

PERSONALS

Law P. Yager who has been ill the past year is much improved and has been enjoying the Centennial from the front porch of his home on South Second street.

Miss Carrie Craig of Indianapolis is enjoying the Centennial.

Congressman Farley of Auburn has enjoyed several days here this week and has met hundreds of the folks.

Frank W. Dibble of Lansing, Michigan is among the old timers who came home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Emshwiler of Hartford City and Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Mossburg of Warren were among the visitors here last evening.

The Misses Florence and Helen Heuer of Root twp., are the guests this week of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heuer.

Miss Mary Catherine Hobbs and Miss Harriett Nieman of Fort Wayne, are the guests of Miss Emma Thompson of North Eighth street and are attending the Centennial.

Mr. and Mrs. John Good of Massillon, Ohio called on Mrs. Emma Thompson yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Reppert of Independence, Kansas, Mrs. Harry Kookan and daughter Alma, Mrs. Chester Buhler, Mr. and Mrs.

Claud Campbell of Hammond, Miss Edna Britermer of Bippus, Miss Jean Britermer of Chicago and Mrs. Mary Werling of Preble were Centennial visitors here this week. They were also guests of Mrs. Charles Schmitz.

Dr. A. N. Ferguson of Fort Wayne visited in Decatur Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. George Loudon and daughters of Bluffton were among last night's out-of-town visitors.

Dr. and Mrs. Frohnappfel will leave Sunday morning to attend the national chiropractic convention at Indianapolis. They will return August 17.

Maude Christen Johnson of Columbus is among the visitors here. David W. Jones and Rev. and Mrs.

E. L. Jones of Warren who resided here in 1891 were among yesterday's callers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jaebker of Fort Wayne registered here Friday. Guy Johnson of Columbus, Ohio registered at the information booth Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Shaw returned to their home in Shelby Friday after a several day's visit with Mrs. Grace Allwein and son Tom.

Ray L. Amerine of Detroit, Michigan is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fisher.

Robert Aund of Mitchell, South Dakota, is visiting his parents.

Wiley Austin of South Bend, a former resident of Decatur, registered at the information booth Friday.

Rev. and Mrs. U. S. Bridge of Fort Wayne spent several hours here yesterday.

Maude Acker of Fort Wayne is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Acker. Charles E. Bahner of Monroe was among those who registered here yesterday.

Mrs. John Bogner and Mrs. Roman Bogner of Hammond are guests of Mrs. Charles Omor.

Freeman Falk of Yankton, S. D. is among the homecomers.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Colter of Kendallville and daughter Miss

Leah of Detroit were among yesterday's visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeVor of Peru visited here Friday.

Mrs. Del Lake of Fort Wayne is the guest of Mrs. W. E. Moon.

Mrs. Edgar Gerber of Fort Wayne is visiting John Shafer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Goshorn of Huntington visited Miss Cella May and Mrs. Katherine Nelson.

Mrs. Ethel Smith Howard of Marion was in Decatur yesterday.

Morris W. Hendricks of Dayton is visiting relatives and friends in and near Monroe.

McWma nD-B Judge James J. Moran of Portland was here to attend the Centennial as an old home comer. He is a native of Jefferson township.

R. H. Hartford, well known Portland attorney greeted hundreds of old friends here. Many years ago he was prosecuting attorney for the 26th judicial district, which then included Adams and Jay counties.

Rev. Edgar Jones, former Decatur resident, now of Warren, came over for the Centennial but was prevented from taking much part by sudden illness which kept him in his room at the hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fledderjohann of Columbus, Ohio are a-

mong the former residents registered here. Mr. Fledderjohann is the president of the American Citizens Life Insurance Company.

Godfrey Bell who came to see one day of the Centennial has remained for the week and says he wishes it would last longer.

Fred Jaebker of the Lincoln National Bank of Fort Wayne was looking up friends last evening.

Abner Cox of the Hartford City News led a band of folks from his home town over to see the big show.

George McKean, former county surveyor here, now with a picture producing company in St. Louis is meeting many of his old comrades.

The parade last evening was a little late but was worth waiting for.

Samuel Cleland, Fort Wayne attorney was among the visitors here last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown of Geneva attend the Centennial last night.

Miss Etta Mallonee of Scranton, Pa., will return home Sunday after a month's visit with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Vorral of Woodburn spent yesterday in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ennick of Meads

ville, Ja., and Mr. and Mrs. Dewito Castleman of Monroeville, were guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lammiman.

Lou Fleher of Van Wert was among the visitors today.

Miss Annetta Moores writes from North Manchester that illness prevented her and Mrs. Carrie Sutherland from attending the Centennial, which they had planned for weeks. They enjoyed the special Centennial edition.

Gus Pleessinger of Bluffton was eating hot dogs here last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Hartman of Bluffton were looking us over and said the Centennial was almost as good as the Bluffton street fair.

Jesse Johnson of Fort Wayne was busy looking up friends he hadn't seen for thirty years.

Nelson Townsend, city editor of the Hartford City News, was among those who watched the parade last evening.

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"KING OF HEARTS"

BY EDNA ROBB WEBSTER

SYNOPSIS

Left destitute when her mother dies, Lynn Bartel is forced to leave private school and go to business. She becomes a mannequin for Dunning's, an exclusive Chicago dress shop. Lynn has very few friends as her training has placed her on a higher social level than her fellow-workers and her low financial status prevents her from associating with her own set. She has one friend, however, in Susanne, the stock girl, and she wished their tastes were more in common. All in all, Lynn's life was very lonely. Then one day, a letter comes from her wealthy and pampered cousin, "Doti" Merchon, inviting Lynn to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras. With a light heart and an inexpensive wardrobe, Lynn goes south.

CHAPTER VII

All day the scenery changed continually, with each hour promising a balmy climate. Leaf-buds and early flowers burst into prominence against the red clay roads and hills of Mississippi. Dark green of lolly pines dotted the mountain slopes with bizarre contrast. Dark faces peered from cabin doorways with stolid indifference at the train's passing. It was no longer a curiosity but somehow its thundering approach commanded their attention. The city stations grew more strange, their occupants more torpid, their activity less strained. Everything seemed to mellow and relax in the warmth of the sunshine. Lynn was absorbed with every new detail. Cotton bales replaced the heaps of coal beside railroad tracks. Late in the day the broad yellow expanse of the Mississippi River flowed beside them, its sluggish surface denying the swift current beneath, like the face of a poker player.

Snatches of chanting melody and strumming banjos floated into the open windows from cabins along the shore. In one place a large company of negroes was assembled beside the river for baptismal services and their high-pitched shouting voices carried on the soft breeze with the repeated phrases of a spiritual. Green leaves stretched for miles, and the sky was incredibly blue.

Lynn prepared for sleep that night, knowing that the morning would find her at her destination. What awaited her there? Would this week change her future, or would it be only a delightful interlude, before she returned to Dunning's and Mrs. Kime's to spend the rest of her days in quiet routine? As she slipped into her mother's old home and her mother's youthful surroundings, what would happen to her? Excitement mounted within her like the uncontrollable rising of a tide ordained by superhuman forces.

At last she had arrived and the long delay of an extra hour on the train was climaxed by the delighted and smothering greetings of her relatives.

"If you'll give me your baggage checks, I'll have Sam claim your trunks," Zola suggested. "We'll wait in the car."

Lynn produced her one check, wondering what she would be expected to have packed in more than one trunk for a week's visit, and the chauffeur ambled away leisurely toward the baggage room. His languor suggested a considerable wait, but the time passed quickly enough with Doti's ebullient chatter. Her low soft voice slurred delightfully: "The carnival would have been a complete failure without you," she declared, adoring Lynn with her bright dark eyes. "Ever since I saw you last year, I've been dyin' to have you here, and this was the most perfect time for it. Too bad you couldn't have come for two weeks. The festivities really began last Thursday, but today and tomorrow are the most important days. Tonight is the pageant of Proteus and then the ball. Tomorrow is Mardi Gras Day, with the parade of Rex and the grand ball in the evening."

"When will the queen be crowned?" asked Lynn, absorbing her cousin's enthusiasm together with the balmy breeze that drifted from the trees and glided

with the balmy brilliance of the sunshine. Both were delightfully exhilarating. It did not seem possible that she had left Chicago thirty hours before in a raging blizzard, while people here had not known what it was like to be cold.

"Tomorrow mornin' the papers will announce the names of the king and queen and their courts, just before we ride in the parade. I'm so glad Jack is to be the king the same year I'm the queen." As if her father had not provided that special arrangement for her pleasure. It was a precedent in carnival history, but the Colonel was known for his ability to establish precedents, both social and commercial. "You'll adore Jack," she added confidently.

"Your fiancé?"

to a stop beside the steps of the portico.

At the same moment Sam opened the door of the car, the wide white house door with its gleaming brass knocker, opened to reveal another grizzled-haired colored servant in black frock coat. His ebony face shone and his white teeth flashed with a genial smile of welcome for him in her luggage.

They entered a central hall into whose vast white expanse the gleaming mahogany stair descended like a dark venturesome stream, which flowed into the rich tones of Oriental rugs and polished mahogany tables. Twice during Lynn's year at Merwin-Heath School, she had been a guest in magnificent homes of her wealthier student com-



His ebony face shone and his white teeth flashed with a genial smile of welcome.

"Well—not exactly," her soft voice drawled. "But you see we've crept on the nursery floor and batted each other with our rattles, so it's bound to happen before long. Our marriage is as established as the traditions of the city or the carnival," she laughed, "but I don't think it will be half as exciting!"

"Jackson Thorpe is a descendant of one of the famous old families here," Zola added complacently, and Lynn marveled that life could be so orderly and circumspect for people who were next to her. Lynn returned and assured Zola with bareheaded respect, "Yes, ma'am, Miz Merchon, de young lady's trunk will be fetched out 'bout two o'clock."