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Villa was shot in the leg by one of his fellow bandits and all we have to say is that this comrade showed darn poor judgment. Why couldn't he have aimed a little higher?

There will be real regret in Indiana over the decision of Mr. Taggart not to be a candidate for the senatorial nomination and the regrets come not only from the working democrats but from thousands of independent, progressive and republican voters.

Mr. Taggart has heard the voice of the dear people. We rather thought all along that he would.—Fort Wayne News.

Fudge—you have mixed up with such office seekers as Jim Watson, Frank Hanly and Teddy Roosevelt until you don't know a real man when you meet him. This "I told you so" stuff is no good in this case at least.

"Any panics in sight? No. Any idle men who seek steady employment? No. Any more calamity howlers? No. Any reason for a change of national administration? No. Any reason why there should be a change in the state administration? No. Why can all these interrogatories be answered by a flat no?" says the Marion Leader-Tribune. "Because the new banking and currency laws, or the federal reserve act make panics immune; the factories are running over time and need all the help that can possibly be had; times are so good, and money matters so easy that political croakers are ashamed to complain; President Wilson has made good and there is no reason for a change; Governor Ralston has paid off the state debt and given the people a wise, just administration and no reasons can be plausibly given for a change. All of these good conditions have been brought about by just democratic government, administered by democrats. Our people are most certainly prosperous and contented and will not vote to try any more experiments. They do not want to go

back to panics and a high protective tariff; they do not want war with Germany or Mexico; they do not want a new debt fastened upon them for years to come. These are ample reasons why all independent thinking men should vote for the democratic ticket next November."

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Friday.
Historical—Mrs. Mary Congleton.
Christian Aid—Mrs. P. G. Williams.
Minnehaha Needle Club—At Pochonias Hall.
Woman's Civic Improvement Society—Library.

Evening.
Christian Poetry Sale—Gas Office.
Evangelical Parcels post sale—At Hower & Baker store.

I should have been an atheist but for one recollection, and that was the memory of the time when my mother used to take my little hands in hers and cause me on my knees to say: "Our Father, who are in heaven."—John Randolph.

Because of the high school lecture course, number Monday evening, the Young Woman's Bible club will not meet as usual at the library. The next meeting will be a week from next Monday evening at which time the annual election of officers will take place. There will also be a social good time.

Mrs. W. A. Kuebler and Mrs. Helen Berling returned yesterday from the Sacred Heart academy, Fort Wayne, where they visited since Wednesday with their daughters, Marcella Kuebler and Marilda Berling, students there. They went to attend the giving of an opera by the city or sixty young girls of the academy, the opera being written by the sisters there. It was given for Father Linn, the academy pastor, and for the parents of the students. The girls will be at home for Easter.

The Ruth Circle of the Christian church had about seventy present at their apple social last evening at the home of the teacher, Mrs. A. D. Artman. The weather was fine and the turnout good. The excellent program added much to the pleasure of the evening also. The orchestra played and the following good program was also given: Song, Mary Back, Margaret Williams, Dorothy Enos; reading, A. D. Artman; song, Dorothy Enos; reading, Russell Adler; playlet, about fifteen minutes, Joseph Palmer and Grace Shaw. Refreshments of doughnuts, pickles and coffee were served and Mrs. Artman was assisted by Reba Ramsay, Miss Reynolds, Grace Lichtensteiger, Ruth Daniels, Esther Enos, Mrs. Olen Baker. Each guest brought an apple and paid a cent for every seed therein.

The Evangelical Ladies' Aid society will hold a parcels post sale Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the window of the Hower & Baker meat market. Each parcel will be sold for ten cents. There will be a variety of pre-

ty and useful home made things such as dust caps, doilies, towels—guest, both and fancy towels; skirt hangers, handkerchiefs, and other things.

The Queen Esther society will have its annual mite box opening Saturday evening, April 8, at the home of Mrs. O. L. Vance. Assistant hostesses will be the Misses Gertrude and Helen Kinzie. Miss Florence Myers will be leader and a most excellent program is assured. There will be a silver offering.

Mrs. S. P. Hoffman of Linn Grove who is the guest of her son, Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Hoffman was given a surprise today for her sixty-sixth birthday anniversary. The affair was a dinner party at the Dr. S. P. Hoffman home. The table was pretty with its decorations of cut flowers and greenery and not least, was the lovely large cake baked by Mrs. S. P. Hoffman on which were sixty-six candles, one for every year of the celebrant's life. Her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Yager and two children, Jerome and Luther of Berne were guests, as were little Miss Margaret Moran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moran, the day being her thirteenth birthday. The day is also the fourth wedding anniversary of Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman, so the affair was a sort of triple alliance celebration.

The Historical club will close its season with a banquet next Friday evening at seven o'clock. This will be given at the Knights of Pythias home.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid society met with Mrs. S. E. Shamp yesterday afternoon, with thirty-two present. Plans were made for an apron and pastry sale at the gas office April 14.

The Evangelical Ladies' social at the home of Mrs. Mont Fee yesterday afternoon was enjoyed by fifty-two and the collection was \$18.54. The society pledged itself to raise another \$500 for the proposed new church. Fine refreshments were served.

Before the missionary program is given tomorrow afternoon at the Methodist conference, there will be a reception given for Mrs. Celestine Bernheim, the converted Jewess who is the speaker for the afternoon. The reception will be given at the First M. E. church in Fort Wayne. Many Decatur ladies will go.

Mrs. Fred Patterson lead the study for the Lutheran club at the home of Mrs. F. V. Mills last evening. "The New Photography" was the subject and told of photography from the beginning to the present date.

Mrs. Frank Weber and daughter, Helen, of Indianapolis will arrive tomorrow for an over-Sunday visit with Mrs. Mary Wemhoff and family.

Mrs. Mary Wemhoff and family entertained at a six o'clock dinner last evening for Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Peterson and son of Oskama, Arizona.

Instead of going home after the close of school and returning for the spelling match, the teachers and seventh and eighth grade students of the Monmouth school had a picnic supper at the schoolhouse. Each one took a portion of the supper and a portion was also prepared in the domestic

science room and served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brown, Miss Helen Fanner and Mary Lewton, Esta Fleming, Dora Marie Magley, Pauline Wolford, Gertrude Jones, Winifred Gerke, Thurman Schieferstein, Clarence Lewton, Sherman and Thomas Fanner.

MUNCIE RIOTING.

(United Press Service)
Muncie, Ind., Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Frank Whitney, dry remonstrance workers, who was assaulted by a mob of wet sympathizers at the police station Thursday evening, is at the point of death at a local hospital. One hundred special deputies have been sworn in and the situation here is tense.

Whitney's companions claim that the patrolman sent to escort him held him on the sidewalk while the crowd beat and kicked him. Remonstrance cards may be filed until midnight tonight and the enrollment of deputies this afternoon was a precaution taken to prevent trouble. A street parade and a band contest planned for tonight have been called off. Feeling is running high, but prominent citizens are active in an effort to preserve order.

SIGNALS DEFECTIVE.

(United Press Service)
Cleveland, Ohio, Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Testimony gleaned from New York Central employees today is the state federal probe of the Amhurst wreck, which claimed twenty-seven lives, showed that all three New York Central fliers were speeding to make up time just before the wreck occurred, despite a heavy fog, and that a month ago the signal systems at Amhurst failed, and showed clear track signals when steel signals should have been shown.

HUNTINGTON WON.

(United Press Service)
Fort Wayne, Ind., Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Huntington was elected today as the city to entertain the Northern Indiana Methodist Episcopal conference in 1917. Huntington won over Warsaw.

DR. RAINIER VERY LOW.

Dr. C. T. Rainier, who has been very low and at the point of death, is somewhat better this afternoon.

FINE CHICKEN SUPPER.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Evangelical church will serve a fine 5 to 6 o'clock at the gas laundry. Price, 25c.

ADELAIDE PHILLIPS AND AN OLD-TIME NEGRO MELODY.

Early in 1840 a tiny English lass of seven years landed in America with her parents from Stratford-on-Avon, the historic birthplace of William Shakespeare. At the age of nine little Adelaide Phillips made her first appearance at the Tremont theater in Boston. Jenny Lind met her and advised her to go to London, and later she studied in Italy, where she won a great triumph as Arsace in "Semiramide." Returning to America, she was given an ovation accorded few singers and continued her tour on to Cuba. When the Boston Ideal Opera company was organized in 1879 she appeared in "Pinafore," and the Sullivan operas, and added greatly to her fame as one of America's most popular and beloved contralto singers. It was a memory that can never be affaced to hear Adelaide Phillips sing the old popular songs as encore after encore was demanded. To hear her sing that plaintive melody of Foster's, "Massa's in de Cold, Cold Ground," vibrated the heart chords and touched the hearts of hearers. This song is to be found on page 359 of "Heart Songs," a veritable library of the greatest songs in the world, and now offered to the readers of this paper for six coupons and the cost of distribution. See coupon with terms elsewhere in today's issue.

FORT WAYNE AND SPRINGFIELD TRACTION

Leave Decatur.
A. M.—5:50, 8:30, 11:30.
P. M.—2:30, 5:45, 9:50.
Leave Fort Wayne.
A. M.—7:00, 10:00.
P. M.—1:00, 4:00, 7:30, 11:00.
Freight car leaves Decatur at 7:55 a. m., and leaves Fort Wayne at 11 a. m., arriving in Decatur at 1:45 p. m.
HOMER RUIHL, Agent.

FOR SALE—A good second hand Remington No. 7 typewriter. For sale cheap, but must be sold this week. Inquire at the Vance & Hite clothing store. 683

County Assessor William Frazier will meet with the township assessors at Berne tomorrow.

* PLENTY OF MONEY *
* to loan on *
* IMPROVED FARMS *
* at 5 Per Cent *
* Abstracts made on short *
* Notice. *
* SCHURGER'S *
* Abstract Office. *

FIRST BLOOD SPILLED IN MEXICAN INVASION

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low conspirators were to have stowed away with him aboard the atoppo. When the ship passed off Sandy Hook they planned to overpower the officers, cow the Chinese crew and make a run for the high seas.

His four comrades backed out a few hours before the ship sailed from Hoboken. Schiller decided to carry out the program alone, but planned to escape to the Delaware shore after he had looted the captain's safe. He refused to name the four men.

Berlin, Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The fortified village of Malancouri and the defenses on both sides have been stormed and captured by the German troops, the war office announced this afternoon. The Germans took 328 prisoners.

Paris, Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—French troops have evacuated the ruined village of Malancourt but firmly hold the two high-ways leading to Bethincourt and Etref, the war office announced this afternoon. The Germans drove the French out of the village last night, attacking heavily three times after a very violent bombardment.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Wilson and his cabinet discussed again today the crisis which has developed with Germany as the result of the Kaiser's apparent renewal of illegal submarine activities. With a mass of evidence at hand the cabinet faced a somewhat muddled problem.

Several officials doubted whether a clear case against Germany would result from investigation of any one of the four most recent ship disasters involving Americans. German contentions will include attempt to establish Eagle Point was in the admiralty service.

Washington, March 31.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The United States government is not in possession of proof on which to base any formal charges against Germany of renewing illegal submarine warfare in the English channel.

The cabinet to pass on a mass of circumstantial evidence tending to indicate a German submarine attack without warning on the unarmed channel packet Sasey, jeopardizing American lives.

Positive evidence, however, is lacking, it was declared by officials following the cabinet session. Until positive evidence is at hand the United States will undertake no action. No word has been received from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin. No uneasiness however was expressed at the delay.

NOT A CANDIDATE

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ments and additions under way that are costing an additional \$300,000 and others are planned. He feels that all these things must have his personal attention. He is not a man who can do things by halves and were he United States senator he would feel obligated to give the office his undivided attention. Therefore, his decision.

Mr. Taggart's statement follows: "After carefully considering the matter, I have decided that I am not and will not be a candidate for the nomination of United States senator before the Indiana democratic state convention in April.

"I have come to this conclusion after carefully considering my own personal affairs.

"I fully appreciate the honor Governor Ralston has conferred upon me by my appointment to the United States senate. Were I ambitious to succeed myself, certainly an honor to which any man might aspire, I would be a candidate, for I feel sure that with this splendid and honest administration of state affairs under Governor Ralston and the democratic state officials and also the progressive administration of national affairs under our great president that Indiana will, in November next, elect its entire democratic state ticket and return its electoral vote for Wilson and Marshall.

"I desire at this time to take the opportunity to thank my many friends in Indiana for their loyalty and offer of support in the state convention and it is unnecessary for me to say that as usual I will be found fighting for the election of our entire state and national tickets.

"T. TAGGART."

FOR SALE—Several hundred bushels of potatoes, grown in New York; a few bushels of Clover seed; also a two-seated open carriage.—J. J. Tonneller, second door east of the postoffice. 7816
Alpheus M. Zoop, administrator of the estate of William D. Zoop, filed inventory number one, which court approved.

Special Fitting Of GOSSARD CORSETS APRIL 4th, 5th and 6th.

Through a special arrangement with The H.V. Gossard Company of Chicago, we have engaged Miss Kelly of their organization to assist our corsetie in a special demonstration of Gossard Corsets.

The radical change in styles this season from the slinkier slouch to the erect, well-poised, somewhat military form, calls for considerable care and attention in the fitting of your new corset.

There is a decided tendency toward the adoption of a smaller waist this season and a fitted bodice, with a return to the full skirt of former periods. All of this has a direct bearing on your corset. Authentic information regarding these new styles is yours for the asking during this demonstration.

You can come and be fitted to any of the newer models and make your selection at a later date, if you so desire. Whether you expect to purchase your corset at this time or not, we suggest that you arrange to attend this demonstration.

It will be a privilege to serve you and have you visit our Corset Department some time during this demonstration.

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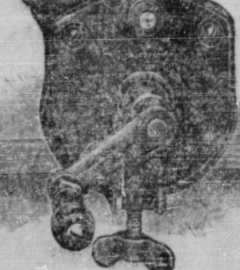
Hoosier Paint for all purposes, 10 per cent pure. Wall Paper Cleaner, Alabastine, Brushes, etc.

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The Drug Store on the East side of the street.

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Come in week of April 10 to 15th, inclusive, and see the workings of the handiest machine ever built for family use—THE LUTHER HOUSEHOLD GRINDER—the little wonder that sharpens the dullest shears and knives in a very few seconds on its marvelous wheel of diamond, the ARTIFICIAL DIAMOND sharpening substance.



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Bring in any knife or pair of shears—be duller the better any time week of April 10 to 15, inclusive, and we'll sharpen it free to show what the Luther Household Grinder will do.

This great household grinder quickly clamps to any shelf, table or bench. Anybody can operate it without skill or practice. Special guides prevent mistakes. Accidents are impossible. It's dustproof. Won't draw temper. It will put a keen edge on your cutlery, sharpen planes, chisels, drills and many other small tools. A wonderful value at the price, 98c which is only good during the demonstration.

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You'll find our hardware stock up-to-date in every way. We carry goods with a quality reputation and sell at right prices.

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