

ERIE APPOINTMENTS

The following are the appointments of officials of the Chicago & Erie railroad that are now in effect:

George T. Depue, mechanical superintendent; John R. Sexton, regional engineer; William V. Kennedy, general freight and passenger agent; Albert N. Breland, freight claim adjuster; John W. Cofer, auditor; James E. Leverton, chief of police; Harry W. Trumpler, assistant treasurer; Forrest W. Rosser, superintendent, Chicago & Hammond terminals; Edmund L. Bowen, superintendent of Marion division. A. F. WALLACE, Manager.

WORK IN RANK OF PAGE

The Knights of Pythias Lodge will have work in the rank of page at the regular meeting on Thursday evening. All members of the lodge, and especially the degree team, are urged to be present. J. H. STEWART, Acting C. C.

CARD OF THANKS

The ladies of the Union Chapel wish to thank the people who were so liberal in helping them at the Bell and Gander sale; also Mr. Bell and Mr. Gander. The ladies cleared over \$60.

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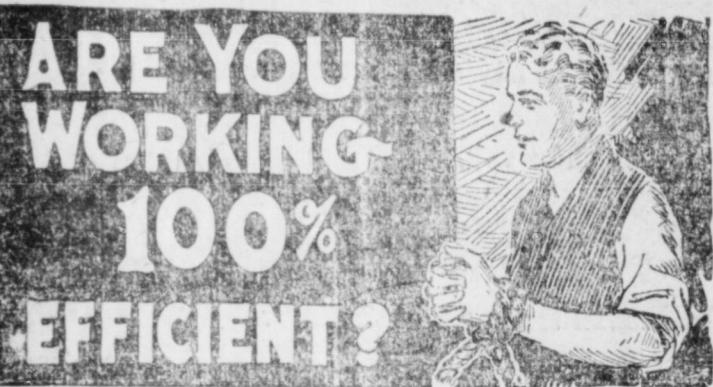
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Will Not Grip or Sicken

should be kept in every home—ready for the time when someone feels "creepy," "chilly," "achy" and "just know they are catching cold." Safe—dependable—and quick in action. Will not grip or sicken. Get a box today from your druggist or dealer. Only 25 cents a box.

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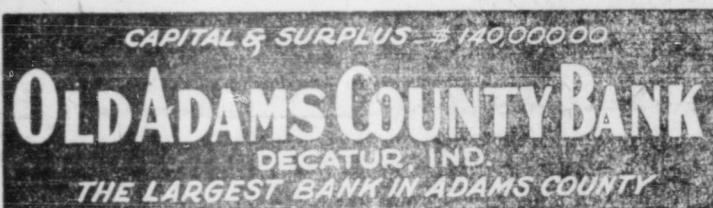
None Better. Family size, \$1.00. Other sizes, 25c-50c. By All Druggists.



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You are not doing your duty unless you are running at full production and up to full capacity.



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The Victory Saving plan is the best plan that can be offered.

Get acquainted with it.

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A BANK'S STRENGTH CONSISTS OF:
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DECATUR, INDIANA.

WANTED: A MOTHER!

One day recently an agent of the Board of State Charities, whose duty it is to find homes for homeless children, visited one of the larger orphanages of Indiana. On reaching the institution he received a friendly greeting from the superintendent a pathetically eager one from the children. They all knew him and they knew why he came. With the superintendent he entered the boys' division. Eager, expectant faces looked into his and there was a rapid fire of questions. "Say, Mister, ain't you going to take me?" "I've been here a long time; don't nobody want me." "Don't you think I could make good?" "If I'll try, will you get me a home?" One unprepossessing lad said: "Shucks! Tain't no use, Mister, but won't you just take my name for luck?" And thus, the questions continued. Bright, active, eager little fellows, sixty of them, all hungry for love and individuality of home life!

In the girls' division the agent heard the same questions and wishes more quietly expressed. Here were forty girls, wanting and needing home care, training and individual consideration. Some of them were very bright and attractive and all of them capable of development. They are happy and well cared for in this institution, but they want real homes like other children. One of the brightest girls, but not at all prepossessing, sidled up to the matron and gave expression to what was in every hungry little heart when she whispered, "Will he get me a mama?" Here, then, in this one institution were a hundred children wanting and needing homes and mother love. The agent had several applications in his pocket, but not one of them could be filled. What was the trouble? Simply a matter of age. The applications called for blue-eyed, curly-haired baby girls, or fine, sturdy baby boys, or for either boys or girls over twelve years old, and in all this group there wasn't a single child ready to be placed who was under five or over twelve years old. There was nothing for the agent to do but to carry his applications back to his office and place them on file.

DEMOCRAT WANT ADS PAY BIG!

THANKFUL FOR HER HEALTH

Before Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Mrs. Penkey was Miserably Ill.

Ottawa, Ohio.—"After the birth of my baby I was troubled with serious female trouble. At times I was so weak and nervous I could not stand it to hear my baby cry. I tried a doctor's medicine with no results. At last a friend advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound which I did and am completely cured.

I am thankful for your wonderful medicine and you can use my testimonial as you think best." —Mrs. JOHN PENKEY, R. 3, Box 6, Ottawa, Ohio.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from native roots and herbs, contains no narcotics or harmful drugs, and today holds the record of being the most successful remedy we know for woman's ills. If you need such a medicine why don't you try it?

If you have the slightest doubt about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will help you, write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., (confidential) Lynn, Mass., for advice. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman, and held in strict confidence.

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Second Hand

Auto Parts?

We are buying old cars every day. The part you were looking for yesterday may be here today.

Top Cash Price

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Maier Hide & Fur Co.
30 years in Decatur.
Phone 442.

GROWING LESS

Little Red School Houses are Being Consolidated Into Districts

RESULTS OVER STATE
Nearly Half of One Room School Houses Have Been Consolidated

The Indianapolis Star in telling of the progress made in the consolidation of the rural schools says:

A thirty years' campaign for the consolidation of rural schools in Indiana by state educational leaders has resulted in the reduction of the number of one-room schools in the state from 8,853 in 1890 to 4,889 in 1920. The total number of one-room schools abandoned in favor of consolidated schools is 3,990, or 45 per cent.

Randolph county leads the state, with 92.1 per cent of the one-room schools in operation in 1890 abandoned this year. There were 115 one-room schools in the county thirty years ago and only nine remain, the number of abandoned schools being 106. Montgomery county is second in the state in consolidation, with 91.1 per cent of the one-room schools of 1890 now abandoned. Marion county is third on the list, with 90.5 per cent of its one-room schools abandoned, but nine remaining in the county. There were ninety-eight school schools in Marion county in 1890 and the number of abandoned schools for the thirty-year period is eighty-one. Other leading counties of the state in consolidation work are Rush, with 88.2 per cent of its 1890 one-room schools abandoned; Delaware, 87.8 per cent, and Wabash 85.5.

The six most backward counties in Indiana in consolidation work, according to available reports, are Harrison, Orange, Monroe, Crawford, Martin, Pike. Harrison county had 135 one-room schools in 1890 and now has 123 such schools. Orange county has abandoned only two of its one-room schools since 1890, a reduction of 2.1 per cent. In Monroe county only one district school has been closed during the thirty years of the consolidation campaign in Indiana. The county now has ninety-two one-room schools.

No Change in Thirty Years

Crawford county, the reports indicate, has seventy-five one-room schools, the same number as thirty years ago. Available records indicate that Martin and Pike counties have not only not accomplished anything toward consolidation, but actually have more one-room schools now than in 1890. Martin county thirty years ago had eighty-eight one-room school and now has ninety-six. Pike county had seventy-six such schools in 1890 and now has eighty-five.

The largest number of one-room schools at the present time are in Washington county, 117; Greene county, 110; Allen county, 109. The smallest number of one-room schools in 1920 are in Randolph, Marion, Montgomery and Rush counties. Randolph and Marion counties have but nine schools remaining and Montgomery and Rush counties now have eleven one-room schools each.

The consolidation movement means the passing of the "little schoolhouse on the hill" with one teacher, and the substitution of a modern school building with a corps of trained teachers and adequate equipment, to which pupils living at a distance are transported at public expense. There are now 1,002 consolidated schools in Indiana, taking the place of the 3,990 one-room schools abandoned since 1890, according to recent reports. Three hundred of the consolidated schools are located in the country, 528 in villages and 135 in larger towns.

Average Cost

The average cost of the buildings and equipment of the consolidated schools of the state is \$20,287, according to official reports. Manual shop work is provided in 234 of the buildings, 331 have home economics laboratories, 231 have agricultural laboratories and forty-nine have a separate auditorium for community gatherings.

According to official reports, 57,059 pupils are being transported to the consolidated schools at annual cost of \$1,250,460. There are now 4,193 school wagons in use in Indiana. County school superintendents report that the pupils are entirely satisfied with transportation and that 90 per cent of the parents are satisfied. The pupils ride an average of four and one-half miles to school and are on an average of one hour a day.

The average number of teachers for the consolidated schools is four and one-half.

The consolidation of rural schools in Indiana began actively about 1890, according to school officials. Only

three counties of the state reported movements for consolidation prior to 1897. Frank L. Jones, former state superintendent of public instruction of Indiana, in a report published in 1900 gives the credit to William S. Hall, of Washington township, Rush county, for being the original promoter of consolidation in Indiana. In 1876 Mr. Hall closed five schools and erected a grade school in the center of the township.

The order of the Eastern Star is believed to have originated in the United States in 1778, but made little progress until 1850.

Owing to the scarcity of steel, Canada will not be in a position to build steel ships for at least two or three years.

PLUCK

(By Edward A. Guest)

When things are running crosswise and the engine's out of gear, When the road is rough and rocky and the sky is far from clear, When you're plainly up against it and you're surely out of luck, That's the time to use your courage and to show your stock of pluck.

Most anyone can travel on a road that's smooth and clear And anyone can get there if he only has to steer, But when the motor's balky and you're running in the muck, If you're ever going to get there you must call upon your pluck.

There's no thrill in easy sailing when the skies are clear and blue, There's no joy in merely doing things which anyone can do, But there is some satisfaction that is mighty sweet to take When you reach a destination that you thought you'd never make.

So when everything's against you and your plans are going wrong, Just face the situation and keep moving right along— Don't sit down and wail and whimper, even though you may be stuck, You're not absolutely helpless if you still possess your pluck.

INTRODUCING SAHLUKENE QUEEN OF WITCH DOCTORS



Sahlukene Cole,

once queen of the

Zulu

witch doctors,

has abandoned her

practice

and is studying

Christianity.

Cole was known as

premier

"caster out"

of

"maidenly spirits"

in

Africa.

The Zulus be-

lieve these spirits

have power to keep

eligible young men

from proposing.

At least, the Zulu debu-

tante thinks this true

and when a proposal

does not come quickly

she seeks the witch

doctor.

Tribal wars

in recent years have

made men scarce in

Zululand, so Cole was

doing a tremendous

business when a field

worker for the religi-

ous, social and eco-

nomic world survey

of the Interchurch

World Movement met

her.

He saw Cole

banish spirits with in-

cantation and the

smoke from a fire

consisting of herbs,

leaves, cuttlefish

powder, elephant's

flesh and a live

python.

Cole ex-

plained that the

python's ability

to hold tightly was

passed on to the maiden that she might keep her husband in an everlasting

grip.

It was through the efforts of Dr. James B. McCord, a Congregational

medical missionary, that Cole became interested in Christianity.

Dr. McCord is now in the United States in the interest of a medical institute

to be started in Durban.

Here the Zulu witch doctors will be taught

medicine and surgery.

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