

A large number of Red Men were present at the lodge quarters Wednesday night, at which time the Red Men elected officers for the coming term. The degree was also conferred on several candidates and a social time enjoyed. Delegates were elected to attend the great council to be held in Indianapolis next month and the proposition to have a home for the order was also discussed. The officers elected for the coming term were: Prophet, B. F. Breiner; sachem, Richard Heim; senior, George Kinzie; junior, Andrew Moyer; representatives, Fred Blosser and Herbert Breiner; trustee, James Bain.

This order has made great strides in the last year toward becoming larger, there being very few evenings on which there was no degree conferred. Every member of the lodge is giving every effort to securing more members this year because of the proposed improvements, and also to make the order the largest, in numbers, in the city. Great success has crowned the efforts of the past term, and now the membership is hovering close to the two hundred mark. The principles of the order appeal to the working man, the clerk, or in fact any man who labors for a daily wage, and this class of men is rapidly seeing the advantages of an affiliation with an order and are being enrolled.

The meeting of the library board last week was quite an important one, the work of the year being gone over, the reports showing a most successful period. Mrs. E. J. Bailey, who was appointed by court a member of the library board, succeeding Mrs. L. G. Ellingham upon her resignation and removal to Indianapolis, was elected to succeed her in office as vice president of the board, the other officers keeping their offices without change, as follows: President, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison; secretary, H. B. Heller; treasurer, E. X. Ehinger. Other members of the board are Mrs. C. D. Lewton, M. Kirsch and T. C. Corbett.

CARD OF THANKS.

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The Rev. D. O. Wise, pastor of the local Evangelical church, is conference president of the Y. P. A. Many representatives of the local Evangelical church attended the convention.

Frederick Maurer, administrator, filed sale bill in the matter of the estate of Melchoir Maurer, which the court approved.

Sarah A. Tindall, executrix of the Henry Tindall estate, filed final report and was discharged, the court approving the report.

In the divorce case of Laura A. Foughty vs. Charles K. Foughty, an application to modify the order of the court respecting Russell Foughty was filed. A notice to the defendant was ordered returnable on the first day of the next term. In the recent order made by the court the custody of Russell was given the defendant.

In the Michael Hoffman vs. Samuel Battenfield et al. quiet title case, a judgment and decree quieting the title of lands in the plaintiff was made by the court. The clerk is ordered to satisfy the mortgage of record.

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But this does not avail as one thinks it should. The forces which prevent this appeal from bringing practical results are—irremovable ignorance with its accompanying content, apathy, procrastination, and the clutch-of-the-dollar with its attendant ideas of false economy. As avarice, ignorance, apathy, procrastination are all sins, it is not strange to find them to be the cause of the sins of unsanitary conditions. Of all unsanitary sins, the unsanitary school house is the worst. This is true, because little defenseless children are injured. The school house which is not thoroughly ventilated with ample supply of ducts, or, which is not thoroughly and properly lighted, or, which is not evenly warmed or kept clean, or which does not have an ample supply of pure water, or which has abominable outhouses is a sin. It marks the community in which it exists as ignorant, cruel and extravagant. Yet, such school houses are all over our state. But what shall be said of those who oppose building sanitary school houses? We certainly cannot pronounce them wise and practical, for they propose to continue conditions which cost like sin, conditions which bring ill health, disease and even death, upon little children. The said conditions also bring inefficiency upon teacher and pupils and the taxpayers do not get the value of their money. In sanitary school houses, efficiency is so increased that pupils need go only three years to accomplish as much as is done in four years in unsanitary school houses. This is a saving of 25 per cent, not to speak of the saving of doctors' bills, medicine and nurses' bills. The person who stands against building a new sanitary school house, saying "the people are already taxed to death," is to be pitied—for he wants to send good money after bad, and he does not understand true economy. And let it here be said—the trustee whose only idea of economy is to spend less than his predecessor is a dangerous man. His leading idea should be how much more good he can do even if he is compelled to spend more money.

Invitations to the marriage of Miss Irene Lauer to Robert J. Miller of Fort Wayne were received by a number of Decatur friends. Miss Lauer is quite well known here, having visited here a number of times. The wedding will take place on Wednesday morning, the 21st of June, at St. Mary's church.

Ailing for more than a year with Bright's disease, which, however, assumed a most serious phase only during the last forty-eight hours, John N. Kerr, one of the prominent farmers of Monroe township, died Wednesday night at 10 o'clock at his home three and one-half miles northeast of Berne.

Complicated with the Bright's disease was an abscess. Two days ago Mr. Kerr complained of a pain in one side of his face, and this was later found to be an abscess and lanced, his death occurring soon afterward, the serious phase of his illness extending only over forty-eight hours. Miss Kauffman, a trained nurse from Fort Wayne was called to attend the man during his last days. Mr. Kerr, to whom was allotted only fifty-six years, four months and fifteen days of his life, was born in Crawford county, Ohio, but in 1865, with his parents, David H. Kern and wife, settled in Monroe township, this county, his entire life being practically spent there, where he became a most influential and prominent man of affairs. He is survived by his wife and three children—John R., who is married, and Lulu and Dessie Kerr, who reside at home. One son has preceded the father in death. He also leaves three brothers, but no sisters. The funeral was held Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock, standard time, from the home. The service was in charge of the Knights of Pythias lodge, No. 389, Berne.

Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health, issues the following statement on the extravagance of having unsanitary school houses: Of course all unsanitary conditions bring heavy expense in the form of sickness, ill health, disease and death. The loss of efficiency which attends sickness is very great. Indiana loses greatly from "sickness-inefficiency." The people of Indiana spend over \$5,000,000 annually for doctors and over \$3,000,000 for medicines, and the doctors are preaching prevention to them all the time. Yet, the people wink at the ounce of prevention and keep up the awful pound expenditure for cure. This is a curious situation. When Moses would preserve his people from preventable sickness, he did not talk about the sorrow, weakness, suffering and loss, which preventable sickness brings and thus try to lead them to self preservation; but instead he appealed to their religion and so he be-

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It is estimated by the state board

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results in a loss of not less than \$2,000,000 annually.

In other words, give every school child a chance for his

"white-ally of health," and our annual

school tax can be reduced \$2,000,000.

We hope the business men of the state

will take hold of this matter and help

secure this great saving.

MILK DEALERS' NOTICE.

All persons holding a license to sell milk and cream within the city of Decatur, Ind., are hereby notified that they must file certificates of examinations of their cow or cows before the 30th day of June, 1911, or their license will be cancelled.

Respectfully yours,

1355 H. E. KELLER.

than a score of years and see the development that has come about during that time—the trolley being the greatest of all—we can in a measure grasp the immensity and wonder what the next decade will bring. However, the one live subject we know of now is the interurban. The advent of the trolley has put life in dead communities, built new towns, and in fact no factor in the world's history can point to the rapid advancement in the upbuilding of the territory as has and is being brought about by the interurban. The trolley lines, business, both mercantile and industrial—society, education, and the latter the greatest of all.

The February issue of "Forward!" the Commercial club publication of Indianapolis, featured the I. T. U. system and the interurban lines generally, entering Indianapolis.

The article told of how the first interurban car entered the capital city eleven years ago, to be precise, on the first day of January, 1900. It was from Greenwood, eleven miles away to the southwest.

Today there are, on an average, 472 traction cars in and out of Indianapolis each twenty-four hours—approximately twenty to every hour of the twenty-four.

This article states that fiction is outdoors and romance is out-romanced in the wonderful story of interurban development in Indiana. Its end no one can foretell, and its past, present and future importance to Indianapolis is equally beyond the power of approximation.

There are nearly 16,000 people being carried in and out of Indianapolis every day on the interurban lines.

An article by Will J. Dob