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Dependable people want a dependable paper—therefore the Daily Democrat at the close of the day.

Don't you like to believe the advertising you read? Then read those that appear daily in the Democrat.

"It's not the town—it's you," was the subject matter of Mr. Long's lecture last night, and it's exactly right. If you are not a success here, the chances are about a thousand to one you wouldn't be anywhere else. Quit growling and boost. It's easier.

The big chautauqua is on and it's good. The opening entertainment was high class and if you don't go ahead and enjoy the next week it's your fault. Good music, splendid lectures, morning, afternoon and night. Enjoy every minute of it, and you will, if you attend. Every effort is being made for your comfort and the program includes delightful surprises.

Yes, the Columbia club, Indiana's most famous "blind tiger," is securing new members from every county in the state. It's great, but why have it so far away from home? It's expensive and inconvenient to have to go all the way to Indianapolis for a little "nip." It's funny that they can do things there that are not allowed anywhere else in the state. Mr. Rucker's attention should be called to the matter at once, and if it was a Jeffersonian club, it would have been long ago.

President Wilson is credited with saying that he sees nothing alarming in the German reply. Even the wild and somewhat hysterical opinions of leading American newspapers seem not to have disturbed him. Talk about an immediate reply to Germany's latest note is mere guess work. The only man who is in a position to speak about the matter is Lansing, and he intimates that nothing at all has been done. He and the president.

## WHEN THE THERMOMETER

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however, have undoubtedly been doing some thinking about it, and will continue to study all phases of the situation.—Columbia City Post.

Usually the big city paper likes to hand it to the country newspaper, showing thus their wonderful superiority, and the editor of the small town daily has become so immune to that treatment that he is scarcely able to stand flattery. However, such mention as the following which appeared in the Indianapolis Times Monday afternoon is duly and truly appreciated, coming as it does from one of the best printed and edited papers of Indiana and the middle west:

"The Decatur Democrat has added a linotype, the second, to its equipment. This means growth and enlargement and is indicative of success. The Democrat is a vigorous, clean, typographically handsome paper, which stands well in a splendid community. It deserves to succeed, and is to be congratulated on its growth."

### COMMITTEE IS THANKFUL.

To the Public:

We wish to thank those who assisted in making the picnic at St. John's last Sunday the splendid success it was, socially and financially. The arrangement of the program was "A No. 1," showed skill and ability and is certainly another success for Prof. C. W. Hohnhaus, who was in charge of that part of the program. The congregation appreciates his work. The children who took part also deserve mention for their untiring efforts. Looking ahead for weeks to the day, they were ready and enjoyed the occasion immensely, as did all who attended. The Decatur City band certainly did its part, too, in helping the picnic along. Loud were the praises from every one for them and we wish in this manner to express our thanks, and to assure them that their work was appreciated. We also wish to thank the large committee for their hard work. It was good. We wish to thank all who attended and to say to you, "Come again and we will try to do better the next time."

### THE COMMITTEE.

### PROGRAM IS GUARANTEED

Superintendent Smith of the Redpath Chautauqua has received authority from Mr. Harrison the business manager, to announce that in case any person is dissatisfied at the close of the third day of the program or fear that they will not get their money's worth to take their ticket back to the main office and their money will be refunded. The offer at least shows that the Redpath people are willing to back up their own show.

### LEFT FINE BABY BOY

At nine-fifteen o'clock this morning the stork special visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sim Burk on West Jefferson street and left a fine baby son. The little fellow tipped the scales at ten pounds and has been named George Thomas.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS.

The board of review is still checking up mortgage exemptions and this will keep them busy through the closing day of their session, which is tomorrow. Some doubt as to their finishing by tomorrow was expressed.

According to the Fort Wayne News a divorce was granted Hazel Johnson from Curtis Johnson, of this city.

### LIEUTENANT CLAPHAM DEAD.

R. D. Myers, in behalf of the Spanish-American War Veterans of this city, this afternoon received a postal card from Columbia City, announcing the death last night of Lieutenant Clapham, of the 160th Indiana volunteers, who served in the Spanish-American war. Many of the local boys were members of that company. The Columbia City Mail of Tuesday, contains an item that Lloyd D. Clapham was seriously ill and late yesterday afternoon was at the point of death. He suffered from hemorrhages of the lung and nervous trouble. He was a jeweler. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

### FOR SALE

"I have a car load of good used Fords. Sold right if sold soon." G. R. HILEMAN, 18513 Willshire, Ohio.

LOST—Between office of Indiana Board and Filler company and C. A. Battenberg residence on Fifth street, diamond stick-pin, diamond set in center solid mound engraved gold. Pin particularly valued as gift. Finder please return to office Indiana Board and Filler company. Reward.

## WHAT MAKES STARS TWINKLE

Scientists Explain That the Rays of Light From Them Are Bent by Our Atmosphere.

The question of childhood, "What makes the stars twinkle?" was answered probably by a bit of verse or poetic fancy. But men asking the same question sought scientific explanation and found it.

Although we live upon its surface, we are not on the outside of the earth, but at the bottom of the sea of air which forms the earth's outermost layer and extends above our heads to a height of many miles, says a University of Wisconsin press bulletin. We cannot see the stars save as we look through this atmosphere, and the light which comes through it is bent and oftentimes distorted so as to present serious obstacles to any accurate telescopic study of the heavenly bodies.

Frequently this disturbance is visible to the naked eye, and the stars are said to twinkle—namely, to quiver and change color many times a second, solely in consequence of a disturbed condition of the air and not from anything which goes on in the star.

This effect is more marked low down in the sky than in the zenith. It is worth noting that the planets show very little of it because the light they send to each comes from a disk of sensible area, while a star, being much farther from the earth, has its disk reduced practically to a mere point whose light is more easily affected by local disturbances in the atmosphere than in the broader beam which comes from the planet's disk.

At all times, whether the stars twinkle or not, their light is bent in its passage through the atmosphere, so that the stars appear to stand higher up in the sky than their true positions.

## ADAM SURELY TO BE PITIED

First Citizen of His Time, But Had None of the Joys of Election Day.

Adam was the first citizen of his time, but there could not have been much satisfaction for him in that.

Election day was just like any other day to Adam. The joys and the sorrows of the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November he never knew. He never marched behind a band, or never carried a transparency, or shouted himself hoarse for a stout stranger in an automobile.

Not for Adam the bulletins on the screen; not for him the glad shouting and fro in a crowd of patriots blowing fish horns. Not for him the thrilling news that somebody had carried the Twelfth precinct of the Forty-fourth ward by nine votes.

Poor old Adam! Unthought by candidates, undisturbed by machines, uninitiated in the mysteries of marking a ballot, he must have led an empty and colorless life.—New York News.

### Sea Took Toll of Daring Sailors.

Intercourse between Russia and England began in the middle of the sixteenth century by the White sea. It was a hazardous and costly voyage. The crews of two of the three ships with which Richard Chancellor made his first trip in 1553 were frozen to death. Sir Hugh Willoughby among them. On his second venture in 1556 Chancellor brought back with him a Russian ambassador, Osip Nejea. Two of the ships were never heard of again, and the Edward Bonaventura, after four months at sea, was wrecked on the Scottish coast. Chancellor, many of the crew, and seven Russians perished, but Osip Nejea was among the survivors, and the English lords and merchants went out in state beyond Shoreditch to welcome this "duke of Muscovia."—London Chronicle.

### Snowdrop Snuff.

Those who have tried it declare that the petals of snowdrops, dried and crushed to powder, make a fragrant and exhilarating snuff. However, some of our country folk, who fill their pipes with all kinds of weeds as substitutes for tobacco, might not care to hand round a box filled with snowdrop snuff. In many rural parts of England the snowdrop is a flower of ill repute. It is unlucky to carry the first spray of the season into the house and it is a barbarous act to offer snowdrops to anyone of the opposite sex. Such a gift is supposed to imply a wish for the death of the recipient.—London Chronicle.

### Environment.

To bring up a child right you will have to bring up its parent right. A stream doesn't rise above its source. Many parents go waddling along through the world as if they did not amount to much, but they do—they determine the character of their child. Sometimes a child arises above its origin, but that comes because it has fallen into environment that helps it upward and onward. The greatest circumstance in education is environment. Some parents don't seem to care a snap for it.

### A Hopeful Motorist.

"Dobbs is an optimistic soul. I believe he thinks he could find a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow." "Perhaps he isn't quite as sanguine as that, but he puts more faith in a tire than any other man I know."

## EARLIEST ECLIPSE ON RECORD

Chinese Astronomers Were Punished for Not Predicting One That Occurred 2127 B. C.

Messrs. Hirayama and Ogura have published in the Proceedings of the Tokyo Mathematico-Physical Society the results of their attempts to fix the dates of some early eclipses recorded in Chinese literature.

The earliest is mentioned in one of the books of the Shu Ching, where it is recorded that in the reign of Chung K'ang, the fourth emperor of the Hsia dynasty, there occurred an eclipse of the sun which had not been predicted by the astronomers, who were alleged to have been drunk and to have neglected their duties. Hence the customary rites for delivering the sun which should have been arranged in advance and superintended by the astronomers, were in the emergency performed by other officials without proper preparation. The emperor accordingly ordered the army to punish the astronomers.

A later document makes it possible to fix the date of this event as October 13, 2127 B. C. (Julian calendar)—the earliest recorded eclipse in the world. Calculation shows that there actually was a solar eclipse on that date, but probably not in China, though the elements of the motions of the sun and moon are not accurate enough to indicate certainly the path of so remote an eclipse. The authors are inclined to think that the information fixing the date of the eclipse is due to Chinese astronomers of a later age, who calculated that an eclipse occurred on that date and erroneously supposed that it was visible in China.

## FORGERS HARD TO REDEEM

Of All Wrong-Doers They Are the Most Likely to Slip Back Into Crime.

All who have had experience with criminals and their reformation say that the hardest to redeem are forgers. The forger is more often than not a man of intellect and pleasant address. He is not intrinsically more depraved than other regular offenders, but the downward pull seems to be exceptionally strong on him.

The most plausible reason advanced is twofold. Forgery is a crime in which the perpetrator seldom is caught "with the goods." The pick-pocket, safe blower or burglar runs a very real and immediate risk when he resorts to his "profession;" the forger's check is either accepted or rejected and at the time he is in little personal danger. True, he is leaving behind in most instances a plain trail and is sowing seeds of determined vindictiveness, since the victim of a fraudulent check is touched in his pride as well as in his purse.

Another factor in the temptation of the forger who has "squared it" is the thought that he can pick up easy money and then speedily arrange to have the check honored so that no one shall be the loser. He is like the amateur till-tapper who calms himself by saying, "I'll put it back."

### Trees at Timber Line.

A few timber-line trees live a thousand years, but half this time is a ripe old age for most timber-line veterans. The age of these trees cannot be judged by their size, nor by general appearances. There may be centuries of difference in the ages of two arm-in-arm trees of similar size. I examined two trees that were growing within a few yards of each other in the shelter of a crag. One was fourteen feet high and sixteen inches in diameter, and had 337 annual rings. The other was seven feet high, and five inches in diameter, and had lived 492 years!

One day by the sunny and sheltered side of a boulder I found a tiny seed-bearer at an altitude of 11,800 feet. How splendidly unconscious it was of its size and its utterly wild surroundings! This brave pine bore a dainty cone, yet a drinking-glass would have completely housed both the tree and its fruit.

### A Communal Oven.

In the Argentina kampo (rural districts) there are still to be seen the communal ovens of the natives. These originals are called *cauchos*; they are more hospitable than Europeans. The ruralites use these ovens in turn, each party doing his own heating or firing. Sometimes one *senora* de la casa will attend to the oven heat and baking for a number of families—the stipulation being she reserve one of the bigish family loaves from each batch for her own usually bunny warren family. For fuel heat for the oven, the sun dried bovin chips ("cow coal") is often used where wood is scarce.—Bakers' Weekly.

### Mystery Solved.

"Who was the man who passed the plate this morning?" asked the new minister. "His name is Getsall," replied the deacon. "He is a policeman." "That explains it," said the n. m. "I was wondering why he held the plate behind him while making the collection."

### Lots of Material.

Dix—You never saw me make a fool of myself.  
Dix—Well, it's never been for lack of raw material.

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

### WEEK'S CLUB CALENDAR.

Wednesday.

German Reformed Aid—Postponed till next week.

Friday.

Zion's Lutheran Aid—Schoolhouse.  
U. B. Ladies' Pastry Sale—Corner Monroe and First streets.

It is not the quantity of the meat but the cheerfulness of the guests, which makes the feast.—Lord Clarendon.

A number of neighbors and friends gathered at the home of David Archer in honor of Mrs. Archer's fifty-first birth anniversary Monday evening. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Harve Davis, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Fortney, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Longenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Shirley and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. France, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Teeple, Mr. and Mrs. James Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Masters, Mr. and Mrs. Asa McMillen, Mr. and Mrs. Grant Syphers, Mrs. W. F. Beery, Mr. and Mrs. Heber Bowen, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Durbin, Miss Tula Poling, Miss Bernice Beery, Miss Agnes Shafer, Bernice Masters, Howard Beery, Dan Bender, Glen McMillen, Harold Smith, Carl Archer.

The Misses Ethel and Bernice Cottle of Wren, Ohio, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lawrence, left today for Van Wert, Ohio, to visit before returning home.

Mrs. W. E. Smith pleasantly entertained a few friends for dinner yesterday in honor of Prof. Lee Cline of Silver Lake, Ind., and Miss Mae Lewis of Elmira, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Kist left for Marion to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Will Burdge until tomorrow, when they will be joined by Mr. Kist's mother, Mrs. Belle Johnson. They will go to Martinsville for a stay of a week or ten days.

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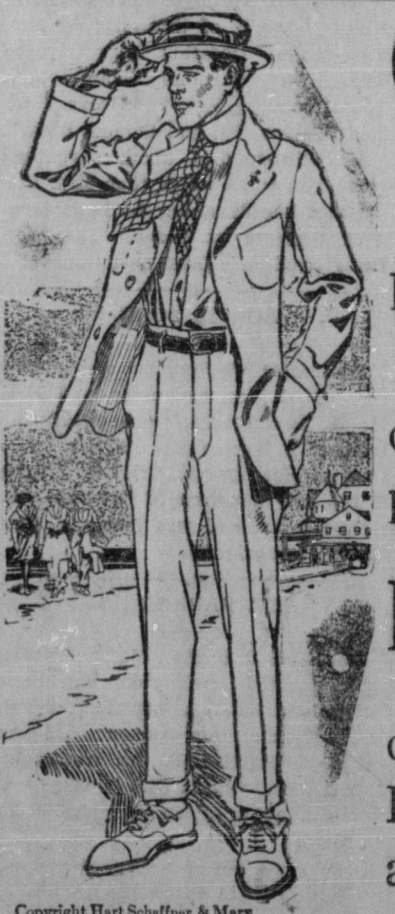
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## From My Narrow Little Window

By

THE HOOSIER OBSERVER

"COVERED UP WITH RUGS"



Ma'am Tilly is a very good house-keeper. She is cleanly—she scours, oh, so brightly. Ma'am Tilly is thrifty, she is economical. She looks at the bright new red velvet carpet in the parlor. She figures to a nicety where the worn paths will be; where the sun will shine through the crack in the closed blinds. And then Ma'am Tilly rips up her old bedroom carpet into strips and lays them in paths on the new front room carpet. Yes, that will make it last—oh, pet. Yes, that will make it last—oh, pet. Yes, that will make it last—oh, pet. Yes, that will make it last—oh, pet. Yes, that will make it last—oh, pet.

There are some good people, too, who hide their really, good, kindly natures, under rough, faded worn-out strips of manners. They show their rough side to the world, having the consciousness that, however rough and ill-bred acting, and brusque they may seem, they are, beneath the surface, "true-blue, all wool and a yard wide"—that they are not hypocrites, because they are better than they seem! True! But why not show the best side of your nature to the world? What is to be gained? Pretty soon, the brusqueness will become a fixed certainty, and even if the "rough strips" should be finally laid aside, the nature in all its unseemliness and uneven growth will be laid bare. Let the world have the full good of it, your good nature. If patience and kindness and the other virtues become faded and thread-bare with use. Why, then there is time enough to cover up the worn places with the rugs of charity and forbearance—and others. If your clouds have silver linings, why, turn them wrong-side out and keep them that way!

Yours truly,  
The Hoosier Observer

## SAFETY FIRST

Protect your health, likewise your temper and comfort by seeing that the windows in your home are satisfactorily screened. Don't overlook that little hole in the corner, it may prove the open door for a disease germ carrying fly or insect to enter and bring death and sorrow to your home. Also be sure that your screens are worth the price you pay for them and your trouble in installing them. Our line of screen doors, window screens and roll screening is most complete and guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. Let us fit you out in the most approved manner and at the least cost to you.

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