

LITTLE THINGS COUNT IN THE HOME PERFECT

Ross Crane Demonstrates Harmony of Properly Decorated Aesidence.

That after all it's the little things that count, particularly in home decoration, was demonstrated by Ross Crane, the better homes apostle, in his opening lecture yesterday afternoon at Tomlinson hall.

Even a book, he declared, can throw a discordant note into the harmonious color scheme of a whole room if it is the wrong color. This the lecturer demonstrated by introducing a gaudy-covered volume into his first setting. The audience—those who had no particular notion of art principles—had seen the book before, but not until the offending book was removed did it seem to occur to any one out in front just what it was. A sigh of relief was plainly audible.

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Big Dinner Slated for Wednesday, May 18.

"Fire prevention committees" to cooperate with the general fire prevention committee of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce, are being appointed at the request of Chairman Frank C. Jordan, by various civic and commercial bodies which will participate in the fire prevention meeting and dinner to be held at the Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday evening, May 18.

The subcommittee has been appointed by President Harvey G. Sharpe of the Associated Employers of Indianapolis; C. W. Wells, H. L. Dithmer, J. Edward Stitz, Carl A. Taylor and George O. Rockwood.

The aim of the general "fire prevention committee" is to make this city a "cleaner and better Indianapolis"—free from debris and fire hazards, with a greatly reduced fire loss and a higher health rate. The purpose is to organize a continuous fire prevention campaign.

"W. J. Curran, superintendent of the Indianapolis Salvage Corps, and myself, recently visited Cincinnati," said Frank C. Jordan, committee chairman, "and heard the wonderful story of their successful campaign which has netted an annual saving of more than \$1,500,000 in insurance premiums, reduced fire department cost, etc., and has made their city more beautiful and the citizens healthier and happier."

"What Cincinnati has done, Indianapolis can do," says Mr. Jordan. "And with the cooperation of representative men and women of the city, backed by every live-wire organization, we will do even more than Cincinnati has done. Ways and means will be adopted at the meeting and dinner on May 18, when Capt. J. J. Conway and W. C. Culkins of Cincinnati will tell their interesting story."

Leave Columbus for Big Round-up

Special to The Times, COLUMBUS, Ind., May 4.—A group of thirty-two boys and girls from the schools of the county left here yesterday with County Agent C. M. Job to attend the annual boys' and girls' round-up at Purdue University this week. Most of the pupils to make the trip were winners in club work in the county last year. A boy and girl from each township were given a trip to the round-up by the County Farmers' Association for excellence in club work. An unusual number of the school pupils of the county have signed up for the club work this year.

SHELBY COUNTY DELINQUENTS. SHELBYVILLE, Ind., May 4.—According to the statement of George R. Carlisle, county treasurer, the number of delinquent taxpayers in the county this spring will be above the general average for the last few years. The receipts for the last day given for the payment of taxes was much lower than corresponding days of former years.

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Apply Zerno, Clean, Penetrating, Antiseptic Liquid

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'ALLAH BLESSES' GARY LABORERS BY WAGE SLASH

Steel Workers See Better Times Through Working on Full Time.

Special to The Times, GARY, Ind., May 4.—Steel-town, pinched by hard times, accepts a 20 per cent slash in wages with hardly a murmur.

Employees who participated in the pitched battles of the steel war of 1919, were doleful when notified by their foremen that their pay envelopes would contain one-fifth less starting May 15.

Notification of the cut here follows the announcement made in New York by Judge Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States Steel Corporation.

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Fish and Game Devotees to Attend Elaborate Hammond Banquet.

The biggest event among wild life protection clubs ever held in Indiana will be the banquet Friday evening, May 6, of the Lake County Fish and Game Protective Association at the new Sheffield Inn, Hammond, according to advice from association officials to officials of the State conservation department.

Speakers for the occasion will be Senators Neild and Holmes and Representatives Field and Harrison; officials of the Lake County Association; State Fish and Game Commissioner Bradford, of Illinois; officers of the Gary Rod and Gun Club, Cedar Lake Association of La Porte and East Chicago; Judge Klots of the Marion County court, an enthusiast in the cause of the conservation of wild life.

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