for the animal that, next to the dog, comes nearest being man's companion.—Indianapolis News.

STRIKE MAY FOLLOW.

(United Press Service)

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The demand for an increase in wages aggregating \$50,000,000 may threaten a general strike on railroads west of Chicago, according to Julius Krutschmitt, vice-president of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific companies, here today. The demand is said to have been presented by shopmen. An eight-hour day is demanded, with union foremen. The road cannot stand the increase.

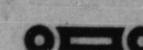
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Life Lines.
 A happy disposition is a prism that deflects the blue rays.—John Emery White.

The Sunday school classes of the Christian church, taught by Miss Desirée Beery and Miss Vivian Dawson, met at the church this morning at 8 o'clock and then went to Steele's park, where they enjoyed a picnic. In the absence of Miss Dawson, who is at Columbus, Indiana, Miss Ruby Artman has charge of her class.

Leo Ulman and sister, Miss Gertrude, delightfully entertained Sunday evening for their sister, Cecelia, at the beautiful country home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Ulman, in Union township. The evening was spent in playing various games, intermingled with music, after which a delicious luncheon was served, making it a very enjoyable occasion, one not to be forgotten very soon. During the evening first prizes were won by Miss Louise Wertzberger and Mr. Herman Geimer and the consolation prizes by Miss Bertha and Mr. Roman Steigmeyer. The invited guests included the Misses Bertha Ulman, Louise Wertzberger, Bertha and Dorothy Steigmeyer, Verena Niblick, Anna, Teresa and Agnes Miller, Messrs. Joe Florin and Herman Geimer, Roman Steigmeyer, Charles Miller, Paul Hoffman, John Wertzberger, Leo Meyers and William Lichite.

The marriage of Miss Artha Vere Klein knight, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin H. Klein knight, and Mr. John Ralph Pursley, a son of L. P. Pursley, took place Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, at the home of Rev. J. C. Valentine, pastor of the Epworth church, at the home on South Morgan street. The couple reside near Kingsland, and he is a young gardener.—Bluffton News.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gick of 942 Erie street celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Sunday by entertaining relatives and friends to the number of seventy-five. Tables for a fine dinner served by Mrs. William Gerhardt, who catered, was enjoyed by the company in the large yard of the Gick home. At the center table were the immediate family and Rev. and Mrs. Jacob Miller and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Miller, of St. Paul's Lutheran church, with which the Gick family is prominently connected. The immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Gick consists of their four daughters, Misses Esther, Cecelia, Iona and Gion, and one son, Paul Gick, all of whom are social favorites with their young friends. The tables were very prettily decorated with baskets of white flowers and ferns, while the flowers in the garden furnished all the bright colors needed. The house was decorated with asters and sweet peas. Mr. and Mrs. Gick were married in Decatur August 6, 1886. Mrs. Gick was Miss Minnie Runge and she was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Runge of that place. Springfield, Ill., was her birthplace. Mr. Gick is a prosperous business man who travels for the Baxter Stove company of Mansfield, Ohio.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Burdick, Mrs. Ed Schuler of Toledo, Ohio, and Miss Inez Dawson of Portland, who was enroute home from a six weeks' visit in Toledo, Ohio, were guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. M. P. Burdick.

Wayne, formerly of this city, entertained a happy company of relatives at dinner Sunday, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. Mart Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Borne, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reppert of this city and their guests, Mrs. William Bihlman and daughters of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Gust Yager and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Houck of Bluffton. Mr. and Mrs. Elton Crumm and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Crumm of Fort Wayne.

One of the very pleasant dinner parties of Sunday was given by Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Butler of Root township, covers for the following guests being laid at the sumptuously spread table: Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Leonard and family and their guests, Earl Dill and Elma Helvie of Pontiac, Ill.; Mr. and Mrs. Will Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cook and daughter, Dorothy, the Misses Beulah Fuhrman and Edith Rice. The day was otherwise spent in a general, quiet, social way.

Bernard Terveer is said to be getting along very nicely since his operation on Sunday.

Mrs. D. B. Erwin gave a dinner party today noon for Mrs. O. L. Vance and her guest, Mrs. Tom Miller, of Bluffton. The same ladies were entertained at supper this evening by Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer.

Sixteen little friends joined with Miss LeeAnna Vance in making merry on the afternoon of her thirteenth birthday anniversary Monday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Vance, the spacious and shady lawn being given over to the festivities. Games of all kinds delighted the little ones, and then little tables were set on the lawn where, with four tots seated at each, a tempting luncheon in three courses, carrying out the pretty colors of pink and white, was served. The feature was the large birthday cake, prettily iced, bearing the figure three in the center in dainty icing, and surrounded by three twinkling tapers. Miss LeeAnna herself cut the cake, and distributed its tempting pieces to the guests. A guest of honor was Miss Mary Ann Miller of Bluffton, who with her little sister and mother, Mrs. Tom Miller, have been guests at the Vance home. The mothers of the babies were also invited to spend the afternoon at the Vance home to meet Mrs. Miller, and the older ones enjoyed the day fully as well as did the tots. Miss LeeAnna received several very fine gifts from her friends in memory of the natal day and its many happy promises.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid society will be entertained Thursday afternoon by Mrs. H. L. Coverdale. This will be the first meeting in a month, or since the beginning of the evangelistic services, when the society discontinued its meetings and it is desired that a large attendance of the membership be present.

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MRS. C. BRITTON DEAD.
 Death Occurred This Morning From Tuberculosis.

The death of Cleona, wife of Carey Britton, well known here, occurred this morning at the home of her late father, Harvey S. Miller, just across the Indiana-Ohio state line. Mrs. Britton had been ill for many months with tuberculosis, and death came to her this morning while sitting in her chair. Since the death of her father, Harvey Miller, which occurred last January 16th, she has been living at the homestead with her husband, and her two brothers, Arthur and Joe Miller. She leaves a husband and one daughter, Dorothy. The funeral will be held Thursday morning, leaving the house at 9 o'clock for Clark's Chapel, where the burial will take place.

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BEGAN WORK TODAY.

Portland Committee "Goes" Right
 Right-of-way.

"To take up the right-of-way for the extension of the Fort Wayne & Springfield traction line, from this city to the Adams county line, the committee named at the last Thursday evening meeting at the court room will start out Tuesday morning," says the Portland Commercial-Review. "From that time they expect to continue actively at the work until it is completed. It is probable that all of the members of the committee will be at the work. It was expected to start the taking up of the land Monday morning, but on account of delay in securing some of the descriptions, there was a day's lateness.

"It is not expected that any difficulty will be encountered in securing the necessary strip of land. A number of those whose lands will be needed have already signified a willingness to donate the strip required. The work will have to be done within the next week, if the conditions laid down to the traction company by the eastern capitalists are to be met.

"At Berne, Geneva and Monroe, meetings have been held of the business men and others interested, and the same proposition presented to them as to Portland people. There was much enthusiasm and pledges were made that the right-of-way would be secured in the time given."

G. R. & I. TIME TABLE.

Goes Into Effect, Sunday, June 25, 1911.

Southbound.
 No. 4 2:01 a.m.
 No. 23 2:39 a.m.
 No. 12, daily except Sunday 7:08 a.m.
 No. 2 11:11 p.m.
 No. 16, Sunday only 5:06 p.m.

Northbound.
 No. 5 1:18 a.m.
 No. 19 11:54 p.m.
 No. 3, daily except Sunday 3:24 p.m.
 No. 7 7:54 a.m.

FOR SALE.

One Auburn runabout; also one five-horse power vertical, air-cooled automobile motor. In good order.

P. KIRSCH.
 17912 N. Third St.

Miss Marie Gass has returned from a two weeks' visit with her uncle, D. M. Reed, and family at Fort Wayne.

Howard Shackley.

EXPENDITURES AND TAX LEVIES
 FOR THE YEAR 1912.

The trustee of Root township, Adams county, proposes for the yearly expenditures and tax levies by the Advisory Board at its annual meeting to be held at the Trustee's Office, on the 5th day of September, 1911, commencing at 9 o'clock a.m., the following estimates and amounts for said year:

1. Township expenditures, \$2000.09, and township tax, 15 cents on the hundred dollars.

2. Local tuition expenditures, \$1,338.73, and tax, 10 cents on the hundred dollars.

3. Special school tax expenditures, \$4,016.19, and tax, 30 cents on the hundred dollars.

4. Road tax expenditures, \$669.39, and tax, 5 cents on the hundred dollars.

To be worked out.

5. Additional road tax expenditures, \$1,338.73, and tax, 10 cents on the hundred dollars. To be collected as taxes.

6. Poor expenditures for preceding year, \$133.87, and tax, 1 cent on the hundred dollars.

Total expenditures, \$9,504.98, and total tax, 71 cents on the hundred dollars.

The taxables of the above named township are as follows:

Total valuation of lands and improvements \$858,060.00

Total valuation of personal property 266,300.00

Valuation of railroads, express companies, passenger car companies, telegraph lines, telephone lines, etc., etc. Estimated from last year's tax duplicate) 260,755.00

Total \$1,385,115.00

Amount of credit on account of mortgage exemption 46,385.00

Net taxable property of township \$1,338,730.00

Number of polls, 206.

CHAS. E. MAGLEY, Trustee.

Dated, August 2, 1911.

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