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Silver Lake, Ind., May 14.—Farmers south of Silver Lake are showing great interest in the big ditch now being dredged through the channel of Silver creek, by which 2,000 acres of practically useless land will become available for farming purposes. The dredge floats in 7½ feet of water, and a day and a night force is working, dredging 150 feet a day. The ditch will be nearly eight miles in length, terminating near Laketon. It will have a spur running to Twin lakes, which will be lowered three feet. The ditch was started ten years ago, but times were so hard and the assessments were so high that the work was abandoned. There is now no opposition to the ditch along its proposed route, everybody conceding that it is a work much needed, and which will prove of great advantage.

MURDER AT UNIONTOWN

Colored Woman Shot Dead by a White Neighbor.

Evansville, Ind., May 14.—A family row at Uniontown, Ky., last night resulted in the murder of Mrs. Etta Finney, colored, by J. E. Ellis, white. The families lived adjoining, and there was trouble between the white and colored children. When Ellis returned home last night he found a battle raging between the children. Mrs. Finney bore a part, seeing which Ellis used his shotgun, killing her instantly. Then he barricaded himself in his house, saying he would not submit to arrest, but he was captured by the town marshal and was removed to Morgantown for safe keeping. Ellis was in the grocery business, and bore a good reputation. The negroes at Uniontown are much disturbed by the murder.

He Fooled the Undertaker.

Bloomington, Ind., May 14.—Funeral Director Pauley of this city was called eight miles into the country to take charge of the burial of Tyson Sherrill, a well-known citizen, and upon arrival at the door of the family home he was informed that his services were not yet required. Two hours before he had been summoned by telephone. Sherrill had apparently died after bidding the family farewell. The body was arranged after death, and friends were seated near the bedside, mourning over his departure, when Sherrill suddenly opened his eyes and startled the family by remarking: "I am not dead." Sherrill is seventy years old and was a soldier in the Mexican and civil wars.

Decrease in Death Rate.

Indianapolis, May 14.—The tabulation of the vital statistics for the year 1903, which has just been completed in the office of the state board of health, shows a decrease in the number of deaths that speaks well for the battle that has been waged in Indiana against disease. The figures show that the total number of deaths in the year was 33,892, a rate of 13.4 a thousand. The average for the last four years was 35,095, a rate of 13.8. As compared with the average for the last four years, there was a decrease in the number of deaths of 1,113, and in the rate of .4.

Suspicion of Foul Play.

Bloomfield, Ind., May 14.—The Greene county board of commissioners has appointed William Huffman to fill out the unexpired term of his late father, Sheriff John C. Huffman, who recently committed suicide. While all the evidence points to self-destruction, Dr. George B. Gray of Worthington, who held the autopsy, believes that Sheriff Huffman was murdered.

An Important Session.

Bloomington, Ind., May 14.—The Woman's General Foreign Missionary society of the United Presbyterian church has closed its 21st annual session. It was one of the most important business meetings ever held by the organization. The place for holding the next annual meeting was not fully determined, but Allegheny City, Pa., will probably be selected.

Child Fell into a Spring.

Peru, Ind., May 14.—While leaning over to drink out of a spring at the family home three miles west of Peru, the four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Long fell into the water and was drowned. She had been dead for several minutes when found by her mother.

Sorely Stricken Family.

Charlestown, Ind., May 14.—Four of the five children of Washington Smith of this township have been buried side by side in a country cemetery in the last three months, all dying of consumption. The oldest boy was ten years and the youngest six months.

FIFTH DISTRICT REPUBLICANS

Will Meet in Convention at Terre Haute Monday.

Indianapolis, May 14.—The next Republican convention of general interest in this state will be held Monday at Terre Haute, when the Fifth district will meet to nominate a successor to Congressman William Holliday of Brazil. Otto E. Gallely of Danville has been named a very vigorous campaigner and has built up an organization that may prove very formidable. The nomination of the district, it is said, will be falling to his support. Holliday is the only old soldier member of the Indiana delegation and that element is strenuous in his behalf. There have been frequent rumors that Senator Earkus of Terre Haute will make another effort to land the nomination, but he has made no public announcement to that effect. It is the prospect of his entrance, however, that is creating the general interest in the contest.

The Hon. Thomas Taggart has returned to France Dick. His famous smile was broader than ever when he departed. He is so pleased over his big victory in the state convention that he could not keep from showing it. He declared that, in his opinion, the endorsement of Indiana means that Judge Parker will certainly capture the Democratic nomination for president. Indiana, he said, is a pivotal state, and, having followed the suit of New York, he is confident that it practically clinches matters for Judge Parker. Taggart's joy in this matter is two-fold, for it is generally believed that he expects to become chairman of the national committee, providing his man is successful at the St. Louis convention. Taggart's pockets were bulging with telegrams of congratulation, a number of which came from men in New York who stand very close to David B. Hill and Judge Parker.

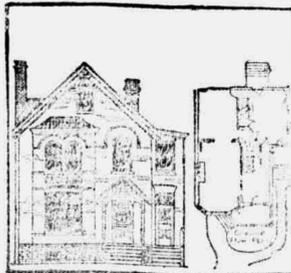
The Hearst headquarters at the Claypool hotel will probably be closed at once. J. Oscar Henderson, who has been in charge, is now closing up affairs. While it is not disputed that many of Hearst's loyal followers are disgruntled at the result of the state convention, Mr. Henderson says that he takes no stock in the reports that they will bolt if Judge Parker is nominated. Most of them are showing a disposition already to abide by the will of the majority, but close observers believe that the majority of the Hearst men are very hopeful that, if he does not receive the nomination, it will go to a third candidate. Already there seems to be a growing sentiment in favor of McClellan of New York, and it is possible that Hearst's followers under the circumstances would support him more loyally than they would Parker.

The political atmosphere of Indiana is now resuming its normal temperature. It has been greatly disturbed during the last six months by the fight for places on the Republican state ticket and the contest for control of the Indiana delegation to the Democratic convention at St. Louis. The next big convention here will be in June, when the prohibitionists will nominate their national ticket. It is likely that Indiana will present the name of Felix T. McWhirter of Indianapolis for vice president. Although the party leaders never have hopes of carrying Indiana, yet this is recognized as one of the strong prohibition states. Elaborate plans are being made for the entertainment of the visitors, and it is expected there will be a crowd of ten thousand.

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Personal and Social News.

BY MR. WARREN CLEMENTS.

Mr. and Mrs. Harmon Meyer gave a card party Thursday evening at their home on South Eleventh street. The guest of honor was Miss Marjorie Taylor, Huntington, W. Va. Three tables were present and prizes were awarded to Mr. Fred Bartel and Miss Cora Eggemeyer. A light luncheon was daintily served.

The celebration of the annual social day of the M. E. Missionary societies of the county was held recently at Oakland Farm. Some eighty members, including small delegations from Richmond, Centerville, Hagerstown and other cities were in attendance. Mrs. Madison Swadener, of this city, read a paper on "The Work of the Society," which was followed by a general discussion, led by Mrs. L. H. Bunyan, also of Richmond. Reports of the work in each city and town were called for and read. The annual business was also transacted, and the remainder of the day was socially spent. Refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reed entertained last evening at a card party, given at their home, on north fifteenth street, the occasion being Mrs. Reed's birthday. Some twenty-two guests were present and spent a most enjoyable evening. Whist, played at six tables, was the chief feature of the evening. Mrs. Ed. Swayne and Mr. Ed. Swayne winning the first prizes and Mrs. Platt Robinson and Mr. Jonas Gaar the second prizes. A luncheon was daintily served at the close of the games.

Invitations have been issued by Mrs. Walter Hutton for a reception to be given Wednesday afternoon at her home, on north fifteenth street. The guests of honor will be Mrs. Will Hutton and Mrs. M. Smith, of Philadelphia.

A delightful card party was given yesterday afternoon in the Elks' club rooms, the hostesses for the afternoon being Miss Ruby Hunt and Mrs. Harry Morrow. Whist, played at seven tables, formed the feature of the afternoon, and, at the close of

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the games, the following prizes were awarded: First prize, Mrs. Jack Moore; second prize, Mrs. Charles McGuire; consolation prize, Miss Lucy Barnett. Miss Marie Davis and Mrs. Gottschall were appointed hostesses for the next meeting.

At the South Eighth Street open church, this evening, there will be an old-time singing geography school, with Prof. C. W. Hodgins as teacher. This is expected to prove the most enjoyable of the series of open meetings.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Grace M. E. church held a business meeting yesterday afternoon in the parlors of the church. The attendance was very good, nearly all of the members being present. The regular business of the society was transacted and several minor matters were discussed. It was decided to give a supper in the newly refurnished basement of the church on May 25th. After the business of the day a short social hour was spent.

The Knights of Columbus will give a dance this evening at the K. of C. hall in honor of the visiting knights.

TRADE CONDITIONS

The Situation for the Week as Noted by Bradstreet's.

New York, May 14.—Bradstreet's weekly review of trade today says: Weather conditions have been favorable, crop planting and growth have made fair progress and retail trade has been benefited, the improvement extending in some lines to re-orders from jobbers. Dry goods, shoes and groceries note relatively greatest activity. Rather more is doing also in fall goods. General industry has remained rather quiet, notably so in cotton, woolen and shoe manufacturing. The iron trade is quieter as a whole, with prices easier. An immense area of fall-sown wheat has had to be abandoned, but this will probably go into other crops. Prices show a gradual drifting downward from the high levels of early spring. The serious labor troubles of the week, and in fact the most hurtful so far this year, is the strike of lake pilots and sailors. A long continuance of this trouble may have an important effect upon the iron trade, as it affects demand for ore.

Victim of Cruel Murder.

Chicago, May 14.—The body of a man who had evidently been murdered was found in the Illinois and Michigan canal last night. The corpse had evidently been in the water for some time, as it was badly decomposed. A gag had been placed across the mouth and two heavy sections of steampipe were attached by a heavy cord to the right arm of the body. There was a deep knife wound about four inches above the right knee, the skull had been fractured by a blow behind the right ear, and the left shoulder was broken.

Steelville's Serious Loss. Steelville, Mo., May 14.—The entire business section and many dwellings were destroyed by fire last night. Forty business building blocks have been burned to the ground. The loss is estimated at \$100,000, with about \$20,000 insurance.

COMMISSIONERS.

The county commissioners will meet in regular session next Tuesday at the court house.