

On account of the absence of several of the officers from the city, the St. Vincent de Paul society held no meeting at the K. of C. hall Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Butler entertained thirty-two of the ladies of the Evangelical Aid society in a most charming way Wednesday at her home in the south part of the city, the ladies devoting themselves to piecing quilt blocks, which will be made up into quilts for their sales departments. Miss Bereneta Reynolds furnished some very good piano music while the ladies sewed, and later, the hostess was assisted by the Misses Bereneta Reynolds and Melvina Butler in serving a luncheon, consisting of meat, sandwiches, pickles, potato salad, tutti-frutti, cake and coffee. The collection amounted to the good sum of \$12.88. Mrs. E. B. Macy will entertain the society in two weeks—Thursday, June 15th. The ladies planned also at this meeting to hold another pastry sale, June 10th, the place to be announced later.

Still another bride of the month, whose approaching wedding was celebrated yesterday, was Miss Beulah Connell, who will marry Mr. Omar Kenyon. Miss Irene Nold and her sister, Mrs. Allen Pilling, of Schenectady, who is visiting here, were hostesses for the affair, which took the form of a shower. There were covers for ten at the supper table and the bride found her place by a most bridal-looking bouquet of white rosebuds and sweet peas. Pink sweet peas filled the center of the table, and the delicious refreshments were in pink. The dainty gifts brought by these near friends of the elected bride were given her at supper time, and were exchanged over by the guests, who were given an opportunity to see each contribution.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Miss Marie Tonneller entertained a company of friends Thursday evening, guests being the Misses Celeste Wemhoff, Bertha Kinney, Anna and Margaret Clark and the Messrs. Frank Bremerkamp, Theodore Gralliker, John Wemhoff, Joe Fahrenbach and Ralph Amrine. Games, music, dancing and refreshments provided round after round of pleasure.

Mr. and Mrs. Vesta Brokaw entertained at a sumptuous dinner Thursday. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Dee Lewton and daughter, Eloise.

Mrs. C. D. Kunkel will give a family dinner party this evening at Meadowbrook farm near Monmouth, for Mrs. Florence DeVilbiss, who leaves soon to make her home with her daughter, Mrs. E. B. Newton, at Pontiac, Mich. Mrs. DeVilbiss shipped her household goods there yesterday and will leave in a short time for that place.

Twenty-nine enjoyed the hospitalities of the S. E. Hite home Thursday afternoon when Mrs. Hite entertained the Baptist Ladies' Aid society. The afternoon was devoted to making curtains, which will complete the church improvements, and then followed a social hour, during which refreshments, consisting of hot rolls, meat loaf, potato salad, strawberry ice cream, cake and coffee, were served. The ladies have planned to hold a pastry sale June 27th in the Everett & Hite bazaar and ask a liberal patronage. Mrs. Harve Shroll will entertain the society in two weeks—June 15th.

Miss Bertha Knapp, whose wedding to Mr. Ed Miller, will take place next Thursday, June 15th, was the guest of honor at a miscellaneous shower given by the Helping Hand society of the German Reformed church of which she has been a faithful and active member. The shower was given as a surprise, and was wholly successful as not an inkling of the event did the bride-to-be or any of the members of the family have until the large company of friends burst upon them, having met at the home of Mrs. L. C. Hesser, and then proceeded to the Knapp home in a body. Miss Esther Sellemeyer was cleverly masked as a witch, carrying her broom stick and a big basket in which the gifts for the coming bride were placed, the witch bringing forth from the mysterious basket all sorts of pretty and useful things for the new home. A very pleasant social evening was spent.

The meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, which was held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. V. Mills, was largely attended, the annual election of officers being held at this time, resulting as follows: President, Mrs. Mills; vice president, Mrs. B. J. Rice; secretary, Mrs. Jonas Tritsch; assistant secretary, Mrs. Raymond L. Semans; corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. D. Hale; treasurer, Mrs. Emma Daniels; assistant treasurer, Mrs. Dr. Miller. Mrs. John Niblick, who served five years as president of the society, resigned on account of the pressure of duties in many lines, she also being president of the

Fort Wayne district association. Mrs. Joe Helm, who served faithfully and well for ten years as treasurer, also resigned on account of the many duties devolving upon her. There are other officers to be named, this to be done later by the executive board. Plans for the district convention to be held in the Methodist church, this city, June 13th and 14th, were considered, and the program for the convention will be announced in a few days. The Queen Esther band has arranged to serve dinner on Tuesday noon at the church, to which the public is cordially invited. The lesson yesterday was on "Spanish Work on the Pacific Coast," the leader being Mrs. W. J. Meyers, others having interesting papers on the topic. Miss Ruth Meyers gave a solo that was much appreciated and the afternoon, all in all, was a delightful one.

The quarterly missionary tea of the Christian Woman's Board of Missions was given Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Arthur Fisher, a very delightful musical program being carried out. There was a missionary song by Esther Enos, Ruth Daniels, Bertha Schultz and Irene Eady on India; piano solos by Mrs. E. H. Shoemaker and Miss Jessie Beery and other delightful social features, this afternoon being given over chiefly to the social side of life. At tea time the party was invited into the dining room, where tea was served, places being arranged for seventeen. The tea table was very pretty, the polished surface being adorned with dainty dollies. The centerpiece was a vase of white peonies with their green foliage, on a large, handsome dolly centerpiece of lace, while the smaller dollies were arranged at each plate. The hostess was assisted in pouring the tea by Miss Velma Daniels. The society will hold its next regular monthly study period with Mrs. A. D. Artman.

Another happy pre-nuptial affair given for Miss Bertha Knapp, whose wedding to Mr. Ed Miller, will take place next Thursday noon, June 8th, was the shower given for her Thursday evening by Miss Ella Mutchler, at the Mutchler homestead, north of the city. Miss Bertha and her sister, Miss Alice, had been invited to supper at the Mutchler home, and afterwards were taken into the parlors where music was in order, that the arrival of the guests might not be known until they had all assembled. They were received on the lawn, leaving their parcels on the dining room porch, in a large market basket, which was gaily decorated with pink and white crepe paper streamers, and then all were ushered in upon the bride-to-be in the parlor, her surprise being most complete. A very unique contest was carried out. The guests were seated in the living room, and the double doors between that room and the dining room were closed, allowing a large paper heart on which were pinned small red hearts to be displayed. Each guest was blindfolded and allowed to select a heart. Each heart contained a wish for the bride-to-be, and these were read as they were taken down. When it came the bride's turn to be blindfolded the doors between the two rooms were opened and she was taken into the dining room where there burst upon her sight, the "shower." The gifts in their dainty basket were placed on the dining room table, and over them was suspended a large pink and white umbrella, this being the usual thing that goes with a "shower." A merry time in unwrapping the bundles, which contained many pretty gifts, was then spent. Another contest, called "The Shirtwaist Romance," was interesting. The prize was won by Miss Della Sellemeyer, being a large china pitcher, which she presented to the guest of honor. A very delicious luncheon in two courses, consisting of ham sandwiches, potato salad, pickled eggs, pickles, cheese, pink and white ice cream and pink and white cake, were served. The pink and white were carried out in the menu as well as in the dainty decorations of the home, which were pink and white crepe paper streamers, and pink and white peonies in large vases. The guests were: Bertha and Alice Knapp, Matilda, Esther and Della Sellemeyer. Mrs. Fred Fruchte, Letta Wetter, Sue and Celia Mayer, Frances Hoffman, Margaret Weidner, Lydia Miller, Emma Conrad, Leon Harting, Mrs. Martin Jaberg, Mrs. Fred Reppert, Mrs. Otto Kirsch, Mrs. I. Kalver, Mrs. Fred Heuer, Mrs. L. C. Hesser, Mrs. George Henneford, Mrs. John Spuler, Mrs. Otto Reppert, Miss Ross Nyffler, Mrs. Anna Yaney, Mrs. Martin Worthman, Mrs. Ben Elzey, Mrs. Frank Keller, Mrs. Reuben Lord, Mrs. John Glancy. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Knapp, one of the highly esteemed young ladies of the city.

Frank Barthol is in receipt of a paper sent him by Leo Martin from Fairbanks, Alaska, which gives a lengthy account of a disastrous flood, which swept through that city and others

nearby the forepart of May, when the big ice-jams began to break, along with the melting snows, putting that cold country in a perilous condition for some days. These floods are annually expected at this time, but not for many years has there been such a hurrying and scurrying among the people residing in the central part of the city and business section as was experienced this spring. People living along the banks of the river made arrangements for leaving their homes as soon as the water began to rise, but when the heavy layers of ice let loose from their mouths of fastening, people living blocks away had to repair to the loftiest parts of the city and remain there until the waters receded. Rubber boots were in great demand, and the supply in the city was exhausted long before half of the people had been accommodated. Much damage was done to buildings and other obstacles in the path of the water, and the different cities suffered heavy losses, and there were scarcely any whose cellars were not filled with water level to the floors. Many were rendered homeless, and those who left their homes at first and repaired to lower floors in hotels had to move again several times. Bridges along the path were swept away and broken into pieces by the heavy jams, and although the loss has not yet been accurately figured it will run up into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Decatur people in business at Fairbanks escaped without any damage, they being located on a higher level, but their basements and cellars were also filled to the top. It is considered the worst in the history of Fairbanks and for several days a good portion of the population of the city made their homes in boats and other safety vessels until things settled and were in the usual good running order.

#### HORSE ENJOYS RUN.

Horse Scared Near Heckman Mill and Winds Up on Ossian Road.

Much excitement was caused Thursday in the north part of the city when a grey horse hitched to a brand new buggy took fright at something, while left standing near the Heckman mill, and all at once took a chase north for several blocks, and then cut over the G. R. & I. tracks and came back with the rig still attached. When near the crossing at the Decatur automobile works, it turned directly around and returned in the same direction, and then took a shoot up the Ossian road. No one was in the rig at the time, and it was not learned to whom the animal belonged.

Miss Carrie Scherer, a former student of this county, but who for the past thirty years has been teaching school at Omaha, Neb., arrived in the city last Saturday and later went to Monroe for a several days' visit with her sister, Miss Elizabeth Scherer. On Thursday she left over the Erie for New York City, and on tomorrow noon will sail on a German steamer for Europe, and will make an extended visit across the waters. Her principal stopping places will be in Egypt, Jerusalem, and many other places of interest, which to the stranger afford many interesting and entertaining sights. She will be absent about two months and a half, giving her ample time to cover much territory and to thoroughly enjoy the various trips which she will take in addition to the main cities where she will visit. This is her second trip abroad, she having made the trip two years ago, seeing many interesting sights, and since then she has always had a yearning idea to return. Besides being a trip for pleasure it will also be of much benefit to her in regard to her school work, and which is one of the main reasons for her making the trip.

Eagle Pass, Texas, June 3—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Leaving here today Francisco Medero's special train entered Mexican territory. Medero issued a statement declaring that henceforth his efforts will be to insure peace. The insurrecto army will be disbanded and the government will give each man fifty dollars, a horse and twenty-five dollars for his gun. A body guard of 150 men will board the train later in the day and accompany Medero to the capital.

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Buffalo, N. Y., June 3—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Fire early today wrecked the interior of the million-dollar passenger steamer Northwest, of the Northwest line, plying between here and Duluth. The total damage is estimated at \$750,000.

Edward F. Berling, son of Mrs. H. Berling, of this city, who for a number of years has been in the employ of the Pennsylvania Co. at Fort Wayne, has tendered his resignation, the same taking effect Friday. After having completed his term of schooling in the Fort Wayne business college he obtained a position with the company as stenographer, and with the developing of the many business qualities which he possessed, worked himself up to the position of yard clerk in the trainmaster's office. For some time his health has been failing, owing to the constant strain of his work, and only last year was given a leave of absence to recuperate, and since then it has been a question with him whether he should continue his work with the company or look elsewhere. So with the resignation he enters business with his brother, Joseph, in the poultry line.

Children Cry  
FOR FLETCHER'S  
CASTORIA

Mrs. John H. Helm, a young woman residing east of this city, is suffering with badly lacerated hands, the result of an attack made upon her by an infuriated cat. The cat had been addicted to chicken killing, and resolving to put an end to this, Mrs. Helm attempted to catch the animal. She placed a saucer of milk on the ground near the house, and while puss was lapping it, Mrs. Helm walked up and took hold of the cat. The infuriated animal, its tiger nature probably aroused the more by its habit of killing the chickens and drinking their blood, leaped upon the woman and buried its fangs and claws in both her hands, biting and scratching them in a terrible way. Her cries soon brought Mr. Helm to the scene and in his attempts to get the animal off, the cat turned upon him and also bit him severely. A doctor was hastily called from this city to dress the wounds. No serious results from the bite of the cat are anticipated.

The following resolutions were passed by the G. A. R. at a meeting Friday evening:

Decatur, Ind., June 1, 1911.

Sam Henry Post, No. 63, G. A. R., in regular session in their hall on the above date, passed by unanimous vote, the following resolution, as submitted by the undersigned committee:

We, the comrades of said post, most cordially thank the ladies of the Relief Corps, the gentlemen who furnished the vocal music, the brass band and the drum corps, the boys of the gun squad, the teachers and the scholars of the schools, the reading by Mrs. Alice Funk, the timely and patriotic address of the Hon. John C. Moran, and Revs. Semans and Imler, and the citizens in general, for the splendid service rendered us on Decoration Day.

We also want to thank the Decatur Daily Democrat and Herald for their splendid historical editions of Sam Henry Post, reciting the history of our post from its organization in the year 1882 to the present date.

We especially wish to thank the business men of Decatur for the patriotic spirit displayed by closing their stores in the afternoon, and their liberal contributions toward the expense of Decoration Day.

B. W. SHOLTY,  
EZRA CUTTING,  
C. T. RAINIER,  
Committee.

On motion, the above resolution was ordered spread of record and a copy each, handed the daily papers for publication.

Detroit, Minn., June 3—(Special to Daily Democrat)—L. F. Berg of New York, president of the Mobile & New Orleans railroad, was fatally injured, his wife instantly killed, one man fatally hurt, and six others seriously injured, early today, when the Winnipeg Flyer struck a washout at Berdass and was derailed. The Bergs were traveling in a special car, which was consumed by fire, together with the entire train. Many passengers narrowly escaped incineration.

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C. E. Sturgis, special judge in the case of the Maryland Casualty Co. vs. Decatur Egg Case Co., on contract demand, \$4,316.82, was here yesterday afternoon and there were further issues in the case. A petition and showing was filed by the plaintiff to require the defendant to show cause as to why the defendant does not produce books, etc., as required by the court. Citation ordered against John W. Vall and Charles S. Niblick, president and secretary of the defendant company, returnable June 10th, as prayed in petition.

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and will devote most of his time to the carrying on of their extensive business, which they are at present operating. The best of success is assured him by his many friends.

#### DEATH OF TWIN BABES.

Son and Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cloud.

The burial of twin babes—a boy and a girl—born prematurely Friday afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cloud of Oak street, took place today. The death of one occurred at birth, about three o'clock, the other living two hours, passing away at 5 o'clock.

#### K. OF C. MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Knights of Columbus will be held on Monday evening and as at previous meetings, a good attendance is desired. Nothing of particular importance is so far scheduled, but it is desired that all attend so that what business does arise can be properly taken care of.

#### WOODMEN INITIATE.

Ben Elzey, Lawrence Green and John Blehl were given the first degree by the Modern Woodmen and next week will receive the second degree. Albert Williams will also be initiated next week. A very good time was enjoyed.

#### POLICE COURT NEWS.

The case of the State vs. Warren Jones, who was charged with assault and battery, and whom it was alleged, struck his mother while she was residing on the farm with him, is being tried today. It is impossible to get the prosecuting witness to recount the facts that caused the filing of the affidavit and the result of the trial is in doubt. Two witnesses remain to be examined at the time of going to press.

Friday night an arrest was made by Policeman Melchi and this morning the party, John Heck, true name unknown, was arraigned in Squire Stone's court and was found guilty of public intoxication and fined a dollar and costs. He created a scene when apprised of the result and determined to go to jail.

Four calls for the police Friday, wanting them to kill dogs which had bitten or attempted to bite people, were sent in to police headquarters and four trips were made but the dogs had disappeared when the marshal arrived.

#### WILL GIVE AWAY SILVERWARE.

J. B. Stoneburner of the Star theater, has arranged to give to the ladies of Decatur beautiful and high grade silverware, consisting of teaspoons, tablespoons, knives and forks, sugar shells and butter knife. His plan is to give a coupon with each ticket to his theater or airdome, and a certain number gets one of the pretty presents. In this way every one is treated alike and all who wish to may secure a complete set of the silverware. Ten coupons get a spoon, fifteen get a sugar shell or butter knife, twenty get a tablespoon, etc., until your set is complete. He began issuing these coupons this afternoon.

#### SPRAINED THUMB.

Will Shoemaker, an employee of the Ward Fence company, on last Saturday met with an accident in some way, having his thumb very badly sprained. Upon his return to work a short time later he was unable to carry out his intentions and since then has been off duty. The sprained member is quite sore, it refusing to heal as it should and several more days will have to be devoted to nursing before he can have the free use of it.

The Blue Creek ditch case trial was again adjourned Saturday until June 14th, when it will again be taken up and will probably take about two weeks longer before it will be finished. As next week is the last week of court until the September term opens, the trial will be taken up in vacation.

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on complaint, Plaintiff Elizabeth Rice, one-fifth, and the defendants, Henry Hart, Jesse W. Hart, Harvey D. Hart and Mary Bremerkamp, entitled each to one-fifth of real estate in question. Judgment and decree for partition. As the real estate is indivisible, it is ordered sold at public sale, after due notice; one-third cash, one-third in nine months, and one-third in eighteen months, at six per cent interest, deferred payments to be secured by mortgage and personal security. D. B. Egwin appointed commissioner; bond, \$8,000.

Rebecca Eady, executrix, vs. City of Decatur, \$10,000 damages, L. C. De-Voss enters appearance for the city.

Miranda Q. Moore, guardian of Adele Barnett, files inventory, which the court approved.

The final report of Sue H. Kirk, administratrix of the George Hartman estate, was allowed and the administratrix discharged.

Sarah A. Tyndall, administratrix of the Henry A. Tindall estate, filed proof of publication and posting.

Real estate transfers: Franklin M. Schirmeyer, trustee, to Adam J. Smith, lot 80, Decatur, \$240.

Magley, Ind., June 3—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—The warehouse belonging to the mercantile establishment of Ed Luttmann, the Magley merchant, was struck by lightning at 5 o'clock this morning and was in a mass of flames before noticed, being totally consumed, together with the contents, which included the truck automobile, a top buggy, machinery, groceries, and many other valuable things stored there. Mr. Luttmann had difficult work in saving the residence, which is located nearby, and himself was badly burned about the hands in trying to save that. He was working upon the roof of the house, trying to save that structure from the flames of the warehouse nearby, when the wind suddenly turned and averted the danger to that building. Some insurance was carried upon the warehouse, but not enough to cover the loss.