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While this is an off year in Indiana politics, it promises to be a busy one, for candidates are being sprung each day. Men are being groomed for the various nominations on the republican and democratic tickets and the first primary promises to be a very interesting and exciting affair.

Spring is here. According to the calendar it arrived yesterday, though the day was one that very much resembled grey November and the snow today does not particularly make one think of going for May flowers. But why find fault? The winter has been ideal, spring is here and if we smile and work on, everything will come right, and we will be happier.

We acknowledge the receipt of a letter from Mr. Arend Visscher, president of the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company, in which he shows his appreciation for an editorial recently published and concluding says: "I sincerely hope and confidently believe that your greatest expectation as to the importance of this industry to your thriving city will be more than realized." We hope and believe so, too, and will feel sure of it if our people will pull long and strong together.

We join the members of his congregation and the hundreds of others of this community who deeply regret the intended departure from this locality of Rev. Hesser, the beloved pastor of the Reformed church of Decatur. During his stay here, we have learned to respect and admire him for his many splendid qualities, his manliness in all things, his devotion to duty. He will succeed in his new field, for he is the kind of a man who succeeds, a conscientious, industrious, resourceful leader, and we wish him well.

Starting the fifth and last week of the Honeywell revival in this city, every effort to make it the biggest of all in every way will be made. It is not likely that any person in the county now doubts the success of this big meeting, nor are there many that will not admit that the good accomplished has been even greater than was hoped for. Hundreds of men, women and children have given their sincere promise to live better and cleaner lives. Rev. Honeywell and his party of able assistants, and the local leaders have done well and deserve due praise. Men may speak lightly of soul-saving, may jeer at the subject of eternity, but just the same when the hour comes for them to step off into the great

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

NYDIA'S LOVE SONG.

The wind and the beam loved the rose,
And the rose loved me.

For who rocks the wind where it
blows,
Or loves not the sun?

None knew where the humble wind
stole,
Poor sport of the skies.
None dreamt that the wind had a soul
In its mournful sighs.

Oh, happy beam! How canst thou
prove?

That bright love of thine?
In thy light is the proof of thy love,
Thou hast but—to shin'.

How its love can the wind reveal?
Unwelcome its sigh:
Mute—mute to its rose let it steal
Its proof is—to die.

—Edward Bulwer-Lytton.

The Indianapolis Star says: "Delegates and many visitors have come from all parts of Indiana for the annual state convention of Kappa Kappa Kappa, in session at the Claypool hotel. The chief social feature of Friday was the dance, given in the Henry IV ball room of the hotel in the evening. The brightly lighted room presented a gay appearance with the many young women in their attractive costumes, and the dance program included many of the new features of the season. P. L. Montan's orchestra played the latest melodies for the dances, as well as a program of music in between. The delegates and more than 250 visiting members of the sorority with their escorts attended the dance, which was preceded by a dinner party given by the members of the Greenfield chapter in honor of their initiates at the Hotel English. The afternoon session was given over to the model initiation, conducted by the chapter. This morning and afternoon there will be business sessions, the latter being the annual election of officers and selection of the winner of the Tri Kappa scholarship. This sorority supports a \$470 scholarship by which it has sent girls to Indiana university and the Indiana State Normal school. At 5 o'clock this evening there will be a banquet at the Claypool hotel, followed by a theater party at English's." Miss Frances Cole was the delegate in attendance from the local sorority.

At Coronado Beach are Mrs. Burton Niblick, Miss Hattie Studabaker, Mrs. E. S. Morrison and Mrs. Frank Schrader of Decatur. Mrs. S. W. Vesey and Mrs. A. J. Vesey of Fort Wayne, who have been there for some weeks, left for home a few days ago. The others will go back about April 1—Indianapolis Star.

Mrs. P. J. Cushman of Terre Haute returned home today after a visit here with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Grimes.

For the first time in thirteen years—since the death of their father—the children of Mrs. Katharine Thompson were all together yesterday with her. The occasion was her seventy-second

birthday anniversary and this was celebrated at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Dorwin, on First street. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pittenger of Dennison, Ohio, and twenty-four others were the guests and the day was one long to be remembered. The sons, C. A. Thompson, of Lincoln, Neb., and E. K. Thompson of Van Wert, Ohio, and the daughters, Frayne Thompson, of Calgary, Canada, as well as the daughters, Mrs. J. A. Hendricks of Monroe and Mrs. W. R. Dorwin, of this city, completed the circle of the children.

Mrs. Belle Lichtensteiger and daughters, Dorothy and Lucile, of Wren, Ohio, were over-Sunday guests of her sister, Mrs. Oliver Johnson, south of the city, and also attended the tabernacle services. In the afternoon other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Miller and children, Rowena, Kenneth and Ruth, of Preble, and Mrs. Fern Feigart of this city.

Bernice and Howard Beery of Pleasant Mills were over-Sunday guests of their aunt, Mrs. C. H. Colter.

Mrs. Chester Johnson of Gary is the guest of the C. E. Hocker family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Edwards and daughter of Leipsic, Ohio, spent the week-end with the John Niblick family. Mr. Edwards returned today to Leipsic but Mrs. Edwards and babe will remain for a week.

and unknown future they realize, sometimes too late, the solemn and serious query, "Where am I going?" It is well that in this busy, hustling chase for dollars, in the rush of society and the search for pleasures, we are called to a halt occasionally and made to think seriously of the future. The closing week of the campaign should and will be a success. Will you do your part?

PLEADS GUILTY ITALY WILL JOIN INMATE IS DEAD THE COURT NEWS

"Ma" Schlegel Acknowledges Grand Jury Charge
---Fined \$25.

A JAIL SENTENCE FT. PRZEMYSŁ FALLS

Of Ninety Days Suspended as Long as She Behaves Herself.

Mattie Schlegel, of North First street, who was indicted on the charge of conducting a house of ill fame in this city, was to have had her trial in the circuit court Thursday of this week. "Ma" Schlegel entered a plea of "guilty" this morning, however, and the trial will not come off, much to the gratification of many men who no doubt have been trembling in their boots for fear of any disclosures that might be made at that time. "Ma" was given a fine of \$25 and costs, which was added ninety days in jail. The jail sentence was suspended, however, and "Ma" will be given her liberty as long as she behaves herself. The clerk was ordered to turn over to her the cash board which she put up at the time of her arrest for her appearance in court to answer the charge.

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