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Well the rain only makes it better for this way you all get a chance to rest a day and then attend today's fair. It has been a big week and we insist that if you are made of the right stuff you will tell the managers that they have made good.

Though the federal men expected to do a land office business here during fair week they were disappointed. There was little if any bootlegging here this week and absolutely no intoxication. That's a dandy record in a county where we believe in obeying the laws to the letter.

The President is having a fine time in Canada on his way back from Alaska and we are glad of it. He is entitled to an occasional vacation or a visit to other countries when he can get away but we can't help remembering what a fuss was made about President Wilson leaving the country and the cost of his trip. The same papers are not mentioning it now. Seems to make a difference whose ox is gored.

Hiram of California is back from Europe with some new pointers on

why we should not enter into any entanglements with foreign countries. He insists they are just trying to work us into a terrible scheme and the wise thing is to let them fight it out. Maybe so but it does seem that in this day of Christian enlightenment we should do something to prevent future wars and to provide a better feeling over the world. It would make America the greatest market in the world and would stabilize every country. Hiram is as wrong now as he was when he left here but he never had any idea of changing his mind.

The free chautauqua will bring several thousand people here and each will go away a booster for the community—that is of course if we get back of it and boost it and try to make it a real event. We can have just as good a program as we can raise the money to buy. No one will give more than he does now to support the organization and hundreds will become members next year who are not interested now. It should be talked about next week. Rev. Thompson of the Christian church knows the plan and will be glad to tell you all about it if asked to do so.

Col. Reppert has contracted with Colonel John Isenbarger to return next year as manager of the fair and his action will prove popular for John has made good here. He works a little different than most fair managers but he gets there and results are after all what counts. He has certainly given the people a great fair this year and with proper support he will make it still better next year. He has made note of several places where he can improve and he has made many good friends here who will help him next year. We believe every business man in Adams county should join the fair managers and help make the 1924 fair the greatest ever given anywhere. If you do we will have a state fair right

here in old Adams county.

In the Atlantic Monthly, Woodrow Wilson issues a warning which will probably make but a slight impression on the people it should impress, but it is the warning of a profound thinker and keen observer. He sees danger to our civilization in the materialism of the present hour; and he sees salvation from revolution only in the triumph of the spiritual forces over the material. He brings us up with a jerk in our cry against the Russian revolution with the reminder that that rising was the inevitable protest of the great body of the Russian people over their deprivation of all the rights and privileges that human nature demands and to which it is entitled. In this country he notes a disposition to treat men as things to be used and cast aside—like plows and horses. Never perhaps has there been in evidence in this country a more cynical disposition to exalt the dollar above the man. We are money mad. This is showing itself in a thousand ways. If it is not understood by the few it is felt by the many. It is the arrogance of power. And behind it all lies the spiritual prostration of the people. Unless there is a revival there, we shall face serious times in the future. All this was clear to Mr. Wilson long before he became President. He dedicated his genius during the first four years of his Presidency to an attempt to right real wrongs. For that, more than for anything else, he is hated. For that, more than for anything else he is entitled to the gratitude of thinkers. —Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Big Smash in Mason Tire Prices—Mason Moremile Cord, \$10.55, was \$13.70; 30x3 1/2 Heavy Duty Oversize Cord, \$13.50, was \$17.75; 32x3 1/2, \$17.95, was \$25.90; 33x4, \$20.55, was \$31.80. Other sizes same proportion of reduction in price. All new absolutely first quality stock. H. Knapp & Son. FST

Society

CLUB CALENDAR

Master John Heck returned to his home at Delphos, Ohio, yesterday after a two week's visit with his great aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Sam A. Heck. Although the lad is only thirteen years old, he will enter High school this fall and besides being an apt student he is a pianist of some note, having been able to master classical music for the past two years.

The social activities for the past week have almost come to a standstill on account of the fair. The Chautauqua scheduled for next week, will also make a break in the calendar, but the following week clubs, sororities, lodges and all societies will resume the regular order of meeting.

Mr. E. C. Rurde and grandsons, of Fort Wayne, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. V. Connell Thursday evening.

A dance will be given by William Lenhart and Felix Maier tonight at the Masonic Hall with "Billy's Syncopators" furnishing the music. Seventy-five cents per couple will be the admission charge. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Veronica Anker went to Bluffton this morning where she will be the week end guest of Miss Elizabeth Patton. Miss Patton is entertaining forty-five guests this afternoon in honor of Miss Anker.

On Sunday, July 22, was held a family party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Tester, seven miles southeast of Berne, which was attended by a number of Wells and Adams Co. people including Mrs. Mary A. Osborne, Miss Zella Osborne, Mr. and Mrs. Rollin Osborne and two daughters, of Liberty Center; Mr. and Mrs. John Osborne and two children, near Poneto; Mr. and Mrs. Jess Lieurance and two children, of near Warren; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Jackson and three children, of McNatt; and Mrs. E. H. Newell, of Bluffton. Mrs. Tester was formerly Miss Martha Ramseyer and was raised in Wells county, as well as her sisters, Mrs. Henry Barclay, of Decatur, and Mrs. J. E. McDonald, of Sturgis, Mich., all of whom were present with their husbands and families. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Butler and three children, of New Haven; Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Ray and two children, of near Berne; Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Williams and son, of near Domestic; and Walter Tester at home; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. David and three children, of Fort Wayne; Melvin Gallagher and Glen Barclay, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Shroeder and daughter, of Sturgis, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Harry Spillman and three children, of Portland; Mrs. Nancy Ault and son, and Mr. Ralph Braden, Rockford; Mr. Ferdinand Bradtmuller, of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Williams and grandson, Eugene Hodges. After a most sumptuous dinner the time was spent in visiting and renewing family ties, everybody being related to some one there and most of whom were formerly Wells county residents. The gathering is to be an annual affair, the first Sunday in August, and the next meeting place will be at the Henry Barclay home, near Decatur. The meeting last year was held with Mrs. Mary A. Osborne.

Legal Fight To Save Woman From Execution

(United Press Service)
Chicago, July 28—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—A legal fight to save Signora Sabelle Nitti-Crudelle from being hanged for the "hammer murder" of her husband, began here today with lawyers declaring that the Illinois statutes make no provisions for executing a woman.

Leo E. Sankstone, attorney for woman's organizations and Italian clubs, announced he will file application for the condemned woman's release on the grounds that the Illinois murder law reads "he (the defendant) shall be sentenced to death if found guilty." Signora Nitti-Crudelle was found guilty of slaying Frank Nitti, the woman's first husband, so they could marry.

Tire Stolen At Fair

Berne, July 28—A tire and the rim from off a wheel of Ira Baumgartner's Ford coupe were stolen Thursday evening while Mr. Baumgartner was attending the fair at Decatur. The coupe had been parked in a well lighted place and it seems strange that the thieves ventured to remove the tire in such a conspicuous place.

An extra tire which Baumgartner carried on his car was untouched, no evidence being found that any effort was ever made to remove this. The spare tire was contained in a cover with special distinguishing marks, and the thief evidently did not care to take the risk of being caught with this cover.

Excursion To Cincinnati

The local passenger office of the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad company received notice today that excursions would be run over that line to Cincinnati, Ohio, on Sunday, August 12 and Sunday, September 9. The round-trip fare will be \$2.75. An excursion train was run to Cincinnati a few weeks ago and a large number of Decatur people made the trip.

Fine Cattle At Fair

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The managers wished to insure the exhibitors their money before the fair was over. The commission is very well pleased with the display of

Geneva News

Clifford Haughton and family, who have made their home in California for some time, arrived in Geneva several days ago and are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Dan Bailey and other relatives in this community. The Geneva Band went to Decatur Friday where it played for the Northern Indiana Fair.

Dr. L. L. Mattax, wife and daughter, Lavone, motored to Hartford City Friday afternoon and visited with Mrs. Harry Lynch. They report that she is still recovering nicely.

Mrs. Earl Haviland and children, who have been visiting relatives in this community, returned to their home at Fort Wayne Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Cross, who have been attending college at Madison, Wis., came the latter part of the week and are visiting at the home of the former's brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cross, Jr.

John Bant and family, Mesdames Ralph Snyder and Charles Fields motored to Decatur Thursday and attended the fair.

Miss Edith Renner went to Portland Friday where she will visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Lella Poling.

Wm. Grove, who has been employed at Fort Wayne, has been spending this week with his mother, Mrs. Rachel Grove.

Miss Gladys McKissic, of Muncie, has been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morrical several days this week.

Mrs. Edith Hoskinson and daughter, Helen, went to Decatur Friday afternoon where they will visit relatives. They have been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoskinson of this place.

W. D. Cross returned to his work at Ridgeville Thursday afternoon after spending several days in Geneva attending to business matters.

The Misses Thelma Myers, Lulu Martin, Arvad Webb, Gertrude King, Nina Snyder and Jeanette Charleston went to Decatur last Thursday where they spent the afternoon and evening attending the fair.

Some of the new fall coats achieve a swagger effect by cape collars which reach the waistline and are lined with gay colors.

Here lies Salvino degli Amati, Inventor of spectacles; May God pardon his sins. (Epitaph on tomb in Florence, 1317 A. D.)

SALVINO DEGLI AMATI, Florentine monk and inventor of spectacles, discovered the freedom of the see. The writer of his epitaph considered that he had much to answer for.

But there is little doubt that the freedom of the see is more important to the peace of the world than the freedom of the seas. Old Salvino put a burden on the nose of humanity, but liberated its eyes.

When he studied the laws of refraction and ground his lenses, he little imagined that he was affecting the styles of women's dresses in 1223.

But he was. "What shall I wear with my glasses?" is a live question of the hour.

The style producers have discovered that glasses tend to give to the wearer an appearance of dignity. Perhaps it is the association of the idea with many generations of spectacled school ma'ams and masters.

At any rate, eye glasses are tied up with the idea of dignity. And a general appearance of dignity calls for dignified clothing.

Outfitting the Eyes
"Oh, but no, Madame!" Mademoiselle Modiste exclaims, as her prospective patron casts a speculative eye on a duffy ruffled garment. "It is not suitable. It does not express the poise, the personality of Madame. Now something like this—" And she skillfully directs the spectacled attention of Madame toward a costume of simple, flowing lines. It is well.

Salvino degli Amati, a monk in old Florence, started it all in the year 1225. May God pardon his sins!

We have glasses for formal dinners, afternoon tea glasses, business and shopping glasses, and heavy-duty glasses for rough sport wear. Imagine the faux pas of father, who isn't he to these things, forgetting to change out of his sports glasses when he puts on his dinner coat.

The Glass of Fashion

Hand-wrought spectacles of Hendrick Hudson's day.

The dainty "quiz glass," intimately associated with the fopperies of 200 years ago.

no exercise, no sweating in Turkish baths. Little helps to the hefty! Spectacles with heavy shell frames are the thing for sports wear—that is, active, vigorous sports such as bowling, golf, tennis, riding, or motoring. Something lighter will do for bridge and crocheting.

Semi-dress and business wear allow more latitude. Either spectacles or eye glasses may be worn—spectacles are the ones with hooks. Rimless eye glasses with yellow gold mounting, eye glasses with a very thin shell frame, rimless spectacles with yellow gold mounting or thin shell frame—all are recommended by the sight arbiters as being decidedly chic.

This applies for all select entertainments where food is the compelling motive, and for the dance and opera. Lorgnettes are also very good for listening to the opera.

A Backward Glance

None of this is remarkably new. Styles have changed, but since the time of Salvino himself there have always been styles. Two hundred years ago the nobles of France and England indulged their eyesight with an exceedingly dainty little lens, which they called a quiz glass. The name is pertinent. The little glass itself, mounted in its beautifully chased gold frame, something like a watch, indeed had a quizzical look. One can picture haughty, brooded, and powdered ladies of the Court training it with telling effect. The lorgnette is its granddaughter, and the monocle, so natty with stick and spurs, aw, rully—its grandson.

These sporting glasses—the great, roistering fellows with heavy horn frames—are a direct importation from China, but not the China of today. The same China which supplied the world with gunpowder and the compass. The creative China of the middle centuries. A great many scholars credit China and not Salvino, the Monk, with the invention of spectacles.

Suiting Sight to Circumstance

The Chinese ground their first lenses out of solid blocks of topaz, and the greater the man the larger his spectacles. The Chinese still wear horn rimmed spectacles, but they buy them in America, for this far-sighted young country dominates the eye glass market, as it does a number of others.

Freedom Restricted

William Penn wore heavy iron frames, like Hudson's, with the exception that the extension ear piece was a sliding arrangement instead of hinged. Ben Franklin's frames were brass and of better workmanship than Penn's. Incidentally the good Ben, always a scientist, invented double focus lenses, thereby giving him a second look at his surroundings. He liked to make friends with his environment and even struck up a valuable acquaintance with lightning.

Abraham Lincoln put on a pair of octagonal-framed spectacles before signing the Emancipation Proclamation. They were better to look through than at.

So even the freedom of the see has always had its restrictions if one desired to be—and wear—the Glass of Fashion.