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Eighth district democratic county chairmen will meet at Muncie tomorrow to select a district chairman. Several well known men are being mentioned and the meeting promises to be a very happy one to which you are invited.

Drive over Adams county and you will become an optimist. Every where you go you will find prospects for splendid crop excellent. The farmers have worked under difficulties this spring but they have not lost a minute when the weather permitted them to get in the fields and they are well along with the planting job.

Mine run coal has doubled at the mines since the strike opened and with the amount on hand constantly decreasing indications are that in another six or eight weeks it will be safe for them to settle with the miners and the demand will hold up the price for a year at least. Fine business for the poor cuss who is sure to get the worst of the deal.

Walter S. Chambers, New Castle editor, will be the new democratic state chairman and his selection will meet the approval of the leaders of the state for he is splendidly qualified. As a state senator and a member of the state committee for eight years he made good. He is well posted on the affairs of greatest interest and a hustler who will organize the state down to the precinct. He knows how, has the time to devote to the work and we predict will make a record unequalled in many years.

We believe that the political jobs belong to the political victors and that the civil service as operated at present is some joker but there are some jobs which should not be bounced around. One of these is that of chairman of the highway commission. Tomorrow a new man is to be named to succeed Lawrence Lyons who resigned to become state boss. We do not doubt that his successor will be a politician, one who can operate the big machine to the advantage of his party rather for the benefits of the tax payers—further reasons for changes in the law which permits this expensive department to be converted into a political machine. Watch and see.

The republicans have selected James Eli Watson as the keynoter at the state convention. There was some talk of selecting for this job a man from outside the state but after looking the field over it was decided that the best little keynoter in the world is the junior senator from Indiana.

He will give you all the dope you want and any brand you may care for and will explain in a most satisfactory manner why congress hasn't done any thing. In fact it is expected he will prove conclusively that the record is 100 per cent perfect. Mr. Beveridge will also speak and between the two it is expected that much oil will be spread over the now somewhat turbulent factions of the grand old party. They ought also to call upon the Evansville editor who said New's defeat was due to the "dawdle record" of congress.

Commencement week is at hand, most important for the more than half a hundred young men and women who will receive diplomas from the Decatur high schools and step out into the arena of life and business. Many of them will soon enter colleges and universities while others will at once assume a place in the world of affairs. Boys and girls you have done well. You have stuck to the line of education and the things you have learned should be of much assistance to you in the years to come. However there is much to learn yet. We find that even after several decades we can still continue to secure knowledge each day. You have just passed your first mile in education and have learned

THE CRYSTAL  
TONIGHT"CINDERELLA  
OF THE HILLS"

A big William Fox production featuring the beautiful star,

Barbara Bedford

The intriguing story of a girl who did not know defeat. A tale of love, hate and mystery in the Ozark Mountains with a whirlwind mystery tampered by the soothing song of Cupid.

## Added Attraction

The third episode of the serial,

"Breaking Through" Thrills, Romance, Action Admission 10c and 15c.

ed to study. Keep it up no difference what is to be your avocation. Learn something each day and use your education for the benefit of others. We congratulate you one and all and hope for each long years of usefulness.

The state tax board has published a report which shows that the total monies received by taxes in Indiana in 1918 was sixty eight million while in 1921 this amount was practically doubled, the figures being \$114,638,125. The report is by counties and is the surest proof in the world that the law is the most expensive one ever put on the books of this state. In Adams county in 1918 we paid \$584,918 and last year we paid \$995,949. These figures are from the official records of the tax board and not a county in the state escaped the boost. We are being eaten by taxes and these are caused by a lot of useless boards and commissions. The example in this city right now, where two auditors from the public service commission are checking the books without any reason in the world other than to provide jobs for the men who do the work. In every department we are overrun with inspectors, auditors, experts of one kind or another until we are sick and tired and taxed to the very limit of endurance.

## YEOMEN MEETING TONIGHT

Mr. R. L. Hill, state manager of the Yeomen will arrive here some time today and will attend a meeting of the Yeomen at 7:30 this evening at the hall. All members are urged to be present. Boosters here for the Yeomen school will be glad to greet Mr. Hill who during his visit here a month ago made many friends.

## STRAW HAT DAY

Indianapolis, Ind., May 15—Today was officially proclaimed Straw Hat Day in Indianapolis by Mayor Lew Shank, as follows:

Whereas, it is the established custom for national, state and municipal executives to proclaim officially occasions of special importance, such as Arbor Day, Thanksgiving, Chewing Gum Day, Eat An Apple Day, and other days, too darned numerous for me to enumerate.

Therefore, I, Samuel Lewis Shank, mayor of the city of Indianapolis, do hereby designate, set aside and proclaim, Monday, May 15, as Straw Hat Day.

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Persons may insure themselves against sudden illness which require operation under the terms of a scheme evolved by a firm of London brokers. The insurance covers the expenses of operation and income during convalescence. The scheme has been underwritten by Lloyds.

Come in often. Call any of our workers by their first names. Be one of the many who bank here because it's so friendly.

According to the Bureau of Public Roads 40 per cent of all trucks cover

## DOINGS IN SOCIETY

## CLUB CALENDAR

Monday Literature Section of the Womans Club—Assembly room Library, 7:00.

Tuesday. W. C. T. U.—M. E. Church.

Wednesday. Reformed Ladies' Aid—Mrs. Jim Hoffman, 6th street.

Bachelor Maids—30—Burt Vogewede, Tri Kappa—Jirene Gregory.

The Reformed Ladies' Aid will meet Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Jim Hoffman. Every member is requested to be present at this time.

Decatur club ladies are urged to attend the eighth district convention held at Elwood, Tuesday, May 23, in M. E. church. Many Decatur ladies names appear on committees. Mrs. Holthouse is on the program at 11 o'clock in the morning for a group of songs. Mrs. Meeker of Portland, the new district chairman is planning a good program and urges all club presidents to be present with a 2 minute report of their work the past year.

Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. C. E. Bell, Mrs. Arnold are delegates from Woman's Club.

Miss Burt Vogewede will entertain the Bachelor Maids Wednesday evening at 6:30.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Garrett of Jefferson street entertained for dinner yesterday, Mr. and Mrs. John Everett, Rev. F. D. Whitesell, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Peterson and Miss Jess Winnes.

Mrs. Ed Macy and Lillie Venis left this morning for Indianapolis where they will attend the convention of the Rebecca lodge.

The Tri Kappa sorority will meet Wednesday evening at the home of Miss Jirene Gregory instead of Tuesday as was first announced. All members please take notice.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. will be held Tuesday evening at the Methodist church instead of the home of Mrs. Fred Schafer.

There will be a very important meeting of the Literary section of the Womans Club this evening at 7 o'clock in the assembly room of the Library. All members are urged to attend and if unable to do so, notify the chairman.

L. M. Rice and family of Fort Wayne and F. E. Rice of near Van Buren spent Mother's Day at the home of H. F. Callow with their mother, Mrs. Phoebe Rice. Mrs. Rice accompanied her son, L. M. Rice, to Fort Wayne where she will visit at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fristoe were guests for Sunday dinner at the Conrad home on Line street.

HIGH PRICES PREDICTED  
FOR CORN AND OATS CROPS BY  
AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT

Indianapolis, May 15—High prices for corn and oats in Indiana were forecast today by George C. Bryant, representative of the department of agriculture here today.

A short acreage and a consequent small crop of both these products will force a higher market, Bryant said. Farm work has been delayed by the wet condition of the soil.

"This won't make any material difference to the farmer in the amount of money he receives, however," Bryant said. "But it will make a big difference to the consumer."

"The total amount of money the farmer receives for a small crop will be virtually the same as that he receives for a large crop when prices are low."

Corn is Indiana's principle crop. Oats coming next, ranks almost evenly with wheat and hay. The corn acreage in Indiana is approximately 5,000,000, Bryant said. Wheat, oats and hay are about 2,000,000 acres each.

"In the south part of the state the farmers won't be able to get into the bottom lands for another week yet," he declared. "In nearly every section, the farmer considers May 10 as the final date for getting in his corn."

"In Southern Indiana it should have been in the ground two weeks ago. The effects of that can possibly be overcome to some degree by planting early maturing varieties of corn. And if the frost holds off late enough in the fall, the crops will be helped."

Oats was seeded two or three weeks later than usual and in some counties it has not yet been sown.

According to the Bureau of Public Roads 40 per cent of all trucks cover

ing the highways are 1-ton capacity or less, 33 per cent from between one and two tons and the balance heavier capacities?

CONFERENCE TO  
BE PEACE TEST

Chili and Peru In An Attempt To Settle Old Trouble Today

By A. L. Bradford  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

Hall of Americas Pan-American Building, Washington, May 15.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A test of peace in South America is involved in the conference here today between Chile and Peru in an attempt to bring about a settlement of the forty year controversy over the ownership of the provinces of Tacna and Arica.

The conference opens at noon under the auspices of the American government, secretary of state Hughes calling it to order and making an address of welcome.

After the initial session, which will open, the majority of the subsequent meetings probably being secret; the U. S. Government withdraw, and direct negotiations will be started between Chile and Peru.

Late News  
Flashes  
(United Press Service)

## Brunswick

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## OPERATIC

Partlacci—Ballatella—"Che vole d'auelli" (To Right Without Number) Act I (Leoncavallo) Soprano, In Italy. Florence Easton  
Carmen—Je dis que rien ne m'apprivoit (Micaela's Air) Act III (Bizet) Soprano, in French. Florence Easton

## CONCERT

15023 [ My Dreams (Weatherly-Tosti) Tenor..... Mario Chamies  
Parted (Weatherly-Tosti) Tenor..... Mario Chamies  
Roses in June (Bingham-German) Tenor..... Theo. Karis  
It Is Only a Tiny Garden (Glanville-Wood) Tenor. Theo. Karis  
When the Roses Bloom (In the Time of Roses) (Richard) Soprano..... Marie Tiffany  
Nightingale Song (Rocher-Zeller) Bird Voices by Margaret  
McKee; Soprano..... Marie Tiffany  
I'm a Longin' Fo' You (Fuhrmann-Hathaway) Contralto..... Elizabeth Lennox  
I'm a Longin' Fo' You (Fuhrmann-Hathaway) Contralto..... Elizabeth Lennox

## INSTRUMENTAL

15024 [ Ständchen von Shakespeare (Schubert-Liszt) Piano forte Solo..... Elly Ney  
Soirées de Vienne (Schubert-Liszt) Piano forte Solo..... Elly Ney  
From the Cancrèche (Gardener) Violin Solo..... Elia Bresskin  
Simple Confession (Simple Aveu) (Thomé) Violin Solo..... Elia Bresskin  
In a Clock Store (Descriptive Fantasy) (Offenbach) Miniature Concert Orchestra..... Frank Ferera and Anthony Franchini  
Warbler's Serenade (Perry)..... Miniature Concert Orchestra  
Song to Hawaii (Hawaiian Waltz) Hawaiian Players..... Frank Ferera and Anthony Franchini  
2257 Hawaiian Echoes (Hawaiian One Step) Hawaiian Players..... Frank Ferera and Anthony Franchini

## POPULAR

5182 [ Stealing—Soprano..... Dorothy Jardon  
Remember the Rose—Soprano..... Dorothy Jardon  
Oogle-Oogle Wa Wa—Comedienne with Orchestra..... Margaret Young  
O-oo Ernest—Comedienne with Orchestra..... Margaret Young  
I've Got the Wonder Where He Went and When He's Coming Back Blues—Tenor. Al Jolson with Carl Fenton's Orchestra  
2264 Who Tied the Can on the Old Dog—Tenor..... Bernard with Carl Fenton's Orchestra

## FOR DANCING

2244 [ Samson and Delilah—Fox Trot..... Isham Jones' Orchestra  
Pilgrim's Blues—Fox Trot..... Isham Jones' Orchestra  
Do It Again—Fox Trot—From "The French Doll"..... Isham Jones' Orchestra  
75c Teasin'—Fox Trot..... Bessie Krueger's Orchestra  
75c Kitten on the Keys—Fox Trot..... Carl Fenton's Orchestra  
Nola—Fox Trot..... Carl Fenton's Orchestra  
Rosy-Psy—Fox Trot—From "The Blushing Bride"..... Seline's Orchestra  
Every Day—Fox Trot—Introducing "Oh Gee! Oh Gosh!" from "For Goodness Sake"..... Seline's Orchestra  
2263 Bygones—Fox Trot..... Carl Fenton's Orchestra  
Everybody Knows—Fox Trot..... Carl Fenton's Orchestra  
2245 On the Sapphire Sea—Fox Trot..... Isham Jones' Orchestra  
75c On the Alamo—Fox Trot..... Isham Jones' Orchestra  
2258 Pick Me Up and Lay Me Down in Your Old Dishpan—Fox Trot..... Bonnie Krueger's Orchestra  
Little Tin Soldier—Fox Trot—From "Pins and Needles"..... Bonnie Krueger's Orchestra  
2259 Georgia—Fox Trot..... Carl Fenton's Orchestra  
75c Black Eyed Blues—Fox Trot..... Carl Fenton's Orchestra

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