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The weather man has lifted the lid a little and we are all thankful for it. If the month of January hasn't suited the most ambitious ice man in the state, he's a natural-born kicker.

We have been tipped off that our "kicks" against the Clover Leaf schedule have about as much effect as our complaints about the zero weather. Anyway, from the source of our tip we realize that they know how the people along the line feel about it, and if they don't care, that's their business.

Decatur business men are downcast today by the loss of one of their leaders. Samuel Laman was a clean, aggressive, public-spirited and thrifty merchant, a splendid citizen, whose loss will be keenly felt. His advice has always been good and he neglected no service which would benefit the community. His untimely death causes much sorrow in this community and his place in our business circles will indeed be hard to fill.

Programs for the Indiana Democratic editorial associations' mid-winter session to be held at the Denison hotel, Thursday, and Friday of next week, have been sent out. On the program appears the name of Governor Marshall, State Superintendent Greathouse, State Chairman Korby and Kin Hubbard. The business session will be held Friday morning, at which time paper by several well known editors of the state will be read.

It is said that President Taft is greatly worried over the boom for Teddy of the last few days. Republican papers seem to have decided that the best thing for them to do would be to nominate the colonel for a third term. It's ore straits, indeed, when a party has but one man in a decade who can fill the place. Now, the democrats have a dozen men, any one of whom can repeat nationally, the defeat given the strenuous one, during the campaign of 1910, in New York state, and who will make a splendid executive officer.

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Miss Josephine Lang was the guest of Miss Bertha Steigmeyer at her home east of the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Walters entertained at dinner Sunday for Mrs. E. M. Suttles of Conneaut, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker, and the Rev. R. L. Semans.

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WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.
Sewing—Mrs. F. B. Thomas.
Afternoon—Mrs. H. H. Bremerkamp
Tri-Kappas—Jean Lutz.

Poinsettia—Grenville Bremerkamp
Historical—Mrs. Amos Gillig.

Wednesday.
Shakespeare—Mrs. P. G. Hooper.

Sina Cura—Marie Kintz.

Flohrul de Purin—Stella Chromister.

Thursday.
Presbyterian Aid—Mrs. S. B. Beavers.

Ruth Circle—Vivian and Mildred Dawson.

Presbyterian Aid—Mrs. A. L. Peck.

G. W. C.—Celia Kinney.

Euterpean—Mrs. Eugene Runyon.

Friday.
Needles and Nod—Mrs. Dallas Hunsicker, Mrs. O. F. Schug.

Be firm; one constant element in luck, is genuine, solid, old Teutonic pluck.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

The Misses Madge and Mary Hite gave an enjoyable sewing party for the following guests: Mrs. J. Q. Neptune, Letta and Marie Kintz, Ethel Barkley, Lilah August, Fan Hite. Sewing, conversation and music, with a lunch, were entertainment features.

The Ruth Circle of the Christian church will meet Thursday evening at the home of the Misses Vivian and Mildred Dawson.

Noah French of the Noah French company, undertakers, sprang a surprise on his friends on the night of January 3rd, when he was quietly married at 8 o'clock to Mrs. Pearl M. Price of Gratiot county, at Trinity Methodist church by Rev. Russell H. A. Bready. The ceremony was performed in the presence of two friends, Miss Mary J. Taylor and Alexander Payne, both of this city. Owing to pressure of business, Mr. and Mrs. French will defer their honeymoon trip. They are at home at 63 Jefferson avenue. Mrs. French has visited for several years in Grand Rapids at the home of Mrs. Mary Hastings, 83 Postwick street—Grand Rapids (Mich.) Press. The groom in the above reported marriage is a son of Marion French and wife of Linn Grove, and a grandson of A. T. Studabaker of Bluffton.

Miss Margie Hanna of Fort Wayne is being entertained at the Schrock and Patterson homes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and son, Meredithe, and Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Steele and daughter, Jeanette, took an automobile trip yesterday to the home of the latter's father, James Steele, in Kirkland township, and after dinner there continued their trip to Bluffton.

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The Sina Cura girls are looking forward to a good time at the home of Miss Marie Kintz Wednesday evening.

Mesdames Dallas Hunsicker and Oliver Schug will entertain the ladies of the Needles, and Nod club and their husbands Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Hunsicker.

A special business meeting of the Y. P. A. of the Evangelical church has been called for Tuesday evening and will be held at 7:30 o'clock at the home of J. F. Lachot. There will be business of importance and the attendance of all members is desired at this time.

The Presbyterian Ladies' Aid society is announced for Thursday afternoon, when the ladies will meet with Mrs. S. D. Beavers on First street.

Francis Schmitt proved to be an excellent host Sunday evening when he entertained a number of his friends at 6 o'clock dinner at his home on Mercer avenue. Pedro was the evening's pleasure, enjoyed by all, and a greatly enjoyed occasion. Those who partici-

REBELLION IN THE UTILITIES COMMISSION.
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 22.—In inviting the Democratic party, the Republicans and the members of the state party to discuss the feasibility of a public utility commission, G. V. Marsha, and Bernard Korby, chairman, a glided

that the progressive spirit of the times is rapidly demanding the justice between public utility and the users of the services they render.

Neither the governor nor the state chairman has declared positively for a public service commission law, but both are inclined to the belief that a full and free discussion will result in a party declaration on the subject. The governor and the state chairman agree that the question is one demanding serious consideration and they have already begun a study of the various laws enacted by different states.

The principle upon which these laws are based is that public service corporations are neither public nor private but quasi public. They have received valuable rights and privileges from the public and are dependent upon the public for their profits; consequently, they owe corresponding duties and if they fail or refuse to perform those duties properly, it is the right and duty of the people acting through their governmental agents, to regulate them so that the public may have justice in rates and service. A railroad company or other corporation which is given the right of eminent domain or a gas or water company which has received valuable franchises in the use of streets and public places, owes just rates and adequate service in return for these rights and privileges.

The public has come to a recognition of the fact that these corporations are not private with all the immunities of private property, but that they are public servants and subject to regulatory control. The equitable working out of that control is the problem for the legislators. It was that problem which the new public utility laws of New York and Wisconsin sought to solve.

Five states now provide by law for the regulation of public service corporations by state commissions. These are Massachusetts, New York, Wisconsin, New Jersey and Maryland. Massachusetts regulates by state commission: railroad, street railroad, express, gas and electric light, telephone companies. New York has control over common carriers, and services connected with common carriers, gas and electric companies supplying heat, light or power, and telephone and telegraph companies. Wisconsin places common carriers and all companies for the conveyance of telegraph or telephone messages or "for the protection, transmission, delivery or furnishing of heat, light, water or power, either directly or indirectly, to or for the public," in the control of the commission. The Maryland law applies to all common carriers and services connected with common carriers, telegraph and telephone companies, gas and electric companies supplying heat, light or power, water and heating and refrigerating companies. The New Jersey law applies to railroad, street railroad, express, traction, canal, subway, gas, electric light, heat and power, water, sewer, telegraph, telephone and pile-line companies.

In nearly every state in the union, a railroad commission is provided, which is more or less effective in controlling common carriers. In several states, additional powers have been granted over certain other public utilities; thus warehouses are subject to the commissions in some states; telegraph and telephone companies are controlled by the railroad commission in Michigan. In Texas, power is given to the district courts to supervise services and rates on complaint.

LIQUOR SHIPMENTS.

Can Now be Shipped from One State into Dry Counties of Another.

UNITED PRESS SERVICE.
Washington, D. C., Jan. 22.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Prohibitionists suffered a severe defeat today by a decision of the supreme court declaring that liquor may be shipped from one state into "dry" counties of another state, though prohibited by the laws of the "dry" state.

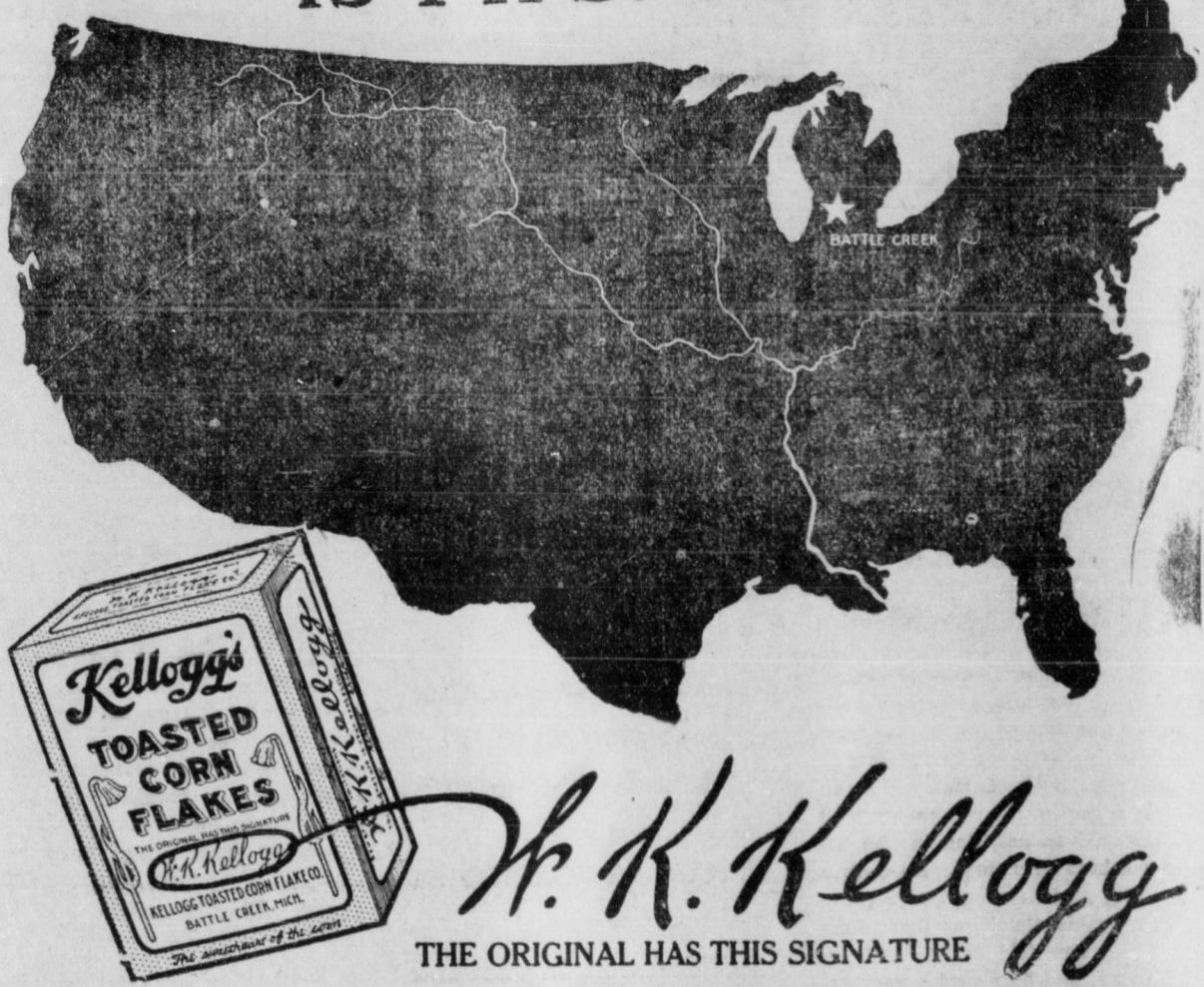
The man is said to be very versatile, and had apparently a very bright intellect. He claims to have been a music teacher and gives practical illustrations of his claims. He also claims to have been a doctor, lawyer, a base ball player. The minute language is also one of his accomplishments, though he does not, by any means, confine himself to that silent way of communication. That he is greater than God is also one of his assertions—that there are three persons in the God-head, and six in him. Probably no action will be taken against him until more is learned about his home, if he has any.

FUNERAL OF MRS. MICHAUD.
County Auditor and Mrs. H. S. Michaud and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Lachot were at Berne Sunday where they attended the funeral of Mr. Michaud's step-mother, Mrs. Henry Michaud, which was held Sunday morning at 9 o'clock from the home and later from the German Reformed church. The Rev. Kattman had charge of the services.

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Terms—All sums of \$5.00 and under, cash in hand; over \$5.00 a credit of 9 months will be given, the purchaser giving his note therefor with approved security. Four per cent of for cash. Lunch served on grounds. OTTO KEIFFER, Noah Frauhiger, Auct. Fred Fruchte and Otto Ewel, Clerks.

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