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THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

The 19th annual session of the Jasper County Farmers' Institute will be held in Rensselaer Dec. 7 and 8. A. G. Burkhardt of Tipton county, both days, and Samuel B. Woods of Crown Point, will speak Dec. 7. Miss Ethel E. Berry of Jewel City, Kan., will speak Dec. 8.

There will also be institute sessions held at Fair Oaks, Parr, Wheatfield and Remington, as follows:

Fair Oaks, Dec. 11—J. M. Cantley of Logansport, speaker.

Wheatfield, Dec. 16 and 17—A. P. Burnside of Greencastle, speaker.

Parr, Dec. 12—Prof. W. W. Smith of Purdue University, speaker.

Remington, Dec. 18 and 19—Mrs. Oliver Kline of Huntington and Prof. J. H. Skinner of Purdue University, speakers.

At the session in Rensselaer, we understand, there will be a joint discussion between W. L. Wood and S. A. Brumhan of Parr on the question of farmers buying all their goods at home or sending away for them.

BACKED INTO BY AUTOMOBILE.

Wilbur Hart, who recently moved here from Illinois, though formerly a resident of Mt. Airy, met with a mishap about 4:30 p. m., Thursday that might have resulted in a tragedy. With two small children he was driving down Front street with one horse hitched to a second-hand rural mail wagon that he had purchased from J. W. Knapp, the liveryman. When directly opposite Delos Thompson's driveway, the latter's boy backed out an automobile.

Mr. Hart did not see the automobile nor the boy did not see him, and the machine ran square into Hart's wagon, throwing the latter out through the back of the wagon, breaking the rig up very badly and narrowly missing a more disastrous mix-up.

Mr. Hart had one child on his lap at the time, and he had the presence of mind to grab the other one as he went out through the back of the rig, pulling it out with him. The horse ran to the corner by J. J. Eglesbach's residence with the remains of the wagon, where it was caught. Mr. Hart's shoulder and arm was so badly hurt that he could scarcely raise his arm, one child was out near the eye by a piece of the broken glass from the mail wagon, and the other one had a lump on its head where it came in contact with something.

It was a narrow escape, as the occupants of the rig might have been killed or badly maimed by the heavy auto.

ABOUT THOSE RENSELAER BOYS AT PARR.

This incident no doubt would not have happened had it not been the third time that the young people of Rensselaer had showed a spirit of their superiority over the young people of Parr, by making fun and saying insulting things to them. But the latter had heretofore passed it up, and like the man that was kicked, they considered the source. But this time the Parr boys thought they would do the kicking and let the Rensselaer people do the considering, and it has been considered to the limit at this place.

While we don't wish to endorse any such conduct as egging anybody, neither do we endorse or indulge any such conduct as the Rensselaer people have been showing towards the Parr people, at and since the mayor of Parr held that big tent meeting. But the eggs were thrown and the boys have been justly and severely criticised for it.

But the Parr boys were not to blame only in part for the disturbance at the box social, if you want to call it a disturbance. Neither was it the private sale of those boxes alone. But it was the spirit and attitude in which this sale was conducted together with the action of some of the girls before and after the heroes of the scene came upon the stage of action. It seemed that their wearing apparel was all nice and good enough for all that was present, until the heroes appeared, when they almost went up in a flurry by "Oh, My! What shall I do? Those Boys have come and here I am not dressed!" Of course they were, but not in their opinion to suit those young heroes, and modified the case by putting on their cloaks.

We hope that another such event will never occur in our little village of Parr and that all may reason and be benefitted by this occurrence, as there is a lesson in it for both sides—the targets and the shooters.

We are glad the boys of Rensselaer got out alive. Of course they would, under the pilotship of our mayor, W. L. Wood.

Jasper Guy of Remington makes farm loans at 5 per cent interest with no commission but office charges. Write him.

THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

The county option law of the late special session of the legislature became a law in fact Monday, when Gov. Hanly issued his proclamation putting the laws in force that did not carry an emergency clause.

State Statistician J. L. Peetz was here Thursday checking up the vote of Jasper county at the late election, trying, we understand, to get a little ammunition to use against the democrats in the contests which the latter will bring before the legislature. We doubt if anything was discovered here that would help the republicans.

Marriage licenses issued: Nov. 23, George Culp, Jr., of Monon, aged 21, occupation farmer, to Olive M. Osborne of Rensselaer, aged 19, daughter of John L. Osborne, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

Nov. 25, Cecil Rishling of Hanging Grove tp., aged 26, occupation farmer, to Nora Pearl Willets, daughter of Joseph Willets, also of Hanging Grove, aged 18, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

The Dr. Solt of San Pierre vs. Warren J. White of Wheatfield case was still grinding as we go to press, and was expected to last all of yesterday and perhaps yet today. This is a case where Dr. Solt of San Pierre treated defendant's wife during confinement. She had considerable sickness thereafter and was later taken to Chicago for an operation by defendant, who alleges that her trouble arose because of the unskillful treatment of plaintiff. There has been some evidence to show that it was agreed by plaintiff that if defendant would not sue plaintiff for malpractice that plaintiff would not ask payment for his services. Suits for malpractice must be instituted within two years, it is alleged, and after the two years were up, plaintiff became angered at defendant's telling people of the trouble his wife had had because of plaintiff's treatment, it is alleged, and sued for some \$200, the amount he claims is due him for his services. This is the defense side of the case, in brief, so far as it has progressed at this time.

The jury was excused Wednesday evening until yesterday morning at 9 o'clock.

PEACOCK WINS OUT.

Grand Lodge K. of P. Reverses Action of Local Lodge.

The Democrat has never considered it the province of a newspaper to jump onto a man whose actions or affairs were the subject of investigation by the courts, or were pending in the courts, and find him guilty and hang him before the latter had been given a chance to pass judgment. The constitution of our land grants a man a free and impartial trial by jury, no matter what crime he may be charged with, and until proved otherwise and declared guilty the presumption carries all along during the trial that he is innocent.

This paper has refrained from comment on the family troubles of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Peacock, of this city. These matters were in the courts for adjudication, and we considered the courts amply able to determine on and decide the merits of the matters in controversy without our pointing the way.

There are usually two sides to all family jars, and possibly this one is no exception. We have heard both sides to this controversy, but it is not our province to decide it—especially when the matter is a subject of court inquiry.

One matter that has not been mentioned through the press, however, which grew out of this trouble, was the action of the local lodge K. of P., in expelling Mr. Peacock from the lodge. This happened several months ago, and Peacock, who has been very prominent in K. of P. circles, took an appeal to the grand lodge. He is said to have made a few remarks to the lodge here about the time this action was taken, in which some of the members who so ardently espoused his expulsion were held up to the limelight in a way that was not very pleasing to them, and of course this did not cause them to feel that brotherly love for him that these orders are supposed to have a special long suit on.

The appeal was heard by the proper tribunal at Indianapolis last Friday, Geo. A. Williams, Mr. Peacock's attorney, appearing for him, and Abe Halleck, Mrs. Peacock's attorney, appearing for the lodge. This tribunal reversed the decision

of the local lodge and it is understood will order Peacock's re-instatement as a member of the Rensselaer lodge, although the official ruling has not been received at this writing. This action would indicate that the local lodge had either acted hastily in the matter of expelling the appellant, urged on possibly by personal enemies of his, or that the evidence on which they had arrived at the conclusion they did, was not worthy of the consideration given it by the local lodge. The decision of the grand lodge tribunal is a victory for Mr. Peacock in more ways than one.

TAFT'S PLURALITY IN INDIANA

Secretary of State Announces Figures, Based On Leading Elector.

Taft's official plurality over Bryan in Indiana was 10,731. This figure was given out Tuesday by Fred A. Sims, Secretary of State, after the official returns from all the counties in the State were canvassed and totaled. The vote cast for the various presidential candidates in Indiana was as follows:

Taft (Rep.).....348,993
Bryan (Dem.).....338,262
Chafin (Pro.).....18,045
Watson (Pro.).....1,193
Debs (Soc.).....13,476
Preston (Soc. Lab.).....643
Hisgen (Ind.).....514

The total vote for all the candidates for President in Indiana was 721,126.

All the candidates for presidential elector on the same ticket did not receive the same vote, but the official plurality is based on the vote cast for the candidate for elector-at-large whose name appeared first on the ticket. In this case the Republican vote was the vote cast for Winfield T. Durbin and the Democratic vote was the vote cast for Adam Heimberger, John W. Spencer, the second Democratic candidate on the Democratic ballot, received 334,683 votes, and Fred C. Gardner, the second Republican, received 344,198.

RESOLUTIONS.

A Resolution by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, Indiana, in memory of Jay W. Williams deceased.

Whereas, on November 17, 1908, one of our number was called to answer the summons to quit this life:

Therefore, be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Rensselaer, Indiana, that we cease for the time the transaction of the affairs of said city, to record the departure of Jay W. Williams whose official services for the City of Rensselaer begun by special election of the Council on September 24, 1906, and continued until his death.

Mr. Williams was a man of honest and honorable character and by his upright conduct in life won for himself the confidence and esteem of a large number of friends and acquaintances. He was a thoroughly honest public official and capable in the discharge of his duties. His honesty and conscientiousness exemplified not only in his public life but in his private life have left behind him the respect and adoration of the entire community which will live long in the memory of all who knew him.

To living friends and kindred we tender the sympathy of a common loss.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be entered of record in the records of the Common Council as a memorial of our love and respect for one who was so long a conscientious and able member of this body and that a copy hereof be furnished the local papers for publication and a copy hereof be delivered to the family of the deceased.

Passed by the Common Council and approved by the Mayor this 23rd day of November, 1908.

J. H. S. ELLIS, Mayor.

Attest: CHAS. MORLAN, Clerk.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9:30. The men's bible class will study the life of David.

Preaching service at 10:45 a. m., subject of the sermon, "The Secret of Happiness."

Preaching service at 7:00 p. m., subject of the sermon, "Tests."

Everyone welcome to these services.

PUBLIC SALES.

The Democrat has printed bills for the following public sales:

Tuesday, Dec. 8, James A. Keister, 8 1/4 miles southwest of Rensselaer. General sale, horses, cattle, hogs and farm implements.

NOTICE.

All persons knowing themselves to be indebted to the late Jay W. Williams will please call at the furniture store for settlement of account.

RATES TO THE STOCK SHOW.

The Monon will sell round trip tickets to Chicago Nov. 29 to Dec. 4, final limit Dec. 12, account of International Live Stock Exposition, at \$2.25. W. H. BEAM, Agt.

Wanted:—Family washings. Address X. Y. Z., care box 203.



FOR DECEMBER.

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Save, brothers, save with care—
A nickel here and a nickel there—
A two-bit piece will fill the turn
Of some small celebrant with gum,
Nigger-toes, peanuts, bum-bum,
Apples, raisins, lemon drops,
Popcorn, suckers, caramels,
Filberts, taffy, butterscotch,
Walnuts, figs and angel cake—
Save for the Christmas belly-ache.

Save, brothers, save your dough,
Save for the stockings in a row—
A four-bit piece will buy a sled,
A pair of boots upholstered red,
A doll with skull grass on her head,
A Teddy bear, a horn, a drum,
An argon, jack-knife, pair of skates,
Magic lantern, doll house, game
A box of soldiers made of tin—
Save for the Christmas morning din.

Save, brothers, save for keeps,
Save for the night nobody sleeps—
A six-bit piece will buy a book,
A piece of cat fur for the cook,
A picture for the empty nook,
A box of holiday cigars,
A hatpin, slippers, pair of mitts,
A dozen handkerchiefs, a shirt,
A piece of neckwear new and strange—
Save for the annual exchange.

December was the tenth month in the old Roman year, and gets its name from the Latin decem (10). But what with forest fires in the middle of autumn, the Roman Fire Department had no time to put out Christmas trees, and when Numa's own palace burned he rearranged the calendar and moved Christmas along to a time when the firemen had nothing else on.

The frisky calf will sniff the morn and merrily cavort, and the frost will nip him where his scant upholstery is short. The boys will flock to Sunday school with fine religious fire, the hired man will hang around unworthy of his hire, the warning goose will hurry south on frantic wings a-rustle, with winter urging him along where Cora wore the bustle.

The melancholy days will come, and Boreas will roar; the wolf will thrust his muzzle through the key-hole in the door. He'll whiff the scent of bacon bought at 30 cents a pound, and plain potatoes by the box with tissue wrapped around; and every time we chase him off and bid him to his den, the trusts will pump his stomach out and sic him on again.

The water pipes will all explode
And give the house a jar;
The plumber's chauffeur will get out
The throbbing racing car;
But while relief is on the way
To plug the gushing spout,
The car will have a hemorrhage
And blow its innards out.

The unemancipated wife will quit her cozy bed and build the fire while her lord pretends that he is dead. She'll wrap herself up in her hair and shiver in the dawn, and chop the kindling, hustle coal and turn the damper on; and while she freezes till she turns the hue of a persimmon, the scientists will wonder why the men outlive the women.

Milady's winter suit will cost
A fifty-dollar note,
But man will face the blizzard in
The same old overcoat.
The cook will gasoline the fire,
And the choir, in sweet accord,
Will sing on Sunday at the house,
"O, I am coming, Lord!"

On the 21st the sun will enter Capricorn, and the winter solstice will occur. This will cause the trusts to spawn, and the yule tide will come in. Solstice is from sol (the sun) and sistere (to stand). Thus, having touched its turning point south of the equator, the sun temporarily stands still. This was where Joshua held it up, from which we have our word josh. Anybody can do it.

At any rate, the 21st will be the shortest day of the year, and we shall pass under the influence of Capricorn, the Goat. This is the tenth sign of the zodiac. It was represented on the ancient monuments as an old man with the body of a goat, which signifies that during Christmas season father is the goat.

The Christmas shopper's Marathon will happen as of yore,
And the little savings bank will chase

The present round the store,
The unslashed dollar will pursue
The frightened Teddy Bear,
The crowd will trample on the clerks
And pull each other's hair;
The young and old will pull and push
And mill around and butt,
And Santa Claus in terror will
Take to the tall uncut.

And then the fateful Christmas Eve will come with the wintry weather, and Morgan will hang up

his shirt with both tails pinned together; and anything by way of luck that manages to miss its yawning neck we're welcome to, O joy and double bliss!

The happy kids will rise at morn
With rapture at the bat
And get down twenty-seven steps
With turn in nothing flat.
The tickled heart of youth will dance
And sing its wondrous luck,
The cautious boy will climb the flue
To see if any stuck,
The house will oscillate with joy,
The breakfast will be late,
And old John D. will get the earth
For thirty winters straight.

Mr. Roosevelt will give a big game dinner at the White House Christmas day. All the big lion hunters of the world will attend, and there will be a roaring contest, with favors. The pass word for the month is supplied by the Kaiser William. Mum is the word. The moon will be full on the 7th, and there will be bad weather around 26 Broadway every day but Sunday.

The mistletoe will tempt the maid
Beneath the chandelier,
The loving swain will halt and start
Betwixt his love and fear,
And then dash in with beating heart
And chew her blushing ear.

The birthstone for December is the onyx. This is because children are onyxpected at a time when the stork has to make his deliveries in a fireless cooker.

Then Leap Year will have run its course
With little to its merit,
And the spinster who has missed her chance
Will have to buy a parrot.

HOW THE TRUSTS WORK US.

Reduce Price of Labor and Raw Material, But Advance the Price of Finished Product.

A beautiful example of the beneficent workings of the big trusts was demonstrated to us very forcibly a few days ago. It was nothing new to us, but perhaps may be to some of our readers, so we will tell it.

For some months prior to the election there had been a strike on against a reduction in wages of the employees of many of the pulp mills of the print paper trust.

The old stereotyped excuse about increased cost of raw material, etc., was given for the wage reduction, but the men struck.

The mills of course shut down and waited for the men to get hungry. This they did early in the present month and went back to work at the reduced wage offered them some months before.

A few days ago The Democrat bought 10,000 pounds of print paper, and paid \$2 per ton more for it than it paid for three tons bought about Sept. 15!

"There had been advance in the price of print paper; increased cost of production—wages and cost of raw material—made it necessary," the agent for the paper house told us! We had to have the paper or else quit printing a paper, so gave the order.

Saturday James Lefler of Hanging Grove tp., was in our sanctum a few minutes and told us that he had returned a few days before from a trip up to see his timber land near Marinette, Wis. He has 400 acres up there, and the forest fires, he says, have done on immense amount of damage to timber thereabouts, thousands of acres having been burned over. Of his tract 120 acres was burned over and killed the "soft timber," hemlock, cedar, etc. His hard timber was not damaged. Mr. Lefler estimates the damage to his 120 acres at \$5,000, but says if he can get up there and cut it off now that he can realize something on it—it will not be a complete loss.

Pulp mills up there, for the manufacture of pulp and print paper, have been paying \$3.50 per cord for wood from which to make pulp, but now that there are millions of cords of this burned over timber—which is said to be just as good as live timber for the purpose—about to be thrown on the market, they would make no price to Mr. Lefler for what he might be able to deliver, and he thinks the price will be very low.

This is another beautiful example of the way the trusts take advantage of the producer, and also boost up the price of the finished product to the consumer, and is but one instance in hundreds that the producer and consumer are running up against all the time.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Nov. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Clay Dewees of near Pleasant Ridge, a daughter.

MONEY TO LOAN.

A small amount of private money to loan on first mortgage on real estate in Rensselaer, if taken at once. ARTHUR H. HOPKINS.

For Sale:—Two fall boar pigs, Poland Chinas. Sired by L. & W. Perfection, good ones. Prices reasonable. D. A. BICKEL, Remington, Ind.

LAMPHERE TO THE PEN

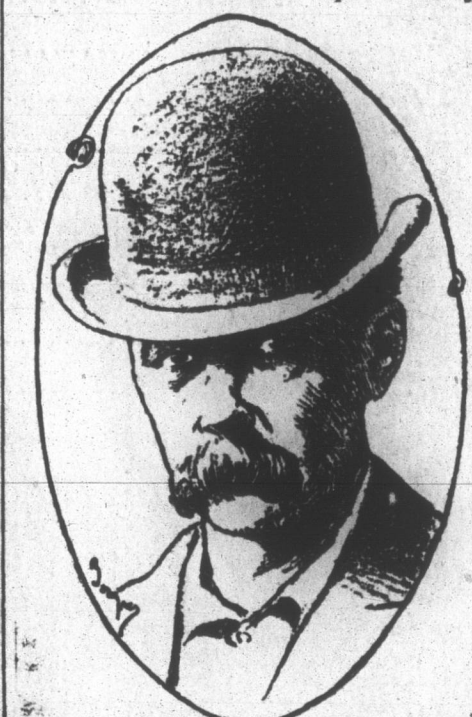
Jury Says He Is Guilty of Arson and He Gets an Indeterminate Sentence.

MAY GET OUT IN TWO YEARS

Cannot Cast a Vote, However, for a Period of Sixty Months.

He and the Jury Agree That Mrs. Guinness Is Dead—His Counsel Will Appeal the Case Higher.

La Porte, Ind., Nov. 27.—Ray Lamphere, charged with the murder of Mrs. Belle Guinness and her three children by setting fire to the Guinness house, has been found guilty of arson by the jury, which had the case more than twenty-four hours. Within five minutes after the verdict was reported Judge Richter had sentenced the defendant to the state penitentiary



RAY LAMPHERE.

at Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to twenty-one years. He was taken to Michigan City today to begin his sentence. When word got around that a verdict had been reached the courtroom was crowded in fifteen minutes. The process of polling the jury was soon completed, all the jurymen declaring that they joined in the verdict.

Statement That Won't Be Made.

Previous to the handing of the verdict to Judge Richter, Foreman Mill stated that he wished to make a statement to the court, but Judge Richter informed him that he could not hear any statement until after the verdict had been received and read. After it had been read Judge Richter asked him if he cared to make the statement, but he said that it would do no good now.

Church Bells Rang His Doom.

Following the withdrawal of the jury Judge Richter instructed Lamphere to stand up, which the latter did, and then, just as the church bells in the city were ringing out Judge Richter asked him if he had any reasons to state why sentence should not be pronounced. He replied, slowly but distinctly, "I have none." With that Judge Richter sentenced him to the state prison in Michigan City for an indeterminate term of from two to twenty-one years, fined him \$5,000 and disfranchised him for five years.

VERDICT IS A COMPROMISE

Jury Declares Mrs. Guinness Dead—Plans of the Defense.

The verdict is a compromise, as far as can be learned. Several members of the jury were for murder in the first degree, but none was for the



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death penalty. Two jurymen, Charles P. Nelson and Charles Travis, it is said, and two jurymen who opposed a life sentence.

All the members of the jury made the following signed statement: "We, Continued on Page Five.