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The free text book, advocated by the progressives, and introduced in the legislature by Mr. Judkins, the lone bull mooser, will soon find a place in the graveyard, the committee having announced that they will report that it be indefinitely postponed.

There was nothing in the party platforms about the simplification of the social side of the administration at Washington, but is it for all that, a reform that looks mighty good to the plain people of the country, who, in the past, have been made extremely weary by some official antics.—Indianapolis News.

The bill for a highway commission in Indiana is creating much interest just now with the result in doubt. The farmers generally are opposed to it, because of the opportunity it gives for graft. Adams county has built her roads, five hundred miles of good macadam, and it would be wrong to tax our people now to aid in building roads for another county.

Dig! Did it ever occur to you how important it is that you have that determination if you succeed? Dig right through every obstacle. Fight to uphold the dignity of your purpose. Dig, bore, squeeze, sweat, but get through. You know the persistent drop of water will wear away the hardest stone, and so does a determined effort win every time. Start today.

The Democratic Editorial association of Indiana will hold its thirty-second annual mid-winter meeting at the Denison hotel, Indianapolis, Thursday and Friday of next week. The association has played an important part in the affairs of the state during the last third of a century and the meetings are always pleasant and profitable. On the program at the banquet to be held Thursday evening, are Governor Ralston and Lieutenant Governor O'Neil. Frank Heimbaugh of Muncie will be toastmaster and Frank Gwin, the president, will give an address. Mrs. Mindwell Wilson of Delphi will read a paper and there will be music and other events worth mentioning.

There was not a little excitement about the corridors of the state house yesterday when it was reported that William Jennings Bryan was in the building and would visit the legislature. The story was that Mr. Bryan on a lecture tour, had stopped off in Indianapolis to see Governor Ralston, and the governor had suggested that he say howdy to the general assembly. A number of the patriots brushed their hair and started on a look for the Peerless One, only to discover that the supposed Mr. Bryan was Dick Erwin, judge of the supreme court, on his way to his office. Judge Erwin resembles the famous Nebraskan closely.—Billy Blodgett.

EATS THREAD—IS CURED.

Fort Wayne, Jan. 28—Chewing silk threads effected a cure for fifteen-year-old Katherine Besse, whose throat had been closed since she was two years old. She has tasted her first bite of candy. For thirteen years she had not tasted food, nourishment being provided by means of a tube inserted in her stomach. The case has been under the care of Dr. Maurice Rosenthal, head of the medical staff of St. Joseph's hospital. The girl, when two years old, drank some lye and her throat was so burned that it closed up. She was treated in a number of hospitals, being fed through the intestines for several years. Every effort to open the trachea failed and finally a surgeon made an incision into the stomach, which has been kept open for the insertion of a pump, by which food was placed in the stomach. Dr. Rosenthal received the case September 3rd. He had the child chew a silk thread, which has found its way through the trachea and was pulled out through the hole in the stomach. Then larger thread was used, and in time the surgeon found it possible to insert a probe. Gradually the size of the probe was increased and now the girl can eat solid food. She has had her first taste of candy and declared it tasted good. She had no recollection of ever having tasted her food. As soon as the hole in the stomach can be sewed up and healed, Katherine will be sent home to her parents a normal child so far as her ability to take solid food is concerned. Her home is in Millstadt, Ill.

CLOVER LEAF EARNINGS GOOD.

Operating revenues of the Clover Leaf in the second week of January, 1913, were \$87,268, compared with the corresponding week of 1912, increase, \$2,154. Operating revenues of the company from July 1, 1912, to January 15, 1913, were \$2,257,731, an increase of \$68,222.

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE DAY.

Notice is hereby given that Saturday of each week will be the regular office day for the county surveyor. We will be at the office on that day each week, and will be glad to meet you on any business you may have.

PHIL L. MACKLIN,
County Surveyor.

FOR RENT—40-acre farm, 2 miles west and 1 1/2 miles north of Monroe. Inquire of Jacob Scherry, Decatur, Ind., R. R. 2; phone Monroe 2343.

FOUND—Ladies' purse; owner inquire at Artman & Hess Cafe. 2413

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

Bachelor Maids Defy "Thirteen" and Portending Horrible Dreams.

MADE SAFE TRIP

By "Horseless Carriage"—Mrs. W. P. Schrock to Entertain Two Clubs.

Tuesday.

Afternoon—Mrs. C. V. Connell. Shower—Misses Gerard and Droppleman.

Wednesday.

Historical—Mrs. Fred Schafer. Florhul De Purin—Eula McKinney. St. Vincent de Paul—Mrs. Henry Schulte.

Thursday.

Poinsettia—Esther Corbett. Shakespeare—Mrs. D. E. Smith.

Friday.

Thimble—Mrs. W. P. Schrock. Buterpear—Mrs. W. P. Schrock. Ruth Circle Social—Minnie Daniels Home.

Young Matrons—Mrs. French Quinn.

Saturday.

Buterpear—Edna Hoffman. Needlecraft—Jessie Magley. Christian Aid—Mrs. E. H. Shoemaker.

Each substance of a grief hath twenty shadows, Which shows like grief itself, but are not so.

—Shakespeare's "Richard II."

On account of the Ruth Circle social, Miss Jessie Magley will postpone the Needlecraft club meet until Friday evening, when she will be hostess.

The newly elected officers of the Pythian Sisters joyfully entertained the other members of the lodge last evening after the regular session. Immediately following, a good program was given. This included a duet by Vera Hunsicker and Merle Leonard; song, Hallie Leonard; duet, Nellie Nichols, Mrs. Fred Fruchte; duet, Mabel Hower, Mabel Butler; reading, Mrs. I. A. Kolver; reading, Mrs. Dallas Hunsicker; duet, Irma and Thelma Houk. The assembly then repaired to the dining room where a luncheon was given. The hostesses who thus provided for the jolly evening, were: Mesdames Al Burd, F. A. Peoples, J. N. Fristoe, Charles Elzey, J. C. Tritch, George Houser, D. F. Leonard, Charles Patton, Dallas Hunsicker, the Misses Ireta Erwin and Nellie Nichols.

A fine time was had Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bleeke, when their daughters, Louise and Lydia, gave a very fine supper to their friends. The party included: Ella Bleeke, Frieda Koldewey, Paula Biez, Ruth Marbach, Aaron Welland, Rob Marbach, George Erhardt, Walt Thleme and Herbert and Arnold Meinzen of Fort Wayne.

Mrs. W. P. Schrock will be hostess to two clubs this week—the Thimble

Thursday afternoon, and the Enterpear club Thursday evening.

The Presbyterian Ladies Aid will meet in the church parlors Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

The latest thing in "horseless carriage" is not an automobile, a fact which the Bachelor Maids learned to their great pleasure last evening, when Miss Mae Berling, with the Berling mules and hay rack, "chauffered" (if such a word can be made) them to the home of Miss Amelia Kohne south of the city. While they were speedily driving along two of the party happened to remember dreams of the night before in which they had met with horrible accidents on the way out. One dreamed that just as they neared the Clover Leaf railroad, a train ran into them and cut them all to pieces. This dream was recalled as they approached the railroad track, and the driver was called to halt. At this point a count of the party was taken and it was found that there were just thirteen in the crowd. Making no more ado, about nothing, however, they drove on, got over the road without trouble, and in fact made the entire trip without an accident to mar the event. The girls declare in fact, that they had never had a jollier time, and terrible dreams, and the number thirteen, they say, hold no terrors for them now. They took their lunch with them and after playing "500" had a picnic supper. Prizes were won by Miss Mae Berling and Miss Bess Tonnellier.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Petitions Asking for Local Option Election in Decatur and Township

FILED LATE TODAY

February 28 and March 1 Will be Only Eligible Dates for Election.

Late this afternoon, C. L. Walters, attorney for the "drys," filed with County Auditor T. H. Baltzell, the two petitions signed by voters of Washington township and Decatur, asking that the county commissioners call an election to determine whether the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage shall be prohibited in Decatur and Washington township. The Decatur petition, which requires only 210 voters' signatures, was signed by 294, and is known as the petition of Simon Brandyberry et al; that of Washington township, requiring 65, was signed by 138.

These are presented to the commissioners for action in their February session, which opens Monday, February 3rd, the law requiring the filing of the petitions at least five days before the board meets.

The law requires that the election be held between twenty and thirty days after the action of the board granting the same. This means that the election must be held between February 22 and March 1. There is not much choice as to the fixing of the date, however, as the law also requires that the election must not be held within two years after the prior election. The last election, turning the township and city "wet," was held two years ago this February 28, the two years expiring next February 27. Hence the only eligible dates will be February 28 and March 1.

The election would affect five retail dealers in this city, and two wholesalers; and one saloon in Washington township—in the half of the town of Monroe, that is located in Washington township.

Application for the recommitment Mrs. Martha Heldemann, wife of Henry Heldemann to the Easthaven asylum at Richmond, was filed today with the county clerk this afternoon, upon affidavit of her physician, Henry E. Keller, as to her condition. Mrs. Heldemann was a patient there from December 2, 1909, to September 14, 1911, when she was discharged. Monday afternoon late, she became violent again, and it was decided best to recommit her to the asylum. She imagines that her husband gives herself and children the black diphtheria but that "The Spirits" cure her thereafter. She imagines also that "The Spirits" tell her to kill her husband and children, and Monday afternoon it is said she made an attempt to kill one of the children.

Real estate transfers: Jessie E. Evans to E. C. Carmon, lot 887, Decatur, \$2700; Philip Harlow to Albert Harlow, 27 acres, Wabash tp., \$100. Attorney D. B. Erwin has filed a new suit entitled Henry Knapp vs. Frank Lynch et al, complaint on note, \$110.

THE LAST WEEK

In closing the celebration of our tenth anniversary, the Daily Democrat wishes to thank those who have assisted them in making this the most successful subscription campaign ever conducted in this county. It has been more than pleasing to us and the words of encouragement have been sincere and numerous. We have added a large number of new readers and nearly every subscriber who secures the paper by mail has paid up and renewed. If you haven't done so, you should attend to this matter at once. We would like every reader of the Democrat to have one of our souvenir knives. There is still the opportunity but the days are slipping. Better get in on this.

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MAURICE COSTELLO.

Maurice Costello, the famous actor of the moving picture shows, acts in one of the shows at the Crystal tonight, the subject of the show being "A Mistake in Spelling." This show alone is worth the small price of admission. An excellent drama is also on the bill for tonight:

"A MISTAKE IN SPELLING," Viagraph, featuring Maurice Costello. "THE GIRL AT THE CUPALO," Selig Drama.

"THE STRIPED BATHING SUIT," Pathe Comedy.

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