

WILL GIVE GERMAN CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

GRADE AND HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS TO GIVE NOVEL FREE CONCERT.

INTENDED ESPECIALLY FOR GERMAN OF CITY

Program of Solos, Choruses and Recitations Will Be Given in the German Tongue — Concert Will Be Given in Manual Training Building Thursday Evening Under Direction Miss Getz.

A novel entertainment that should attract many of the German residents of the city, is to be given at the manual training building beginning at 8:15 o'clock on Thursday evening of this week. The concert is to be given under the direction of Miss Igertha Getz, teacher of German in the high school.

No admission is to be charged, and Miss Getz desires that all, and especially the German families of the city, attend. A similar program was given at the same place last year, but it was not open to the public and the arrangements for the coming concert are in many respects different from the previous one.

CREOLE FOLK LORE.

Miss Finch a Distinctive Success Before Twentieth Century Club. Whoever proposed Miss Lucine Finch as a Twentieth Century Club attraction certainly made a discovery. Her program of the best of Creole folk lore, if not the best that the club has ever enjoyed. It was at once instructive, artistic and intensely interesting. Miss Finch, as a child, had lived in the Creole south. An old negro mammy had cared for her and for her mother. In later years Miss Finch had made a study of the negro folk lore and now has several programs prepared in which she tells the stories told to her by the negroes and sings their songs with much dramatic interpretation of the pure negro character. Her telling of the story of Moses, and of the "Creation" in the impersonation of her old negro mammy, was an artistic bit of comedy yet replete with a wonderful portrayal of negro imagination, philosophy and religion. Miss Finch lacks the characteristic southern drawl and accent in her conversation but in her recitations the negro dialect flows with a naturalness born of familiarity.

She goes to Fort Dodge today where she appears in a children's program in which she tells some of Joel Chandler Harris' Uncle Remus tales. The club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Truner. Decorations of the home consisted of red roses and potted plants. Delightful refreshments were served. Misses Marian and Bessie Parker, Ethel Wilson, Mabel Ordway, Josephine Gabelman and Ruth Kimball waiting on the company. Guests of the club present were Miss Mary Heaton, of Des Moines; Mrs. White, of Chicago; Mrs. E. E. Hatch, of Peoria, Ill.; Mrs. W. E. Snelling, Miss Etta Northrup, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Benedict, and Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Morris.

ELGIN YOUNG PEOPLE WED.

Engagement Announced in That City Ends in Wedding Here. Mr. T. Ernest Schroeder and Miss Rose Funk, both until recently of Elgin, Ill., were quietly married at the German Evangelical parsonage early Tuesday evening by Rev. Karl Rost. The announcement of the coming marriage was made in Elgin only a short time ago. Mr. Schroeder came from Elgin to this city when the Orin C. Rogers Company's jewelry store was opened here. He is a watch maker and engraver in the employ of the local branch. Mr. and Mrs. Schroeder are making their home for the present at the Dodge rooming house on East Main street.

SALE TOTALS \$2,175.95.

That Amount Received From Auction For Delinquent Taxes. County Treasurer Robert W. Stevens has just completed the certificates issued to the purchasers who bought property sold for unpaid taxes. The total amount of the sale was \$2,175.95. It was smaller this year than ordinarily, because very few properties were sold for special paving assessments, as has been the case in the last few years. The sale has been continued from day to day each day this week, because there has been but one buyer present each time, and competition in the sale is desired.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Morgan Stock Company Presents "A Southern Drama." "A Southern Drama" of the coming marriage at the Odeon Tuesday night by the Morgan Stock Company. The piece was well presented, but the audience was rather small.

Foresters Elect Officers. Latham Court, No. 559, Catholic Order of Foresters, elected officers Tuesday night as follows: Spiritual Director, Rev. J. J. Fitzpatrick; chief singer, Emil Seleine; vice ranger,

Joseph Boheld; recording secretary, Peter Griffin; financial secretary, T. H. Spaulding; treasurer, John Kurtz; speaker, L. L. London; trustee, three years, S. Stegman.

THROWN FROM WAGON; HURT.

Thomas R. Dennis, 519 North Third Street, injured Tuesday. While on his way to the country Tuesday afternoon, to get a load of wood, Thomas R. Dennis, aged 45, living at 519 North Third street, was quite severely bruised when he was thrown from his wagon when his team became frightened at a passing automobile. Mr. Dennis is sitting on the bench of the wagon when his horses became frightened, and when he fell one wheel of the wagon passed over Mr. Dennis' head. While the injuries are not especially serious they are very painful.

ANOTHER BUSINESS CHANGE.

Norton & Newland Dispose of Business to Gauthon & Bratteig. W. A. Norton and S. A. Newland, doing a gasoline engine and pump business at 21 North First avenue, have sold their business to Gauthon and K. Bratteig, young farmers living west of the city. Mr. Norton will devote his time to his other business, being interested in the automobile repairing firm of Mohr & Norton. Mr. Newland's plan have not yet been completed.

ANOTHER MAYBRAYITE CAUGHT.

Man Under Arrest at Billings, Mont., Ready to Confess All. Billings, Mont., Dec. 14.—Yes, I am the man for whom the postal authorities have been searching for three years, and I am perfectly willing to go back to Council Bluffs and tell the court all I know about the whole case from beginning to end.

Such was in part the confession of Frank Meyer, who was arrested before United States Commissioner Mann to answer to the charge of using the mails for fraudulent purposes. He was arrested in this city a few days ago, having been pointed out by a young man who knew him in the Iowa city. He had denied his identity and had persistently refused to talk until he faced the magistrate. After being closely questioned by the officers, he broke down and told his story.

Meyer, it is asserted, was a member of the famous Maybray gang and the specific charges against him is that of swindling W. H. McGrath, of Pine City, Minn., out of \$10,000 on a fake wrestling match. McGrath is said to be the brother of a millionaire lumberman of Minnesota. In admitting his connection with the swindlers, Meyer said he was tired of being a fugitive from justice, and that he realized his downfall would result in the long run. "I have denied everything until this moment," he continued, "but I might as well tell the whole story for I can not stand the strain any longer. I was running a gymnasium in Minneapolis when I was drawn into the game. I didn't realize what I was going against and later I got into such deep water that it was impossible to get out. Her mother and my training had been different. I would not now be a prisoner. I am much ashamed of myself, not so much on my own account, but for the sake of my wife and family."

When arrested Meyer was traveling as advance agent for a theatrical company. As he walked into a cafe he was recognized by a young man who knew him in Minneapolis and also in Council Bluffs. He was tipped off to the officers and his arrest quickly followed. Meyer was held for a preliminary examination next Saturday, and went back to jail in default of a bond in the sum of \$5,000.

Aged Woman Found Dying.

Clarksville, Dec. 14.—Mrs. Isaac Bennett was discovered in a dying condition yesterday morning by her young granddaughter, who had stepped to her room to ask a question concerning the breakfast which she was preparing. Not receiving an answer she called her grandfather to the bedside, but the aged lady was beyond human aid and on the arrival of a physician was pronounced dead. The lady had been suffering with a severe cold for about two weeks but had not been seriously ill until last Thursday, when complications set in, confining her to bed. She had suffered from heart trouble and this was probably the cause of her unexpected death.

"POURED" HOUSES SOON.

Edison's Scheme For Cement Buildings Said to Be Perfected. New York, Dec. 14.—That Thomas A. Edison's scheme for "pouring" houses has reached a practical stage, and thanks to the inventive genius of the electric wizard, will soon enable workmen and poor people all over the country to own their homes, is the word

WHO KNOWS COLORED GIRL NAMED MABRA?

POLICE ANXIOUS TO KNOW OF WHEREABOUTS OF WOMAN WHOSE FATHER IS DEAD.

LIFE INSURANCE OF \$800 AWAITS THE DAUGHTER

Colored People of the City Unable to Aid Police in Finding Woman—Request For Whereabouts Comes From Indianapolis, Where Woman's Father Was Killed on Railroad.

The local police were asked by the chief of police of Indianapolis to find the daughter of a negro named Mabra, who was killed there, according to a letter enclosing a newspaper clipping telling of the accident, which was received this morning. According to the clipping, a negro by that name, the first name not being supplied, was killed there on one of the railroads. In his pocket was found an insurance policy for \$800, payable to his daughter, who is said to live in this city. Whether or not the daughter is married, is not known, and her given name is apparently lacking, as it was not supplied.

The police have called to their aid some of the colored men of the town, none of whom, however, have so far been able to give any definite information regarding either Mabra or the daughter. L. L. Brown thinks Mabra was in this city during the last year, but others do not agree with him. They think he refers to another negro of a similar name.

MATRIMONY GERM GETS WILEY.

Pure Food Expert to Exchange Cafes For Home Cooking. Washington, Dec. 13.—Dr. Harvey Washington Wiley, pure food expert and rampant foe of the near-lamb chop and the almost chocolate drop, conservator of the national digestion and the chief exponent of we-must-have-pure-food-is-happy-cult, is going to be married.

For 66 long years Dr. Wiley has made honest and indefatigable efforts to obtain a square meal of absolutely pure food, properly divested of germs and microbes, and served to suit the palate of a savant formidably armed with the knowledge of the deviously overtaking ways of the wiggling bacteria and the horrid antimaculac.

Now he has turned to another tack. Deserting the cafes and restaurants of his bachelor days, Dr. Wiley is about to set up an establishment of his own—an establishment conducted on a plan that a national bureau of health would find just the proper expression of culinary perfection.

As a factory of appetizing and nourishing eats, the new ménage Dr. Wiley has in mind will be the envy of the community. The woman who is not afraid to tackle the stupendous task of catering to the public and earning chief of the United States bureau of chemistry, is Miss Anna C. Kelton, daughter of the late General Kelton, U. S. A., and in her own right a woman of mentality and poise.

Miss Kelton, who is tall and fair, with fine eyes and charming manners, is an out-and-out woman suffragist. President of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton Suffrage Club, an organization auxiliary to the national association, Miss Kelton has a forward place in suffrage councils. For several years past she has been associated with the copyright division of the library congress, and to enable herself more able to forward the woman's suffrage propaganda has for the last three years been devoting her time to the study of

that has gone forth among the cement men here today to attend the opening of the National Cement Show in Madison Square Garden. Mr. Edison has been working for years on this project, which, thru the use of ingenious molds and a special cement mixture, will make it possible to build a complete, beautiful and almost everlasting cottage in separate days, dispersing largely with the labor of carpenters and bricklayers and reducing the cost by about one half. It is said that the socialistic municipal government of Milwaukee is considering the erection of a number of such houses with city funds and selling them on the payment plan.

DIED MANY TIMES, STILL ALIVE.

Negro Claims to Have Been Body Servant of George Washington. Washington, Dec. 14.—Although his death has been reported forty-seven times, and he has been buried as many times, with great pomp and ceremony, George Washington, still lives. He came to town today for the purpose of visiting the tomb of his "old massa" at Mount Vernon, Va., this being the 111th anniversary of the death of the "father of his country." The old negro says he was about 35 at the time his master died, which would make him now about 146 years of age. Despite the weight of years he declares that he is feeling prime, except for a slight "rheumatiz."

George declares that he has never died, and that the negroes who assume his name and put on the title were impostors and did so for the purpose of achieving a grand funeral. The old man says he lives on a small farm "over in Virginia" and that he expects to spend many years yet on earth.

Aside from the resurrection of the "father of his country," the anniversary of Washington's death was observed today by the Masonic lodge of which the first president was a member, which in accordance with an annual custom, placed a memorial wreath on the tomb at Mount Vernon.

CABBAGE YIELD DOUBLED.

Belle Plaine Men Got Seven Tons Per Acre by Irrigating. Belle Plaine, Dec. 14.—Growing of cabbage here has become an industry of some importance, and one which has in this season about seventeen acres.

About half of this cabbage patch of seventeen acres was irrigated during the dry weather by the famous flowing artesian wells here, which is an easy matter as the ground is level river bottom soil. The irrigated field yielded seven tons per acre, and the unirrigated field only about three and a half tons per acre. The cabbage is stored in a cement building especially built for that purpose. The matter of ventilation is especially provided for.

The cabbage is sold out during the winter, most of it being shipped out by barrel to the neighboring cities, such as Marshalltown, Des Moines, Mason City, and other points in this part of the state.

MRS. SHONTS MUST PAY DUTY.

Collector Loeb Assesses Traction Magnet's Wife \$10,800. New York, Dec. 14.—Collector Loeb disposed of the case of Mrs. Theodore P. Shonts, wife of the head of the Independent Rapid Transit Company, by assessing \$10,800, the usual 60 per cent duty, on jewelry appraised at \$18,000, which was taken from Mrs. Shonts when she arrived from Europe last week. Mrs. Shonts did not declare the jewelry because she was under the impression that it was not dutiable, inasmuch as she had obtained it in Paris in exchange for jewelry upon which she had already paid duty in this country.

Licensed to Wed.

Herbert L. Phenix, farmer, aged 24 and Mrs. Blaine E. Turner, aged 19, both of Garwin. T. Ernest Schroeder, jeweler, aged 30, and Rose Funk, aged 22, both of this city.

Dies at Breakfast Table.

Marion Dec.—Jonathan Elrod, one of the familiar figures on the streets of Marion, died Tuesday while at the breakfast table. He had made his home at the Teeples house for the past two years, and had been growing more feeble every day. As he was eating that morning he put his hand to his electrical wires and complained of pain. Mrs. Teeples, thinking some food had choked him, told him to drink some of his

hot coffee. He did so and as soon as he set down his cup his head sank upon his chest and the spark of life had flown. He belonged to the veterans of the civil war and was a member of Robert Mitchell post, G. A. R. He had reached the age of 87.

BALCONISTS FILE PETITION.

Fort Dodge Claims 175 More Than Needed For Withdrawals. Fort Dodge, Dec. 14.—The petition of consent, which was filed Monday afternoon by the saloon men, contains 1,193 signatures, or 175 more than is needed. The liquor men claim that by a second canvass for signers they have found but few withdrawals. The officers of the Fort Dodge Civic League intimate that they have enough withdrawals to defeat the petition, but make no definite statement.

Members of the civic league and the women's auxiliary held meetings to plan the campaign to secure withdrawals. A big force of stenographers will be put to work copying the names and the members of the two organizations will put up a big effort in the next ten days to secure withdrawals. Public sentiment is about evenly divided as to the success of the saloon men's work. The saloon men have had but one advertisement in the newspapers, and have made a personal canvass, declaring that the hiring of solicitors has proven a failure in other places.

Wealth of Indians.

The Indians of the country hold land valued at more than \$576,000,000 and possess over \$62,000,000 in cash. Last year the birth rate among the Indians was somewhat in excess of the death rate, and it is held that the race is not in danger of becoming extinct. There are 187 reservations on which the Indians live and these reservations are scattered thru twenty-six states. The government spends about \$15,000,000 annually for education and improvement of the Indians.

Doctors in Denver are recommending the quite unathletic exercise of knitting to their women patients who are afflicted with nervous troubles. Light needlework is stated to be another remedy, the idea being to provide something to keep the patient's mind occupied without too much strain.

When you have a cold get a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It will soon fix you up all right and will ward off any tendency toward pneumonia. This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic and may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. Sold by all dealers.

Object of Envy.

Said the sharp-tongued woman who had to stand in a subway train to the mild-mannered man beside her, according to the New York Sun: "If you should ever keep a seat in a car when I was with you and allow some woman to stand I would never speak to you again as long as I live." The tired-looking man sitting in front of the couple looked up enviously. "Young fellow," he said, "heaven has been kind to you. There are not many of us could get peace that easily."

Preserves Natural Color of the Hair

(From Woman's National Magazine.) "Any woman can postpone for years the time when her hair becomes thin and gray. It is a mistake to shampoo frequently with soap and water, as that tends to make the scalp scaly and hard and the hair dull and faded. The hair will respond quickly to the proper home treatment. Put in a fruit jar four ounces of orris root and four ounces of therax. Shake until well mixed. Once or twice a week sprinkle a little of this powder on the head and brush it thoroughly through the hair.

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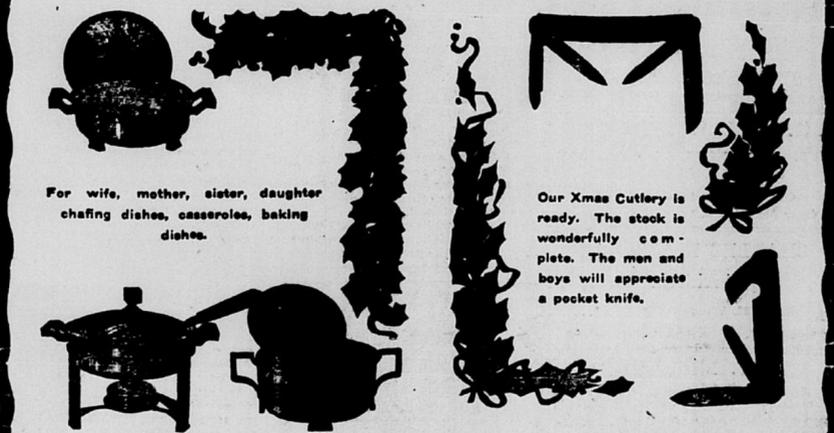
as usual the Shoecist has the new and nobby effects in footwear. Ladies' Velvet and Suede Boots, Cravanette and Patent, 3 and 4 Strap Sandals, Kid, Canvas, in colors, quilted satin house slippers.

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