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We don't know who is to blame for the coal strike but we do know there is some way to adjust it fairly and that this ought to be done right now. Conditions were never more serious and every hour counts. The lives of many citizens of the United States may be charged against those who can avert the conditions.

Congress is at it again and we shall have another year of speech making, circle jumping and political fence building. If the law makers would get down to actual business we believe many of the troubles could be marked off the slate. Lodge should

"open the door" if he has the key as he claims to have.

If you are going to do any Christmas shopping we suggest that you do it just as soon as you can. It is hard to secure goods and quick shipments are next to impossible. The Decatur stores are filled with splendid goods and you get your choice by shopping now. Remember conditions are not just what you would call normal and that it will be to your advantage to trade now. Read the lists in the Daily Democrat and then start your buying at once.

The coal situation is becoming serious. Even if the mines could be opened today it would take weeks and perhaps months to catch up with the supply. Consequently it should be easy to see that there is ahead of us all a most critical winter period. Every person should save all the coal they can all the time. Don't waste a pound. Some how or other we will all get through it but it will take some planning and some thinking and some real doing. It may be hard to give up the conveniences you are used to but if doing so will save a life, you certainly ought to do it gladly.

It takes some patience we know to work out of trouble. The storm last Saturday upset many industries. At this office we have been having all

**Club Calendar**

Tuesday

W. M. S. of Reformed church—Mrs. Irvin Miller.  
Presbyterian Missionary society at the home of Mrs. J. C. Sutton.  
C. L. of C. at K. of C. Hall.  
Tri-Kappas — Mary Frisinger at Dyke Frisinger home.  
Rebekah Meeting—I. O. O. F. Hall.

Wednesday

United Brethren W. M. A.—Mrs. Harvey Baker.  
Pythian Needle Club in afternoon.  
Mrs. Tom Vail, Mrs. John Vail and Mrs. C. L. Walters hostesses.  
St. Vincent De Paul—Mrs. Jacob C. Miller.

Thursday

Baptist Missionary—Mrs. Jacob Buhler.  
Helping Hand of the Reformed church in Sunday school room—Mrs. M. Kirsch hostess in afternoon.  
The Evangelical Woman's Missionary Society—Mrs. Jacob Tester.

Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid at home of Mrs. Chris Boknecht all day.  
Calvary Evangelical Aid — Mrs. Earl Bowman.

Queen Esther at home of Miss Mary Callow in evening.

Royal Neighbors—Special meeting.  
Ever Ready S. S. Christmas Exchange—Mrs. Henry Heller.

Friday

Pastoral Helpers of Christian church—Mrs. Roy Miller.  
Young Woman's Missionary society—Evangelical Church Parlors.  
Ben Hur Social—At Hall.

kind of machine ailments, due to unruly motors. Though every effort is being made, things refuse to straighten out but if persistence counts, we should be going smoothly by tomorrow or next day. The telephone, traction and city light and power lines were disabled by the storm and men worked incessantly for forty-eight hours to repair the lines. Instead of finding fault and criticizing and saying means and sarcastic things, try helping. If you can't do any thing else you can smile and that will help some.

Miss Hester Johnson returned to her school work at Monmouth after spending her Thanksgiving vacation with her parents at Pleasant Mills.

**SOCIETY DOINGS**

The Shakespeare Club will meet with Mrs. J. C. Patterson on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. C. J. Dregman and Mrs. J. H. Heller will have the papers.

Miss Mary Frisinger gave a very pleasant evening party for her sister Ruth who spent Thanksgiving vacation here. She served dainty refreshments and all enjoyed the evening very much. Guests were Josephine and Herman Myers, Pat Hyland and J. Dwight Peterson.

Miss Lois Peterson gave a party Friday evening following the Basketball game in honor of Fisher and Deener West of Auburn. The evening was spent in playing games and delicious refreshments were served. Guests besides the guests of honor were Misses Dora Marie Magley, Gladys Butler, Bernice and Mildred Leonard, David Hensley, Charles Keller, and George Schug.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Odell entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Walters and family, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Beery, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Christman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colter and family.

There will be a special meeting of the Royal Neighbors at the hall Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Business of importance will come up and refreshments will be served. Every Royal Neighbor is urged to attend.

The regular session of the city council will be held tonight at the city hall. It is likely that some action will be taken regarding the proposed new power plant, which the city will have to build in order to take care of assured growth and increased demand for electric current which will grow with the coming of the General Electric factory to this city. An expert

The Woman's club gave another of its delightful musical programs at the Masonic hall last evening. Misses Helen Niblick, Celia Andrews, Georgia Vachon, Mrs. Cal Peterson had charge of the program, which treated of the

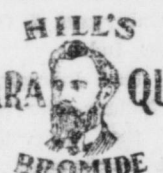
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