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Put the fishing rod up for a few weeks and hang on the snow shovel. The weather just now is about as wintry as any time for six months and the signs of spring have all withdrawn or crawled under cover.

If Senator LaFollette is right and the price of gasoline goes to a dollar per gallon there will be a great come back of the one horse shay and the horse business. It's most likely that LaFollette is as wild on this as on most things he has predicted during his public career.

The fifty-fifty bill designed to give the women voters an equal representation with men on committees was finally smothered to death when Speaker Morgan locked it in his safe and refused to give up the combination. The bill passed the senate and was favored by the various women organizations. Mr. Lyons, republican state chairman was the leader of the opposition when the showdown came.

The largest budget in the way of appropriations in the history of Indiana legislatures has just been put through by the legislature of 1923. And at that the three million dollars to be collected in the way of a gasoline tax, and the \$5,000,000 that is being collected for automobile and truck licenses are not included. Talk about getting horned; the taxpayers are in for it in Indiana.—Columbia City Post.

The council is planning to further improve the city power plant by the addition of two new boilers with stokers adding a third additional power and will make the plant modern. The city plant has earned a profit of more than twenty thousand dollars the past year and the improvements will be made without

any bond issue, out of the actual earnings. The present facilities of the plant are being taxed to the limit and the new boilers will make it possible to produce more power at less cost. It's a splendid move and a progressive one.

A North Dakota farmer, according to The Outlook, recently sold a car of potatoes on the eastern market for \$330. Sounds good. But after he had paid the freight, commission and other cost, that farmer received \$136. Do you wonder that there are farm blocs in the legislatures and in congress? Do you wonder that the farmer feels he is getting the worst of things? How long do you think it will take to get back to normalcy at that rate? The producers are willing to meet the rest of the world half way but why should they work as hard as they do and get less than enough to buy a meal in a first class hotel for a carload of potatoes? There is something about the tale to cause everyone to think and act.

Well, Indiana will now have a five million dollar reformatory at Pendleton. A million has been spent, the legislature provides two million more and the next legislature will have a chance to please those who have a cost plus contract. Those criminally inclined will have luxurious quarters when it's all complete but don't get too anxious to get there for so long as those who are in on the snap can secure additional millions you can bet your last little cent that the plans will be added to and it may be a decade before the quarters are finished with marble bath, tile floors, fancy lighting, modern gyms and all the other attractions. No wonder the legislature appropriated fifty-seven million dollars. You get to pay.

"The Lambert bill, which provided an increase from one thousand dollars to two thousand on mortgage indebtedness, has been vetoed by Governor McCray. The bill originated in the house and passed that body by a vote of eighty-seven to one. The bill was aimed as a relief to the farmer, and would have given him a little help in his mortgage and would have done away with double taxation. The measure was argued at length in the senate, and it was the opinion generally that all classes of mortgages should be non-taxable, as the party holding the mortgage pays taxes on it, and to compel the party giving the mortgage to do the same amounts to double taxation. In other words, the mortgagor pays on something he does not own, so long as some other man holds a mortgage

over a part of his holdings. Mr. McCray vetoed the measure, however, and a motion to pass it over his veto was not even recognized by the president of the senate.—Bluffton Banner.



COMMERCIALISM
"The pockets," said Poet Pringle, "Of the poet contain but a mite; But he who can write a jingle Has pockets that jangle aright."
"STAN" says:
When a lad puts a cigarette in his mouth, he thinks he's a man; but when an old man puts a cigarette in his mouth, he thinks he's a boy again.

HE'S GENUINE, AT LEAST
(From the Piscataquis Observer, Dover-Frodoft, Me.)
Don't forget the Monson Centennial celebration Saturday. The greatest collection of antiques ever displayed in the county. Your opportunity to hear Dr. Shailer Mathews, dean of Chicago university.

HE KNEW
She had aspirations. With a long drawn sigh, she said, "My husband is a mere manufacturer of waste-baskets, and it seems to me such a prosy occupation."
"I can't agree with you in that respect," replied the unappreciated bard, "On the contrary, there is really much poetry in waste-baskets."

BEAUTY SECRETS
They say one of the most recent beauty secrets is to eat onions, but how can one keep that a secret?

ADVICE TO WOMAN
Just because you look like a lemon don't think you're going to be squeezed.

YES, IF YOU DON'T WEAKEN
This life we live is a gay old life. Especially if you have a wife. Who bobs her hair and wears short skirts. And with the men she sometimes flirts.

IN THE PICTURES
The poor young couple wed and live in luxury and in splendor. Friend wife never counts the coin. And hubby's, too, some spender.

MEDITATION
I stroll along by the river bank. And list to its sullen roar; It speaks to me of what has been And will be again nevermore.

YEA, VERILY, BO
It's all bunk to talk about the eternal fitness of things to a man with a boil on the back of his neck. It's safer to fix up a good story and stick to it, than to admit the truth to a jealous wife. It's better to have loved and lost, than to have loved and married—in these days of alimony.
COMPETITION IS THE LIFE OF TRADE
An educated monkey is now in the movies. Must be tough on some of the others.
Jack
No not so bad. Not so so much is expected of others.
PUNK PHILOSOPHY
The man who makes a detour on the road of opportunity never reaches success.
Repentance always comes too late to do any good.
It is marvelous that some business men succeed without the assistance of a government expert.

THE ROADS
The spring is the season when roads are a fright and horses plod wheezing from morning till night. The auto stands thick by the highways and lanes—they're certain to stick when old Japo starts the rains. Full many a dollar we spend on the roads, but still folks must waddle with half-measure loads. We ought to have pikes that are smooth, clean and hard, the kind each man likes, be he stranger or bard; for we pay out the seeds by the bushel and peck the coin of our dads both in coin and in check. Results are what score in the road-building game; no wonder we roar and cry "naughty" and "shame." For a few drops of rain, just a quart to the rod, makes travel seem vain and our road work a fraud. Thru mud and thru mire we are forced to progress and our anger and ire get not wonderfully less. Oh men let us rise in our majesty great—forgetting our sighs at the cruelty of fate—and insist strong and stout to each road-building crew that we'll turn 'em all out if they don't build a few thoroughfares that will last thru a gentle spring rain, that will not stick fast either mud or rain. Perhaps—no one knows—they will list to our plea; perhaps—thumb to nose—they will answer, "Hee, hee." Uncle Dud



Wednesday
Shakespeare Club—Mrs. D. Sprang. Pocahontas degree staff—at hall, 2 o'clock.
Historical Club—Mrs. Brice Butler, 324 South Third street, 2:30 p.m.
Tri D Club—Miss Donna Parrish, 7:30.

Thursday
Ladies Aid and Missionary society of Christian church, Mrs. Will Engle, Line street, 2:30 p.m.
Junior Club—Miss Eloise Lewton. Baptist Woman's Society, Mrs. George Massonne, 2:30 p.m.
U. B. Ladies Aid Society—Mrs. E. Hoagland.
Mt. Pleasant Ladies Aid society—Mrs. Goldie Roop.
Eastern Star, 7:30—Masonic Hall.
Loyal Workers Class of E. V. Church—Church parlors.
Y. W. M. C. of Evangelical Church at home of Mrs. Elmer Anspaugh, McBarnes street.

Friday
Presbyterian Men's Meeting—Fried Faith.
Zion Lutheran Aid in School house, 1 p.m.
Ladies Aid Society of M. E. Church—Church Parlors.
Pythian Sisters Rummage Sale—K. of P. home.

Saturday
Mrs. Adams was hostess to the Psi Chi Xi sorority last evening at her home on Mercer avenue. A short business session was held and it was decided to have an "Earn a Dollar" social at the next meeting, which will be with Mrs. John Baumgartner. During the social hour delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Mrs. C. A. Dugan entertained with four tables of bridge last evening in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Pierre Goodrich, of Winchester. The three unusually pretty prizes were awarded to Mrs. J. R. Horton, Mrs. John Tyndall, and Mrs. George Flanders. At a late hour a delicious two-course luncheon was served by the hostess.

Mrs. Pierre Goodrich, of Winchester, and Mrs. C. A. Dugan, will be guests at a luncheon to be given by Mrs. Lewis Ellingham at Fort Wayne Friday.

Mrs. George Teems was hostess to the Doscas class of the Evangelical Sunday School last evening at her home on Mercer avenue. A short business session was held and during the social hour, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

The Aid society of the Zion Lutheran church will meet in the school house at 1 o'clock Friday afternoon.

All ladies having any garments for the Pythian Sisters rummage sale to be conducted Saturday at the K. of P. home are requested to have them at the home not later than Friday afternoon.

The Ladies Aid society of the Methodist church will meet Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the church parlors. All members are urged to be present.

The Y. W. M. A. of Zion's Reformed church held its annual business meeting last evening at the home of Miss Lulu Gerber. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Ella Mutschler; vice president, Eleanor Ropert; treasurer, Della Sellemeyer; recording secretary, Agnes Sellemeyer; corresponding secretary, Ruth Mayer; literary secretary, Letta Wetler; statistical secretary, Mrs. D. Goldner.

The Young Woman's Missionary Circle of the Evangelical church will meet Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Elmer Anspaugh on McBarnes street. All members are invited to attend this meeting.

A pleasant surprise party was given Monday evening in honor of the 45th birthday of John Floyd, manager of the Monroe Grain, Hay and Milling company, of Monroe. A large and delicious dinner was served to the guests by Mrs. Floyd and the evening was spent in pleasant entertainment and music. Those present were: Mrs. Martha Crist and daughter, Lizzie; Mrs. Frank Crist and Miss Anola Frank, all of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fugate and daughter, Blanche of near Monroe, and Mr. and Mrs. John Crist and family, of Monroe.

Miss Donna Parrish will entertain the Tri D club at her home tonight on Elm street. All members are requested to be present as business of importance must be discussed and

disposed of at this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Fuhrman, of north of the city, were very pleasantly surprised yesterday morning when their children came home bringing baskets filled with good things for dinner. It was to remind them of their 39th wedding anniversary. It was also the 14th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Orie Newhard. Those who enjoyed the day with them were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fuhrman and children, Thurman, Elizabeth, and Mary; Mr. and Mrs. Orie Newhard and children, Melvena and Dale; Mr. and Mrs. Francis Fuhrman and son, Earl George; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fuhrman and daughter, Betty Jean; Mrs. Hobart Rauch; Bertha and Zelma Fuhrman.

Will Receive Bids on Light Posts April 3

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A demonstration of the accomplishments of this device was given Monday by Captain Jack Freit of the fire department, the device thawing a hole through a sixteen inch cake of ice in nineteen seconds. This same device is used by the larger cities and will thaw a frozen water hydrant in less than two minutes. Steam made from alcohol and water, is generated from the Presto-lite acetone compressed gas tank which runs through a number of coils and comes out of a nozzle, having a pressure equal to 1,000 pounds, and will melt any frozen substance within a few seconds. The equipment will be placed on the fire truck and used when needed.

WISCONSIN GETS COACH
Madison, Wis., Mar. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Appointment of Jack Ryan, former football coach at Marquette, Dratmouth and Princeton as football coach at the University of Wisconsin, was approved today by the state board of university regents. Ryan will give his entire time to Wisconsin athletics and will have the title of "professor." His salary will be \$4,000 yearly.

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