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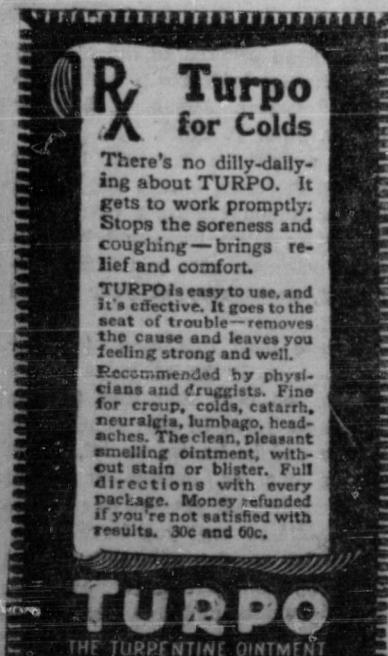
The right of a newspaper to exist was discussed in an editorial in the Sunday Tribune, which said:

"The newspaper was devised to meet a demand not for ethical leadership, but for information as to events. The public wanted news. The newspaper was invented to supply the want. That is why it is called a newspaper—not a sermon, a tract, or an essay, but a paper of news."

"The newspaper today is a complicated institution in comparison to its primitive form. It has added other functions than that of collecting and purveying news. But these are of secondary importance. This is a matter of functions, not of motives or principles. One newspaper may be governed by inferior ethics, another by superior. But whatever the ethical standards which govern its editors and its editing, its central function, and reason for being, is not ethical leadership, but the collection and dissemination of news."

"That is a considerable responsibility, the competent performance of which has been the study of specialists for nearly two centuries. It is one of the most important functions of civilized society, one of the principal factors in human progress. Nevertheless the same institution which performs this function, and performs it, we believe, with as much regard for ethical principle as any other profession, business, or trade, has added other functions. Advertising is, of course, news and salesmanship combined. Editorials seek to arouse thought and action. Special articles and critiques supply a wide range of information and guidance. Commerce, public law, education, religion, moral charity, political life, all find in the modern newspaper an aid and accessory of the first importance. Nevertheless these added services do not change the inherent nature of the newspaper nor impose upon it as a primary purpose or responsibility, ethical, political, esthetic, or other functions. The newspaper is and always must be a newspaper first and last."

Andrew W. Mellon, multi-millionaire, second only to John D. Rockefeller in wealth, is now slated to be secretary of the treasury in the Harding cabinet. The big business organization seems to control and the common folks and the small merchant and the ordinary manufacturer and the farmer and laboring man, will see a good many signs which will prove that during the next four years. It may be alright and we hope it is, while doubting that this nation can be conducted for the benefit of any class, be that rich or poor.

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THE TURPENTINE OINTMENT

The legislature will very probably pass the bill permitting a commission form of government. Under the plan any city can conduct an election to ascertain the will of the people as to whether or not they wish to change from the old party plan to one whereby five commissioners are chosen, non-partisan, and these elect a mayor from their number. Richmond, Anderson and other cities are preparing to adopt the new plan and no doubt many others will do so.

It's a difficult matter to smile when the weather continues to frown and weep, but what's the use to do anything else? Brighter days are coming and we are going to come through fine and dandy. Those who live in America are more prosperous and happier than those of other nations, so much so that we ought to all feel thankful. That may help some.

The Decatur Industrial association will meet this evening at the library and you are invited. If you are interested in Decatur and Adams county, come out. You will be interested. Farmers, business men, laborers, every citizen is invited—more than that urged to take part in these meetings.

Celebrate Their Golden Wedding

(Continued from page one) daughter-in-laws, one son-in-law and seven grandchildren.

Also one daughter Anna and one son Albert, have been called by the angel of death, in mere infancy, and without a doubt are enjoying eternal happiness in heaven. They too, are asking our dear Savior to bless you and perhaps are anxiously awaiting the hour to come when they can and will assist you before the judgment seat of our God, an honor they desire, namely, ushering their parents into everlasting peace.

These were the only deaths in your immediate family or the family of any of your children. This surely is a special blessing and all the more reason why we should meet with you and celebrate your golden wedding day.

You have seen this community change from a dense wilderness to fertile lands, beautiful homes and modern commercial enterprises. From the days when the log cabin with its fire and candle-light were the only home comforts, oxen the oven wagon was the only home comfort, when the oxen-wagon was the only conveyance, when the only method of communication was by letter, and that slow and necessarily uncertain, you have seen a gradual change and the inauguration of all our modern-day luxuries and business necessities. I especially refer to the change in transportation, canal transportation, steam railways, electrical railways, carriages, automobiles, and now more recently aerial navigation. From "Old Oaken Bucket" well water to water with the Hydrant in your home; from the candle to gas, and now your electrically-lighted home and streets; from the farmer with his scythe to reap the harvest to the present day farmer with modern machinery. And many other changes might be enumerated until it would become too tiresome to bear all of mentioned.

With all these changes you have not only kept pace, but more, you have set the pace yourself. And it must be evident that your maxim was, "Strong Men Have Purposes." Others have wishes—dare to do something bigger than you have ever done. Otherwise, you would have fallen out of line in the procession and not be with those in the front—still leaders. The example your lives teaches us will surely be a source of great comfort, pleasure and assistance in the future.

From you we have inherited health and youth, womanhood and manhood, and as breed cast upon the waters returneth after many days, you have the joy, the laughter, the bright faces of your children. This will be a golden day in their memories—the day grandpa and grandma celebrated their golden wedding.

Your kindly faces and words of counsel will still be helpful to us all and we therefore hope that divine providence may continue showering His blessings upon you, that we may participate in the celebration of many more anniversaries.

The happy couple received many beautiful and valuable presents from their children and grandchildren, and also many telegrams and letters of congratulation from relatives and friends.

Tonight a reception will be given at the K. of C. hall from 7 until 11 o'clock, one hundred invitations having been issued for this.

Flavor!

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Sold Everywhere

SOME NEW DISCOVERIES.

Wabash, Ind., Feb. 7.—Among the important discoveries of the last year should be listed those made by members of the civics class of the local high school, according to Miss Stella Moore, a teacher. In correcting the semester examination papers Miss Moore found that public utilities spread disease; T. R. was a bill vetoed by President Wilson; The Hague, a disease of the throat and a place where lost souls gather; treason is murder or intense robbery while the attorney-general has charge of the state militia.

The pupils further set out that an injunction is a road marker to tell which state you are in; an alien a person who has no parents until he is twenty-one years old, but may become a citizen by being born in the United States. One pupil stated that when an alien comes to this country he is taken to Alien Island in New York, bathed, fumigated, and if not admitted to the country is exported with other undesirables.

WILL CLOSE TONIGHT

The meeting at the United Brethren church will close tonight, unless new interest breaks out. Yesterday was a splendid day from the beginning until the closing. The Sunday school numbered 282, the lovefeast and the communion was the largest, as well as the Sunday school. The junior interest was good, also the C. E. The C. E. was led by O. P. Mills.

The house was packed for the preaching service and a good interest shown in the service throughout. One young lady and three heads of families were at the altar, and the service closed with seven joining the church. Offerings have been splendid all through the meeting. The rude balcony cost a hundred dollars not counting the labor which was donated and this was all collected besides a number of regular collections which were fine. The number professing new life to date is eighty-two; joined the church to date thirty-six. Some of these converted were from other towns and the country around, while still others are from other churches of the city and a number therefore will join at other places.

Good help was given by some of the other churches for which the church is grateful and appreciates.

All the public is invited to the meeting tonight which in all probability will close tonight.

DOINGS IN SOCIETY

Club Calendar

Monday.

Woman's Club—Masonic Hall. TUES.—taoinfwtiaoppojp7 bz kaqe W. C. T. U.—Mrs. Jacob Atz. Phi Delta Kappa—Club Rooms.

TUESDAY.

Ladies' Auxiliary to American Legion—G. A. R. Hall.

TUESDAY—Tri Kappa, Mrs. Albert Sellemeyer.

The Tri Kappa sorority will meet Tuesday evening with Mrs. Albert Sellemeyer on Fifth street.

WEDNESDAY.

Wednesday Afternoon—Historical club, Mrs. Leland Franks. Shakespeare club—Mrs. D. B. Erwin.

Reformed Aid—Mrs. John Glancy.

Thursday.

Evangelical Ladies' Aid—At the home of Mrs. Martha Roop, First st. Phoebe Bible Class—Mrs. Charles Brodbeck.

Evangelical Ever-Ready Class—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler.

Friday.

Zion Lutheran Aid—School House.

On the account of sickness in the February section of the Evangelical Ladies' Aid society the October section will have charge of the meeting Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. Martha Roop on First street. This is the first meeting of the new year and each member is kindly requested to be present.

Miss Betty Erwin is entertaining a number of little folks at her home this afternoon for Little Mary Bess Owen, of Detroit, Mich.

Misses Eva Acker and Rose Christen will entertain Tuesday evening for Mrs. Burt Owen of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Minta Acker Blissner of Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada.

The Historical club will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. Leland Franks, North Tenth street.

The Christian Ladies' Aid of the Christian church, will meet for an all day session on Friday February 11th beginning at 10 o'clock at the Noah Mangold home. The ladies are asked to material for two aprons. Those materials when made up will be sold at the Easter Bazaar. Mrs. Mangold will act as hostess.

The Shakespeare club will meet with Mrs. D. B. Erwin Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. R. H. Moltz will be the leader.

The Zion Lutheran Ladies' Aid society will meet Friday afternoon in the school house, and all ladies of the church are asked to be present.

All members of the Phi Delta Kappa fraternity are requested to meet at the club rooms this evening. Business of importance.

In the Bluffton News in the Fort Wayne Journal Gazette Sunday is the announcement of the engagement of Miss Lena Dick, of Bluffton, and Mr. Elmer Beer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Beer, of Berne. The date of the wedding is not announced.

The members of the Ever-Ready Club of the Evangelical church will meet Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Butler on Winchester street. The husbands of the ladies will also be invited, and a pot luck supper will be a feature of the evening's entertainment.

The Reformed Ladies' Aid society will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. John Glancy. Members, please take notice to change in meeting to this week.

The Phoebe Bible class will meet on Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Charles Brodbeck on Seventh street.

We should greatly enjoy an opportunity of showing and explaining the many exclusive features of this splendid silverware.

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