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The announcement that President Wilson is to wed Mrs. Galt, a beautiful Washington woman, is a surprise to the citizens of the nation, but it will not prevent them from rejoicing in his happiness.

This is Riley day and a mighty good time to read his "My Philosophy," or any of his hundreds of other poems which go straight to your heart and stick there. He is Indiana's greatest living citizen and the world's most popular poet.

Some weather this, and that frost that was predicted would kill the corn a month ago seems as far away as ever. The crops are coming good for the time of the year and the farmer is busy, but happy for he is catching up with his work.

The Decatur sugar plant, the only one of its kind in the state of Indiana, has started its annual campaign. Indications are that the yield will be a surprisingly large one and that the season for the farmer who raised beets and for the sugar company will be a very satisfactory one.

We still believe the school board ought to work with the committee on the matter of equipping the new school house with a gymnasium. If they will house this much needed and modern improvement, enough money can be secured by subscription to equip it. Other cities are doing it. Why not Decatur?

Hon. Charles A. Bookwalter, former mayor of Indianapolis, prominent citizen, and who is being mentioned for United States senator, was on the witness stand in the Bell trial yesterday and this old fox, who knows more about the political game than most people, testified that he had been

about the polls a good part of the election day and saw nothing unusual, and he certainly would have seen it had there been anything there. Bookwalter is a republican, but he realizes that the present trial is a farce pure and simple, and he wisely answered the questions propounded to him.

It was a great day for the American people when President Wilson and a democratic congress had the banking and currency laws, or federal reserve act enacted. The money power was transferred from Wall street to Washington, D. C., and the nabobs can no longer hold the people up and squeeze them. The banks of the country are overflowing with money; gold is coming back from Europe; there can be no panics in this country, and those who desire to borrow money can get it if they have any good means of security. Under this act, panics are a thing of the past and those who have prosperity and real estate are not afraid to go in debt, as they were a few years ago, realizing that the money power can not take advantage of them.

### DOINGS IN SOCIETY

#### WEEK'S CLUB CALENDAR.

Thursday.

Walther League—At schoolhouse.

Epworth League Cabinet—Flora Fiederjohann.

Methodist Missionary—Mrs. R. D. Myers.

Loyal Workers' Class—Mrs. Leonard Merryman.

Ben Hur Aid Social—Ben Hur Hall.

Helping Hand—Mrs. Frank McConnell at the church.

Friday.

Good Times Club—Florine Edwards.

Lutheran Ladies' Aid—At Schoolhouse.

B. Y. P. C. E. U. Social—Rev. F. G. Rogers

Do Your Best Class—Mrs. Del Lake.

Concord Leaders—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nye.

Historical—Mrs. Robert Blackburn.

#### Reach Your Hand to Me.

Sixty-two years ago today, James Whitcomb Riley was born. Everywhere this greatest, most helpful, of poets is being honored, and telegrams of congratulations are being sent him by the thousands from those who have been helped and cheered by him. To him today there is coming back, the handclasp of god cheer, while he is still able to appreciate it. The following is a portion of his that is coming true for him today: "Reach out your hand to me, my friend. With its heartiest caress—

Sometime there will come an end To its present faithfulness—  
Sometime I may ask in vain  
For the touch of it again,  
When between us land and sea  
Holds it ever back from me.

Sometime I may need it so,  
Groping somewhere in the night,  
It will seem to me as though  
Just a touch, however light,  
Would make all the darkness day,  
And along some sunny way,  
Lead me through an April shower  
Of my tears to this fair hour."

Mrs. Richard Day arrived from Scranton, Pa., last evening for a visit with her cousin, C. A. Dugan, and

was given a pleasant dinner party the affair being a sort of family reunion. Those present were: Mrs. Anna Buhler, Indianapolis; Mrs. Clayton Billings, Marion; Mrs. Harry Kruse, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Mary Stuller and son, Lloyd, Peterson; Mrs. Fred LaDelle, Mrs. Rachel Malone, Mrs. Rebecca Eady and Miss Bess Fisher.

### WILSON ENGAGED

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) sure of state business. Announcement of the engagement came tonight as a surprise to both the friends of the President and Mrs. Galt.

Mrs. Wilson, the President's wife, died on August 6, 1914, just after the outbreak of the European war.

There have been fourteen weddings at the White House in Washington, but President Grover Cleveland was the only chief executive to take a wife while holding that high office. Mr. Cleveland married his ward, Miss Frances Folsom, at the executive mansion on June 2, 1886.

### BELL ON THE STAND

(United Press Service) Indianapolis, Oct. 7.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Mayor Bell addressed his every answer directly to the jury and the jury was attentive. Bell denied all knowledge to influence the democratic primaries fraudulently; asserted that he had nothing whatever to do with the selection of primary officials; asserted that he advised no member of a primary board to count more votes for Ed Lyons or any other candidate than he actually got, and denied that he had instructed anyone to violate a single election statute.

The mayor testified that the Saturday before the primary he called all city employees together and urged them to take part in the primaries,

so that a democratic ticket would be selected that would meet with the favor of the democrats.

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