

SCHOOLS FORCED TO CLOSE BY LAW

Hagerstown Corporation May Eliminate Township Institutions.

ONE TO BE RETAINED.

CONSIDERED TO BEST INTERESTS OF ALL SCHOOLS THAT THEY SHOULD BE MANAGED BY THE TOWNSHIP.

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 4.—There is reason to believe that Hagerstown as a school corporation will pass out of existence with the close of the present school year. The recently enacted laws governing teachers' compensation and government of schools, enlarging the powers of township trustees, make it advisable to turn the schools over to the township and abolish the school corporation of Hagerstown. There remain but three country schools in the township, all the others having been abandoned and the pupils sent to the town school. There are indications that the three remaining schools will shortly be closed and then the entire population of the township will attend the Hagerstown school.

School authorities have decided that the best interests of all the schools would be served by passing all to the management of the township. By so doing a greater school fund would be available and the greater salaries prescribed by the new law for teachers could be paid. The amount of revenue received by the Hagerstown school, as at present organized, is not sufficient to meet the larger requirements of the new law. The only objection to the plan that has developed so far is the fact that the entire management of the schools would then be placed with a single man, the township trustee.

PYTHIAN SISTERS INITIATE.

Large Class of Candidates at Hagers- town.

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 4.—The Pythian Sisters enrolled a class of thirteen candidates at a special session of the order Friday night. A reception committee consisting of Mrs. Florence Pipher, Mrs. Sol Castor and Mrs. Ona Cramer met forty guests from Knightstown, including the degree team at the 9:30 train. They escorted the party to Lay's cafe, where they were entertained at a seven o'clock dinner, after which they retired to the K. of P. temple, where the Knights team conferred the degree on the following: Mrs. Fanny Thornburg, Mrs. Maggie Repllogle, Mrs. Mona Allen, Mrs. Nora Sells, Mrs. Pearl Thomas and Miss Pearl Werning and Messrs. John Sells, John Kidwell, Curtis Lontz, Chas. Stonecipher, Will Thomas, Chas. Walters and Ed Allen. After the work an elegant lunch was served in the dining hall.

AUDITED BOOKS.

Ratiff and Beeler Look Into Affairs of Insurance Company.

Hagerstown, Ind., Jan. 4.—Walter Ratiff and Peter Beeler of Richmond, who were appointed as auditing committee at the last session of the German Baptist Insurance Co., were here auditing the books of D. W. Dilling, secretary and treasurer of the company.

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Friends Offer to Give Money to Rev. Cooke and the Pretty Girl With Whom He Eloped



The Rev. Jerry Cooke, and his seventeen-year-old ward, Floretta Whaley, with whom he eloped, has been discovered in San Francisco. The eloping couple has again disappeared.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS ARE BRIGHTENING

Bradstreet's Report Just Issued Takes Optimistic View of Situation.

MONEY EASILY OBTAINED.

A NUMBER OF THE COUNTRY'S BANKS HAVE RESUMED CASH PAYMENTS AND THE PREMIUM ON CURRENCY HAS DIED.

New York, Jan. 4.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade today says: Rather more than usual post-holiday quiet is reported in general trade and industry, but the financial situation shows continued betterment. Reduction sales stimulate retail trade at some cities, but mild weather limits seasonal distribution at the Northwest, while holding of cotton affects retail trade and collections at the South. Money is more easily obtainable for business purposes at large centers, a number of the country's banks have unobtrusively resumed cash payments, and the premium on currency practically died with the old year at New York.

Stock taking absorbs interest in wholesale lines, but preparations for spring trade are under way and some salesmen have gone on the road. Shipments of goods on spring orders are reported light. At the South, however, retail business is very quiet, and in some instances nearly one-third of the cotton crop is still reported held by farmers. The lumber trade, while showing rather more life at Western points, is very quiet at the South and yellow pine and cypress production is being cut heavily. The effect of this is found in the reports of traffic on leading railroads, which in addition report business as a whole still shrinking. Restriction of output is still noted in iron and steel, though some mills have resumed after the holiday shutdowns.

Miss Gertrude Graver and Ora Graver of Cambridge City, are here visiting their aunt, Mrs. Horace Hoover and family.

The ladies of the M. E. Aid society formed a surprise party on Mrs. Capt. Williams Friday night, the event being her seventy-second birthday. Many beautiful presents were received and a lunch was served by the ladies.

Mrs. Edgar Locke and daughter Edith have returned from a visit with Anderson friends.

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MILTON, IND.

Milton, Ind., Jan. 4.—Miss Cora Green of Anderson is visiting Miss Mand Hall.

Miss Nellie L. Jones has returned to Cincinnati conservatory of music.

Emory Woldorf is again at Indianapolis attending business college after a holiday visit home.

A meeting was held at the home of Dr. McKee recently to organize an orchestra. Charles Weed will be leader. This orchestra will be composed of boys. Arthur Wilker was appointed president; Clare Reed, vice president; John Godwin, secretary; Harry Jones, marshal.

John Christman, has returned home from dayton.

Mrs. Libbie Scott of Centerville is visiting her mother, Mrs. D. C. Ridder.

Mr. and Mrs. Ora Christman of Dayton have come to spend several weeks with his father, John Christman.

Curtis Groomes of Illinois has come to spend the winter with Clem Austin and family.

CHESTER, IND.

Chester, Ind., Jan. 4.—Robert Votaw of Indianapolis, was calling on Chester friends this week.

Miss Bertha Buell has been visiting Miss Edith Grimes at Richmond.

The Ladies Union Aid society met Thursday afternoon. The president of the entertaining committee, Mrs. Lizzie Harvey, served a nice two course lunch. She was assisted by Mrs. Buell, Mrs. Frank Pickett, Mrs. Eva King, Mrs. Will Frame, Mrs. Slewke, Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Will Morrow. The next meeting will be in two weeks.

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The Sunrise Of Life.

Infants and children are constantly needing a bath. It is important to know what to give them. Thermometers and bowls are not strong enough to save the life of a child. Give them a mild, pleasant, gentle, laxative tonic like Dr. Codd's Syrup of Pecan, which we at the Codd Company sell in all sizes and stores. It is the great remedy for you to have in the house to ice children when

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PRETTY JULIA MILLS VICTIM OF CRUEL INITIATION

As Result of Actions of Members of a New York Sorority, Mothers Are Waging War on Methods.

WAS FORCED TO DRINK FROM HUMAN SKULLS.

Was "Branded." Forced to Place Hand in "Molten Metal" and to Grasp the "Human Hand."

New York, Jan. 4.—The nerve-racking terrors of an initiation into a Greek letter society of girls, students in private and preparatory schools in the city, has caused several meetings of about 20 angry mothers at the home of Mrs. Elizabeth Moore, 2684 Broadway. Their first purpose is to break up the local organization of the Sigma Gamma society and their second is to start a campaign throughout the country against secret societies among school girls.

It was the story of Julia Mills, not yet seventeen, as told by her to her mother, that caused Mrs. Mills to take the first step against what she regards as a dangerous organization.

There are twenty-six members of the local chapter of the society.

Miss Josephine Moore, daughter of Mrs. Moore, is the high priestess of the order. Julia Mills was "initiated" recently. The girl staggered home, half hysterical, and Mrs. Mills demanded an explanation. Fairly burning with indignation, she repeated the story at the meeting of the mothers. The initiation was held at the Moore home.

Miss Mills, according to her story, was summoned to appear there. When she was ushered in she was led into a dimly-lighted room between two columns of black-robed, black-masked figures up to the high priestess.

"Are you prepared to undergo or deeds to prove yourself fit to become a sister of this order?" solemnly asked the priestess.

Ordeal is Severe.

"I am," she answered and was led to an anteroom. At a signal she was led back to the assemblage and told that after this first test there could be no turning back.

"This will be a test of your fortitude of your fitness to be a sister. You are ordered to thrust your hand into a small cauldron of molten lead which you see before you. Ready, obey orders."

Miss Mills dashed her hand into the liquid and sank to her knees in fright. After she recovered her composure in part she was surprised to note that the cauldron was filled with mercury.

Again she was led into the ante-room and brought back blindfolded. A drooping voice told of a clammy hand which each of the below sisters had grasped before becoming one of the order. A priestess was ordered to bring in on a tray the hand. The candidate was ordered to grasp it. Shuddering, she involuntarily drew back her arm when she felt the clammy fingers. She was led back blindfolded into the small room, ignorant of the fact that she had grasped a wet chamomile skin glove filled with sand and not a human hand.

Drinks Out of Skull.

Again she was led forth, this time to drink a nauseating liquid out of a skull which liquid would "serve to make her of one blood with her other prospective sisters."

Revolting at each gulp, she was compelled to drain the skull. So the nerve-racking tests went on. Finally the voice of the priestess was heard to say:

"Now for the final supreme test. Gather all your remaining courage and prepare for the most severe test of all. Faithful guardians, lead the candidate to an ante-room, strip her to the waist, bind her arms behind her and then bring her back."

In a few moments the girl, now almost hysterical, was brought back. Then the same drooping voice went on: "In order that this ceremony be indelibly fixed on your mind, it is necessary that the letters of our beloved fraternity be burned upon your back in acid. Guardians, brand the candidate."

At the first touch Miss Mills sank senseless to the floor. When she had been revived it was explained to her that the branding had been done with a piece of ice.

TENANTS RESIST

Strike Against New York Landlords Daily Growing.

New York, Jan. 4.—Six hundred notices of dispossess proceedings were obtained from the municipal courts yesterday by the Eastside landlords as a retaliatory move against the tenants who decline to pay their rents until their demands for a reduction have been allowed. The strike leaders asserted today that 12,000 families had refused to pay rent this month. Attorneys for the tenants propose to have the dispossess cases tried separately. It is thought that the landlords may be forced into submission through interminable court proceedings. Several landlords have made rent concessions. The tenantry are planning a monster parade, and it is estimated that fully 175,000 men, women and children will march.

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