

Friday evening was the regular meeting at the G. A. R. hall of the W. R. C. It was also the birthday of Mrs. Hey and of Mrs. Vinnie Lyons, two old-timers at springing surprises on other people. Their sisters in the W. R. C. thought it but fair to give those bold conspirators a surprise to take care of for themselves, to remind them that they had passed another milestone in life and also to wish them many more birthdays and to have a good time, but the boys of the G. A. R. concluded to have a double surprise and have a little of the good time themselves, too. So uninvited and unannounced, but not empty-handed, they repaired to the G. A. R. hall, captured the W. R. C. guard, took possession and proceeded to have a good time by the ice cream and cake route. By a singular coincidence, there was just as many people there as Vinnie was years old. Mrs. Hey was twenty years older than Vinnie and T. R. Moore ate just twenty times as much ice cream and cake as any one else present. Now can you tell him old, or I might say, how young Vinnie is? Playing, singing and music was indulged in until a late hour, when the surprised and both sets of surprisers returned to their homes feeling that they had enjoyed themselves to their capacity. Notes—That loud noise heard on the streets, but coming from above, that scared John Stoneburner and Simeon Hain, was not a bugle call nor Gabriel blowing his trumpet, but was Doc Rinear singing "Marching Through Georgia." If there are any more birthdays coming by way of G. A. R. hall your reporter will be there.—Contributed.

Mrs. Carey Britton, formerly of this city, but now at the home of her late father, Harvey Miller, on Rural Route No. 8, where she is in poor health, was wonderfully surprised and also "April fooled" by a great postal shower, receiving eighty-three beautiful cards. She says: "Many thanks, and best wishes to all who remembered me," and expresses the wish that they may all have a happy Easter, and hopes their April first day was as pleasant as hers. We would like to publish the list of names of those who remembered her in the postal shower, but we were obliged to refrain on account of the great number.

The meeting of the Philathea class at the Methodist church parlors Monday evening is not to be a social for the public as previously announced, but just a social gathering for the class members, and there will be no charge. All the class members are requested to be present.

Mrs. F. V. Mills was at home Friday afternoon to the Young Matron's club and eighteen other guests in honor of Mrs. L. G. Ellingham of Indianapolis, the reunion proving a very delightful one. The ladies busied themselves with their needlework, chatting as their needles flew deftly to and fro, and just before the luncheon they enjoyed the good-old game of "fruit-basket." Luncheon was served in the dining room, the menu being in two courses, and the hostess was assisted in serving by her daughter, Miss Margaret Mills, and Miss Eda Butler. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. L. G. Ellingham of Indianapolis, Miss Eva Adelsperger of South Bend and Miss Eva Hill of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stevens of Route No. 8, had as guests at dinner Mrs. Warren Gunder and Mrs. Dora Sullivan of Chicago and Mrs. John Tillman of Fort Wayne and William Barrone of Union township.

A very delightful party was that given by Miss Dorothy Dugan Friday evening for Miss Winifred Ellingham of Indianapolis. The guests numbered twenty of their young boy and girl friends and pleasant hours were passed with music, dancing and interesting Easter games. The refreshments, dainty and delicious, also carried out the Easter idea in the menu and favors.

Unusually festive was the closing Friday of the school term at District No. 7 in Washington township, of which William Faurot was the teacher. The pupils gave a very good program and the attendance was so large that all could not gain entrance to the building. At noon a feast was spread, consisting of chicken and all good things, and it is said by one who was there, that there were twenty-eight fine large caeks, which displayed the skill of the good housewives of that vicinity. This is the last term of school which will be held in this building, as a new one will be made.

RECOVER SEVENTY-SIX BODIES.

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crew. Troops were necessary today to keep the grief stricken families in check as they swarmed towards the shaft when the bodies were brought up.

CAN STILL SECURE TICKETS.

D. N. Erwin has received word from the secretary of the National Achievement banquet to be held next Thursday that tickets will be on sale until Tuesday. Any one giving their name to Mr. Erwin any time Monday will be taken care of and can secure a seat at the tables.

LOOK! LISTEN!!

If you want better oats, corn, potatoes and truck, and bigger crops, get some of the fertilizer that C. H. Oetting is selling. Phone Hoagland, or R. R. No. 1, Decatur. 837

TWO HUNDRED DEAD IN A MINE.

Birmingham, Ala., April 8—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Two hundred state convicts are reported to have been killed by an explosion in the Banner mine at Littleton, thirty-five miles from here.

MR. KUEBLER HOME.

W. A. Kuebler, who a week ago today, was called to Shelby, Ohio, on account of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Frances Kuebler, returned home this morning and he stated that his mother was much better than when he first arrived there. Her extreme age is somewhat against her, although she has improved very much during the past few days.

\$2.00 TO CHICAGO AND RETURN.

April 22nd via Nickel Plate road. Good going on following trains: Special trains leaves Fort Wayne at 11 a. m. and regular trains leaving 2:20 a. m., 12:30 p. m., 4:40 p. m., April 22nd and 2:20 a. m., April 23rd. Good returning April 24th. Ball games, theaters and park attractions. Ask agent or write F. P. Parvin, T. P. A., Fort Wayne, Ind.

BRYAN PLEADS FOR A LEADER.

(United Press Service.) Lincoln, Neb., April 7—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"Eternal vigilance is necessary," says W. J. Bryan in the Commoner this week. "It behoves the democrats to be on guard. The friends of predatory wealth, the beneficiary of special privileges and government favoritism are always at work," said Bryan. "They are just now laying their plans to capture the democratic national convention and nominate a candidate who will be satisfactory to Wall street interests. The times require a stalwart, fearless leader."

Happy Easter Thoughts.

Remember, if the cloud is over you, that there is a bright light always on the other side; also that the time is coming, either in this world or the next, when that cloud will be swept away, and the fullness of God's light and wisdom poured around you. Everything which has befallen you, whatever sorrow your heart bleeds with, nothing is wanting but to see the light that actually exists waiting to be revealed, and you will be satisfied.—Bushnell.

Mission work among the negroes, the study being carried out according to an excellently arranged program previously announced, made Thursday afternoon a profitable one for the Christian Women's Board of Missions at the home of Mrs. A. M. Anker. An additional feature of the program was a piano solo by Miss Marie Daniels. During the pleasing social hour following the study, the hostess was assisted in serving a three-course luncheon by Miss Minnie Orvis. The company included Mrs. Minnie Daniels and daughter, Marie and Ruth; Miss Margaret Daniels, Miss Minnie Orvis, Mrs. E. H. Shoemaker and daughter, Gretel; Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Mrs. Arthur Fisher, Mrs. Noah Mangold, Miss Dora Schultz, Mrs. P. G. Williams, Mrs. Will Parr, Mrs. George Steele, Mrs. W. C. McKinney.

The Orient club, with Mrs. O. L. Vance, Mrs. P. G. Hooper, Mrs. Jacob Atz as guests, spent a pleasant afternoon Thursday with Mrs. D. B. Erwin. Besides their embroidery work, with which they busied themselves, there was an Easter egg carrying contest, in which Mrs. Atz won first honors, and Mrs. W. R. Dorwin, the booby. Refreshments also contributed to the entertainment. The club will spend next Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Charles Murray.

Fifteen ladies of the Baptist Aid spent a highly pleasing and profitable afternoon yesterday with Mrs. Henry Winies.

The social to be given in the Methodist church parlors Monday evening

by the members of the Philathea class will be an enjoyable one, a number of amusements, a program and refreshments constituting the entertainment, for which ten cents will be charged. Owing to the absence of the teacher, the Rev. G. H. Myers, who is attending conference, the class has extended an invitation to their former teacher, Mrs. Mary Miller Clem, of Monroeville, to be with them Sunday at class and to remain over for the social Monday evening. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Miss Flora Fiedderjohann entertained the Florhul de Purin club Thursday evening, conversation, needlework and music contributing to the good time. Miss Dossie Mann will be hostess next week, at which time two new members, Emma Conrad and Mary Stultz, will be received into the club.

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ABOUT THE SICK.

Miss Johanna Jaebker of Preble, who for several years has served to the entire satisfaction of all as a teacher at St. Johns, but who has closed this term's work there, and has decided to relinquish this profession, was given a farewell party Thursday evening at the Henry Heckman home where she has stopped during her service as teacher. The guests numbered thirty-two of her friends, and who, after a season of social intermingling, found their places at eight tables, where Pedro and progressive peanuts were indulged in. Music also enlivened the evening, followed later by a tempting luncheon. Much regret that Miss Johanna would no more be with them in that vicinity, as teacher, was expressed. Those who attended the party from this city were Marie and Esther Heckman, Clara Bultemeier, Otto Peters, Fred Jaebker, Paul Reinking and Albert Scheumann.

The Embroidery club met with Miss Nina Reed Thursday evening, where they chatted over their needlework and enjoyed an interesting little word contest, in which Miss Agnes Krick won first honors, which materialized in the form of a dainty jabot given as the prize. In the contest questions were to be answered with words in "a" and "t." A luncheon was an item that added to the evening pleasure. Miss Ina Everett was a guest besides the club members. The club will meet next week on Friday evening instead of Thursday, with Miss Fanny Rice.

GLIDE HEART NO. 52468.

I wish to call your attention to the trotting stallion, Glide Heart No. 52468, standard and registered, in Vol. XIX, American Trotting Register. He is a fine styled, dark bay in color, fine disposition, 16 hands high, weighs 1200, foaled in 1906, sired by Great Heart, 2:12 1/4, Michigan's greatest sire; the sire of Auto 2:04%, Wilkes Heart, 2:00%; winner of \$10,000 Charter Oak stake; Greatest Line, 2:06 1/4 Octro 2:07 1/2, Namo, 2:09 1/4, Thelma 2:09 1/4, Great Medium, 2:09%, etc. Sired by dams of Line O' Gold 2:07 1/2, Daniel 2:08%, Greatest Heart 2:12%.

First dam Coldwater Belle by Guarantee, record 2:25 1/4, dam of Octoren 2:18%; second dam Royal Maid by Royal Fearnought; third dam Ritter's Ford by Masterlode; fourth dam thoroughbred. Glide Heart has never been worked for speed. David Clark, the veteran trainer, broke him and made the remark that there is no reason why he should not make a 10 trotter. In 24 days' work he showed better than 2:35, and made a mile better than 2:50. These horses all have speed if given a chance, and from common mares will get good general purpose horses. It is given up by our best horsemen that Glide Heart is the highest class stallion that ever made the stand in Adams county.

This horse will make the stand at Monroe the first four days of the week and Friday and Saturday at the sales barn at Decatur. Conditions—\$15.00 to insure a colt to stand and \$10.00 cash to insure a mare for the season. Any man disposing of a mare after breeding the insurance falls due unless an agreement before hand. All care will be taken to prevent accidents, should any happen but will not be responsible. Address the conference with regard to a church project at that place.

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JAMES M. ANDREWS,
Owner and Keeper.
D. Burger, Keeper Fridays and Saturdays.

Judge Merryman has issued an order for the grand jury which was drawn a few days ago to report for duty next Monday, the first day of the April term. It is rumored that among matters to be investigated is the evidence of some of the applicants for liquor licenses at this week's session of the commissioners. Of course there is no way of confirming this rumor at this time.

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Rev. S. W. Umbreit, treasurer of the Northwestern college at Naperville, gave an excellent address this morning in the interests of the college. He stated that Indiana had more students there and paid more on the endowment fund than any other conference.

The afternoon program will be given over to hearing the reports of the various committees.

The reading of the appointments of the ministers to the various charges will probably be done tomorrow afternoon by Bishop Bowman.

Samuel Shell, a civil war veteran, a retired and prominent citizen of Peterson, and well known throughout the county, passed away at 7 o'clock Thursday evening at the home of his son-in-law, Roy Carter, one and one-half mile south of Peterson, after a week's illness with pneumonia. For the past ten years he had been a resident of that town, and owing to his advanced age, being sixty-six years old, had been living a retired life. His illness was indeed a very short one, and on last Wednesday took a change for the worse, and sank rapidly from then on until relieved by death, which came as a sad bereavement to the many relatives and friends. He leaves to mourn their loss four daughters and two sons: Nelson, residing in North Dakota; John, in Michigan; Mrs. Nancy Mills, of Brunswick, Mich.; Mrs. Bertha Baxter of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Lillie Carter of Peterson, where he has been making his home, and also a daughter at Garrett, Ind.

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APRON AND PASTRY SALE.

The sale of aprons, children's dresses, rompers and other articles of clothing, as well as the pastry sale, which is to be conducted by the Helping Hand society of the German Reformed church Saturday in the building on Second street formerly occupied by the Bowers millinery store, should be largely attended. Everybody invited.

Berne, Ind., April 7—(Special to Daily Democrat)—At the conference session of the Evangelical association Thursday afternoon a resolution was passed to reduce the number of districts in the state from four to three. This made it necessary to elect but one presiding elder instead of two as would otherwise have been the case. The terms of Rev. L. S. Fisher, Kokomo, Ind., and Rev. J. O. Mosier, Elkhart, Ind., expired at this session, and as a successor to these two, Rev. J. W. Metzner of Huntington, Ind., was elected on the fourth ballot. Four young men were licensed on probation: George Lozter, Bremen, Ind.; J. L. Buyer, San Pierre, Ind.; Lloyd Haney, Goshen, Ind.; Lloyd Foulke, Bippus, Ind. Rev. George Johnson, Cleveland, Ohio, addressed the conference in the interest of missions, and Rev. W. Wiener, Naperville, Ill., addressed the conference with regard

to the repair and remodeling of the Christian church was in order today, when workmen began on the interior which will be repainted and repainted in a handsome manner, this following the re-roofing, which was done a week or so ago. As the workmen will not finish the interior renewing this week, and the church will therefore not be in a fit condition for the holding of the regular Sunday services, the congregation will meet instead on Sunday in the library hall, where the regular services of the day, including the Bible school, the observing of the Lord's supper, the morning and evening preaching service, the junior and senior Christian Endeavor services, will be held. The usual custom of observing the week of prayer during the week before Easter will be carried out this year under the auspices of the Christian Women's Board of Missions.

Among the important work and many changes which are to take place at the Kokomo Methodist Episcopal conference being held there this week, will be the change of the Rev. E. L. Jones, pastor of the M. E. church at Ossian and Prospect, a son of John Jones of this city. Word to this effect has already been received and the people of these two churches where Rev. Jones has been such a

faithful pastor for two years, regret much to hear of his leaving, but at the same time are much elated over the high place to which he has been appointed. By the arrangements already made by the board of trustees of the Old People's Memorial Home at Warren, Rev. Jones is to become the new superintendent of the institution in the place of Rev. C. M. Lantis, who has held the position since its dedication one year ago this month, and who resigns to take up supply work as a minister in the North Indiana conference. The position carries with it a salary of \$1,200 a year and Rev. Jones and his family will move to that place upon the immediate adjournment of the conference. Much work is connected with the charge of this institution and Mrs. Jones will aid her husband in many ways to carry on this arduous work. Just who the new pastor of the Ossian charge will be is not yet known and they, as well as the parishioners of Prospect, wish that he could remain one year longer to complete the new church at the latter place, which is already under way. Rev. Jones was a former young man of this city and has been in the ministry for some time, and enjoys a wide circle of friends, both here and in surrounding cities, who will be pleased to hear of the high and important charge which is offered him.

A message received Friday a. m. gave the intelligence that Mr. Sprunger, of the firm of Frisinger & Sprunger, made a landing that morning from the steamer Michigan. He reports that the passage was made under favorable results and that all the horses stood the trip well. The unloading will be done this evening, direct from the ship into the cars, and will at once be ferried from Greater New York to the Erie terminal there, from where they will be shipped by express, arriving here on train No. 13 Saturday evening about 5 o'clock. The next trip of this firm will be made in June and at that time many horses will be bought. The stables at this time present a sorry appearance there being only one pure bred animal on hand.

Thursday the firm sold a bay Belgian, weighing a ton to George D. Pratt of St. John's, Mich., and the horse was shipped there today, Carl Smith accompanying it to the destination. This makes the fourth horse sold in the Michigan city since the first of the year.

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