

A LINEN SHOWER TARIFF AGREEMENT PROBATE BUSINESS WOMEN AT WORK AN ABLE ADDRESS

Miss Boyers Entertained A. H. C. Club—Menu-ates Gave Dinner.

By Perle Burdg.

Progressive pedro was the exciting feature of the evening at the meeting of the Y. M. H. D. club, which was held at the home of Miss Leona Harting Friday evening. Two small tables were used and twelve games were played, at which Misses Georgia Meibers and Clara Boknecht won the leading prizes. At the close of the evening, the tables were cleared and a two course luncheon was served the members, who were: Misses Clara Boknecht, Marie Tonnerre, Georgia Meibers, Elizabeth Knappe, Bertha Knappe. The outside guests were Mrs. Ed Harting, Mrs. C. Vogt, Miss Dora Gast, of Lima, Ohio.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Christian church was delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Fred Snyder, of north Ninth street, Friday afternoon. Promptly at two o'clock the meeting commenced, and during the business period, they decided to hold a social on January 21st at the home of Mrs. Harvey Lee, of Monroe street, during the evening hours. It proved to be one of the best meetings that they had had this winter. At the social hour dainty refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held in two weeks at the home of Mrs. Cyrus Weaver, on north Fifth street.

A linen shower was given by Mrs. Harry Deam and Mrs. R. B. Allison at the home of the latter on Adams street, Friday afternoon, in compliment to Miss Kittle Christen. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in a social manner and at the last, Miss Christen opened the many packages and read the little sentences which they contained written by the giver. An elegant two course luncheon was served. The guests were: Mesdames N. K. Todd, Ellen Dalley and Del Locke, of Bluffton; Mrs. Etta Rosebaugh, of Huntington; Mrs. Fred Macke, of Birmingham, Ala.; Mesdames Chas. Niblick, W. A. Kuebler, Dick Christen, Doll Dirksen, C. A. Dugan, C. J. Lutz, Kate Place, R. K. Allison, W. H. Lee, C. F. True, Paul Baumgartner, Eli Meyers, Fred Heuer, J. C. Patterson, F. M. Schirmeyer, W. A. Lower, Misses Ada Springer, Laura Alban, Gusta Cramer, Bertha Hoyer, Rose Christen, Nettie Moses. During the luncheon several toasts were given for the bride to be, which caused great merriment.

The Ladies' Home Missionary society of the Methodist church held an excellent meeting at the home of Mrs. John Niblick, Friday afternoon. The ladies had several splendid papers on the Indians of the Oklahoma and Indiana territory. The most important one was given by Mrs. Niblick, who illustrated her talk by the maps and drawings and many articles which were made by the Indians and brought here by Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, who collected them while on her trips. Mrs. C. B. Wilcox sang a very sweet solo entitled "Just One," after which dainty refreshments were served by the hostess. The attendance numbered twenty ladies.

IS KNOWN HERE

Says Saloon Keepers Must Obey the Law to the Letter—Evils Must Go.

Celina, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Mayor P. E. Kenney in assuming his duties of office at the first meeting of the new council Thursday night, outlined his policy with plainness and emphasis.

A reform administration is promised Celina and officers must do their duty under the new regime, which means cleaner, as well as greater, Celina. Mr. Kenney said that certain evils which tend to demoralize should be eradicated. Among these are the Sunday saloon, win rooms, bawdy houses, slot machines and other forms of gambling, and the pernicious custom of permitting minors to frequent saloons.

"As mayor I shall consider it my duty to suppress these evils, in so far as my power goes, and I now remind officers whose duty it shall be to apprehend offenders, that due significance must be given to the will of the people. Saloons must be closed on Sunday, and at 10 o'clock in the evening of week days, and wine rooms, bawdy houses, slot machines and other gambling must be suppressed and minors kept out of the saloons."

Mr. Kenney has numerous relatives in this city and county.

Advocates of a Ship Subsidy Are Getting Busy in Congress.

Washington, January 3.—Heroic efforts to prevent the republicans of New York state from presenting Governor Hughes as a presidential candidate are being made. It is now pretty well understood here that the white house is in direct command of the anti-Hughes campaign. Herbert Parsons, the president's lieutenant in the fight that is being made, has caused a poll of the New York republican county committee to be made, and from white house sources comes the information that this poll shows a majority of the members of the committee have promised to oppose any endorsement of Hughes at the meeting of the county committee on January 16, the date of the next meeting. Hughes' friends have also been making a poll of the committee and are disposed to believe they will have the votes to put through the Hughes resolution.

Washington, January 3.—The finishing touches were today added to the draft of an agreement between America and France under section 3 of the Dingley act, which has been in preparation for nearly a year past. M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, called at the state department to discuss the details of this arrangement and it is expected that it will be promulgated from the state department in the course of a day or two. Pending its signature the details are withheld, but it is known that the concession made by America is the abatement of the existing duties on French champagne by 20 per cent, while France remits maximum duties on American cottonseed oil, certain classes of machinery and other commodities.

Washington, January 3.—Advocates of a ship subsidy are saying that the prospect of passing a subsidy bill at this session of congress is better than ever before. If a bill is passed it will not be a blanket bill of the Frye-Hanna type, applying to almost everything that floats, nor the broad measure which Senator Gallinger introduced last year, and which the house amended radically.

OLD MAID BY CHOICE

Admitted She Was Fair and Forty, but Said She Could Marry if She Wanted to.

Delphi, Ind., Jan. 3.—That the year 1908, being a leap year, offers a solution of the "old maid" problem among the membership of the Daughters of Rebekah in Indiana, is the assertion of Miss Ethie Forsey, 40, of Rockfield, near here. Miss Forsey, a school teacher and a member of the Rebekah lodge, took occasion to offer a rather caustic rebuke to Grand Master E. E. Hastings, of the Indiana I. O. O. F. at a school gathering last night, ending a day of celebration in honor of the grand master and Mrs. Louise Langsahr, president of the Rebekah assembly.

"In all my travels and visit among Rebekah lodges in Indiana," said Mr. Hastings in an informal address, "I have never found an old maid who was a member of the order." Laughter, accompanied by many crimson blushes among the assemblage of Rebekah "sisters" greeted the remark, for the gathering was liberally sprinkled with maidens known to have passed the arbitrarily appointed age limit for marriageable females. Scarcely had the grand master resumed his seat when Miss Forsey rose to her feet.

"I wish to dispute the statement of the grand master," she snapped. "I am an old maid and I am not ashamed of it. I am 40 years old and I can point to a good many other old maids in the room who would not have to be old maids unless they chose."

Fred Eichenberger, who for several years has made Decatur his home, left yesterday with his family for Berne, where he will make his future home, and where Mr. Eichenberger expects to go into business. While here Fred engaged in the restaurant business and while following that profession made a success of the same. He sold out some time ago and since that time has done nothing. His many Decatur friends wish him success wherever he may locate.

Julius Haug left Sunday afternoon for Germany, where he will visit with his mother until spring. Mr. Haug has been contemplating making this trip for some time and suddenly on yesterday determined to go and accordingly made all his arrangements and some time today will arrive in New York.

Petition Filed to Sell Real Estate—R. S. Peterson Appointed Special Judge.

Separate and several demurrers were filed by each defendant to the amended complaint in the case of Sarah Gleason, admx, vs. Edward E. Young et al., damages \$5,000.

A motion for a new trial on written reasons was filed in the case of Edward Hamil vs. Otto Bolds, replevin.

Old Adams County Bank vs. John H. Yager et al., to foreclose lien, demurrer overruled; leave granted plaintiff to file additional third paragraph of complaint and same filed.

Amos Hirsch, administrator of Peter Inniger estate filed a petition to sell real estate. A summons for Edward Inniger was issued returnable January 16.

In the matter of the William Elzey estate, John Elzey, executor, the judge of the court having been a counsel for the executor and thus disqualified, appointed Robert S. Peterson as special judge to try this cause.

REPAIR POSTOFFICE

Divided as to Attack on Railroads—Eleventh District.

Washington, January 4.—The Republican leaders in congress may hurry up currency legislation. Senators and representatives who went home for the holidays are coming back with a message to the effect that the people of the country, particularly the business men, are aroused on the subject of currency legislation. In substance, the message brought back is that unless the party in power takes hold of the currency question in an intelligent and aggressive way—unless it shall enact satisfactory legislation—it can hardly hope to receive the endorsement of the people at the polls next fall. The temper of the talk of the returning members promises to stir the leaders to action. Apparently they had not suspected that public sentiment was so pronounced on this subject.

Washington, January 4.—Out of the \$100,000 appropriation for the remodeling and extension of the South Bend postoffice building there is now available a balance of \$68,000. The difference between the lowest bid and the amount of money on hand is \$10,000, and supervising architect Taylor is now figuring on how to spend this money in erecting the building. He is going to ask several of the bidders to figure on the difference between building the columns on one end of the building out of stone instead of wood, as the present plans and specifications call for. He is of the opinion the change can be made with the money on hand.

Washington, January 4.—Some of the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission are very much opposed to the plan of the president and Attorney-General Bonaparte to attack the Harriman railroad merger in court at this time. Chairman Knapp is outspoken in opposition to the proposed suit. He doubts if such a suit could succeed and even if the government did win it, he does not believe the roads could be segregated. From information which came to light today, it seems that after all the administration may not institute the suit. Protests from many sources against the proposed action have been received.

Washington, January 4.—George B. Lockwood, the vice-president's secretary, has returned from Indiana, where he went to look over the congressional situation in the Eleventh district. He has not yet made up his mind as to whether he will announce his candidacy for the Republican nomination of congress in the district. His friends here believe he will eventually enter the race.

Kirsch and Sellemyer wish in this manner to thank their patrons for their liberal patronage during the past nineteen years, which they have been in business and they wish all who are indebted to them to call and settle as soon as possible. The firm of Kirsch, Sellemyer and Sons is starting out in the new year under most pleasant auspices.

LOST—Three black plumes and a bunch of black ribbon. Finder return to Mrs. F. W. Dibble. \$18.00

They Say Freeman Should Have Denounced Wife Before Election.

Wabash, Ind., January 3.—Rev. William E. Hinshaw, who was committed for murdering his wife in 1895, and who was paroled by Governor Durbin as the latter was about to retire from office ten years later, has become an issue in the politics of Wabash county. Two years ago George Freeman, a well known business man of the county, was elected sheriff, and two days after the ballot was counted he made complaint to Durbin in effect that Hinshaw had invaded the sanctity of his home. Investigation showed that Mrs. Freeman and Hinshaw had been sweethearts in their youth and that they had met clandestinely. It also developed that Freeman knew of the liaison, but that he concealed this knowledge and continued to live with his wife through fear of the effect that publicity might have upon his canvass for sheriff.

But as soon as he was sure of his election he cast his wife off and made public his charges against Hinshaw. The minister-convict was arrested and brought before Governor Hanly on charges of having violated his parole, a condition to his release from prison having been that he deport himself like a man and violate no laws of the state. Freeman appeared as prosecutor and told the story of his broken home, not concealing the fact that he had condoned his wife's offense for months out of fear of defeat for sheriff and that he had cast his wife off as soon as victory was assured.

Hinshaw made no reasonable defense and he was sent back to prison to serve out a life sentence. This was followed soon after by notice that Mr. and Mrs. Freeman had buried their differences and she had been received again into his home as a wife. Freeman is a candidate for a second term as sheriff and the women of the county are making a bitter fight upon him. Some of them are going over the county visiting wives and mothers, exhorting them to use their influence in Freeman's defeat.

It is charged that in order to compass his election two years ago, he concealed his wife's offense and held her before the community as a worthy wife and respectable woman, and then cast her off when the act could not jeopardize his election. They declare that such a man is not fit to hold office and they promise to labor incessantly for his defeat if he is re-nominated.

REFRIGERATOR CAR

To Be Used Over Interurban Lines to Reach Surrounding Cities.

The following from the Bluffton Banner shows the manner in which the progressive methods of the Decatur Packing company is received:

A representative of the Decatur Packing company, one of the largest of the independent firms of the kind in the state, was in the city this forenoon and to the local grocers and the butchers announced that beginning some time next week his company would inaugurate an innovation that cannot fail to gain approval.

A refrigerator car, exactly similar to the ones used by the trust companies to transport their meats from Chicago and other cities to the smaller towns, with the exception that it is equipped with motors and built to be run over interurban lines, is being built. It is the plan of the company to load the car at the Decatur plant each Monday morning with enough of their wares to supply a week's trade in several cities, and under a contract they now have signed with the Fort Wayne and Springfield, the Fort Wayne and Wabash Valley, the M. B. and E. and the Indiana Union traction companies, will operate a regular service with the car.

Leaving Decatur Monday morning the car will run to Fort Wayne, supply the trade there, come to Bluffton and visit in succession Marlow, Peru, Logansport, Kokomo, Wabash and Huntington, returning Saturday night to Decatur. At present one trip a week will be sufficient to supply all the customers but the company believes that if the retailers of meats appreciate the quick service as they should it will not be long before several cars will be brought into use.

BOARD CHILDREN'S GUARDIANS

All members of the board of children's guardians are requested to be present at their meeting to be held at the library, Monday afternoon at four o'clock. This is the first meeting of the year and it is important that every member attend.

Delivered by Mayor Coffee—The New Officers Take Their Places at Once.

Last Thursday the installing officer, Mrs. Eliza Peterson, of the Relief Corps lodge, installed the newly elected officers, after which an excellent program was rendered. The principal number was a short address by Mayor Coffee, which was short but to the point. The evening was enjoyed very much by the members of the lodge and their families. The new officers are:

President Mrs. Sarah Wertzberger
Sr. Vice Pres. Mrs. Mary Williams
Jr. Vice Pres. Mrs. Jennie Rainier
Secretary Mrs. Z. W. Millotti
Treasurer Mrs. Ed Lyons
Chaplain Deborah Parrish
Conductor Mrs. Agnes Andrew
Guard Mrs. Myrtle Mallonee
First Cor. Mrs. Theo. Kennedy
Patriotic Inst. Mrs. Eliza Peterson
Ass't. Conductor Mrs. Lucy Fisher
Ass't. Guard Mrs. Mary Sprague
Color Bearers Mrs. Martha Stevens
Mrs. Sarah Purdy, Mrs. Mary Durr, and Mrs. Winnie Russell.

ABLE YOUNG MAN

Was Educated in Columbia City Schools—Came Here Six Years Ago.

The lecture given at the First Baptist church Friday night by Shinzo Okhi, a Japanese who has been in this country but six years, was most interesting. The speaker began his lecture by a fifteen minute talk upon the general conditions that exist in Japan and in this, he discussed the relations of that country to the United States. The customs and living of the people of Japan were also taken up and briefly outlined. The speaker then used stereopticon views illustrating a very interesting talk on a ninety days' journey over Japan. This was begun by showing a picture of a large ocean liner leaving the United States and the landing at Tokio. He then directed his talk and showed views of communities where Buddhism is observed and explained what this belief was. The religion Shintoism was then taken up and fully illustrated. The lecturer then talked of communities where Christianity has been established and told of how it has prospered. Next came a brief history of Mikado and his wife. "Mikado," said the speaker, "is the one hundred and fifty-first ruler of the dynasty, the lineage of which has never been broken. Mr. Okhi then executed the Japanese sword dance in which he illustrated the many movements of the Jap soldiers. He had a sword which is over three hundred years old and with it he severed a piece of timber one and one-half inches in diameter, while it was balanced on the floor. Mr. Okhi is a graduate from the Columbia City high school and he possesses a very good education. He is held in the high esteem of all who know him, and the series of lectures he is now giving are for the purpose of getting enough money for him to attend Chicago university. The lecture was highly appreciated by all who were in attendance and his return to the city would be welcomed by all.

The entire performance was most creditable, the chorus and every feature being splendid. We believe Messrs. H. L. Conter and Will Schroeder are deserving of special mention for their comedy work in their German dialogue. Mr. F. E. France and Mr. True R. Fristoe also aided materially in the success of the big event, the former being the center man and the latter music master. Lou Holthouse also did a remarkably clever turn with his six Fiji Islanders, Johnny Holthouse, Leon Gast, Edmund Bess, Francis' Costello, Charles Kinney and Dick Heiler. Every other event in the two hours program was par excellence as all who witnessed can testify. Financially the minstrel was more than anticipated the "gate receipts" totaling \$402, program \$100, "The minstrel News" \$45, grand total of \$672, which, after paying expenses will leave a balance of about \$600. The community join us in the sentiment that the Elks are all right.

CRUSADE ON CORPORATIONS

Administration Will Take a Few Steps at the Trusts.

Washington, January 3.—Attorney General Bonaparte is disposed to renew with the beginning of the new year, the anti-corporation crusade which his department was engaged in prior to the money famine. He will start a new suit soon, and will announce in formal statement his plan in that connection with reference to the Union Pacific. His suit against the railroad will resemble in many particulars the suit that Attorney General Knox instituted against the Northern Securities Company. It is not, however, be against E. H. Harriman personally. It is understood that the exact grounds for the suit have not been determined, chiefly because one of the special counsel already appointed to represent the government is in Europe. The petition will be filed in Omaha or Kansas City, asking for a dissolution of the combination existing between the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific.

WAS AT RELATIVES FUNERAL

Decatur Gentlemen Attended Service for Mrs. Overman.

Peter Holthouse, John B. Holthouse, Henry Voglewede, John Voglewede, Ed Myers and Anthony Voglewede returned last Thursday from Covington, Ky., where they were attending the funeral of Mrs. Overman, an aunt of the above named men. The service were held Thursday morning at the Catholic church of that city. Mr. Overman was the only aunt of the men and was one of Covington's best known women. She was also known in this city, having visited upon numerous occasions. Interment was made in the family burial plot at Blackburn drug store.

IT DOES THE BUSINESS.

Mr. E. E. Chamberlain, of Clinton, Maine, says of Bucklin's Arctic Salve, "It does the business; I have used it for piles and it cured them. Used it for chapped hands and it cured them. Applied it to an old sore and it healed it without leaving a scar behind." 25¢ at Blackburn drug store.