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THE LOCAL MERCHANT:

It very seldom happens that people have a just appreciation of what this man means to the community as a faithful servant and benefactor, is the way Ben F. Biltier, managing editor of The Farmer's Guide, puts it.

Of course, he is in business to make money and to make it for himself, but did you ever realize how impossible it is for your local merchant to be successful unless he is a benefit to the community? He works early and late. He must be a good fellow and on friendly terms with everybody. He must take all kinds of abuse and criticism, no matter how undeserved it may be.

He must use every endeavor to buy the best kind of supplies and to satisfy his trade. He must be willing to hear your troubles, give you advice and loan you money, if necessary. He must always be big-hearted and generous with the poor.

Many a community has been able to weather storms of depression only because the merchants were big, broad-minded men who never failed to answer to the call of duty when troubles or disaster befall their trade.

The burdens of this merchant are not at all light. He has to invest considerable money in a great variety of merchandise, without knowing when he will be able to sell it, and very often has to sell great quantities on credit without knowing when the money will be paid.

Think of these things the next time you go to the store and feel like complaining because something is not just to your liking. The man behind the counter has a burden to bear which few others would dare to undertake, and that is one reason why so many of our villages and towns have so few real stores; it is hard to find real men who will undertake the task and assume such financial risk for such small profit.

The easier you make it for your merchant the more good you will do for everybody in the community, and the best way in which you can be of real help is to study the advertising columns and look up facts about things you want to buy.

Mayor Johnson is being quoted as saying that vice cannot be suppressed in the city of Gary, meaning, it is implied, that the administration will not try to do away with the red light district. Must be pretty tough old town, for Ross has the nerve to tackle

WHY pay more when you can come here and be fitted with a first class suit of clothes at the following reduction in price.

SUITS THAT WERE

**\$20.00 to \$22.50 now \$15.00
\$16.50 to \$18.00 now \$12.45
\$12.50 to \$15.00 now \$9.75**

THE MYERS-DAILEY COMPANY

most anything short of moving Lake Michigan to the other side of town, and he would try that if Gary needed it. The vice question may become an issue in the city election there next year.

The mercury can go on up twenty or thirty degrees before you will have to invest in a higher powered thermometer. It was 99 in the shady nooks yesterday, fair for a summerless summer, as Parson Hicks predicted.

Betting men say there is not a dollar of Hughes money on Wall street either at two to one odds or even and there will be less a week before election. A campaign against Mr. Wilson's peace policies will not get far, nor can the campaign creators arouse much enthusiasm this year on their old stand-by, "the soup house" city.

We are in receipt of an invitation from the republican national committee to attend the official notification of Mr. Charles Evans Hughes of his selection as the republican nominee for the presidency, to be made at Carnegie Hall, New York City, next Monday evening, with a reception at the Hotel Astor immediately following. Usually we go where invited but much as we appreciate the high honor bestowed upon us by this upper crust of that aristocracy called the republican party, we fear

we will have to disappoint them. We recognize the fact that the event will be a dismal failure without us and that they have spent a lot of ready cash to get ready to entertain us democratic editors at the Astor house after listening to Mr. Hughes' address as to why our soldiers boys ought to be in the trenches but we still decline because of the hot weather, because our full dress suit is out of style, because the ordinary editor and the ordinary citizen would feel strangely out of place amidst the luxury of the Astor house. It will be a grand event for the millionaire and the other members of the "aristocracy," we do not doubt, but we prefer to take ours with the ordinary folk who tuck their napkins under their chin.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Tuesday.

Reformed Y. W. A.—Ella Mutchler.

Reformed W. M. S.—Mrs. F. Sellmeyer.

Presbyterian Missionary—Mrs. A. M. Anker.

Friday.

Christian Aid—Mrs. William Engle.

The worst sin against our fellow creatures is not to hate them, but to be indifferent to them; that is the essence of inhumanity.—Bernard Shaw.

The Queen Esther Circle sold ice cream, cake and candies on the Methodist church lawn last evening and while they did quite well, the sales were not nearly as large as expected, probably due to the great heat which kept the greater number of the people at home under their own fig trees and also probably due to the great number of socials which have prevailed this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lose and daughter Mary Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashbaucher, Misses Amelia Weber, Rose and Letta Fullenkamp, Messrs. Tony Holthouse, Tony Hackman and Ed Weisling will motor to Celina, O., in the Ashbaucher truck, early tomorrow morning where they will join Mr. and Mrs. Walter Deitsch of Celina, O., in a picnic along the reservoir. Louis Myers will accompany them there and will remain for a week's visit with friends in his former home town, Celina.

Miss Genevieve Spuller has returned from a two weeks' visit with relatives at Akron, O.

Mr. John Myers has gone to Midland, Mich., where she will be a guest for two weeks of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Parent. She was accompanied by Mrs. Peter Schneider who will visit with her brother, Mr. Weber.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edwards and family of Ninth street will entertain a company of relatives who will motor here from Anderson Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Shepherd and family and another friend will be in the party. Mrs. Shepherd was formerly Miss Ettie Edwards.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Miller, on the

Ohio line, just one mile east, and a half-mile north of the Brodbeck school house in Adams county, this state, was solemnized the marriage of their daughter, Miss Ethel Miller, to Vernon Erixon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. Elson, pastor of Bobo circuit M. E. church, and was witnessed by a large gathering of relatives and friends. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Erixon of near Clark's Chapel church in Union township. Both are excellent young people, highly respected in their respective communities, and have the best wishes of their many friends.

Helen Gass and her cousins, Dolores and Dorotha Weismantle of Elwood are spending the week at the James Steele farm eight miles west of the city and are having a delightful time in the country.

The lawn fete to be given Wednesday evening Aug. 2nd, at Water Works park under the auspices of the C. E. society of the Reformed church is a promising one. Much enthusiasm is manifested. Wednesday, Aug. 2nd is the date.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dauer and son, Herbe, went to Fort Wayne today to attend the McKeeman family reunion at Robinson park. Both dinner and supper will be enjoyed there.

The Presbyterian Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society will be entertained Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Anker home by Mrs. A. M. Anker, Mrs. John Stewart and Mrs. Dolly Durkin. All ladies are requested to attend.

The Christian Ladies' Aid society will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. William Engle on Line street.

THROUGH BRIDGE

Traction Engine Owned by D. C. Gallmeyer, Crash- ed Through Bridge

WEST OF FRIEDHEIM

Fell Eight Feet—Two Men on Engine Escape Without Injury.

An unusual accident occurred this morning at about nine o'clock when a big traction engine went through the bridge over the creek a half mile west of the Friedheim church. The engine belonged to D. C. Gallmeyer of near Ossian and his two sons were on the big machine at the time. The bridge was built only last year and was supposed to be a substantial one. The engine was being driven across and when it reached almost the exact center of the bridge it went square through and alighted the concrete floor of the structure collapsed, leaving the engine through. The engine rests on the bed of the creek on the concrete floor. The two abutments are still standing. The road is a township road and not a turnpike, under county control. The men on the engine were uninjured. The big engine was quite badly damaged the front axle being broken and there was some other loss. It is still in the creek and it will be some job to remove it. The engine fell a distance of eight feet and the escape of the two men from injury was almost miraculous.

ROOSEVELT WANTS HIS.

(United Press Service) Bridgehampton, Long Island, July 29—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Colonel Roosevelt will ask support of Charles Evans Hughes from the platform when the republican nominee receives formal notice of his nomination. National Chairman Willcox here today for a conference with Hughes confirmed the report that Roosevelt will speak. T. R. probably will speak his mind on Mexico.

MUST RETURN APPAM.

(United Press Service) Norfolk, Va., July 29—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Federal Judge Wadell today decided that the captured British liner Appam should be restored to its former British owners. The decision is again the German prize crew which captured the vessel and brought her here. The court held the the German government lost all legal claim to the Appam and her cargo as a prize or war when Lieutenant Berg and his prize crew on February 1, last, brought the Appam into neutral waters of Hampton Roads with the intention of laying up the vessel indefinitely.

Optimistic Thought.

Labor rid us of three great evils—poverty, vice and enmity.

POR RENT—Four furnished rooms for light housekeeping, 336 Line street. Phone No. 521—B. W. Shol-

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(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) as summer and live off coarse food, and so it is, but the troubles of her son are very small in comparison with what they would be if the United States had undertaken armed intervention in Mexico. Her own troubles, too, are very small in comparison with what they would be if she were watching the newspapers every day for the lists of dead and wounded in the fighting.

There are millions of Mrs. Smiths in this country with boys who would be subject to military duty if the United States went to war. When they are disposed to find fault with the policies of the president, let them devote a little prayerful consideration to the millions of Mrs. Smiths in Europe, whose boys are now only memories. But for President Wilson these American mothers would be drinking the bitter dregs of that same cup.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

A marriage license was issued this morning to Edward Gay, farmer, born May 10, 1896, son of George Gay, and Ada Wisener, born July 16, 1897, and a daughter of John Wisener.

Real estate transfers: U. S. patent deed to Thomas Archbold, 40 acres of Root township, \$1; U. S. patent deed to Thomas Archbold, Jr., 40 acres of Root township, \$1; U. S. patent deed to Frederick Lyon, 80 acres of Kirkland township, \$1.

Licensed to marry: George W. Hamm, farmer of Bryant, born October 30, 1894, son of Sol Hamm, to wed Metta Stauffer, born October 28, 1896, daughter of Peter Stauffer, of Berne.

Chaucey Brokaw, defendant in a divorce suit, was ordered to pay to his wife, Margaret Brokaw, for her support and for her attorneys, the sum of \$15 in fifteen days. L. C. DeVoss appeared for the defendant.

ABOUT THE SICK.

Mrs. John Fuerst, who has been a sufferer from appendicitis for some time, and who was seriously ill Friday is resting some easier today. It is thought she will be unable to undergo an operation however, owing to complications.

FOR SALE OF LAND

The forty acre farm in French township, belonging to Louisa Zaugg estate, was offered for sale yesterday at the Peterson & Moran office, by Franklin W. Moseur, of Vera Cruz. One bid of \$6500 has been received. The sale will be continued from day to day until an acceptable bid is received.

HERE FOR WEEK.

James Leidy of Geneva is with the Al Burdg family for the week, during the time that he is taking the night operator's place at the Decatur G. R. & I. station.

GIRL IS BORN.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Burdg are glad over the birth of a granddaughter. This is the eighth pound girl, named Ruth Pauline, born Tuesday, July 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Luckey, at Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Luckey was formerly Miss Pearl Burdg and the babe is their first born. Mr. Luckey is in business in Cleveland, being with the Star Feature Program Exchange.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

There will be an ice cream social Wednesday evening at the home of George Cramer, one mile east of the Dent school house. There will be readings given by Miss Martha Tucker and other amusements. This social is given by the 4th and 5th class of the Union Chapel church. Everybody is invited.

C. C. John's returned today noon to Van Wert, Ohio.

Miss Edna Neaderhouser returned to Berne this afternoon.

Mrs. Wilson Lee returned this afternoon from Winona lake.

Mrs. Cora Milligan went to Geneva this afternoon for a visit until tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Haggard returned to Monroe after shopping here.

Miss Eva Acker went to Geneva this afternoon for a visit until tomorrow morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Price and son, Harry, Virginians, who have been at Muncie, left this afternoon for a point further north.

William Almerding and daughters, Marie and Bertha, of Schumur, Ohio, passed through the city enroute to Fort Wayne for a visit.

Miss Metta Stauffer returned to Berne. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. T. J. Cook, and daughter, Gladys, who will visit there.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron C. Augsburger left this afternoon for Berne to be with relatives. Mrs. Augsburger's father, Jacob Wulliman, who has been a sufferer from rheumatism, is better.

FOR SALE.

Two acre tract with a 5-room house, good barn, good orchard, good well, on stone road, two and one-half miles southeast of Decatur. This tract is cheap. Office over People's Loan & Trust Company.

174-e-o-d-t6 LEONARD & OLIVER.

NOTICE.

C. R. Dunn, "the Watkins Man," has moved his stock of goods from Graham & Walters to the interurban station.

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Sleeping porches are quite popular

just now and a number of people

have provided temporary ones by

moving cots out on the front or back

porch—not such a bad idea at that!

KEEP ON SWELTERING

(United Press Service) Washington, July 29—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"No relief in sight" weather men said of the heat wave today. Predictions were that the west will continue to suffer indefinitely. Any section of the east that had cool weather for the last day or two will begin to warm up tomorrow. "There isn't a breeze or storm in prospect big enough to cause relief," the forecaster said.

Chicago, July 29—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Business in the middle west was at a stand still today as the result of the 19 day heat wave which reached its highest temperature today. The death toll for the last forty-eight hours reached 162 at noon today. Sixteen died today at Chicago, nine at Milwaukee two at Aurora, Illinois four at Kansas City and one at Wabash, Indiana. One hundred twelve had died at Chicago within the past forty-eight hours. At Milwaukee and Belvidere Illinois factories closed down when employees found it impossible to work in the terrific heat. Department stores here planned to let their employees off two hours earlier. At some of the stores those who showed the slightest distress were ordered home. Stout people were told today they would not have to work. Scores of horses dropped dead in Chicago streets today from exhaustion caused by the heat. It was estimated several hundred persons were prostrated.

SOLE INDUSTRY BURNS

(United Press Service) Saratoga, Ind., July 29—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Saratoga canning factory, this town's sole industry, burned early today with a loss of sixty thousand dollars, half covered by insurance. Fire started at two o'clock. Incendiarism is suspected because of the rapidity with which it spread.

Enginemans in charge of a Pennsylvania train sounded a fire alarm which awakened the entire community. The enginemans blew the whistle for several minutes and the train was brought to a standstill. The fire is supposed to have originated in the boxing department. Firemen, who centered their efforts to save the town from destruction, were greatly handicapped in their fight. The adjoining buildings were destroyed. Embers were scattered about the town and many small fires started. These were extinguished, however, before much damage was done. The factory employs one hundred men and women and arrangements had been completed to enter the busy season. New machinery had recently been installed at considerable expense.

EPIDEMIC IS GROWING

(United Press Service) New York, July 29—(Special to Daily Democrat)—While America's foremost experts completed plans for a conference here next week the infantile paralysis situation here became alarmingly worse. 161 new cases were reported as against 134 yesterday. There were 44 deaths against 35 yesterday. Officials admittedly were discouraged. They had hoped the big temperature drop would help them in their fight.

SHOULDER DISLOCATED.

When Miss Martha Tucker, of the Morris store, fell over a stool and struck her shoulder on the counter Thursday morning she thought little of the injury.