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The Indiana legislature will close in about ten days. Well, that will be one worry off of the minds of the people, anyway.

Bob Tucker, Indiana correspondent for the Cincinnati Enquirer, predicts that every large city in the state will elect democratic officials at the city elections next November, as a rebuke to the republican legislature. Sure, and then at the next state election, the democrats will take over the rest of the jobs.

A peal of thunder, the twitter of birds and a patter of rain this morning were the first signs of spring. Don't think that this means that the winter is over and it's time to change to apparel of lighter weight, for the probabilities are that there will yet be more days when we will acknowledge that the ground hog knows his business, and knew it well.

It transpires that the clean-up made by Tom Lawson in the December bear raid—an amount so vast the Boston plunger said he couldn't for the life of him tell within a half million dollars how much it was—netted him about \$40,000, according to one of his brokers. At that, Tom Lawson's romancing on the amount of his winnings was not half so wild and weird as the fictions he invented concerning the great "leak" and the persons involved in it.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Add to the mess already cooked up by the legislature under the direction of Governor Goodrich, the excise bill, which places a tax upon every corporation, big or little, varying from a few dollars to \$1,000 on a telephone company which has a gross income of \$100,000, and you will agree that much of the governor's talk about economy, as a candidate, was pure and unadulterated "bunk." The democrats left about five million dollars in the state treasury and the average business man of the state is wondering just why this extraordinary effort to raise money is necessary. The answer is that the money is needed for the operation of the highway commission and it would seem that the law makers ought either to do away with the commission or else charge every one proportionately. Why load all the extra expense on

the corporation? It scarcely seems fair that one concern should pay a tax of fifty or a hundred dollars, while his competitor, who has not incorporated, pays nothing.

### DOINGS IN SOCIETY

#### WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR.

Monday.

Dance at Moose hall.

Wednesday

Loyal Women's Class—Mrs. Irvin Elzey.

Walter League—Diedrich Dierkes, Christian Brotherhood—W. Paul March.

St. Vincent de Paul Card Party—F. C. Hall.

Thursday

Evangelical Ladies' Aid society—Church basement.

Baptist Aid—Mrs. Henry Betz.

Eastern Star Ladies' Colonial Social—Masonic Home.

Friday.

Ladies' Birthday Club Dinner—Mr. and Mrs. Herb Burroughs.

Philathea Class—Mrs. C. E. Bell.

Christian Pastoral Helpers—Mrs. A. D. Artman.

Saturday.

Tri Kapas—Miss Helen Niblick, Saturday evening.

Masonic Children's Party—Masonic Home.

A little work, a little play  
To keep us going, and so—good  
day!—DuMaurier.

Many friends gathered at the J. G. Bittner home Thursday evening in honor of William Bittner's birthday. The friends brought well filled baskets and a bountiful supper was served. The evening was spent with games and music. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. Blakey, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harden, Mr. J. G. Bittner, Beatrice Whittenberger, Sylvia Beatty, Lucile Fleming, Francie Burgen, Ruth Brash, Ruth Burger, Davis Burk, Archian Burk, Christena Irene, Fred Rosetta, John Homer and Will Bittner.

On Thursday evening, February 15, a crowd of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Tumbleston for a farewell party. There were about forty present. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. John Gephart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gephart, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Workinger and son, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gephart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thomas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Adison Sheets and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ottie Sheets and family, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Tumbleston and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wright and son, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Myers, Mrs. Nancy Ann Johnson, Mrs. Gale Poling, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tumbleston.

The annual children's party for Masonic and Eastern Star families will be given Saturday evening, beginning at seven o'clock at the Masonic home. All children of Masons and Eastern Stars are invited. Arrange

### Political Announcements

#### FOR MAYOR.

You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for mayor of the city of Decatur, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary to be held March 6, 1917.

CHARLES W. YAGER.

Please announce my name as a candidate for mayor of the city of Decatur, on the democratic ticket, subject to the decision of the primary election to be held Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

CHARLES N. CHRISTEN.

#### FOR CITY TREASURER.

Please announce my name as a candidate for treasurer of the city of Decatur, subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary to be held Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

EDGAR GERBER.

#### FOR CITY TREASURER.

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ROY BAKER.

#### FOR CITY TREASURER.

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H. S. STEELE.

#### FOR CITY CLERK.

You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for clerk of the city of Decatur, Ind., subject to the decision of the democratic voters at the primary election to be held Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

R. G. CHRISTEN.

#### FOR COUNCILMAN.

Please announce my name as a candidate for councilman, Second ward, Decatur, Indiana, subject to the decision of the democratic primary election to be held Tuesday, March 6, 1917.

JAMES HURST.



Now is the accepted time to have a suit tailored to your measure.

THE MYERS-DAILEY COMPANY

ments have been made by Mrs. E. G. Coverdale, Mrs. C. C. Schafer and Mrs. Roy Archbold, who have the party in charge, to make a most successful affair of this for the little folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Vail entertained a company of friends Saturday evening at "bunco" for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Loch of Fort Wayne. There were four tables and the prize was awarded to Charles Loch. A two-course lunch was a feature of the entertainment.

Diedrich Dierkes will entertain the Waller League at his home Wednesday evening.

The Philathea Class will have a musical evening Friday at the home of Mrs. C. E. Bell.

Mrs. Henry Betz will entertain the Baptist Ladies Aid society Thursday afternoon.

Miss Helen Niblick will entertain the Tri-Kappas Saturday evening. Miss Florence Meyers will have the program.

The Ladies' Quartet of the Decatur M. E. church circuit and their husbands were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sheets on Sunday. After dinner, prepared from the many good things found on the farm, the ladies sang several songs. A number of selections, both vocal and instrumental, were rendered by Miss Batchelor of the Decatur high school faculty. Cornet solos by Mr. Noel White were also enjoyed. The following were present: C. C. Sheets and family, Harvey Butler and family, Henry White and family, Harold Mann and family, George Squier and family, Miss Batchelor, E. A. Squier.

The Christian Pastoral Helpers will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30, with Mrs. A. D. Artman.

The banquet and entertainment to be given this evening by the Decatur Rotary club in compliment to the members wives or sweethearts will take place at six-thirty o'clock at the Masonic rooms.

The card party to be given tomorrow by the St. Vincent de Paul society at the K. of C. hall, will open promptly at two o'clock. All should be there by that time. The public is cordially invited. Fifteen cents will be charged each one attending.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patterson had as their guests at dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Hubbard, of Ottawa, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dugan and daughter, Helen.

Mrs. L. E. Keller and her Methodist Sunday school class of the seventeen girls made several calls on shut-ins yesterday afternoon. Among them was Grace Hurst, blind daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hurst for whom they sang five songs. She was much pleased and extends a cordial invitation to them to return.

The Loyal Women's class will meet with Mrs. Irvin Elzey Wednesday afternoon at her home on Indiana street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bieberick of North Tenth street entertained a few of their friends Saturday evening at a progressive euchre party. The following were present: Misses Adela and Caroline Ewel, Hannah Selking, Ruth and Louise Marbach and Leona Holte of Fort Wayne; Messrs. Henry Selking, Henry and William Macke, Roland Grote, Louis Selking, Fred Marbach, Christ and August Macke, Mart and Gust Selking; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bieberick and daughter, Dorothy. After the games a fine lunch was served. First prizes were won by Adela Ewel and Fred Marbach, and the boobies by Ruth Marbach and Roland Grote.

Mrs. John Wolford gave the birthday dinner party last week, instead of Mrs. C. E. Burr, as stated.

Mrs. L. N. Grandstaff of Monmouth entertained at dinner last evening for Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Grandstaff and family of Preble, and Mr. and Mrs. George Schieferstein and son, John Henry.

The members of the Birthday club, with their husbands, will be entertained Friday evening at a six o'clock dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Burroughs.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gerke gave a George Washington six o'clock dinner party last evening at their home on North Ninth street for a company of five couples. The national colors in the room and table decorations made the scene a very pretty one. Flags at the corners of the table and little hatchet place cards were effective decorations. Several Washington hatchets were also given. The three-course dinner was delicious, and following the repast, the party attended church services. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Peoples, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Sprunger, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Helm, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dorwin, and Mr. and Mrs. John Koop.

### SIMMONS NEW BILL

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, Feb. 19.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Senator Simmons today introduced a bill to abolish the office of county road supervisor and fix the salaries of county officials. The salaries would be based on the amount of population, taxes, area, trust funds and free gravel roads. Wells county auditor, treasurer and clerk would get \$2200, sheriff \$2100, recorder \$1700, Adams county auditor, treasurer and clerk \$2000, sheriff \$1600 and recorder \$1600.

### SEASON OF LENT.

The lenten season will open with Ash Wednesday, February 21. The six weeks are especially observed by the Catholic church and it is the annual custom of all those believing in the faith to pass through a period of fast and abstinence. Amusements are also given up to a great extent. Lenten services will be held at the St. Mary's church in this city on Tuesday and Friday evenings, and special services will be held also Ash Wednesday at 8 o'clock in the morning. Lent closes with Easter.

### NEW FACTORY FOR JIFFY-JELL.

The Model Food Plant of America.

Right in the midst of the famous Waukesha Springs, the makers of Jiffy-Jell have completed a white enameled kitchen, the model food plant of the country.

The entire building is devoted to Jiffy-Jell, the new grade gelatine dessert. Otis E. Glidden, the famous gelatine expert, directs every operation.

This new dessert, with fruit flavors in vials, has captured the country in less than six months. Nearly 19 million packages have been offered free to housewives in the women's magazines. As a result of these tests, this Jiffy-Jell plant is overwhelmed with orders. And millions of homes have already adopted this fruity, quick dessert.

A large announcement appears elsewhere in this paper.

Real estate transfers: Della C. Bowers to Otto Earl Shiffler, 40 acres, St. Mary's township, quit claim deed; John Mosure, auditor to El W. Steele, lot 11, Decatur, \$60.88.

### LaCrosse Happy Farmer

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### TO THE VOTERS OF DECATUR, IND.

#### GENTLEMEN:

At the beginning of the time before mentioned, we had a very poor fire department. A hand-drawn apparatus with volunteer men who had to go to the department and pull the hose to the fire, and if the distance was very great, they were exhausted when they arrived at the fire and could not do very much. At most fires they arrived after the fire had gained such headway that there was not much to do but try and save adjoining property. Although the property owners of the city were asking for better fire protection, it was impossible for the city to furnish it to them as the city was so far in debt that it had no credit, but it being our desire to give the people of this city the best service we devised a way where by co-operating with the business men we have been able to build a building and install one of the most up-to-date fire apparatus in use in this part of the state. These improvements with a proper amount of good fire hose cost over \$19,000.00, and with two paid firemen and the volunteer men we have done good service and as I believe by judging conditions and places where he have had fires, we have saved property which had a value far in excess of what it cost to have this fire department and we will still be able to furnish this service. In three more years we will have this all paid for.

Chas. N. Christen

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The Burro Grande property has been reported on favorably by Mr. T. W. Carter, E. M., of Silver City, N. M. Mr. Carter is one of the foremost mining engineers of the entire southwest and is the man who developed and sold the Burro Mountain property to the Phelps-Dodge interests.

The Burro Grande property consists