

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Following the opening of the morning session at 9 o'clock the convention hall was the scene of one continuous uproar, there being no intervening whatever, and as soon as order was called, the convention got down to work of selecting the state ticket. The resolutions which had previously been formed, proclaiming Governor Thomas R. Marshall as a presidential candidate, were adopted without any opposition. When an announcement was made for names for the nomination for governor, the names of Samuel M. Ralston of Lebanon and Frank J. Hall of Rushville were mentioned. The latter shortly afterward withdrew in favor of Samuel M. Ralston, who was then acclaimed the nominee, without further opposition. L. G. Ellingham, secretary of state, who was a candidate for re-nomination, and who had no opponent, was also chosen amid the scene of cheers from throughout the hall, and the well represented bunch from old Adams, which attended the convention. The names of William O'Brien, auditor of state; William H. Vollmer, treasurer of state, and Attorney General Thomas H. Honan were also acclaimed without any opposition. Chas. A. Greathouse, superintendent of public instruction, State Statistician Thos. W. Doolley of North Vernon were also selected, they being the only candidates for these offices.

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—When the names for lieutenant governor were called, six names were presented, and but one ballot was necessary for a choice, the nomination going to W. P. O'Neill of Mishawaka, who received 419½ votes. The vote was as follows: W. P. O'Neill, Mishawaka, 419½; Jacob W. Denny, Portland, 228; James W. Fourtune, Jeffersonville, 225; Leonard R. Clure, Franklin, 154; Dr. T. D. Scates, 224, while the name of Clay W. Mettaker was withdrawn.

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Indiana democracy came into her own again today, when Governor Thomas Marshall called the most enthusiastic convention of years to order at 9 a. m. at Tomlinson hall. The appearance of the governor on the platform was the signal for prolonged cheering, the features of the boisterous delegates of a moment before fading in a sea of waving flags. When the delegates walked to their seats, long before the convention had been called to order, they saw the prosaic walls of the hall and the cold pillars transformed into a brilliant mass of red, white and blue. The boxes of the gallery are draped in festoons of the national colors. These boxes were filled early in the day with the wives, daughters and friends of the delegates and the candidates. The feminine touch made the picture perfect. When Governor Marshall and Senators Kern and Shively appeared on the platform, the women joined fervently in the applause.

Following the address of Governor Marshall, Senator Kern took the gavel and became the permanent chairman of the convention. The same system as has been carried out in previous conventions was followed. Each district was allotted a section of seats, the choice of location being made in the usual manner. Following the speech of Senator Kern, the usual routine business of the convention began.

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Advocacy of tariff reform, strict law enforcement and governmental economy characterized the speech of Governor Marshall in opening the democratic convention here today. The statements on national issues made by the governor, who acted as temporary chairman of the convention, were generally accepted as his declaration of principles in his campaign for the democratic presidential nomination.

Criticism was made of the recall of judicial decisions advocated by Colonel Roosevelt. Opposition was voiced to the initiative, referendum and recall, the governor saying that until graver evils arise than have thus far arisen he believed there was but slight demand for them. Wisdom demands, however, he said, that there be readiness to meet any emergency and he believed there should be something in the nature of a warning to officials that they must represent the people or be in danger of removal from office.

The governor declared himself in favor of a combination of the primary and delegate conventions for the nomination of officials and the consideration of public questions.

"I would like to see a state-wide primary for the selection of delegates," said the governor. "This could be safeguarded by law. I would then place upon the delegates selected the responsibility of representative government and grant to them a discretion which, if not used for the best interests of the people, would bring the delegates into disrepute with the men who elected them, and result in the defeat of the ticket they nominated."

A tariff for revenue only was advocated by the governor. He expressed himself as believing it to be the source of most of the corporation problems of today and that tariff reduction would solve them.

"Let us raze the home of protection, execute the mother of special privileges and see how speedily the infants will die for lack of her fostering care," said the governor.

"The democratic party believes in genuine tariff reform," he continued. "It holds that reform of the tariff does not mean driving away the fat hogs that the runts may get at the swill. It means kicking the tariff trough over and letting all men do what you and I do—root hog or die."

Enactment of a law annulling the charters of corporations whenever an officer or director of one becomes a director or officer of another was advocated by the governor.

Speaking of the proposed new constitution of Indiana, the chief executive expressed himself as follows: "It is known by all men that the lawyers' amendment to our constitution has stood in the way of many reforms and that it now stands in the way; that the present constitution is practically an unamendable document. To cut this Gordian knot, to present a document which would meet with the approval of conscientious citizens, and a document which at the same time would enable those who have particular views which they think ought to be incorporated into the organic law of the land, to obtain a hearing from their fellow citizens, our party formulated and presented to the people this new constitution. Until the lawyers' amendment is out of the way, no other amendment may be proposed. When proposed they must not only meet with the approval of two sessions of the general assembly but they must obtain a majority of all the votes cast at the general election before they can become a part of the constitution. In the evolution of civilization of America this was deemed too slow a progress. The question as to whether the people of this state have a right to vote upon this constitution is now before the courts. Personally, I believe the courts have usurped functions which never belonged to them in considering this question for a moment. I shall always believe that if they prevent a vote on this subject they will have wrested from the people an inalienable right. And yet so thoroughly am I convinced that it is better to bear the evils that we have than to fly to others that we know not of, that it is better to rest quietly under judicial oppression and to seek remedies by statutory enactment than to submit your questions to an unsworn, an ignorant or a prejudiced jury with no safe-guards and no method of punishment, that so far as I am concerned I shall quietly abide the decision of the court if it be adverse to my views, reserving always my right as a free-born citizen to freely criticize the decision of the court and to propose all lawful measures to rectify the wrong."

"I have myself the utmost respect for the dignity and power of the courts, but I know there is a vast difference between Justice Harlan and Justice Dogberry. The judicial ermine is sacred in my sight, but the judicial vermin is not. If I can have my say in democratic councils of the state, the party will promise the people that in the event that the supreme court of Indiana does not permit us to vote upon the new constitution, we will call a special election if the people will give us a general assembly and get rid of the lawyers' amendment and will devise lawful means to present these changes to the people for their adoption or rejection."

The governor defended the administration of the state's finances by the democrats and said that the tax levy for the years of the present democratic administration and the preceding republican administration showed that one and one-half cents less taxation upon each one hundred dollars had been taken from the taxpayers by this administration than the preceding one. In the aggregate the governor said that this amounted to \$290,000 a year. He also asserted that the administration had been enabled to open the new hospital for the insane at Madison, the tuberculosis hospital at Rockville, to increase the capacity of the school for feeble-minded youth and of the epileptic village, to pay off the Coliseum bonds of \$100,000 plus interest, and will be able to pay \$150,000 of the state debt in July and \$150,000 more in January of next year.

It was recommended that the state should have a penal colony for all persons convicted of minor offenses and imprisoned for a year or less, and the prisoners there should be used for the making of public improvements. The whole district of Indiana was named as a suitable place for the establishment of the colony.

Establishment of a farm for the harmless and incurable insane also was advocated in case the state's finances next year will permit it. A state orphan's home also was recommended.

The beet sugar meeting held at Hoagland on Wednesday morning was attended by a fair-sized crowd of farmers from that vicinity, and was full of interest. Mr. Hubbard, the general manager, addressed the meeting for some time, telling those present

how to raise sugar beets and gave them many good pointers. Mr. Wagner, the agriculturist, followed in a stirring address, which was followed by a short talk by Charles Bash of Fort Wayne, on fertilizing, of which those present gained much information and many good pointers. L. M. Thomas of Monroe made a short talk, after which the meeting adjourned.

The democrats' party, the governor said, should stand for the enlargement of the powers of the railroad commission of Indiana and its conversion into a public service commission. Referring to the educational institutions of the state, the governor said that they were being maintained at great cost and that the experts of these institutions "should of their knowledge give something in return to the state."

"The expert in promoting efficiency in public service corporations will save to the owners more than a public service commission will reduce their incomes. The owner and the public will thus receive like benefits," said the governor.

The governor defended his use of the parole power, reiterating that it was the purpose of society not to punish criminals but to reform them.

Legislation passed by the last state legislature was pointed out by the governor as being of vital importance to the state and a long list of state laws, held to be in the best interests of the people, were enumerated.

There are at present nine guests of Sheriff Durkin at the Adams county jail. Among the number is Charles Hockenrieder, the Geneva junk dealer, who is nearing the end of serving out a sentence growing out of the assault and battery on Mrs. Brian, the deaf mute lady. The charge against him was also intent to commit rape, but he was found guilty only of the lesser charge. His fine was one hundred dollars and this with the costs of the case amounted to some \$150, so that his term will expire on March 27th. He has been in jail since he was taken up for the crime, September 20th. Others now in jail are Ed Tobin, against whom a charge of rape on thirteen-year-old Florence Counts is pending; James Welch, charged with stealing \$10 from the petticoat of the aged Mrs. Sarah Carpenter; Joseph Brady, given six months for petit larceny, and a \$10 fine, September 11th, is nearing the end of his service; and several minor drunks, including James Coverdale, A. LeBrun, Joe Mersman, Frank Keting, "The Little Bear," and a man named Wilson. The action which is to come before the county commissioners, relative to the working of prisoners in the jail, will no doubt help to reduce the number of guests, who will steer clear of a hotel where the guests are asked to do a part of the labor in return for "accommodation."

The divorce case of Harrison E. Jack vs. Zella R. Jack was submitted last Thursday before Judge Merryman. The couple were Bernese young people and were married June 27, 1903, and lived together until April 19, 1906, when he says she deserted him and has refused to live with him since. Frank Cottrell appeared for the plaintiff, and C. J. Lutz and E. H. Adams for the defense.

The case of the Corn Exchange National Bank of Chicago, Ill., vs. Alfred L. French and C. A. French, note and attachment, \$6,000, was submitted. Finding for plaintiff, and for plaintiffs, who filed their action under the action in their several proceedings in attachment and attachment proceedings sustained. Finding and judgment for plaintiff Corn Exchange National Bank, on note sued on, \$2,629.21. Finding and judgment for Frank Wright by Wright & Co., a corporation, for \$1,773; also for A. W. Jeffers and Mary Jeffers for \$2,338. Order and decree for the sale of all attached property. Order made that proceeds be first applied to the payment of costs accrued and accruing costs and costs of sale, and balance of the proceeds ratably to aforementioned judgment creditors.

Realty transfers: Fred Scheumann et al. to Joseph D. Krick, 89 acres, St. Mary's tp., \$8900; Susan Carpenter to Susannah Landis, 29 acres, Kirkland tp., \$1500; Mary E. Case to James W. Watson, 103 acres, St. Mary's tp., \$5,000; James W. Watkins et al. to Andrew J. Case, 103 acres, St. Mary's tp., \$3900; Cyrus W. Lyons to Frank P. Halberstadt, realty in Blue Creek tp., \$2200; Emanuel L. Haacker to A. J. Moser & Co., 49 acres, Wabash tp., \$4600; A. J. Moser & Co. to Emanuel L. Haacker, lot 2, Berne, \$100; Amos Reusser et al. to Rapid Remedy Co., lot 246, Berne, \$6500.

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RETURN FROM CARDWELL, MO.

Mrs. John Vail, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Railing and Mrs. Ed Beery and children arrived home last Friday from Cardwell, Mo., where they have spent the winter. Mrs. Vail, who is conference treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, comes to attend the conference which opens next Tuesday at Wabash, and Mrs. Beery and children, who have been spending the winter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wash Gilpen, return to go to the new home in Ripley county, where her husband and his brother, W. P. Beery, have purchased a farm.

FROM ATLANTA TO SEA.

Allen County Veteran Who Took First Steps in Famous March Is Dead.

George Shordon, aged seventy-two years, a life-long resident of Allen county, who claims the honor of being the first private soldier to take the first step in the start of Sherman's celebrated march from Atlanta to the sea, to the music of "Marching Through Georgia," is dead at his home northeast of Fort Wayne. He was a member of Company D, 88th regiment, Indiana volunteers in the civil war.

YEOMEN MEETING.

The meeting of the Yeomen Tuesday evening was an enthusiastic one, there being a large attendance and considerable business up before the lodge for disposal. One candidate was taken into the order and the other business which came up before them made the evening an important one. Twenty candidates will be taken in on next Tuesday evening, when the fifth anniversary of the lodge will be celebrated. A special meeting has been called for Monday evening, at which time the entire degree staff is expected to be present.

OPERATED UPON.

Mrs. Hershel Plough of Monroe was this morning operated upon at the Lutheran hospital, Fort Wayne, for appendicitis, with which illness she has been suffering for some time. She was accompanied by her family physician, Dr. Rayl, and Mr. and Mrs. William Rupert, who witnessed the operation. L. V. Plough, with Dr. Rayl, returned in the afternoon and stated that the patient had not come from under the influence of the anesthetic, but the operation was thought to have been a successful one.

GROUNDHOG HAD "SKATE ON."

And now the other half on the groundhog question is saying, "I told you so." Some explain the whirling weather by saying that Master Groundhog must have met a blind tiger on his way from his nest, and imbibed so freely that he "got a skate on," and was going around in a whirl when he saw his shadow, a little more than six weeks ago.

LEASED WILLARD STEELE HOME.

E. S. Moses has leased the Willard Steele residence on North Second street, formerly the Henry Mayer home and will take possession April 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Steele are preparing to return to their park residence. The true property in which the Moses have been residing, was sold recently to John Frisinger, who expects to occupy the home.

THE SPRING VACATION.

The students of the public schools of the city are looking forward with pleasure to their annual spring vacation which will be the first week in April—week after next. The teachers, or the greater number of them, will attend the teachers' association in Chicago.

Mrs. John Everett was apprised this morning of the death of her brother-in-law, David Frisinger, aged seventy-five, a prominent resident living two miles north of Wren, Ohio, death occurring Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Mr. Frisinger had been ailing several weeks with a complication of diseases, incident to old age, and his death was not unexpected. He is also a cousin of John Frisinger of this city and has many other relatives in the city and county. Mr. Frisinger was first married to Miss Rebekah Root, who has been dead a number of years. Children surviving from the first marriage are William Frisinger of Rockford, and Albert Frisinger, an opera-

tor at Akron, Ind. He was married later to Miss Sarah Britton, who survives, with the following children: Mrs. William Bowers, of Wren, and Clark Frisinger. The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock from the U. R. church at Wren, in charge of the Rev. Roberts.

ELZEY DABE DEAD.

The funeral of the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Elzey of North First street, whose death occurred a few minutes after birth, will be laid to rest Friday morning in the Maplewood cemetery, following a short service at the home in charge of the Rev. Semans.

Mrs. Margaret Beatty, wife of Attorney A. P. Beatty, Thursday underwent an operation for ailments from which she had been suffering for the past eight years, and for which no medical treatment seemed to be of no avail. The operation was performed by Dr. W. W. Barnett, of Ft. Wayne, assisted by Drs. Clark of this city. One hour and thirty minutes were necessary for the ordeal, there being a number of adhesions which had been growing for some time, and obstruction of the gall bladder, which made it a very serious one. The operation took place at the home on North Second street, where it was thought better care and treatment would be given her than elsewhere, a trained nurse, Miss Harshberger, being in attendance. Last fall a trip to California was taken in the hope of some benefit, but this, too, proved of no good, and other treatments at institutions were tried, but to no avail, and it was finally decided that an operation might restore her to her former health. She had become very weak from the long siege of illness, which was somewhat against her during the operation, but previous to it, had been up and around the home. The many friends of the well known lady wish her a speedy recovery.

Monroe, Ind., Mar. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The citizens of Monroe were startled Wednesday night about 11 o'clock when a sharp flash of lightning was followed not only by the rumble of thunder, but a much greater report. Investigation revealed the fact that the fine barn of Commissioner James Hendricks, located on his farm on the edge of Monroe, had been struck by lightning. The gable end, as well as the roof, were struck off, but fortunately fire did not follow, and the damage was lessened in that way.

Monroe, Ind., Mar. 21.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Thomas, who reside a short distance north of Monroe, is quite ill with pneumonia. Her condition is reported slightly better at this writing.

A "stag supper" was served by several of the male members of the M. E. church last Saturday evening. Everything in season was served, including hamburger cheese. The event was pulled off for the benefit of the piano fund of the M. E. church, and netted them a handsome income.

Remember that on next Saturday the public sale at the Liechty Bros. & Co. hardware store will take place promptly at 1 o'clock sharp, when you can buy farm implements, stoves and various other articles at your own price. This sale will consist of all new goods—not old, second-hand and shelf-worn—and you can expect some good bargains, if you need anything in their line offered for sale on that day.

The Ladies Aid society of the M. E. church is completing arrangements to serve an elaborate Easter supper on Saturday evening, April 6th. You all know what that means, a great big meal, of all the good things available, and plenty of it. Sharpen up your appetite for that night.

Monroe should have a marshal and a lock-up. The town is large enough and is continually growing and as it now is it has no protection to its citizens. The town board should select and appoint some good man to fill that office. There are many occasions when there would be need for such a guardian of the peace.

There are rumors that there will be a business change in Monroe in the near future. Guess who?

John Beckord and Perry Johnson were business visitors in Decatur Tuesday.

Charley Lammiman attended a meeting of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Decatur last Monday night.

The North Indiana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will meet in Wabash next week. The session will last over Sunday. There are 250 active ministers and 68 retired ministers who are members of the conference, which covers the northeast quarter of the state.

There are 495 churches with a membership of 70,000 and the same number of Sunday schools with an enrollment of 73,000 scholars and teachers. Each church will present a report of the work of the year in all its departments.

Bishop David H. Moore of Cincinnati, is president of the conference and at the close of the session will assign the pastors to the churches for the next year. There will be one district superintendent to be appointed to succeed Dr. T. M. Guild of Richmond, whose term of six years is completed. Bishop Moore has been requested to appoint the present pastor for another year to the Decatur church and no change is anticipated here. The Rev. R. L. Semans will go to Wabash on Tuesday. He is a member of the theological faculty of the conference and gives instruction and examinations to the candidates for the ministry in systematic theology and homiletics. Mr. Semans is also chairman of the committee on aggressive evangelism which will have charge of the evangelistic services during the session.

Dr. L. W. Munhall, a noted evangelist, of Philadelphia, has been secured to speak every day at 4 o'clock. Other meetings will be arranged and a big meeting for men is to be held on Sunday afternoon in the Eagles theater. It is the hope of the committee to make the session enthusiastically evangelistic and to persuade many to start in the Christian life.

On Thursday the lay electoral conference, composed of lay delegates from each church will meet. This body meets every four years to elect delegates to the general conference, which is the law-making body of the church. The general conference meets in May in Minneapolis. There will be six ministers and six laymen elected to represent the North Indiana conference. It is a great honor to be chosen as a representative of the conference and there is a good deal of rivalry amongst the laymen for the honor. There is, however, an unwritten law that ministers shall not do any electioneering and the vote is taken by ballot without nominations. A. J. Smith and Dan Sprang are the delegates from the Decatur church. Mrs. Emma Daniels is on the program at the anniversary service of the Woman's Home Missionary society. One of the notable meetings of the week is the conference love feast at 9 a. m. Sunday. The Rev. E. L. Semans, D. D. of Warsaw, father of Rev. R. L. Semans, is to lead this meeting. Among the prominent speakers on the program are Col. George R. Lockwood of Marion, F. J. McConnell, president of Deaureau university; Dr. C. M. Boswell of Philadelphia, and Dr. Homer Stunz of New York.

Next Sunday Rev. Semans will preach the last sermons of the conference year and give a brief report of the year's activities.

FIREMEN'S SHOW.

This evening will be firemen's doings at the Star theater and their purpose for leasing the theater is to raise funds for their going to Dunkirk, Ind., this June to attend the firemen's district convention, and to make a strong plea to secure the meet for Decatur in 1913. Several other cities are working to obtain the meet and the locals need all the support they can get to land it. It will mean a whole lot for Decatur, bringing upwards of 1,000 people to the city on that day and the program to be carried out will be one of unusual interest. Help the ladies to night by witnessing the famous film of "Flames and Fortunes." Tonight

WE'LL TAKE ACTION SUNDAY.

Christian Congregation Will Decide on Pastor.

At the congregational meeting to be held Sunday, the Christian church will take action in the matter of retaining the Rev. Myrick of Oxford, Kansas, as pastor of the local church, succeeding the Rev. J. M. Dawson, who recently resigned. The Rev. Myrick has held a charge at Oxford, Kansas, for some time, but wishes to return to his native state, Indiana. He preached last Sunday here and pleased the many who heard him. He is now at Martinsville, Ind., where he is visiting with his parents.

A FINE DISPLAY WINDOW.

The artists at the Teeple, Brandyberry & Peterson clothing store were busy today arranging their fine display window. Blue serge prevails, shown in a large number of handsome custom made suits. Prices are agreeable, the men's suits selling for \$10 to \$25, and boys' for \$1 to \$8.50.

SUGAR BET COAL STOLEN.

Officials Called to Scene—No Arrests Were Made.

Marshal Peterson and Deputy Sheriff J. D. Merica were called to the beet sugar plant this morning at 9

o'clock, upon statement that the company was missing about two tons of soft coal from the cars which were standing on the tracks there. A search among the resident foreigners of that vicinity who are working on the plant, failed to reveal more than a small quantity of coal, the usual amount necessary for use in any family, and no suspicion attaching thereto, no arrests were made.

The good people of the Methodist church at Monroe surprised their pastor, the Rev. G. H. Crafts, and wife on Tuesday. A large delegation went to the parsonage where they demanded admittance, and took possession, while another delegation went to the church and prepared a great dinner. The company was so numerous that the men had to go to the lumber yard for boards to make the tables. At noon seventy-seven sat down to the table, but so plentiful was the supply of good things that twelve baskets were left untouched. The pastor says "Long live Monroe people."

Contributed in a vengeful spirit by "Little Willie."

"We are chased down the alley for four dining room chairs belonging to a neighbor."

"We are chased up the alley for two small tables belonging to another neighbor."

"We are chased across the street at night for twelve plates and six cups and saucers belonging to a neighbor."

"We are chased down the street twelve silver teaspoons and a cut glass bowl."

"We are chased around the corner to a neighbor's for a street car conductor's punch."

"We are chased a half mile for a friend's book of salad recipes."

"Then we are chased out of the house altogether. Mother is going to entertain her card club."

The Ladies of the Needles and Nods club, with their husbands, were entertained at progressive pedro Wednesday evening by Mesdames Frank Carroll and Todd Linn at the Linn home. Very pretty were the streamers and chandelier hood decorations in green, pink and white, and the three course luncheon served at the table in the dining room, carried out the Easter ideas, as to colors and favors, the favors being little chickens. Prizes at pedro were won by Mrs. Dallas Hunsicker and Mrs. Amos Yoder, while the successful ones in a girls' name contest were Frank Carroll and Mrs. Fred Blosser. Todd Linn was initiated into the club.

The Young Matrons' club will be entertained Monday afternoon instead of the regular Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. D. M. Hensley. The change is made to allow of an extra treat in the presence of Mrs. Stella Phillips, the domestic science teacher, who will demonstrate for them. Mrs. Phillips is here every Monday afternoon for her high school classes, and following the school, will call at the Hensley home and demonstrate for the club, the demonstrations carrying out the luncheon preparations.

"Australian Pioneers" was the subject of the very interesting paper of Mrs. H. R. Moltz given before the Shakespeare club Wednesday afternoon at her home. The subject was freely discussed in sub-topics, and the Australian life will be taken up again when the club meets next week with Mrs. J. S. Boyers, Mrs. David E. Smith being the leader.

came in to spend the evening, it being the sixtieth birthday anniversary of Mr. Hughes. Old-time games were played and enjoyed by all, among the number being one of "picking cherries" wherein the "bride and groom" were the principal parties. At the very same moment one of the guests slipped quickly but quietly to the piano and played in a soft, sweet strain that beautiful old air, "Darling, I Am Growing Old, Silver Threads Among the Gold," which was very appropriate as well as pathetic. Piano music, with drum accompaniment, was much in order, also a three-course luncheon was served, which contributed much to the pleasure of the evening. At a late hour the guests retired to their homes after wishing Mr. Hughes many more happy birthdays. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. David Summers, Mr. and Mrs. John Spahr, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bower, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bodle and babe, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Clem and children, Freda, Clyde and Eva; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Acker and son, Russell; Mrs. Dutcher and daughter, Blanche, and son, Alonzo; Mrs. Louisa Archbold, Mrs. Eulalia Grage and daughter, Grace, and son, Harold, Francis Shores, Glen Gessinger, Mrs. Hughes' niece, of Hartford City, Miss Ethel Bohr.—Contributed.

Miss Lola Eoch was given a pleasant surprise Wednesday evening in celebration of her fourteenth birthday anniversary. A large number of her friends shared the evening's pleasure with her and extended best wishes.