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The last day of republican rule is at hand. From now on it may be expected that every mishap, every calamity, the droughts, the floods, and the unforeseen, will be charged by the republican press to the administration, while the good things will just happen.

President Taft vetoed the Webb bill and the senate and house promptly passed it over his head. It was a non-partisan action, for the senate is republican and the house democratic. The president claims the bill, which prevents the shipment of liquor from one state into "dry" territory into another, is unconstitutional. No doubt the matter will be settled by the supreme court of the United States and it will be an important decision.

The beet sugar factories are claiming credit for the reduction in the price of sugar. If you have bought sugar lately you have noticed that the price has slumped; and if you haven't bought any your wife can tell you that it is considerably cheaper than it has been, and it is not due to the change in the administration, either, but to the fact that the beet sugar industry in this country is coming to the front. The day seems to be not far away when the beet sugar industry will come near supplying all the sweet stuff the American people consume, and they are making a vigorous kick against the reduction of the tariff on raw sugar, as that would give the sugar trust refineries and independent refineries an opportunity to put sugar on the market at a figure so low that the beet sugar industry might be crippled, so they say. The beet sugar men say that if the tariff is not disturbed they will make it so warm for the refineries and the sugar trust that the consumers will have no occasion to complain. But suppose the tariff is reduced and the cane sugar as well as the beet sugar is reduced in price on that account, what difference will it make, if the beet sugar factories can make a reasonable profit? There is not much doubt but that the sugar trust has been reaping rich rewards in recent years by pushing up the price of sugar to the limit, and it will be a relief to the people to get it at old time prices again. Sugar has been entirely too high.—Columbia City Post.



CALENDAR FOR WEEK
ENDING MARCH EIGHTH.
Tuesday Evening, March 4.
Decatur Lodge, No. 571, F. and A. M.
Called meeting, work in Fellow Craft degree.

Wednesday Evening, March 5.
Decatur Chapter, No. 112, R. A. M.
Regular communication, also rehearsal of work, Master's degree. All companions requested to be present.

FOR SALE—Incubator, hot air, 150 eggs, will sell reasonable. Address H. F. Judd, R. R. 11, Decatur, Ind. 51-3
WANTED—To buy two Rhode Island Red cockerels at once. Address H. F. Judd, R. R. 11, Decatur, Ind. 51-3
LOST—Buckskin glove for right hand, between Schlickman feed yard and Horse Sale stables. Finder please return to this office. 5813

WANTED—Man to do janitor work. Inquire at this office. 531f

WANTED—Girl for light housework. Mrs. Ben Shranck, phone 468. 531f
MAN WANTED—To do general work on farm by year or term of years to right man. Young married man preferred. Inquire at this office. 5313
WANTED—Second hand cream separator; size, 600 pounds capacity, in good condition. Will pay cash.—Geo. Tricker, Decatur, R. R., No. 9, phone 2 on J line. 4913

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

Bob Sled Takes Merry Load of Young People to Nick Wagner Home.

A HOUSE WARMING

Euterpean Will Study at the Myers Home — Junior League Celebrates.

CLUB CALENDAR FOR WEEK.

Tuesday.
Historical—Mrs. Ed Moses.

Presbyterian Missionary—Mrs. C. A. Dugan.

Wednesday.
Concord Aid—Mrs. John Evans.

Shakespeare—Mrs. D. D. Heller.

Thursday.
Euterpean—Miss Florence Meyers.

Men's judgments are

A parcel of their fortunes; and things outward

Do draw the inward quality after them,

To suffer all alike.
—Shakespeare, Anthon and Cleopatra

The Concord Aid society will have its March meeting on Wednesday of this week at the home of Mrs. John Evans in Root township.

An interesting contest for the raising of money for their pladage to the Ernberger missionary fund was brought to a close by the Junior Epworth Leaguers of the Methodist church. The celebration thereof took place Saturday afternoon in the basement of the church, about sixty little folks being in attendance. The Junior League is divided into four classes for Bible study, of which the Misses Florine Edwards, Leah Apt and Ruth Fiedlerjohann and Etta Mallonee are the teachers. Some time ago the contest was inaugurated with the understanding that the class which raised the most money was to be entertained by the others. This honor was won by Miss Apt's class, and they were therefore the guests of honor. The entertainment was in charge of the superintendent, Miss Etta Mallonee, and a very good time was had by the little folks who were given their abandon for the playing of their games, and later had refreshments of pop-corn and candies.

In addition to other facts mentioned about the history of the Eastern Star chapter which celebrated its twentieth anniversary Friday evening it is of interest to note that Mrs. B. W. Sholtz was the first person initiated by the order after its organization. Up until the time of the late Mr. Godfrey Christen's death, there were seven members of the Masons who were also members of the G. A. R. They were Godfrey Christen, August Gregory, Andrew Teeple, R. S. Peterson, T. R. Moore, B. W. Sholtz and J. D. Hale. Of these only two are living at the present time. They are B. W. Sholtz and J. D. Hale.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Maynard Johnson was ablaze with good cheer when they entertained thirty of their neighbors and friends Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Johnson's sister, Mrs. Fred Hammond, of Scottville, Mich. Conversation, games and music rounded out the evening's pleasure. In a peanut contest, Frank Butler received first honors and in an animal contest of forming the animals from chewing gum, Mrs. Hammond was the most adept, assisted by Mrs. Quincy Winans, Mrs. Johnson served a delicious two-course luncheon. Mrs. Hammond and daughters, Reva and Ruth, left for their home Sunday night after spending the winter here with relatives.

Attention is again called to the meeting of the Woman's Home and Foreigner Missionary society of the Presbyterian church at the home of Mrs. C. A. Dugan Tuesday afternoon, the program for which was published Saturday. As this is the last meeting of the church year, all mite boxes must be brought or sent in at this time.

The Euterpean club will study "The Furniture and China of our Forefathers" at the home of Mrs. Florence Myers Thursday evening. Mrs. Helen Patterson will have charge of the program.

The Historical club will meet with Mrs. Ed Moses Tuesday evening, instead of with Mrs. Jesse Sutton. Mrs. O. L. Vance will have the paper on "Chinese Soldiers and Military Officers."

To the jingling of jolly sleigh bells,

a bob-sled made a trip to this city from the Nicholas Wagner new home south of the city Sunday afternoon and returned with a merry party of young people, the greater number being members of the clerical force at the Morris store. They were royally entertained at a house warming by Miss Mary Wagner, and at supper time were served with a delicious spread, which included chicken and other good things. The party then returned to this city at 8 o'clock to meet Mr. and Mrs. Wagner, as they returned from Fort Wayne, where they spent Sunday. The Wagner new home is one of the fine farm houses which dot this district and with the royal hospitality shown by the host and hostess is beyond compare. The guests included the Misses Ada Stevens, Edna Steele, Marie Ball, Blanche McCrory and Mrs. Pansy Potter.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Everett were guests Sunday of his sister, Mrs. Oliver Johnson, south of the city.

STUCK IN DRIFT

First Interurban Passenger Car Out of City Today Got Stalled.

NEAR STOP NO. 24

Motor Burned Out and Extra Went Out to Bring the Car Back.

The brisk winds of Sunday night drifted the snow so high on the interurban track near stop 24, near the old Evans homestead that the first passenger car from this city got stuck there this morning about 7 o'clock and occasioned a delay of several hours in the service. One of the motors burned out, the car went dead and it was necessary for the shovellers to get busy and open up the way, as well as for an extra car to go out from the barns here and bring the dead car back. The delay occasioned an annulment of the car leaving here at 8:30 o'clock and there was none until 11:30 o'clock, when the regular service was again resumed.

The drift was about two feet deep and extended from three to five car lengths.

In The Churches

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church Sunday, greatly delighted the congregation with his ability as a minister of the gospel. Rev. Robinson is a graduate of Butler university and was taking a course in Germany, when he was called home on account of illness. Mr. Robinson is one of the most forceful and eloquent speakers in the ministerial field and so impressed were the members of the church that they have succeeded in securing him again for next Sunday.

Life's Last Act

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a soldier in the Civil war and it seems he inherited an unbounded patriotism. On the morning of February 22, he hoisted the flag on a tall pole in his own yard, the very last act of his life, from this effort he re-entered his house and within a few hours had departed. The last struggle for life hangings by so slender a thread lasted only a very few minutes. He was completely paralyzed at the last. His life had been a stormy one, but it is over, and the frail barque is anchored with that of his mother and his first wife and others who have preceded him. He is greatly missed in his calling and among his associates, but the great loss is in his family, where father, his wife and his children can never replace their loss with another. Services were held at the home and then his body placed in the Noble cemetery by the side of his first wife and little child, where the breezes shall whisper, "Sleep, dear one, Sleep a dreamless sleep until the trumpet call, shall summon, Rise! to that reunion of the faithful ones never more to separate." Peace to our brother and friend—Will Reynolds. Those of his relatives present from a distance were his sister, Mrs. John Priest and two youngest children from Cheyenne, Oklahoma.

COW FOR SALE—D. I. Welkel, phone 39. It
FARM FOR RENT—I will offer my farm for rent for a short time. I had it rented, but the man on it could not reach the obligations required. Inquire of Sarah Ayres, Monroe, Ind., R. R. No. 2. 5313

CREDITOR TOOK HIS LEAVE

Journalist May or May Not Have Meant Threat, but Visitor Would Not Chance It.

Lespes, the French journalist, known as "Timothee Trimm," was once disagreeably intruded on by a creditor, who announced his intention of not departing until he was paid. The creditor planted himself on a chair, and Lespes beheld him, with consternation, draw bread and cheese from his pockets as though to fortify himself against events. Several hours glided by; Lespes had resumed his writing and finished an article. The creditor showed no signs of moving. Suddenly Lespes rose, and with bits of newspaper began carefully blocking all the apertures through which air could come into the room. He then made preparations for lighting a charcoal fire; but before applying the match, pasted on the wall, just opposite the creditor's eyes, a paper thus laconically worded: "Take notice that we died of our own will." "What are you doing?" exclaimed the creditor, uneasily. "Your society would render life intolerable, so we are going to commit suicide together," answered "Timothee," tranquilly. It is needless to say that the creditor decamped.

HER FEELINGS NOT SOOTHED

Butcher Boy Evidently Not One Who Was Quick to See the Error of His Ways.

An amusing telephone story is told of a lady whose name is Brown. One morning recently she proceeded from the breakfast table to the telephone in the hall, to order some things from the butcher.

"Halloa!" said Mrs. Brown. "Is that Mr. Batty's?"

"Yes."

"Well, this is Mrs. Brown's residence. Will you send me a large, thick steak by four o'clock?"

The boy in the butcher shop happened to answer the telephone, and promptly responded:

"Well, you just bet your sweet life I will."

"Do you know, sir, to whom you are speaking?" indignantly inquired Mrs. Brown.

"Sure I do," said the boy. "You're Jenny, Mrs. Brown's cook."

"You are mistaken, young man. You are speaking to Mrs. Brown herself."

"Is that so?" replied the boy. "Then in that case, madam, we'll call the bet off."

Moving One's Home.

When a small settler in western Canada decides to move, he very often takes his "shack" with him; you can not rely upon finding houses just where you want them in a new country, and the cost of transporting materials makes it well worth while going to a little expense to move one's own residence. The houses, of course, are built of wood, and are raised by means of jacks and levers on to low trucks. Poles are then run from the front axle to the rear, in place of the ordinary tongue, and a good team of powerful horses proceeds to haul the dwelling to its new site. Naturally, in moving such cumbersome loads great care has to be taken, but many a cottage has been moved nearly a mile uphill without any damage being done to the structure.—Wide World Magazine.

Nothing But the Truth.

Everything depended upon the testimony of this particular witness, and the lawyer realized the fact.

"Now," he said, shaking his finger warningly, "we want to hear just what you know. Don't tell us what you think, or what you've heard, or what somebody else knows. Do you understand?"

The witness brightened visibly, and showed by his glad smile that he understood.

"It was like this, sir," he began. "Old Bill Grubbs said to me that Jim Payne told him he heard Thomas John's wife tell Sid Lewis' girl that her husband was the hero of the fight, and that they paved into one another like."

But then the judge told him to stand down.

"More of the Same."

The common belief is that the Indian child is both stolid and stupid. One traveler, however, when in South Dakota witnessed an incident that speedily disillusionized him upon this point.

A precocious Indian child, two and a half years old, was disagreeably voluble at dinner, so much so that his mother leaned over, and, stuffing a piece of fat meat into his mouth, said: "There, I will stop up that hole now."

As soon as the baby had devoured enough of his mouthful to enable him to articulate, he gasped: "Stop it up again, mother, stop it up again!"—Youth's Companion.

His Beauty Not the Cause.

Fernando de Leyba, who took command of St. Louis on June 14, 1778, wrote:

"I have been received by all the inhabitants with extraordinary signs of rejoicing, which I do not attribute to my beauty, nor to the fact that they were dissatisfied with my predecessor, but only that in the creature they praise the Creator."

It was addressed to the governor general of Louisiana.

FOUND—Sum of money in Schlickman restaurant. Inquire of Carl Neurge, Decatur, R. R. 11.

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Phone 292

PRACTICAL JOKERS

Abroad in the Land are no Respecters of Persons—Weighty Examples.

Practical jokers, abroad in the land, are no respecters of persons. The other evening Samuel Fisher, the well known man of the city, bought some groceries and other edibles at the restaurant. He put them in a sack and later came for them, swung the burden over his shoulder and started for his walk home. The sack seemed very heavy and Sam was congratulating himself that the restaurant man must have given him very good weight indeed, and was feeling good that the price of living was going down. When he reached home he opened the sack and found that some one had played a trick on him by putting two bricks with the other goods. It was not exactly a gold brick case, but the next thing thereto.

Bruce Patterson was also the victim of a practical joke. When he left Saturday evening for his regular trip to Warsaw, he picked up his grip jauntily and swung along in good spirits, being so light-hearted and carefree that he did not notice an extra weight in the grip, wherein reposed his clean kerchiefs, his little "nightie," and other necessities required for an over-Sunday visit. When he arrived at his destination, however, and opened his grip, he found therein—two empty beer bottles, which some of his companions must have quietly inserted while the grip was waiting for its owner at this end of the line. He congratulated himself that sleuths enroute there did not get next to the affair and arrest him for conducting a "blind tiger."

PUBLIC STOCK SALE.

The undersigned will offer for sale at his residence 3 1/2 miles north of Decatur, 1/2 mile northeast of Monmouth, 1 mile west of stop 25 on the Fort Wayne and Decatur Interurban, on Saturday, March 8, 1913, beginning promptly at 10 o'clock a. m., the following property, to-wit: Seven Head of Horses, consisting of 2 two-year-old colts, 1 sorrel and 1 dark brown; 2 yearling mare colts, very well matched; 1 ten-year-old black brood mare, 1 two-year-old black draft colt, and 1 two-year-old, coming 3, dark brown draft colt. Eight Head Cattle, consisting of 4 pure bred dairy Shorthorns, and 1 young grade cow, will probably be fresh by sale day. All are extra good milk cows. One pure bred 3-year-old Shorthorn bull, and 1 9-months-old, pure bred Shorthorn bull calf; also 1 three-year-old Jersey cow, will be fresh soon. Sixteen head of Duroc shoats, weighing about 100 lbs. each. These are thrifty hogs. Ten Head of sheep, consisting of 9 Shropshire ewes, some with lambs by side and one high grade Shropshire buck.

Terms: On all sums of \$5 or under, cash in hand; on all sums over \$5 a credit of 9 months will be given, purchaser giving a bankable note with approved security. Liberal discount for cash. No property to be removed until satisfactorily settled for. Lunch served by the Concord Ladies' Aid society.

E. S. CHRISTEN, Owner.
John Spuhler, Auct.
W. A. Fonner, Clerk.

FOUND—Sum of money in Schlickman restaurant. Inquire of Carl Neurge, Decatur, R. R. 11.

SATURDAY

is the last day for our big sale we still have a lot of good bargains don't miss the opportunity of supplying yourself and family with good shoes now.

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A BLACK RECORD FOR DECATUR

The following figures will be of interest to the public as a comparison between the "Wet" and "Dry" cities showing the number of arrests for drunkenness and for other causes due to drunkenness for the year 1912 and also showing the number of arrests for drunkenness and for other causes due to drunkenness for the month of January, 1913 in the following cities.

For year 1912 For Month Jan., 1913

Portland, Ind. (Dry) . . . 53 . . . 3
Bluffton, Ind. (Dry) . . . 42 . . . 9
Van Wert, O. (Dry) . . . 46 . . . 4
Decatur, Ind. (Wet) . . . 195 . . . 33

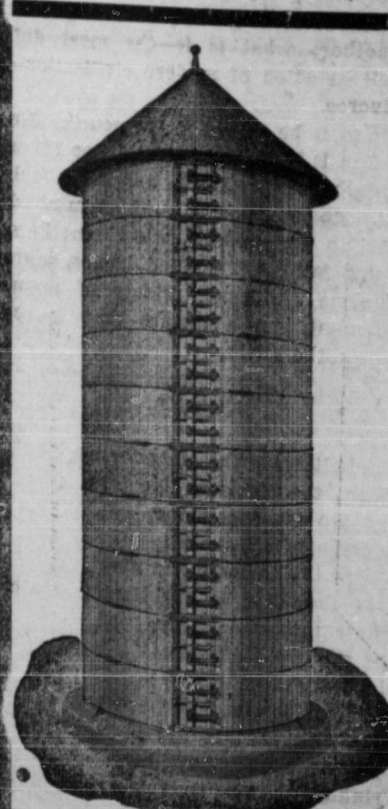
The report for publication was given from Portland, by the Police, Judge A. C. Lewis; from Bluffton by City Marshall Chas. V. Pierce; from Van Wert, O. by City Mayor, C. E. Lawhead, and Decatur figures were taken from Mayor Teeple's docket and Squire Stone's annual report.

There were twice as many arrests for drunkenness in Decatur in the month of January, 1913 than there were in the three cities above named

The above statistics are sworn to by the Justice of the Peace, Police Officers and Mayors of above Cities outside of Decatur.

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