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The basketball season is over and Franklin has the honor for the third time. Now we can consider a few other things, such as house cleaning, garden making, politics and business.

It's about time for the candidates for congress in the eighth district to announce. Several have been mentioned but so far no declarations have been filed—and this is a democratic year. Don't forget that.

We are over the roughest part of the depression period and its time to step out and do things. This county can be a busy place the coming year if a little effort is made right now and we should not lose any time planning for that effort.

It doesn't make much difference whether the bill for a soldier bonus is presented in congress or not. If it is it will either be pigeon-holed there or accidentally surviving will have a short life in the senate. The powers are against it and the outcome is sure. There won't be a bonus.

This community will of course be glad to cooperate with the representatives of the Yeomen's lodge and to assist them in every possible way to locate their national home near this city. We believe they will find here just what they are seeking in every way.

It would be fine if congress would dispose of the four power treaty and the bonus bill and take up some other matters of considerable importance for American corps and products. Prolonging action on these bills doesn't help any. Action one way or the other is what is needed.

A young man named Gillespie arrested in Detroit Saturday evening, confessed that he was one of the bandits who held up the Orpheum theater at Fort Wayne at noon on December 27th last. He says they got \$3,500, made a trip to California and old Mexico, got flimmed out of most of it and is now broke. He has a family who will suffer more than he. Funny world.

President Harding must have been impressed after returning from his ten day fishing and golf trip to see how little progress had been made by congress in his absence. Those fellows just won't move whether they are bossed or allowed to go their own way. As time markers they long ago proved themselves the best but in the meantime we get no where in the work of reconstruction or business.

THE CRYSTAL TONIGHT

"THE TRUANT HUSBAND"

A big Rockett production, featuring an all-star cast including, Mahlon Hamilton, Betty Blythe, Francilia Billington
A big society drama containing a beautiful romance and mixed with just enough comedy to please. You'll like this one because it is different.
—Added Attraction—
The tenth episode of the famous serial, "Daredevil Jack," featuring Jack Dempsey.
Admission 10 and 15 cents

John Duval Dodge is becoming famous because of a big drunk he was on in Kalamazoo the other day. He was arrested, fined and sent to jail for five days. Newspaper accounts of the good sportsmanship he showed in jail made a hero of him. He is the kind of a sport that causes much suffering in the world and since he is such a good workman about the jail it might be a good idea to keep him there a while longer.

Gene Stratton Porter advises that the way to build a home is to plan for a cool veranda, fire place and a good bath room and then surround these necessities with bed rooms, kitchen, etc. She also adds that every happy home ought to have an automobile and says the way to make home a real place is to so plan that mother won't have to drudge fifteen hours a day but instead can have a least half her time for herself. Her arguments are new but after all how far wrong is she?

And now commences the second week of the milk campaign. Let's make it snappy.

Mr. Beveridge continues to talk about campaign expenditures and Senator New continues to reply "piffle." Mr. Schafer of the Indianapolis Star again repeats that if New is nominated and doesn't care for the support of the Star papers, he don't have to accept it. They are trying to prove now that to make a state campaign a candidate must spend about fifty thousand dollars which is ten times the amount permitted under the law, but they argue they have a right to snap their fingers at such a law. Maybe so but not so very long ago a number of democrats were railroaded to the penitentiary for snapping their fingers. The Newberry decision seems to have changed the minds of the law enforcement crowd.

THE SECOND WEEK

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- ship, (Bobo), 2 sessions.
- 9:50—Pleasant Mills schools—3 sessions.
- 1:00—Pleasant Mills schools.
- 2:00—Dist. No. 4—Blue Creek township.
- 2:40—Dist. No. 3—Blue Creek township.
- 3:20—Dist. No. 2—Blue Creek township.
- Wednesday, March 22nd
- 9:00—Dist. No. 7—Blue Creek township.
- 9:50—Dist. No. 5—Blue Creek township.
- 10:35—Dist. No. 6—Blue Creek township.
- 11:30—Dist. No. 1—Blue Creek township.
- 1:30—Dist. No. 5—Washington township.
- 2:15—Dist. No. 3—Washington township.
- 2:55—Dist. No. 8—Washington township.
- 3:30—Dist. No. 7—Washington township.
- Thursday, March 23rd
- 9:00—Dist. No. 6—Washington township.
- 9:40—Dist. No. 1—Monroe township.
- 10:20—Dist. No. 6—Monroe township.
- 11:00—Dist. No. 7—Monroe township.
- 1:30—Dist. No. 3—Monroe township.
- 2:10—Dist. No. 2—Monroe township.
- 3:00—Dist. No. 5—Monroe township.
- 3:30—Dist. No. 8—Monroe township.
- 9:00—Dist. No. 3—Wabash township.
- 10:00—Dist. No. 6—Wabash township.
- 10:40—Dist. No. 7—Wabash township.
- 1:00—Dist. No. 6—Jefferson township.
- 1:50—High schools, Jefferson township, 4 sessions, 2 speakers.
- Friday, March 24th
- 9:00—Parochial school—Monroe township.
- 10:00—Monroe schools, 4 sessions.
- 1:00—Dist. No. 1—Wabash township.
- 1:40—Dist. No. 2—Wabash township.
- 2:20—Dist. No. 4—Wabash township.
- 3:00—Dist. No. 5—Wabash township.
- 9:30—Geneva schools, 7 sessions, 2 speakers.
- 1:00—Berne schools, 9 sessions 2 speakers.

WILSON IS SILENT

(United Press Service).
Washington, March 20.—Former President Wilson is "not at present expressing an opinion on any public questions," his secretary, John R. Bolling, today informed the United Press. This was in reply to an inquiry as to whether Wilson was opposed to the four power Pacific treaty, as has been reported in the senate at various times.

LEGION POST PICKS BEAUTY

Miss Edith Patterson Crowned by American Legion as Most Beautiful Girl in America.

Arkansas comes forth with Miss Edith Mae Patterson to prove that, as a state, its products are unsurpassed anywhere in the world. Miss Patterson won a mid-western beauty contest, and has subsequently been crowned the most beautiful girl in America by critical members of the Roy Kinnard post of the American Legion. Arkansas stands ready to stake her against all comers.

Digging around in oyster flats in the Arkansas river, assiduous citizens produced a beautiful pearl which they bestowed on Marshal Foch during his visit. And picking around in the Arkansas diamond mines other citizens uncovered an Arkansas diamond, which was presented to Hanford MacNider, commander of the Legion. Persistently refusing to be "misunderstood," this hearty state is manifesting surprising fertility of soil, with its diamonds and pearls and women.

PLANS GREAT MOUNTAIN CAMP

American Legion in New York to Provide Hunting Lodge for the Tubercular Ex-Soldiers.

Curing tubercular ex-soldiers by giving them a hunting lodge in the Adirondacks is the most recent plan of the American Legion in New York state. A mammoth mountain camp, 30 miles from Saranac lake, has been secured, its doors to be opened to the 10,000 service men who cannot now find a bed. In the adjoining forest, comprising 12,000 acres of state preserve, will soon be scattered lean-tos and shelters, where disabled men will bunk in solid comfort, breathing the air which can restore them to health. Permission to use the preserve as a hunting ground has been granted by the state; and at the main camp on Big Tupper lake there will be bowling alleys, motor boats and athletic fields at the disposal of the patients. Each Legion post in the state has been given the chance to put up its own lean-to, men of that post to be given precedence in occupancy. Twenty thousand dollars has already been subscribed to the fund.

CHIEF FUN-MAKER BUSY MAN

President Elvers of "40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux," Forced to Resign as State Adjutant.

Edward J. Elvers, national president of "40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux"—fun-making society of the American Legion, finds that the duties as head of a "funny" organization are more pressing than any serious work. Making fun took so much of his time that he was forced to resign his former position as state adjutant of the Legion in the state of Oregon.

One of the proud moments in Elvers' life was when, before a crowd of 7,000 people, he presented Marshal Foch the little gold badge of the order—boxcar, horse and all. Elvers began his military career in 1910 in the National Guard. During the war he served 15 months overseas as captain of the machine-gun company of the One Hundred and Sixty-second infantry, which was not, as he says, a fun-making society.

A Footless Hunt.

"Whoof!" panted Dottie Dimpleknees as she sank into a chair in the theatrical agency office, "I've simply run my legs off trying to see the manager of this show about a job in the chorus."

"Lady," said Otis, the office boy, "I ain't seen the manager, but if that's the case you might as well go back home."—American Legion Weekly.

Carrying On With the American Legion

Twenty hospitals in three years is the record of one disabled fighter discovered by the American Legion.

Ex-soldiers who have lost their discharge papers will be able to obtain duplicates under a bill now before congress.

A sum of \$50,000,000 has been raised by Australia for the use of her unemployed former soldiers. Another great sum has been raised to buy land for farms to be cultivated by them.

Frederick P. Peters, Fort Worth, Tex., was unconscious when he was handed over to the American Legion post in that city. Diagnosis revealed that what he needed most was ham and eggs.

Marshal Foch was made an honorary member of the Cambridge (Mass.) Post of the Grand Army of the Republic. A delegation of Civil war veterans pinned a bronze medal on his chest.

EASILY WON THE NOMINATION

Dr. W. J. McGregor of Wilkinsburg, Pa., Has No Legs, but Made Fast Run for Office.

The loss of both his legs in the service of his country did not deter Dr. W. J. McGregor, Wilkinsburg, Pa., from entering a hot political fight against opponents who had sturdy limbs and knew how to use them. He won the nomination for corner of his county by a majority of 50,000.

Doctor McGregor, a first lieutenant in the medical corps, went overseas for duty in July, 1917, serving with the British in a general hospital at Manchester, England. Later he went to France with a machine-gun battalion of the British Second division and in the action before Albert in March, 1918, lost both his legs when a big German shell exploded near him. Doctor McGregor is a member of Wilkinsburg-Edgewood post of the Legion.

MANY WOUNDS, HAS NERVE

Frank Schrepfer Wins First Prize in School of Landscape Architecture at Harvard.

Wounds received under heavy fire in the Argonne forest shattered everything but the nerve of Frank H. Schrepfer, Chicago. In spite of the fact that he is partially blind and that he has the use of only one arm, he has established an excellent record in the graduate school of landscape architecture at Harvard, and has outstripped his associates by winning first prize in the general class competition. Schrepfer was admitted to the school only after repeated efforts on the part of the Veterans' bureau, as it was believed his disabilities would prove too great a handicap. But the spirit of come-back which he displayed in aspiring to a profession in spite of apparently insurmountable obstacles, coupled with his talent, soon made his place secure.

VETERANS SUFFER FROM COLD

Measure Offered to Provide Shivering Men With Clothing Now Being Eaten by Moths.

War veterans are suffering from the cold in the very shadow of warehouses where vast quantities of surplus army clothing lie idle. This anomalous condition will be righted if a bill favorably reported in the house by the military affairs committee is passed.

The bill authorizes the secretary of war to co-operate with the surgeon general in providing all disabled veterans under care in government hospitals and institutions with adequate clothing and equipment. Thousands of dollars' worth of this material is now stored away, inviting moths, while thousands of former soldiers are shivering from exposure.

House leaders have demanded a special rule for consideration of the measure. Statements were made on the floor that if congress could rush through an appropriation of \$20,000,000 for starving Russians, it ought to be able to put through a simple bill to help cold service men.

Carrying On With the American Legion

American army officers are now holding rank one to two notches higher than they did under the army organization before the World war.

Chauncey M. Depew has asked for his war medal. The American Legion found, however, that he is only named for the after dinner speaker of fame.

When Pvt. Edward U. Canoose of the American forces stationed in Coblenz received 633 love letters, postcards, etc. in a batch, he took a week's leave.

The French admired the box-like motor trucks introduced by the A. E. F. and ordered 20,000 more. The ones they are now using are a part of the huge mass of war material bought from the army by the French government.

When American Legion representatives met the army transport Cantigny, at the dock in New York, they encountered the following: 502 men from the army of occupation, 68 German wives, 12 French wives, 38 babies of the German wives, and 806 American bodies from the battlefields.

Harvard university sent 11,808 men into the World war. Of the number 1,014 received decorations, and 317 were cited in orders. Two graduates, the late Lieutenant Colonel Whittlessey, and Maj. George G. McMurry, Jr., received the Congressional Medal of Honor. Eighty-two won the American Distinguished Service Cross.

The People's Voice

SHALL WE GO BACK?

To the Editor Decatur Daily Democrat:
I have read with great interest each and every article for and against consolidation of rural schools. In reply to the article in your paper, March 11, I would like to ask the writer to cancel the city of Decatur and find out how many Drs., Lawyers and business men would send their children to the country to attend the one-room schools if food clothing and shelter were furnished free of charge. It was not in the one room schools that they got their inspiration and education. To become Drs., Lawyers and business men. Yes, I spoke of consolidation through enforcement of law. We have that assurance that time will bring and farther more that small townships that are slow in this work may be forced in time to send their children into larger ones that have already consolidated their schools. Are you not forced to pay in taxes for improved highways, hospitals and if some of you were not forced by law we would still be in the most primeval days. There would never be any improvement of any kind. Are you not forced to send your pupils to school until they are sixteen and some talk of raising the age limit to eighteen as in the state of Ohio. The children taking same grade of work over and over again and again—this alone ought to show you what is coming. Your children are in the hands of the state, they belong to the state. It is not money, or land as gifts that children appreciate for many of them when so endowed go through with it in almost less time than it took to bestow the gift. But it is knowledge and education, that fits them to go out in the world that makes for good citizenship and development of character, and freedom to earn their living along the lines for which they are fitted and adapted. It will be efficiency—efficiency that will count in the future.

The things that are worth while in life—cost and we must pay the price. A writer has well said that a little learning is a dangerous thing—drink deep or taste not of the Pierian Spring I have found in life that those who know the most and best educated are the most humble and most easily approached. The egotist is the one who knows but little and cares to know, no more who never learns a new thing and never forgets an old one. Recently I read in a standard magazine of seven whole families who have entered the university of Nebraska. They say unanimously that their hardest task is to unlearn what they learned in the poorly taught one-room school and that it takes a real school to show any one how very poor these one-room schools are.

With all due respect to the country teacher in such a school, I will say that no one can do justice to all grades from first to eighth. Only when suitable to each grade be done. If all that has been added recently to the curriculum for country children in the one-room school were eliminated it would still be impossible. It is not the curriculum that is most wrong it is the system.

When Abraham Lincoln was ready to educate his son, Robert, he did not send him to a one-room school, but to the best school that he could find in New York City. Abraham Lincoln loved his son too well and did not want his son to pass through the privation and suffering that he did. How much greater might Abraham Lincoln himself have been with the modern methods of education.

Just recently I discussed the subject of the preparedness of the country boys and girls compared with that of city children in graded work. He said when the country children enter our school we find them grades behind and are forced to drop them back one and two grades and sometimes more. When an able man finds this to be the condition it cannot be denied.

Nearly all of the people who oppose consolidation, are the people who never got beyond the three R's and know but little of them. Those who cannot even read and write I should like to find myself with such a class and still call myself progressive. These people all who down consolidation know nothing absolutely nothing of graded schools and of the splendid mental drill in high school never saw inside of such buildings and are therefore absolutely ignorant along these lines. I know a lawyer who in his childhood attended a one-room school in Adams county, Ind. I never hear from him but what he asks if the schools in Adams county have been consolidated. He knows all he wants to of the one-room school.

Yes, I will agree with the writer that we are known by our fruits. There never was a more truthful saying. I will remember my own experience when a child in attending the one-room school. There is not one pleasant

thought connected with it. Talk about fresh air, and wading mud. I am very sure I would never want a child of mine to pass through what I did, yet many are willing that their children shall—and yet they love them. Only a week ago, a farmer told me of his beautiful little girl, who took a severe cold, through exposure going to and from school, this along with improper heating in school caused her death. Through the help and encouragement of a dear friend outside of school she caught the inspiration of high school and longed to be enrolled. But she died before the opportunity came. Another child I personally know right now lying at point of death illness caused by exposure, and sitting with wet feet all day in the school room.

Just a few days ago I personally examined the feet of a little girl on her way home from school and found them wet and cold and in that condition all day. Talk about such advantages being conducive to health.

The one-room school has served its day and generation. It belongs to pioneer life the best they then could do. What are the people doing who uphold the one-room school or the ideas of more than fifty years back for the boys and girls to interest them and hold them in the country. There is little or no danger of them leaving home or running away where they are interested in music, mathematics, literature or manual training. There are many faculties of the mind to be developed which the old fashioned teaching of the three R's never touch. These faculties lie dormant until awakened by some real teacher.

In all of the articles that I have read favorably to consolidation, I have yet the first one to read in which the writer said consolidation should precede improved highways or where the school should be located. Broad-minded people do not care where it is located just so it is located.

In the state of Nebraska state officials locate all schools in center of township, the people and trustees have nothing to say about it which is a good thing, for then school houses cannot be built and moved according to the petty selfishness of trustees.

I will say in reply to the writer of March 11 that in a standard magazine I read recently that Illinois will close her one-room schools by the hundreds this year and get ready for

I Am Absolutely Free of Rheumatism, Nervousness and Dyspepsia--Thanks to

TANLAC

It is a wonderful medicine, states Mrs. F. E. Tounsel, 731 Merchant St., Los Angeles, Cal. Millions of people

all over the U. S., Canada and Mexico have testified to the remarkable reconstructive power of this wonderful medicine. Get a bottle today. At all good druggists.

more consolidation.

No if the people want to save money, and stop high taxes, stop building these one-room schools with ginger-bread finishing and do as they do in Washington township, there they have closed condemned school buildings which cuts off expense of these teachers and pupils of those schools are transported to the next one-room schools realizing that consolidation is coming—this is real wisdom.

If we believe in the one-room school of fifty years ago, let us go backwards, let us go back to the log schoolhouse and keep going back—back—back to the days of the oxcart and the prairie schooner.

A PROGRESSIVE

ITS UP TO CONGRESS

Washington, March 20.—President Harding today refused to make any new recommendations that might lead republican house leaders out of the soldier bonus tangle.

In a conference with house leaders, lasting nearly two hours, the president said in view of his previous statements he had no further suggestions to offer and that full responsibility for any further action must rest with congress.

Thus the bonus was shunted back on the shoulders of congress.

Why Fido Wags His Tail

TO advertise! It is his mode of telling the world of that particular mental state known as happiness.

When the baby laughs, when the sun shines, when the flowers bloom, when dinner sends out its inviting aroma—when any one of a thousand other things happen which attract your attention—you are being advertised to.

The whole purpose of any advertisement is to excite your curiosity, gain your interest, arouse your desire; to tell you something you don't know; to remind you of something you have forgotten; to convince you of something over which you have been hesitating; to help you get the best at least cost.

In short, the purpose of an advertisement is, in one way or another, to make you happier. Think it over. Read the advertisements in this paper and see if that isn't so.