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blast of zero weather.

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We enter February and one fav-
orable outlook for the month is
that it can't bring as many below
zero days as January.

About three million persons
danced so others could walk and
possibly half that many couldn't
walk because they danced.

It's getting so that prisons are
not safe. It might be that all the
bad men have been gathered up
and in order to ply their trade, a
few murders have to be committed.

It's funny how soon the people
of Kansas forgot their favorite son,
Vice-president Curtis and took on
Governor Alf Landon. Mrs. Gann
might have added a little interest
to the campaign.

Governor Hoffman is going to
make a new investigation of the
Hauptman case. He has taken on
a real job, probably is right in the
contention that others are impli-
cated with the former Bronx car-
enter, but it appears that it would
have been better to have made the
investigation months ago.

If the coal pile didn't go down
the past two weeks, you'd a
mountain to start with. Dealers are
swamped with orders and are mak-
ing every effort to supply the
trade and vouch that no one will
freeze from a lack of coal. The
dealers might use the present emer-
gency as a case to advertise—
"buy your coal in the summer
time"—when you can get it.

Plans are going forward for the
annual farmers' banquet to be held
February 10. Ernest Busche, who
not only holds the Purdue title of
"Master Farmer", but has demon-
strated it through the years, ex-
tended an invitation to Decatur
people to attend. The meeting will
be held at the Masonic hall and
will be the celebration of the past
year's achievements of the mem-
bers in various 4-H, cloth, domes-
tic science and agriculture clubs.

The many friends of Walter S.
Goll, general manager of the Fort
Wayne and Decatur works of the
General Electric company regret
to learn of his retirement from
active duties. Mr. Goll served as
executive head of the Fort Wayne
division of this nationally known
manufacturing concern since 1922.
His interest in the local factory,
its continued expansion and his
willingness to help promote com-
munity progress was sincere. De-
catur friends wish him days of
health and happiness.

Since so many cisterns are empty
and local people are forced to use
city well water for washing
purposes, everyone would appre-
ciate it if a genius came along and
worked out a method or formula

to soften the water. It is well
known that the deep well water
obtained in this section of the
country has the reputation of be-
ing the hardest known. It is filled
with lime and chemists say it con-
tains 52 degrees of hardness. The
fellow who can soften it—at nomi-
nal expense—and still maintain
good drinking water has a fortune
in store for himself.

The Central Sugar and Central
Soya companies will hold a series
of meetings in this and adjoining
counties the next few weeks. Farm-
ers, beet and soy bean growers will
be guests of the management and
a program of interest to all will be
given. Mr. McMillen and his as-
sociates in the local industries ap-
preciate more than words can tell
the spirit of cooperation which has
been shown by the people of this
community and in appreciation con-
tinue to expand the facilities of
the plants and build a more profit-
able market for the farmer's pro-
duce. The meetings will include a
dinner at noon, talks and round-
table discussions, all in the inter-
est of aiding agriculture and in
the spirit of helping each other. It
is wonderful to have organizations
and a community working togeth-
er.

TWENTY YEARS
AGO TODAY

From the Daily Democrat File

Feb. 1 — Perry Randall of Fort
Wayne, well known here, dies sud-
denly of a heart attack.

Rivers are falling today and flood
dangers are believed over for pre-
sent.

Minno Leichty of Monroe an-
nounces his candidacy for Democratic
nomination for county auditor.

The Old Adams county bank pays
a four per cent semi-annual divi-
dend to stock holders.

Major Christen, Dr. Costello and
M. J. Mylott are at Indianapolis to
attend meeting of the Indiana Sanitary
and Water Supply Association.

The ground hog sees his shadow
and goes back in his hole for six
more week of winter.

Answers To Test
Questions

Below are the answers to the
Test Questions printed
on Page Two

1. Harvard University.
2. Africa and Asia.
3. Archaeology.
4. Dingo.
5. Sailors of the ship Argo who,
under command of Jason, undertook
a voyage famous in Greek legend.
6. The Utes, an Indian tribe.
7. Brass.
8. The Battle of Hastings.
9. German astronomer.
10. Robert Louis Stevenson.

BOOK NOTES
By Ruth Winnes

Juvenile
Johnny Crow's New Garden, Broke.

Piper's Pony, Brown.
River Children: story of life in
China, Hollister.

Up in the Air, Flack.

Children of the Northlights, Au-
laine.

Young Cowboy, James.

Non-Fiction
Everyday Mysteries, Abbot.

Colonial Period of American His-
tory, Andrews.

Painters of Chinese History,
Seeger.

Eat, Drink and Be Wary, Schlink.

I Write as I Please, Durany.

Nonsuch, Land of Water, Beebe.

Worlds Without End, Jones.

Men Against Death, Kruif.

Puzzles For Parties, Lloyd.

Electricity: a study of first prin-
ciples, Burns.

Confessions of a Scientist, Dil-
mar.

Snakes of the World, Dittmar.

Fiction
Lorenzo Bunch, Tarkington.

Black Feather, Tins.

Dust Over the Ruins, Ashton.

Floating Pearl, Oppenheim.

If I Have Four Apples, Lawrence.

Moon is Our Home, Baldwin.

Trail Driver, Grey.

The Lord's Anointed, McKee.

World With a Fence, Sims.

The books "North to the Orient"
by Anne Morrow Lindbergh, and
"Seven League Boots" by Rich-
ard Halliburton have been record-
ed, due to the unusual demand for
them.

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Trying to Stand on His Head, as Usual—
And Look What Falls Out of His Pockets!

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DISPELLING THE FOG

By Charles Michelson
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There appears to be little pro-
gress in the efforts of the Repub-
licans open or undercover, to solve
their twin problems—their candi-
date for the Presidency and the
platform on which we will stand.

There never was a more vocal
party. It is a poor day that does
not bring a speech. More words al-
ready have been expended in their
assault on the Roosevelt adminis-
tration than suffice for an ordinary
full campaign—and we have nine
months to go, and yet it is un-
disclosed what policies they ask
the country to accept, or what kind
of a man they mean to offer to
carry out their non-existent pro-
gram.

Even Alfred E. Smith, their lat-
est apologist, in his "Liberty Lea-
gue" tribute said nothing that has
not already been said in a hundred
forms by every yearning can-
didate for the Presidency and the
people quality, his colloquial elo-
quence, and his political grievance,
was the ordained goat.

Well, the Lobby League has had
its party—there was more than a
billion dollars represented in its
guests—but how far has that feast
advanced the enterprise of stop-
ping Roosevelt? There has to be
an opposition candidate and in that
connection there has been no, more
interesting essay than that of Rob-
ert Moses of New York.

He was the Republican candi-
date for Governor last election and
leads at least one branch of his
party in that state. He takes for
his theme, not who the Republican
candidate for President must be,
but who he cannot be.

For instance, foremost on his
list of unavailable are "former
leaders whose names are indelibly
associated with ineptitude and de-
feat." That eliminates ex-President
Hoover.

Second on his ban are "old re-
actionaries and standpatters. The
Republican party has more than its
share of these embittered old
statesmen." Exit Wadsworth and
Odgen Mills of New York.

Third of those Mr. Moses pro-
scribes are: "Village Hampdens
dressed up to look as much as pos-
sible like Abraham Lincoln. The
defense of such nominations is at
ways that Lincoln was an uncouth
homespun character who developed
enormously after he got into office." Out of the picture goes
Governor Landon of Kansas.

The fourth of the series are "am-
iable gentlemen with no conspic-
uous qualifications and experience
who would like very much to have
the job, and who are already out
in front before there is a program." Colonel Frank Knox of Illinois will
please take notice.

He puts the bar upon "stooges
and pawns of powerful groups," and
he adds as an example: "I present
the spectre of the dying Boies Penrose,
directing the 1920 convention from his sick bed, ord-
ering with his last breath the nomi-
nation of Warren Harding and thus
raising the curtain on an am-
azing melodrama in which only
death, prosperity, fool's luck and
Calvin Coolidge saved the Repub-
lican party from impeachment and
lasting disgrace." There are so
many sporadic candidates in this
classification that it's hardly worth
recounting them.

Then he pays his respects to
"Republican demagogues who
spout radicalism at every show and
run away from every showdown.
Every party has them. This is not
a year for Republican New Dealers." Senator Borah will please rise

any time."

The usual form of abnegation
under these circumstances runs
something like this when the indi-
vidual wishes to declare himself
completely out of it: "If I am offer-
ed the nomination I will decline it;
If, in spite of that I am nominated,
I will refuse to run."

I think it was General Sherman
who in all our political history so
specifically barred himself from
the Presidential race.

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Estate Cases

The will of Frederick J. Mc-
Whinney was filed and probated,
and the clerk's report filed.

In the estate of William Selle-
meyer, the will of William Selle-
meyer was admitted to probate by
the clerk, and the clerks report fil-
ed.

Guardianship Case

Application for guardianship of
Ida J. James was filed by Alice M.
Evans, and the letters of guardian-
ship was issued by the clerk, and
the clerk's report filed.

OBITUARY

John W. Merriman, son of John
and Mary J. Merriman, was born
February 22, 1849 at Sturtevant,
Jefferson county, Ohio. In October,
1849 he came with his parents to
Adams county, Indiana, residing in
Blue Creek Township until Novem-
ber 1908.

For five years he served as par-
cel post deliverer for the local
postoffice.

During his residence in Blue
Creek township, he served as justice
of the peace for 20 years. While resi-
ding in Decatur, he was appointed
justice of the peace in 1922 and served until February, 1934.

On March 16, 1876 he united in
marriage with Sarah E. Gilpin,
of Portland, Indiana. To this union
were born one daughter and seven
sons, two of the sons dying in
infancy. Those remaining are: Mat-
the R. Krugh of Decatur, J. Krank
Merriman of Blue Creek Township;
Elbert G. Merriman of Ossian;
Floyd R. Merriman of Bronson,
Mich.; Oscar L. Merriman of Wench-
ette, Washington; Ralph M.
Merriman of Dayton, Ohio.

One brother Elmer E. Merriman
of Indianapolis, Ind.

In January, 1876, he accepted
Jesus Christ as his personal savior
and united with the Salem M.
E. Church, in Blue Creek Township.

On November 1, 1887 he joined
the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Decatur.

He departed this life January 22,
1936 at the age of 86 years and 11
months.

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