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## A RECORD

### OF ACCOMPLISHMENT:

The country's greatest business is that of farming. More money is invested in farms than in railroads or factories. Yet near to fifty years of republican domination in the field of federal government went by without any attempt on the part of the government to take any account of the farmer's business problems, except to try to persuade him that he was benefited by a tariff on wheat, potatoes, etc., which never operated at all—on account of our great surplus of these products—except when our crops failed and it became necessary for the farmer to buy seed abroad, in which case he paid the tariff himself.

Today the democracy has been in power for three short years. It has formulated a program of agricultural legislation consisting of eight items. It began with the intention of giving the farmers of the United States—

The opportunity to borrow money for short terms on nonperishable agricultural products. This was theirs through the federal reserve act.

A system of farm agents to develop agriculture. This was accomplished through the Smith-Lever act, which is in harmonious operation in forty-eight states, state and federal authorities co-operating perfectly.

A division of markets in the department of agriculture. This is today a reality. For the first time in the history of the nation, machinery is at work to organize the distributing agencies through which 100,000,000 people get their food supply.

A rural credits act. This has now passed both houses of congress and is in conference.

A cotton standards act. This is already law. It establishes definite standards for the grading of cotton, so that buyers may be protected and commercial paper secured by warehouse cotton be bankable everywhere.

A grain grades act. This will do a similar service for grain, making one set of grades for the nation, so that buyers and sellers may know exactly what they are dealing in and warehouse certificates may mean the same thing everywhere. The bill is now in congress.

A permissive warehouse law. A bill is now before congress providing for government supervision of warehouses, where desired, so that the purchaser of commercial paper secured by their warehouse certificates may know that the products named in the certificate are in storage, are safe against deterioration, and are of

the quality certified.

A federal good roads law, providing for co-operation between the state and nation, after the precedent set in the Smith-Lever act, in the construction of good roads. The bill is an admirable one, and is now in conference.

This program is before the American people. Enough of it has been put through already to enable the public to judge of its practical character and sanity. Its different parts hang together like the links in a suit of chain mail. In view of its character, what are the deserts of the party which has originated it and realized a great part of it at the hands of the American farmers?—St. Louis Republic.

We have heard of so many things that the fifty fighters for Decatur could do that we hope they get at it soon. One man suggested this morning that a couple of larks ought to be rented and covered for parking autos and hitching horses and teams. We have the best farming community that lies out of doors and we ought to cater to the farmer. Come on, boys. We can do it, and we will, but let's do it now!

"Colonel Roosevelt and myself are in perfect accord," was the joyous tidings Mr. Hughes brought out from himself to the waiting world, after dining with the colonel and putting his cards face up on the table. "Perfect accord?" One or the other of them is thrumming the other fellow's string. If anyone can imagine it in the human nature of the colonel to do that, he can imagine something of which there is neither instance nor likelihood.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

The Indiana bull moosers refuse to be delivered though an effort almost beyond expectations was made by the republican state organization and many people have wondered how they can if they believed in the high ideals they so vigorously espoused four years ago now walk hand in glove with the same leaders who still have the same old standpat reasons for wishing control of governmental affairs. While some of the politicians will slip back to the old guard a large per cent of the four million who supported the progressives in 1912 will either support Wilson, their own ticket or not vote next November. At least some of these men were in earnest and had faith in the high sounding platform adopted at that time.

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

### WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Saturday.

Ruth Circle Social-Christian church lawn.

To travel hopefully is a better thing than to arrive, and the true success is labor.—Steven-son.

The Helping Hand society of the Reformed church met and finished a quilt yesterday in the Sunday school room. Mrs. Fred Heuer served refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cline had as their

guests yesterday, Jonas Cline and his cousin, Mrs. Bumgart, and daughter, Catherine, of Culmet, Pa.

There was a full membership of the Mt. Pleasant Mite society present at the home of Mrs. Samuel Fuhrman yesterday afternoon. Guests besides members were Mrs. Glendinning, Mrs. Emerson Elzey, Miss Iva Spangier, Miss Zelma Fuhrman. After the business period, a recitation by Esther Fuhrman and a duet by Mrs. Bertha Sheets and Letitia Singleton were very pleasing.

The Misses Genevieve Bremerkamp and Maye Harting will leave Saturday morning for Celina, Ohio, where they will attend a house party given by Miss Jennie Gast.

Twelve youngsters enjoyed a happy picnic yesterday when chaperoned by Thelma and Dorothy Williams, they hiked to the woods for a picnic dinner. After dinner, games, wading and other enjoyable features, were enjoyed. They came home at a late hour, a tired but happy bunch. The children were: Margaret and Gerald Williams, Dorothy Enos, Deward Wilson, Dorothy Durkin, Mary Burk, Justine Hocker, Leone Hunsicker, Helen Leonard.

Mrs. J. H. Mavity was hostess to the Loyal Women's class last evening. Their regular bible study was carried out, Mrs. Mavity being the teacher. Mrs. Minnie Daniels read a fine paper on the life of Abraham. Mrs. J. Rex will be hostess next Thursday evening.

Miss Velma Alfathier is entertaining three cousins, Miss Edna Alfathier of Convo, O., Miss Esther Mauler, Pleasant Mills; Miss Marie Hill, of Decatur; at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willyam Alfathier, four miles east of Decatur.

The Allbright Guild of the Salem Evangelical church had a splendid social last evening on the lawn at the William Alfathier home east of the city. The attendance was very large and many from the vicinity of Convo, O., were also there. Ice cream, cake, home made candies and a penny lunch were served.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Melbers who are at their cottage at Rome City will have quite a house party there for over the Fourth. Their daughter, Agnes, will go tomorrow, and will be joined at Fort Wayne by Raymond Merrill of Chicago, who will be their guest over the Fourth. Jesse G. Niblick and C. S. Niblick left this morning by automobile and Mrs. Christina Niblick will join them there later.

Rev. and Mrs. John Miller and two children of Albion who have been the guests of his brother, T. E. Miller and wife on Sixth street for two days, left this morning in their automobile for Dayton, O. for a visit.

Mrs. P. J. Hyland and children, Arthur Catherine and Mary Virginia, will leave tomorrow for Muncie to visit with relatives until Monday when they go to Indianapolis for a visit with Mrs. Hyland's sister Miss Kate Tomney until the last of the week. Miss Catherine Hyland will remain there the remainder of the summer.

### ATTEND FUNERAL

Mrs. J. S. Bowers, Mrs. Sarah Bowers and Miss Ruth Bowers left this morning by automobile for Delphos, O., to attend the funeral of Mrs. David Myers this afternoon. Mrs. Myers has visited here on many occasions.

### LEFT FOR MOBILE, ALA.

Attorney Clark J. Lutz left last night for Mobile and Fruitdale, Ala., where he will investigate the affairs of the late Jesse Steele, who died there last Saturday. He will arrive at Mobile Saturday evening and expects to be absent a week.

### NOTICE TO TRESPASSERS.

Notice is hereby given that any further trespassing on the fifteen acres I have rented from Cyrus Lion, a mile east of Preble, will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This notice must be regarded, for I cannot tolerate trespassing while the crops are growing.

A. W. WERLING.  
HAD ANKLE BROKEN.

In his haste to run to see the soldiers' train pass through, Dewey Hooper, aged nineteen, fell over some iron at the Vail hoop mills, Wednesday, and had the misfortune to break his right ankle. He is about nineteen years of age and is the son of Cora Schlegel.

L. T. L. PICNIC.

Every Loyal Temperance Legion member is requested to bring lunch and attend the picnic to be held at the waterworks park Saturday afternoon at 3:30. The superintendent, Mrs. C. F. Kenna, is planning a good time for the legion.

## FOR GOOD ROADS

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### BOOSTING A HIGHWAY

From Coast to Coast With  
Branches to San Francisco and to Florida.

Col. Charles W. Thatcher, known all over this country as "Good Roads Thatcher," was here this afternoon to address our people on the subject of better roads. He is an enthusiast and admits it and travels from coast to coast in a quaint wagon pulled by a team of mules, attracting much attention and doing much good. At this time he is boosting for the Washington Memorial Highway from Seattle, Washington, to Florida, by way of Yellowstone park and Chicago. The road will cross Indiana, come from Bluffton here, and thence to Celina, Columbus, aid east, if Colonel Thatcher is successful. This is a preliminary trip and he expects to return again in the autumn to further his ideas. This will be the greatest trans-continental route in America and Decatur should join in the movement.

Marion, Ind., June 30—Under the direction of the Grant County Motor club and the Marion Association of Commerce, a public mass meeting is to be held here tonight in the interests of the Washington high. This road will run from New York to Chicago to Seattle, and San Francisco, with a branch from Chicago to Cincinnati. The route will pass through Marion, coming from Peru and Rochester and continuing on through Montpelier to Celina, Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Marion is always a booster of good roads but more than usual interest has been worked up in this new highway as it will give Marion such a connection with surrounding cities.

### SUNDAY SERVICES

"Man Without God" will be the subject of the sermon to be delivered on Sunday, July 2 by Rev. Roy D. Gaunt at the Cavalry Evangelical church. All are cordially invited.

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## LEE PERSISTENT

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Tenth, and Lloyd Bailey, Twelfth. Among the speakers at the open meeting were these: Edwin M. Steers, Clarence R. Martin, Daniel E. Waugh, John Napier Dyer, Samuel Crumbaker, Frank Gikerson, William Dudley Foulke, Thomas A. Dailey, Joseph E. Henley, S. R. Nelson, W. H. Newsom, Elias D. Salisbury, W. D. Hendrick, Edward R. Lewis, Jackson, Lance, Theodore Hewes, John Kingsbury, David S. Miller, J. Wesley Whitcher, James B. Wilson, John F. Lawrence, Harry Anderson, Edwin M. Lee, William Holton Dye, Lewis McNutt, Bert Essex, Will O. Finch, W. J. Dillingham, H. T. Roberts, Stephen Clevenger and W. L. Alcott.

### COURT HOUSE NEWS.

Fishers' licenses were issued to W. R. Woods, John Smith, Alva Fenstermaker, W. E. Trenary, C. F. Trenary.

The board of review will close its session Tuesday. The members compared the townships yesterday. They found them low but left them unchanged, the somewhat poor crops of last year no doubt being responsible in part. The polls were checked over also.

Henry Kerz, born March 28, 1870, in Germany, a resident of the United States since 1911, has applied for naturalization papers.

There are at present no prisoners in the general jail department. There is one woman in the insane ward, being Mrs. Pearl Cross of Geneva, who is awaiting admission to Easthaven insane asylum.

### FOR SALE.

Slightly used 9x12 Axminster rug and vacuum sweeper and brush, all for \$15.00, if sold right away. —Yager Bros. & Reinking.

BARBER SHOPS TO CLOSE.

All union barber shops will be closed all day July 4. They will, however, remain open until 8 o'clock Monday evening for the accommodation of patrons. 15413

FOR RENT—Six room cottage on So. Ninth St., both kinds of water, electric lights. Inquire of R. E. Mumma. 15566

# Federal Inquiry of Railroad Strike?

Faced by demands from the conductors, engineers, firemen and brakemen that would impose on the country an additional burden in transportation costs of \$100,000,000 a year, the railroads propose that this wage problem be settled by reference to an impartial Federal tribunal.

With these employees, whose efficient service is acknowledged, the railroads have no differences that could not be considered fairly and decided justly by a public body.

## Railroads Urge Public Inquiry and Arbitration

The formal proposal of the railroads to the employees for the settlement of the controversy is as follows:

"Our conferences have demonstrated that we cannot harmonize our differences of opinion and that eventually the matters in controversy must be passed upon by other and disinterested agencies. Therefore, we propose that your proposals and the proposition of the railroads be disposed of by one or the other of the following methods:

1. Preferably by submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the only tribunal which, by reason of its accumulated information bearing on railway conditions and its control of the revenue of the railways, is in a position to consider and protect the rights and equities of all the interests affected and to provide additional revenue necessary to meet the added cost of operation in case your proposals are found by the Commission to be just and reasonable; or, in the event the Interstate Commerce Commission cannot, under existing laws, act in the premises, promptly dispose of the questions involved; or
2. By arbitration in accordance with the provisions of the Federal law" (The Newlands Act).

## Leaders Refuse Offer and Take Strike Vote

Leaders of the train service brotherhoods, at the joint conference held in New York, June 1-15, refused the offer of the railroads to submit the issue to arbitration or Federal review, and the employees are now voting on the question whether authority shall be given these leaders to declare a nation-wide strike.

The Interstate Commerce Commission is proposed by the railroads as a public body to which this issue ought to be referred for these reasons:

No other body with such an intimate knowledge of railroad conditions has such an unquestioned position in the public confidence.

The rates the railroads may charge the public for transportation are now largely fixed by this Government board.

Out of every dollar received by the railroads from the public nearly one-half is paid directly to the employees as wages; and the money to pay increased wages can come from no other source than the rates paid by the public.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, with its control over rates, is in a position to make a complete investigation and render such decision as would protect the interests of the railroad employees, the owners of the railroads, and the public.

## A Question For the Public to Decide

The railroads feel that they have no right to grant a wage preferment of \$100,000,000 a year to these employees, now highly paid and constituting one-fifth of all the employees, without a clear mandate from a public tribunal that shall determine the merits of the case after a review of all the facts.

The single issue before the country is whether this controversy is to be settled by impartial Government inquiry or by industrial warfare.

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