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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.
 The annual business meeting of the Young People's Alliance of the Evangelical church on West Maple avenue was held Monday evening, Dec. 14. The retrospect over the year's work evinced splendid progress. Several new members were received and a number of the members were received into the church during the year.
 The junior work organized in the early part of the year has developed nicely under the efficient leadership of Miss Ella Diener. The finances also show up well for the organization. The following officers were elected for the coming year:
 President, Ed. M. Diener.
 Vice President, Lillie Itadke.
 Recording Secretary, Roy Miller.
 Corresponding Secretary, Maude Dehl.
 Misc. Secretary, John Diener.
 Treasurer, John Penner.
 Librarian, Arthur Holtbreck.
 Organist, Lillie Itadke.
 Superintendent of the Junior Work, Ella Diener.
 The following schedule of meetings may be of interest:
 Devotional meetings every Sunday evening, beginning at 6:15.
 Business meeting every second Monday evening in each month.
 Special meetings may be held whenever arranged for by the respective committees.

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It is claimed on reliable authority that corn-fed hogs are more susceptible to weak eyes than those given other grains. Corn may enter into the ration without any serious results, but it should not be made the entire ration.
 It is always better to give medicine to swine in food. But if one wants to drench, fasten a piece of rubber hose securely in a bottle containing the medicine. Throw the pig, put a stick in its mouth and allow the fluid to slowly run down the throat.
 The present cotton output of Brazil is estimated at 80,000 tons, and according to reports received from United States consuls living in that country, the industry is increasing rapidly. Primitive methods are still in vogue, however, and the quality of the product is poor.
 We are now cutting timber from the forests of the United States at the rate of 500 feet board measure a year for every man, woman and child. In Europe they use only 90 board feet. At this rate in less than thirty years all our remaining virgin timber will be cut. Time to change our methods.
 The government reports the hay crop to be 1.22 tons, compared with 1.44 ton-year average. Total production, estimated, 67,743,000 tons, compared with 63,677,000 last year. Average quality is 94.5, against 90.4 last year. Rye estimated production, 30,921,000 bushels, against 31,500,000 last year. Quality is better.
 How hard should the ground freeze before covering up the strawberry vines? Well, if it will hold a wagon up when driven over it you may conclude that it is time to put on the mulch. Don't put on too much at first, however. Increase the amount of covering as the weather increases in severity.
 A much more sensible and profitable type of agriculture will prevail than is general today when every quarter section farm in the country supports a herd of from thirty to sixty sheep. They are large consumers of waste vegetable growth—the byproducts of the farm—and for this reason every landowner should keep a flock.
 Again let us urge you not to leave the tools out to warp and rust in the winter storms. One winter's exposure will hurt them more than two or three years' use. Clean them up and put them away in the dry. If you have no tool house put them in the packing shed. A coat of paint applied now will add several years to the life of the woodwork of tools.
 If the farmer is in such straits financially that he must economize, let him go without socks and undershirt rather than scrip on the price of seed corn or oats that he has to buy this season. He would be far better off at harvest time or husking if he got good seed oats at 75 cents and seed corn at \$2 than he would to take poor seed of either grain as a gift. Economize if one must, but let it not be in seeds of any kind.
 The Chicago health commission has forbidden the sale of milk from ordinary tin cans. All milk must now be delivered in sealed bottles. Heavy weight of the instant mortality of the milk is supposed to be traceable to impure milk. It requires careful washing and constant care to keep a tin can in good condition. Few people know how to wash a can and those who do know apparently do not like the job. If you want any proof of this fact, take the cover off of any tin can that is being returned from any city and notice the nasty stench that greets your nostrils. The price of city milk is constantly advancing, so that it is well worth the trouble of getting a good tin can to keep your milk in good condition.
 Get Out of the Ruts.
 The best system of distribution in the case that will return the same net profits and the most plentiful to the soil. It seems hard for us to get out of the old ruts. Some farmers will dig 200 bushels of potatoes from an acre of land and sell them for \$25 and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for \$10 and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for \$5 and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for \$2 and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for \$1 and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 50 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 25 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 10 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 5 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 2 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 1 cent and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 50 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 25 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 10 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 5 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 2 cents and think they have made the most of it. Some will sell them for 1 cent and think they have made the most of it.

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Among the Churches
 —Christian Science church—will meet at Modest's hall Sunday at 10:45 a. m.
 —St. Joseph's Parish. Mass at 10:30 a. m. High mass first Sunday of month. Pastor J. A. Hoffman.
 —Swedish S. S. and Bible class at 3 o'clock; preaching at 3:30, 54 Foote St. every Sunday afternoon.
 —German Evangelical church. Sunday school, 1:30; services, 2:30. Rev. Merbach, pastor.
 —Methodist Episcopal Church—F. F. Farmholme, pastor. Class meeting at 9:30 a. m. Preaching by pastor, 10:30. Sunday school at noon. Epworth League at 6:30. Sacred concert by choir at 7:30. See program in this issue. All are cordially invited.
 —Congregational church—Morning worship at 10:30 a. m. Special music and sermon, theme, "Emmanuel, God With Us." Sunday school at 12 m. Men and Women's Bible classes, C. E. at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Xmas at the Congregational church—
 —St. Andrew's Episcopal Church—During the months of November, December and January, the services will be as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; morning prayer, with sermon by the Rev. G. D. Adams, 11 a. m., excepting that on the first Sunday of each month there will be evening prayer at 7:30 p. m., and the morning service will be omitted. A cordial invitation to all. Strangers especially welcome.
 —In the absence of the pastor, Rev. Fassenger, of Naperville, Ill., will have charge of the services at the Evangelical church next Sunday. He will preach in the German language at 11 a. m., and in the English at 7:30 p. m. Sunday school will meet at the usual hour. Junior meeting at 2:30 p. m. Senior Alliance meeting at 6:45 p. m. Special music will be rendered at each service. Every one is welcome.

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IN REVOLUTIONARY TIMES.
 How a Staten Islander Got Out of a Tight Place.
 The residents of Staten Island, during its occupancy by the British in revolutionary times, were prohibited from keeping firearms of any description in their homes. A few of them, nevertheless, succeeded in concealing guns, and among these was a young man named Housman. One morning, after the fall of a light snow, the young man was out with his gun in quest of rabbits, when a sudden turn in the path brought him in sight of two soldiers. The two parties saw each other simultaneously, and each stopped. Housman thought of the loss of his gun, and possibly of his life; but the soldier's eyes were fast on the young man's hands.
 "What report they made when they searched their quarters is not known, but a detachment was at once sent out to capture the young man and his army. Their surprise and mortification may be imagined when, on their turn in the path, they could find but the tracks of a single individual.
 "I thought you had had some fun for a month, and now I find that you have been caught. You had better be thankful that you are not a British soldier." The young man's face turned as white as paper.

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Milk Inspectors.
 In speaking of milk inspection, Chief Webster of the United States Dairy Department, said: "Its purpose is to protect the public against impure milk. Such may come from several sources. First, in the case of animals, we need a better inspection, for they may be badly infected with tuberculosis and still the disease would not be apparent to the eye. Second, the handlers of milk need a closer inspection, and when such persons have a contagious disease they should not be allowed to handle the milk or any of its products. Third, there should be more sanitary inspection of buildings and equipment. Fourth, the laboratory inspection, is important and should be placed in competent hands. It is of the utmost importance that the inspection be done by experienced and educated men. A politician should not administer it, and he should not be allowed to do so."
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