

MONROE LECTURE COURSE.

Willard P. Gorton at Monroe M. E. Church Wednesday Night.

Monroe, Ind., Feb. 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—On Wednesday, March 1st, the citizens of Adams county will have an opportunity of enjoying one of the best entertainments ever given in their community. The management of the lecture course at Monroe has secured the services of Willard P. Gorton at a high figure, who will be at the church on that date. Gorton stands alone in his profession. There are three parts to his evening of entertainment. He impersonates all the noted public men of today, in addition giving several recitations. The second part of the evening will be devoted to his crayon work, he being an artist of rare ability. The closing part of his work will be his clay modeling, being the most unique work done on the platform today. The principal of the school says that this will be something out of the ordinary and worth a dollar of any one's money. Single admissions are 35 cents. Remember the time, Wednesday night, March 1st, and the place the Monroe M. E. church.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—When the legislature adjourned today but eight more working days of the present session remained, and with democratic platform measures still to be put through the house and senate, to say nothing of the smaller bills to be acted upon, a lively scramble towards a "clean-up" is promised for next week.

Among the big bills yet to be submitted to the governor are, the Proctor regulation bill and the substitute option measure; the bill submitting the new constitution; employers' liability and Keegan child labor bill; the corrupt practices act; the Clark-Harlan registration bill, and the bill providing for strict regulation of the cold storage of food products.

The saloon regulation bill passed to second reading in the house yesterday, after the hottest kind of a fight, which for a time was believed to threaten the very life of the measure.

As finally pushed through by the democrats it will be passed by the house and turned back to the senate, practically as agreed upon in caucus following the amendments made by the committee on public morals. A maximum and minimum license fee is provided for in the bill, the total license for townships outside of an incorporated town being placed at \$250. Both the low and high license advocates were satisfied with an amendment which placed the total city license at \$500, with the proviso that city councils have the power to increase this to \$700. Councils, however, must set this fee for the license within thirty days after the bill becomes a law, or the \$500 fee will automatically go into effect. The bill also provides that once the high license is set by council it cannot be lowered as long as the law under which the fee was fixed is in effect.

The early discussion of the bill brought about the fight which caused more of a stir among the democrats than anything which has come up in connection with the bill. Representative Cravens "insured" and let loose in grand shape in denouncing the provision permitting the sale and transfer of licenses, on the grounds that it would make a saloon license a vested right. The house first refused to table Cravens' amendment to strike out the clause, the republicans supporting the amendments. The lunch hour, however, gave the democratic members who had broken ranks with Cravens a chance to think it over and when the amendments were finally brought up for a vote they were defeated.

From then on the division was on party lines and the bill slid through to engrossment.

The bill submitting Governor Marshall's constitution passed to engrossment in the senate during the afternoon, with the amendments agreed upon in caucus being adopted. Senators Wood, Hanna, Gavit and other republicans denounced the entire scheme as unconstitutional and taking away the inherent right of the people, but the majority overrode every objection.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 25.—Hon. R. K. Erwin of Fort Wayne won about all the laurels at the dinner and reunion of the legislative boys, which occurred in the private dining room at the Denison on Wednesday evening. The members of the party were members of the legislature at the sessions of 1893-5, and if you will remember those sessions enacted some of the most important legislation and reforms ever attempted in Indiana, some of the laws being frequently alluded to in praising terms to this day. Every one in Adams county remembers when Dick Erwin was in the legislature, and you will remember, too, that he was an important member of this legislative body and one of the leaders therein. This will not be wondered at, because Dick—excuse haste and a bad name—Judge Erwin is a leader at any

assembly of the great state of Indiana could prevent his being a leader if they wanted to—which they did not. We of Adams county also know that Dick—Judge Erwin—is accomplished in poetic utterance, and it will be no surprise to you to know that he distinguished himself upon the occasion of this dinner, by describing in poetry the accomplishments, the trials, the woes and the happy remembrances of these two sessions of the Indiana general assembly. It was quite the hit of the evening, and by far the best part of the evening's program. Thus Adams county scores again.

The present general assembly will come under the wire, winning plaudits from the people. They will do this by having enacted into law all their platform promises, and in addition by enacting many good and wholesome measures, all of which will serve the people and serve them well. There is a general getting together upon many things and the majorities in the two branches will come out with colors flying. A compromise on the regulation measure has proved a happy solution, in which both the drys and the wets, the liberals and the anti-liberals stand together. The solution or compromise comes in accepting the house bill with the amendments to the effect that city councils may increase the license fee to any amount not exceeding the amount stated in the senate bill which is \$700 for cities and \$500 for incorporated towns and townships. The city councils may also increase the limitation not to exceed one saloon for every one thousand population. A stated time is given for such adjustment by the city councils, and this adjustment stands and cannot be changed, thus getting away from the objection of having this feature to contend with every year. The method of selecting holders of licenses is also provided for, by placing the names of applicants in a box and drawing from a box, after the fashion of drawing a jury. So you see, everyone is happy.

Legislative apportionment looks better. Adams county may, after a long, hard pull, be privileged to enjoy her place in the legislative halls all on her own account. Another apportionment bill will find its way into the democratic caucus, and it is to be hoped that it will win the day. L. G. E.

"VOTE 'YES' FOR MY SAKE."

Badges Handed Out by the "Drys" to the Children.

Representatives of the women's "dry" league visited the public schools Friday afternoon extending an invitation to the children to attend the children's meeting at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon. They also distributed white ribbon badges, bearing the words "Vote 'yes' for my sake" and the large crowd of school children thronging the streets on their homeward way, with the fluttering white badges, attracted much attention.

HAS NEW DELIVERY WAGONS

A. Schlickman, who has the contract for delivering for the Decatur grocers, has received his new wagons and they are being used today in delivering the orders for the various members of the association. The new vehicles are beauties and were purchased through the Schaub, Gottemoller Co., from Winkler & Co., of South Bend. Schlickman now has four up-to-date wagons, for the service which is meeting the entire satisfaction of everyone concerned, including the customers.

MOVE TO MOLINE.

Mrs. William Hurst and children left today for South Bend for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurst and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Katterheinrich until the middle of next week. From there they will go to Moline, Ill., where they expect to make their home. Their household goods have already been shipped and will be at their destination upon the arrival of Mr. Hurst's family. Mr. Hurst has accepted a position with the John Deer Plow works and likes his new work very much.

HAD A FINE TRIP.

Sam Acker is Home From Chicago, Where He Attended Cement Show.

Sam Acker, the cement man, returned home from Chicago, where he was in attendance at the cement show, which has been on at that place for some time. He reports it as being one of the best he ever witnessed and profited very much from the trip he took. It was not only one of business, but also of pleasure, which made of the interest it did.

Late Friday afternoon a message was received in this city by Mr. Ben Knapke from St. Henry's, Ohio, stating that his sister, Mrs. Ben Bertke, had passed away at that place some time Friday morning. No particulars

of Mr. Knapke was unable to give any information regarding her death, and the sad news came to him as a heavy shock. Mrs. Bertke was well known in this city, where she has often visited with her brother and other relatives, and her loss will be sadly felt by her many acquaintances. Mr. and Mrs. Knapke and Mrs. William Hart, of whom the deceased was a cousin, left at noon for St. Henry's to be in attendance at the funeral, which will be held from the St. Francis Catholic church on Monday morning, and interment will also be made at St. Henry's.

A MORNING THOUGHT.

If I can do a kindly act, or think a noble thought; if I may offer just a word, or a pleasant little smile; if just a nod will be but given and given in brotherly kindness—then at eventide I can lie down with the sweet satisfaction of having broadened, and having pleased my Father in heaven. —Howard J. Wiesehaupt, in "The Watchword."

The above bright little "Morning Thought," the off-spring of the heart and brain of Howard J. Wiesehaupt of this city, will on next Sunday morning be read in the 42,000 homes into which "The Watchword" the official paper of the United Brethren church, goes. "The Watchword" is a bright little church magazine, printed at Dayton, Ohio, and is used in many United Brethren Sunday schools, including the school of the local church, in the place of the erstwhile old-fashioned single "Sunday school sheets." The "Morning Thought" is one that was given recently by Howard in one of his talks in church and was found so helpful that some one, unknown to him, sent it to "The Watchword" where it was accepted and was published in this week's edition, which is already out, but will not be generally distributed until next Sunday.

The Zerkle triplets—Frances, Ruth and Esther—celebrated their sixteenth birthday anniversary at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Zerkle, southeast of the city by entertaining a company of friends at supper, after which the remainder of the evening was spent in games, music and a regular old-fashioned taffy-pulling. Those present were Jeff G. Crum of near Honduras, William J. Bell of near Craigville, who is an uncle of the triplets; Neva and Kenneth Zerkle, Leonard Liby of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith of Monroe, rural route No. 2.

The Menu-ates, with Sylvia Eaton and Miss Ada Donaldson of Warsaw guests, were entertained Wednesday afternoon by Miss Edna Hoffman. The needlework of the afternoon was laid aside at 5:30 o'clock for the tempting luncheon served. Little red cherries crowning the cake added the Washington patriotic touch most appropriately. Following the luncheon the company went to the opera house to attend the Landon entertainment.

The dance at the C. B. L. of I. hall Wednesday evening was well attended and it was one of the happiest occasions enjoyed by the members and their friends for some time. Excellent music was furnished during the evening by Bernard Wertzberger and John Wemhoff, and was much enjoyed by all.

Don't forget the dance and box social to be given on next Tuesday night, February 28th, at the Young Men's Social club. This event is being looked forward to by the young folks as a prominent affair. All are invited to attend and a large crowd will no doubt be present.

The Shakespeare club studied Mediaeval India as it was under Mohammedan rules, Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. H. Heller, with the paper by the hostess, the members answering to the roll call with sayings of Mohammed. The meeting closed with a little tea party. The next meeting will be with Mrs. Trout.

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of household goods, but this will not cover his loss. The children were taken to the home of Isaac Everett, just across the road, where they are being cared for. Whether or not Mr. Gunsett will rebuild the home was not learned, but he will no doubt do so in order to keep up the requirements of his farm.

POSTMASTER KOLTER AT TOCSIN

Washington Dispatches state that Fred E. Kolter has been appointed postmaster at Tocsin, succeeding Guy M. Myers, who has resigned. Mr. Myers was formerly of the firm of Wasson & Myers and the postoffice was in their store. He moved on a farm some time ago and his resignation has been in the hands of the postoffice department since he left the store. Mr. Kolter, his successor, is the proprietor of the Tocsin restaurant and the postoffice will soon be moved from the Wasson store to his place of business. Mr. Wasson has been acting as postmaster since his partner left the store, but it is understood that he was not a candidate for the appointment.

STRIKE ON ERIE

Huntington, Ind., Feb. 23.—Employees of the boiler and tin shop at Huntington walked out this morning on a strike caused by the reduction of the piece work scale, from twelve to eighteen men being effected. The announcement of the reduction came early this morning in the form of a bulletin and the men walked out shortly before noon, failing to agree on the new schedule of wages. The Erie shops have been conducted for the past four years as "open" shops, at that time organized labor being no longer recognized following a strike of the boiler makers and a sympathy strike by the machinists. While little information could be learned from officials of the road, it is thought that the reduction of wages follows a general retrenchment policy which is inaugurated by the road usually at this time of the year. Nothing was learned as to the amount of reduction issued but a radical change is thought to have been made to cause the strike.

YEOMEN TO FORT WAYNE.

Decatur Lodge Will Attend Initiation of Class Monday.

There will be no meeting of the local Yeomen Monday evening on account of going to Fort Wayne that evening for the initiation of a large class of candidates. Several of the candidates will be from this city. Instead of the regular meeting here on Monday the lodge will convene on Tuesday evening and the members are expected to be present to pay their dues at that time.

BASE BALL ON SUNDAY.

(United Press Service)

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Sunday baseball may now be played in Indiana. This comes as a result of decision of the supreme court, holding the law passed by the last legislature, permitting professional base ball to be played on Sunday, as constitutional. This question is one that has been much in the minds of the lovers of this sport, and since the decision of the supreme court renders the law constitutional, they now can be at rest.

TO LIVE AT CHICAGO.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Smith who for several months have been residents of this city will leave tomorrow for Chicago to make their home. Since their arrival in this city Mr. Smith has acted in the capacity of foreman in the job department of this office and upon his leaving here will accept a position in one of the large establishments at that place. During their short stay here they have made many friends who regret to learn of their leaving.

MERRIMAN WILL SPEAK HERE.

Hon. J. B. Merriman, representative of Wells county in the Indiana legislature, will address a meeting at the M. E. church tomorrow evening. Mr. Merriman is a fighter and is in earnest in his belief on the liquor question. It is safe to say that his address will be interesting and out of the ordinary. The public is cordially invited to hear him.

The Girls Win.

The high school girls' basketball team which played the Bluffton team Friday afternoon after school, was more successful, Decatur winning by a score of 25 to 5. The girls returned home Friday evening, jubilant.

SELLS 5 AND 10 CENT STORE.

A. J. Beavers Quits Business at Monticello and Will Go West.

Wm. E. and James Goff, brothers, have completed a deal whereby they acquire an established five and ten cent store in the town of Monticello. The store is already in their

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 23.—The majority in both the house and the senate are getting together for one grand rush that will carry over the line all the important legislation of the session, including every platform bill. The senate is in advance of the house in this class of legislation, having at this time every platform bill out of the road with the exception of one, and with the good working majority they are enabled to do business with a great deal more rapidly than the lower house of the general assembly. Then, too, they have by far the better organization, and party discipline counts for something. The house counts among its membership seven free lances who are imbued with the idea that their legislative career shall be devoted to stirring up something, and with the amendment or attempted amendment of about every bill, the lower house of the general assembly is promised. Some of these objectors are really men from whom one might expect something better, but these disappointments assure to show themselves any time you get one hundred men together and expect them to see and think along the same line at one and the same time. It is one of the impossibilities and the present situation but the experience of every assembly session, and perhaps will be the experience as long as it is the custom of the privilege of the constitution to biennially legislate for the good of the people. But in speaking of the advancement of legislation a senator who is serving either his second or third term says that legislation is far advanced now than he has known it to be at this particular session. This added to the fact that the majority in both branches are anxious and willing to reclaim and all their campaign pledges, make it certain that the present general assembly will make one glorious finish.

The new constitution as proposed Governor Marshall and the democrats is having a good work-out, and good whiskey, it gets better with age. It was the lawyers that first proclaimed against it, and those that did so proclaim felt the horrors of trifling with the constitution of the state is different now. On a second inspection they are grandly coming to the defense of the suggestion, and Governor Marshall is beginning to credit for having solved a very difficult problem. As it was we could amend our constitution, or even such an amendment to the people were up against it, we could hold a constitutional convention sending our corporation lawyers to Indianapolis for a scramble and themselves for the best things would aid corporate interests, and the end after spending perhaps hundred thousand dollars or more that sum, we could not expect to a better constitution than what has been suggested. It will not be the people of the state a red corner to the proposition made by Governor Marshall, when in fact he simply made it possible to have what one admires we ought to have, and get it without price. The legislature will make a few changes. The method of electing state senators will be changed, as will also the dual system of the legislature and the per diem of the legislators. Other objectionable features will be changed on the of the senate.

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