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Somebody now will fix our bridge,
 We are really glad to note,
 And from what we hear distinctly,
 The county is the goat;
 Poor old Polk has a dreadful time
 And gets in lots of musses,
 Perhaps some day,
 We may say
 She has no feuds and fusses.
 The social hall of the Baptist church
 Has been made inviting,
 You are welcome any night
 To have a time exciting;
 There is no limit to the fun,
 Except to rough neck wreckers,
 So you may go
 And for an hour or so,
 Amuse yourself at checkers.
 There will be no rummy, hearts or pitch,
 No sucking the long necked bottle,
 And should you try to rag a tune,
 Someone will pull the throttle;
 You may jump and run and play
 Or a punching bag be poking,
 And you may sing
 Till rafters ring,
 But mind you cut the smoking.
 The winter fuel supply of wood,
 Father in is toting,
 Candidates are getting thick,
 It will soon be time for voting;
 Leap year days are speeding by,
 The weather man is reeking,
 So Mauds and Pearls
 And other girls,
 Must hurry with the speaking.

STARTS OFF WELL

The Parent-Teachers Association held its first meeting of the year Tuesday afternoon with an enthusiastic attendance and the work for the season was planned and discussed. This organization intends to become an important factor in establishing a closer relationship between parent, teacher and school, something that is badly needed in Independence. The officers of the association are Mrs. P. M. Kirkland, president, Mrs. Claude Skinner, secretary, and Mrs. G. W. Conkey, treasurer.

PAYS \$2 FOR PIE

The opening of the gymnasium in the new Social Hall of the Baptist church was the occasion of a jolly time last Tuesday evening. The members of the Tuesday Evening Club assembled from far and near to help make the gym opening a time to be remembered by all. There was a large company of young people who gathered on the gym floor. Volley ball was the sport of the evening; and it is exhilarating and fast enough for all. After the business session of the club refreshments were served in a unique way. Mr. Early Hewitt acted as the auctioneer, and he auctioned the pies off to the highest bidder. Neil McKensy again made himself famous by paying \$2 for a pie, and Floyd Travis ran him a close second by having the pies knocked down to him for \$1.85. The total amount secured for the 16 pies was \$17.40. This is the first amount of the \$300 that was pledged by the club on the new building. Next Tuesday another good time is planned, and a large crowd still expected.

—Contributed.

MUSICALE OCT. 25.

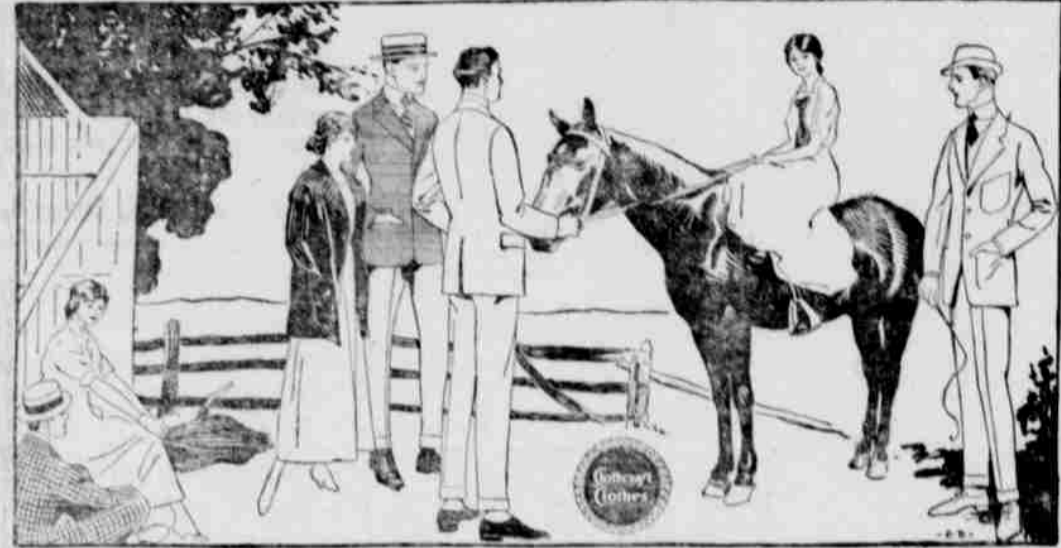
Under the direction of Mrs. Hepner of the musical department of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, Mr. Hartridge Whipp, baritone, with Mrs. Lenora Fisher Whipp as accompanist, will make a tour for the benefit of music in schools. The Civic Club has arranged for a concert to be given here on the evening of Oct. 25. Mr. Whipp will give a program from the best composers. On Thursday morning Mr. Whipp will give his interpretation of the same program, free of charge, to the schools. The concert of Wednesday evening will be given in the Methodist church and a fee of thirty-five cents will be charged to defray the expense of bringing so noted and accomplished musician as Mr. Whipp, and the school children will get the same program absolutely free next morning. Tickets for the night concert will be on sale later.

HURT IN RUNAWAY

Dave Stapleton was seriously hurt in a runaway accident Monday afternoon. He don't know exactly how it happened except that the team concluded to run and he was thrown out. He received a bad bump on the side of his head.

VALUATION LESS

Assessor Meyer has completed the assessment roll and the total 1916 valuation is \$11,853,255, a loss of \$929,665 compared with 1915. In the county there are 5376 horses, 10474 cattle, 16592 sheep and goats, 5511 hogs and 763 dogs.



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MR. CROWLEY SHOULD BE ELECTED

In choosing between Fred S. Crowley of Rickreall and Almeda J. Fuller of Dallas for superintendent of schools, no voter in Polk county should have any hesitancy in picking Mr. Crowley and advising others to do the same. The management and care of the schools of the county should be removed entirely from politics and placed in the hands of one fully competent to handle them, one who has had the necessary experience and one who knows that our schools have been costing too much money and one who will seek to reduce the expenses to the minimum giving at the same time careful service; in fact if Mr. Crowley is elected and is permitted to do so, he will conduct the office without the aid of a supervisor, a superfluous office that has been one of a number of leaks that has drained our county treasury and piled up the taxes.

YOU VOTE ON ELEVEN MEASURES

There will be eleven measures to be voted upon at the general election as follows:
 An amendment to the constitution authorizing the governor to veto single items in appropriation bills.
 An amendment to the constitution exempting from taxation certain ships and vessels.
 A measure to repeal that section of the constitution which reads: "No Negro, Chinaman or Mulatto shall have the right of suffrage."
 The Full Rental Value Land Tax and Homemakers' Loan Fund Amendment.
 For a Normal school at Pendleton, appropriating \$125,000 and levying an annual tax.
 To prohibit compulsory vaccination and inoculation.
 To abolish the Sunday closing law.
 An amendment to the constitution which will permit the manufacture of beer in the state.
 The absolute "dry" bill to prohibit the importation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes.
 The Rural Credits Amendment.
 The Tax and Indebtedness Limitation Amendment.
 Every voter should carefully consider each and every one of these measures.

APPLE IS THE KING

"The kiddie on the way to school
 An apple likes to munch,
 The workingman is glad to find
 An apple in his lunch,
 For oh! of all delicious fruits
 The sunny seasons bring,
 The peach, the plum, the grape, the pear,
 The apple is the king."
 —Minna Irving in Leslie's Weekly.

Hawley has refused to debate with Weatherford. He don't want to be shown up.

McARTHUR TO SPEAK

The Polk county Republicans will hold a series of meetings which commenced at Buena Vista last night. On next Thursday night, Independence will be entertained with Congressman "Pat" McArthur as the principal speaker. Tonight, Suver will be visited, Saturday night, Airlie, and Monday night, Nov. 1, Monmouth.

ROBINSON AND BOHANNON SHOULD WIN

The only two candidates from this section are Asa B. Robinson for clerk and John S. Bohannon for commissioner and many fair minded men in other parts of the county are giving them their support because they concede that the election of these two capable men would be right and proper and for the best interests of the county as a whole, believing that the county offices should be distributed as much as possible. But neither Mr. Robinson nor Mr. Bohannon are basing their claims for election upon any sectional grounds and if either or both are elected, there will be no partisanship or sectionalism shown in the performance of their official duties.

Independence, Monmouth, Buena Vista and Suver should go unanimously for these two candidates lest this section be deprived of the representation in the court house to which it is justly entitled.

COUNTY FAIR PAYS

It is announced that the county fair "paid" this year. There seems to be no particular reason why it shouldn't with an exorbitant appropriation from the county and by charging an admittance fee at the gate.

with the two outside piers intact, it is presumed that the middle one can be fixed satisfactorily. It will take two months to do the work.

Traction engines have been barred from the paving north of town.

LET THERE BE LIGHT

One of the methods used to bring about the defeat of Walter L. Tooze for district attorney is very questionable.

Give to the public your record in the widow pension cases so people may judge you as you as you should be judged, Mr. Tooze.

GRIND OF THE COURTS

Charles Skinner of Dallas, charged by the grand jury with violation of the prohibition law by selling stomach bitters, was acquitted. The case against his wife on the same charge was continued.

Carl Manock, a Dallas druggist, indicted for selling too much alcohol, was acquitted.

Weldon Black, indicted for manslaughter, was acquitted. He ran down and killed C. S. Hatch with an automobile a few weeks ago.

In the Marion circuit court, Harry Hvnnicut has asked to be relieved of paying his divorced wife alimony as he is not financially able to do it.

FIXING BRIDGE

The work of repairing the broken bridge at Independence was commenced today. The county is doing the work, the cost of which will be charged to Tobin and Stevens, the contractors, and upon their refusal to pay, action will be brought against them in the courts.

After making a test with a heavy load, the county court is convinced that by rebuilding the middle span, the structure will be amply strong for traffic. So