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Paul Poynter, live-wire editor of the Sullivan Daily Times, who has been making an earnest fight to secure lower prices and better delivery of coal in Indiana, is keeping up his attacks. He has induced local coal companies to agree to a decrease in the prices at the mine and is now putting it straight up to the public service commission to see that cars are furnished in which to move the coal. He deserves to win and he deserves the thanks of the people of this state for his efforts whether he wins or not.

Indiana continues to make good. The Red Cross has just announced that this state is the first to be organized thoroughly for the war. The Red Cross has eighty-nine chapters in the state and branches in every part of each county, a wonderful organization. Besides this splendid showing the state has lead in every department of service for the war, was first to raise its quota for the regular army and more, was first to complete a conscriptive army registration organization and first to announce its local exemption boards, and now comes the very first to announce district exemption boards. Some state, we claim.

The school board after waiting as long as possible to secure outside aid that would enable them to build a complete high school building which would include a gymnasium and auditorium and make the school a center, yesterday took affairs in hand, decided that this was impossible at this time and let the contract for the main building. This assures a new school house, modern in every respect so far as it goes but it does not include as we had hoped and as so many wish, the auditorium and gymnasium. We still hope. We believe the people of Decatur and vicinity will realize the importance of these features to a modern school, that physical training is just as important to the young as mental training, that entertainment such as the auditorium would provide would be an up lift to the community—and we feel sure that some how, some time during the next year, we will awaken to the opportunity and responsibility and will put it over. This can be done at any time and there are a few who do not intend to let up until some way or another it is accomplished.

One of the comparatively young men in Indiana that has made a name for himself and is bound to be heard from more as time goes on, is Frank C.

The Prices Quoted Below Moved a Pile of Suits Today

Suits that were \$25.00 and \$27.50 now\$18.00
Suits that were \$20.00 and \$22.50 now\$15.00
Suits that were \$16.50 and \$18.00 now\$12.45
Suits that were \$13.50 to \$15.00 now\$10.45

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Daily, who was United States District Attorney during the first three years of Wilson's administration. During that time he prosecuted the Terre Haute fraud cases, appearing before men of his own party. More recently he has been employed as special counsel by the government to prosecute the election fraud cases and once more had to appear against men of his own party, and in this case, some of them were his personal friends. He did everything so well that when he retired from the office of district attorney he was called to Washington and it is reported that he was offered the position of assistant attorney general of the United States and declined. For twenty years he has practised law in Bluffton, declining to run for office, but such men are too much needed by the government to continue in private life and it is only a question of time until Mr. Daily will be called on to accept a more responsible position, where the highest integrity and marked ability are needed.—New Castle Daily Times.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

Monday
Pythian Sisters' installation.
First Aid Classes—Dr. S. D. Beavers and Dr. W. E. Smith.
Tuesday
W. C. T. U. Picnic supper and social—Waterworks park.
First Aid Class—Dr. S. D. Beavers.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Myers
Will be

"AT HOME"
To Relatives and Friends
on the

Occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of their Marriage
on

Monday, the 9th of July, 1917
from 7:00 to 10:00 p. m.
234 North Fifth Street

The following people motored on the Fourth to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wolfe, near Monroe: Mr. and Mrs. Delbert McBride, Mr. and Mrs. George Brenneman and daughter, Treva; Mrs. Mary A. Brenneman, James A. Brenneman, Mrs. Samuel Brenneman and son, Clarence, Elida, O.; Mr. and Mrs. B. Brenneman, Frank Brenneman, Lima, O.; and Mrs. Charles Picard and daughters, Ruth and Esther, Spencerville, O. Besides these guests were: Mrs. Charles Wolfe and children, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. William Wolfe and children, of near Monroe; Lloyd and Viola Wolfe at home. All enjoyed a chicken dinner and a very pleasant social time was spent.

Miss Tracy Stevens was also a guest at the Brothers-Burns party given a few days ago at the Brothers' farm, her name being unintentionally omitted from the list reported.

Fred Weber and Joe Laurent will leave tonight at 12:52 for Hardinsburg Ky., where on next Tuesday morning at nine-thirty o'clock at the St. Rose Catholic church, Mr. Weber will be married to Miss Christine Hook, who returned there two weeks ago after a four months' stay here with her sister, Mrs. Will Marker. Mr. Laurent will be best man at the wedding. The ceremony will be solemnized with solemn high mass, in which Father Norman will be celebrant; Father Becker, deacon; and Father Edwards, sub-deacon. Mr. and Mrs. Weber will go to the Cumberland mountains for their honeymoon visit of a week, after which they will return here, and then go to Fort Wayne to make their home. Mr. Weber to begin work a week from Monday as shipping clerk for the St. Wayne Electric Works. He has been employed at the Anker cigar and pool room this city, and tendered his resignation the first of this week, effective tonight.

Miss Margaret Hanna, who came to spend the afternoon yesterday with Mrs. C. C. Schafer and Mrs. J. C. Patterson and was obliged to remain over night on account of the storm which canceled the returning car, returned to Fort Wayne this morning.

The Pocahontas council installed officers last evening, Mrs. Charles Burd being installing officer. On account of the storm, the attendance was more limited and four, Mat Breiner, as Powahatan; Elizabeth Elzey and Mrs. Fred Blosser, as warriors; and Mrs. Linnie Wilhelm, as councillor, will be installed next week. Those who took their office last evening were: Pocahontas, Mrs. Ed Whitright; Wnonah, Mrs. Lizzie Gregory; first and second scout, Rachel Burd and Mary Keller; first and second runner, Rosa Lord

IMPORTANT POST

U. S. Troops Under Major General Pershing to Hold Important Position

ON WESTERN FRONT

Americans Will More Than Likely Carry on Next Battle at St. Quentin.

(By Perry Arnold, United Press Foreign Editor)

New York, N. Y., July 7.—If, as reported from Washington, Major General Pershing's expeditionary army is to be given a place between the French and British armies in the western theater of war, they will have one of the most important sections of the whole western front under their care. No one knows exactly the present junction point of the French and British armies, but it is somewhere around St. Quentin and LaFere. The most southerly point mentioned in British official statements as having been fought over by Field Marshal Haig's forces is Payet, about one mile north of St. Quentin. Savy, not more than two miles further south around St. Quentin, has frequently been mentioned in the French war office statements. It was captured by French troops early in April, and presumably is occupied by them now. St. Quentin is an important key-point in the Douai-Cambrai-LaFere line of the German defense on the western front. The British and French offensive of March and April brought the allied forces to within a mile of the city. It was at the time of the offensive, apparently one of the main objectives of the drive by the French and British followed up Hindenburg's famous "strategic retreat." Then, when the city was within actual sight of the allied troops, a weakness in the German defense developed elsewhere along the Franco-British front caused a change in plans, and the drive on St. Quentin was temporarily held up pending blows struck at the weaker spots. As far as official statements for the past three months have shown, the allied line in this particular sector now runs something like this: From Gonnelle, to Villers, to Gislain to Ephe, to Ronsoy, Hargicourt, Villers, LeVerguer, Pontu, Maissemy, Fresnoy le Petit, Payet, Selenoy, Savy, Chauny, Coudy le Chateau, Landricourt. All these towns are held by the French and British troops.

Supposing that this is the section picked by the American expeditionary army, it seems reasonable to presume there will soon be another drive at the basic city of St. Quentin carried out by the Americans. St. Quentin and the city of LaFere, the latter located approximately twelve miles to the south, are the foundations on which Hindenburg built his famous "line." The German front in this particular section swings in a great arc from St. Quentin to LaFere, below Laon and then sharply upward again along the front where the French have recently won their wonderful success in the Aisne drive, to Rheims.

From this description it will be seen that penetration of the German lines anywhere along this arc are not only would menace the German grip on all of Flanders and Belgium to the north, but likewise would give opportunity for a tremendous flanking movement on the German lines to the south.

For this reason some of the fiercest fighting of the war has made the St. Quentin sector bloody ground on the western front. Directly ahead of the city lies some of the most terribly ravished ground of all that which the Germans relinquished in their "strategic retreat." Dispatches received in April and May from William Philip Simms and Henry Wood, the United Press staff correspondence with the British and French armies, told vividly of the destruction wreaked upon the villages of Vermand, Ham, St. Simon, Savy and others in the path of this retreating horde.

By the time American troops arrive there—if the Washington reports are accurate—they will, however, find this wasted land all rebuilt. New roads have been constructed and the great jagged holes left by shells smoothed over in part at least. The St. Quentin sector is ideally located for the "American front." Two big trunk lines of railways will give full access to it, the land is gently level and drained by the Somme river. Beyond St. Quentin the land held by the Germans becomes more hilly.

and Vada Chronister; second counselor, Flo Patton; guard of the tepees, Grace Reynolds; guard of the forest, Maude Bennett; first and second warriors, Blanche Knodle and Ella Bacon. Following the installation the thirty

present, of the Minnehaha needle club were entertained by twelve hostesses, a fine time, with delicious refreshments, being reported.

The Pythian Sisters will install officers Monday evening, when the presence of all is urged.

Wesley Shepherd and family will motor here today from Anderson, for a visit over the week-end with Mrs. Shepherd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Edwards and family.

All the ladies' societies of the Zion Reformed church will meet in a Union meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30, with Miss Esther Sellemeyer, appointed missionary to China, as guest of honor. Mrs. Charles Miller, 322 North Seventh street, will be the hostess, assisted by Mrs. Henry Mayer, Mrs. Mary Breiner, Mrs. Harry Cloud and Mrs. Herman Sellemeyer. An interesting program will be given. All the women of the church and friends are invited.

Miss Louise Quinn went to Fort Wayne this morning where she will be the guests of her cousin, Miss Catherine Bell.

Miss Cathrine Christen returned to her home in Root township this morning after spending the night with Miss Frances Dauer who is at home for a short visit. She is taking a special review course in the Fort Wayne business college.

Miss Ella Mutchler and Mrs. B. B. Shroyer will have as their guests at supper Sunday evening, Miss Emma Schlickman, of Denver, Colorado; Agnes and Matilda Sellemeyer and Lydia Kirsch. Miss Matilda Sellemeyer will leave soon for Winona Lake to attend summer normal school.

With the exception of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kirsch all members of the Birthday club were present at the regular monthly dinner Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart on South Third street. The usual "feed" was enjoyed at 6:30 and after luncheon a general good time was enjoyed during the evening. Music was furnished by a quartet composed of Messrs. Hugh Hite, Wesley Hoffman, Dr. Fred Paterson, and Frank Armstrong, of Dayton, O., who, with Mrs. Armstrong and daughter, Margaret, were the only guests present outside the club members. The music, together with various games and other diversions, provided a delightful evening.

Children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Myers, of Fifth street, are gathering home today to be with this well known couple over the week-end and for the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding which will be Monday. On Monday evening from seven to ten o'clock they will be "at home" to their friends and relatives. Their children are the Rev. G. H. Myers, of Abingdon, Ill.; Mrs. Robert Harding, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Rollo C. Pifer, of St. Louis, Mo.; and Mrs. Emery Wilson, of Cleveland, O.

Miss Edith Miller of the Elzey shoe store, will leave tonight on the G. R. & I. and will be joined in Fort Wayne by her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, in a trip to Grand Rapids, Mich., to visit with a brother, Harry Miller, and wife. They will go to a lake in Michigan, where they will spend their vacation. Miss Miller will be gone two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Porter will motor to Van Wert, Ohio, to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McGill.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thomas Vail left today for Indianapolis for a several days' visit. Their guest, Miss Lucie Vail, returned this afternoon to Fort Wayne.

Miss Fern Krugh who spent the morning here was accompanied to her home at Monroe this afternoon by the Misses Frances and Winifred Merryman, who will be her guests for a week.

UNION SERVICE

Miss Abbie Bigham, of the Epworth League, will lead the union young people's service at the Methodist church Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock, when the following program will be given:

Song.
Prayer.
Song.
Reading Scripture.
Talk by Mrs. Stolte, "What is Influence?"
Talk by Harvey Everett, "What are Some of the Sinful Influences of Our Town?"
Duet—Hope Hoffman and Margaret Mills.
Talk—Agnes Gillig.
Reading—Bula Kinna.
Talk—Clayson Schaffer, "Are You Placing Your Influence Along Side of Christ's?"
Instrumental Solo—Helen Walters.
Guy Brown, a student at Valparaiso will be at home for a visit over Sunday.

ARGUMENTS ON JULY 10.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The supreme court today had before it all briefs filed in connection with the appeal of the Indiana Woman's Franchise League and attorneys for H. W. Bennett on Judge Thornton's decision holding the law calling the constitutional convention legal and declaring that women could not vote for delegates to the convention. This was the last date allowed by the court for filing of briefs. Arguments will be heard on July 10. Two hours have been given each side for arguments.

THE OIL INSPECTION FIGHT

(United Press Service)
Indianapolis, July 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Marion Caldwell who was appointed state oil inspector by Governor Goodrich filed suit today in the Marion circuit court against Mr. Felker, who was recently appointed by Edward Berrett, state geologist. He charges Felker with having unlawfully taken possession of the books and supplies of the office in the department.

RAINFALL HEAVY

The electrical storm of last night, accompanied by one of the heaviest rainfalls of the season, inundated fields and filled the creeks and other streams to overflowing according to reports coming in from farming communities around this city.

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MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Old Adams County bank will be held at their banking house, Decatur, Ind., at 10 o'clock a. m. on

Tuesday, August 7, 1917,
for the purpose of electing nine directors to serve for the ensuing year and to transact such other business as may come before them.

E. X. EHINGER,

Cashier.

CAN BABY BEETS

Baby beets are best for canning, says today's bulletin from the National Emergency Food Garden Commission, which is co-operating with this paper in a country wide campaign against waste and for the conservation of the food supply of the nation. The older the beets the more chance there is for loss of color. The most suitable size is when they run about four to the quart.

Select beets of uniform size, age and color, and wash thoroughly with stiff vegetable brush. Leave in inch of the tops and all of the roots while blanching as this will aid in prevention of loss of color. Blanch for six to eight minutes, plunge quickly into cold water for an instant, cut off tops and roots, and rub off skin—do not peel. Pack beets into jars, either whole or cut into such pieces as desired, add a level teaspoonful of salt per quart and fill with hot water. Partially tighten tops and sterilize for an hour and a half to two hours. (Tin cans should be sealed completely before sterilizing.) After complete sterilization, remove jars from the boiling water, tighten tops at once and invert to cool in a place free from draughts. Wrap jars in dark paper to prevent bleaching.

AMERICA'S BOARD OF WAR DIRECTORS

(United Press Service)

As chairman of the Aircraft

duction Board of the Council of National Defense, Howard E. Coffin probably bears more responsibility for the administration's present aviation program calling for an appropriation of \$600,000,000, than any other one man in Washington.

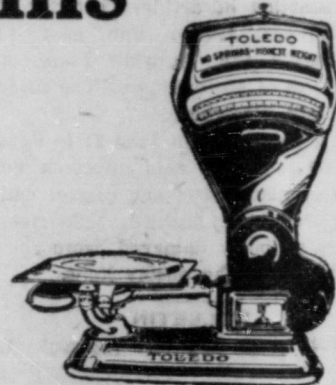
Coffin is a westerner of tremendous vision and has given his time and money without a cent of return from the government. He has organized airplane manufacturers of America into one large association for the defense of the nation. He has helped work out a plan for an airplane engine that is said to be a wonder.

He is in his early forties and is one of the big crop of rapid successes in the automobile industry fifteen years ago.

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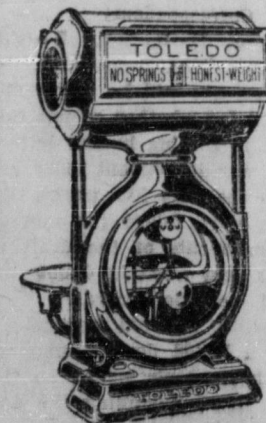
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