

## LAWYERS DISCUSS

### Question of Decision on Saloon Question

ADDRESS OF PRESIDENT FRAZIER

Says Legislature Must Respect the Fundamental Rights Guaranteed by the Constitution.

Nearly a hundred members of the State Bar Association of Indiana attended the annual meeting today at Country Club. At this cool retreat they listened to addresses on important legal subjects, sat around on the wide porches, had lunch at noon, heard committee reports and will have dinner this evening.

The convention was held in the dance hall at the club house, and it was well filled.

In his opening address on "The Courts and the Legislature," Daniel Fraser, of Fowler, president of the association, took occasion to commend indirectly the action of the supreme court in reversing Judge Christian's decision which declared that the state had no inherent right to license the saloon, inasmuch as the saloon was a nuisance in itself. The speaker did not refer to the Sopher case, but to other cases tending to show that the police power is not without limitation, and that in its exercise the legislature must respect the great fundamental rights guaranteed by the constitution.

"Otherwise," continued the speaker, "under the pretext and in the assumed exercise of police power in the interest of the health, the welfare or the safety of the public, every right of the citizen might be invaded and every constitutional barrier swept away. By a more careful examination of the causes which underlie criminality and vice the temperance league may well conclude that the growing of corn is the first great cause and make this arduous and profitable occupation unconstitutional. In case such a view might influence any of our courts to so declare, it is to be hoped that it will occur during the tenure of Mr. Brewer as a justice of the supreme court, for he has already given his vote against all enemies of King Corn."

## SEVENTH ANNUAL

### This Year's Fair to Surpass All Others

FORMER RULES TO BE OBSERVED

No Gambling or Drinking Permitted—Everything Will Be Strictly First Class.

The big annual great Northern Indiana fair will begin August 27th and continue until August 30th, and every day will be a big one. The announcement in their premium list reads as follows:

The Great Northern Indiana Fair association announce this the seventh annual exhibition, which we predict will outclass any previous one.

We offer thousands of dollars in premiums and purses, and great care will be taken to place this money with the worthy ones.

Our race track, new buildings, thousands of beautiful shade trees with gravel walks and drives winding among them, the lake with its numerous boats, the entire exhibition grounds (consisting of more than one hundred acres) are unsurpassed.

Parents may feel safe in bringing or sending the young people to this exhibition, as no gambling in any form will be allowed, nor any intoxicating liquors to be sold.

Decatur may be reached via Grand Rapids and Indiana, Toledo, St. Louis and Western the Ft. Wayne and Springfield Electric line, and the Erie railroad, making it very convenient both for the exhibitor and the visitor.

The grounds and buildings are lighted by electricity.

Yours truly,  
C. D. Kankie, Secy.

Miss Kittie Smith is taking a short her husband and enjoy the pleasures Music house branch in this city.

## FOUND A SKELETON AT MARION

Man May Have Been Murdered Several Months Ago.

The skeleton of a man, a few shreds of flesh and just enough clothing to determine that death had occurred some time in the winter, were found lying on a small island in the river at Matter park at Marion.

Every indication points to a murder, as the body lay in a place where it could have hardly lodged had it been swept down the river, and the position of the remains seems to indicate that the body had been buried in the sand for some time and then exhumed by the high waters last spring.

The body was discovered by Selby Downing, a city lineman, who was wading in the river at the rifle near the park station. The body is that of a very large man, evidently a few inches over six feet tall, and other dimensions in proportion. When death occurred the man was wearing a heavy reversible coat, wool on one side and oilcloth on the other, the oilcloth portion out, indicating that the day death occurred either rain or snow was falling. On the feet were heavy felt shoes with stockings pulled up over the trousers. The clothing from the waist nearly to the shoes has entirely disappeared.

## KILLED BY TRAIN

### Otto Schug Meets Death in Dakota

BODY TO BE SHIPPED HOME

Telegram From Cousin Announced the Accident, But Gave No Details—Son of Phil Schug.

A deep gloom was cast over the home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Schug, on East Water street Monday afternoon, when they received the telegram announcing the sad death of their son, Otto, at Fessenden, North Dakota. The terrible truth was brought to them in the following brief message, which was dated July 8th, at 2:23 p. m., at Fessenden, North Dakota: "Otto killed by train today, what shall I do with body, answer quick." Signed, Otto - Neuenschwander, a cousin.

The sad news came to the grief stricken family like a thunder bolt from a clear sky, and they could hardly believe the awful truth contained in the telegram. An answer was immediately telegraphed ordering the body embalmed and shipped to this place at once. Nothing more has since been learned of the sad accident, and the exact details will not be known until received by letter some time today.

The unfortunate young man, who is only 22 years old, left his home about three years ago, to fight life's battles for himself, in the great Northwest. He worked for some time in the harvest fields and later entered a business college in Fargo. He worked his way through college and later again worked on the farm. Last fall, in company with some other young men, he went to the southwestern part of the state, where they each took up a claim of land. In the last letter which he wrote to his parents, on June 29th, he was still at Fessenden, but intended to be on his claim by the 3rd of the present month. It is now a mystery to the grief stricken parents how the young man came to his death at Fessenden.

No definite funeral arrangements can as yet be made. The services will be conducted by the Revs. Frank Hartman, in English and the Rev. H. H. Kattmann, in the German language, at the Reformed church. The body is expected to arrive here this afternoon or not later than Thursday morning. In that event the funeral will occur Thursday forenoon.—Berne News.

Since the new Indiana law requires school teachers to take twelve weeks of instruction in a recognized training school before they can take up work in the public schools in 1907, a large number of these educational workers will go to summer schools. All lines of instruction required by public school teachers will be given, from kindergarten and primary work to the teaching of agriculture in the country schools. The summer school faculties are made up of instructors from a number of colleges and high schools of Indiana and other states.

## TO CURB SHERIFFS

### State Auditor Watching Up Their Expenses

ASKS FOR ROUTE TO PRISON

And Hereafter Will Check up the

Reports of These Officers—Sheriffs Are Irritated.

The state auditor's office is now bucking all attempts of Indiana sheriffs to increase their emoluments and in some quarters the sheriffs are showing signs of irritation.

A letter is being sent out asking that each sheriff return to the auditor's office the route that he takes in conveying prisoners to each of the five penal institutions—the reformatory at Jeffersonville, the state prison at Michigan City, the Indiana Boys' school at Plainfield, the Indiana Girls' school and the Women's prison at Indianapolis.

The letter asks, also, for the mileage of each route. With this information at hand the office will be in position to check up the mileage accounts sent in by the county sheriffs and see whether it is overcharged. The state laws permit mileage allowance for the transfer of prisoners to these institutions.

The letter calls to the attention of each sheriff the ruling of the auditor's office with reference to sending two deputies with a prisoner also. Some of the sheriffs have sent two deputies and tried to draw the mileage allowance for two when only one was necessary. This part of the letter follows:

"In this connection I would also state that unless you have more than one prisoner, it is the rule of this office not to allow for an attendant in conveying a prisoner to a penal institution, unless your voucher is accompanied by an order from the judge trying the prisoner, stating that the prisoner is of dangerous character and unsafe for one man to attempt to deliver alone. Of course if you have more than one prisoner, you are entitled to an attendant without the order."

## HOME RUN DRIVE

### Won Yesterday's Game for Portland

CAME IN THE CLOSING INNING

With Two Men on Bases Pitcher Gray Won His Own Game by Putting One Out of the Lot.

The Decatur team under the new management played their first game yesterday and the error column shows the result of a day of nerves, the boys apparently still hearing distinctly the crash of the day before. However, we all know they have the goods, and will deliver it at the proper time.

The Portland team is one of the strongest in the state, and defeated the locals by a score of six to three, the visitors winning by a great batting rally in the ninth inning, which resulted in three big runs being chalked up to their credit. It was a battle of left handed pitchers, in which Gray had a little something over on Lefty and succeeded in holding our batters in check to a very marked degree and when hits meant runs they were not forthcoming. The visitors secured their runs in bunches, the first bunch coming in the fifth, when by timely hitting and with the assistance of several very raw errors, they pushed three runs across the counting territory, and these runs looked big enough to win any game. The locals played a hard uphill battle securing their first run in the fourth inning, the result of a two base hit and a single; the second run came in the sixth, the result of several errors, coupled with a hit and our third and last run came in the eighth, when by timely hitting we tied the score. However, it did not stay this way long, for in the visitors half of the ninth, Gray, the first man up clouted the ball over the right

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## SOME FIGURES FROM RANDOLPH

Various Juries Vote in Various Ways at Winchester.

Winchester's temperance and anti-temperance forces are engaged in an interesting contest of numbers. Detectives were imported in order to secure evidence of violation of the law by the local saloonists. Juries have convicted, disagreed and stood six to six in a number of instances wherein law violations were alleged. In one case the jury stood five for conviction and seven for acquittal. After many hours deliberation the five convinced the seven that they were wrong and they changed their votes.

The trials of a number of cases have brought forth a rather remarkable series of coincidences. Three cases were tried several weeks ago and the juries disagreed. One stood 10 to 2 for conviction, another stood 10 to 2 for acquittal and the third, six to six. Last week one jury convicted and another acquitted, so that out of sixty jurors to try the cases thirty were for conviction and thirty for acquittal. In the case in which the jury stood 10 to 2 for conviction, the second trial brought conviction and in the case in which the jury stood 10 to 2 for conviction, the second trial brought acquittal.

## CARNIVAL OPENS

### Fair Crowd Visited the Grounds Last Night

HAS NUMBER OF ATTRACTIONS

Da'Ve Devil Myers Has Narrow Escape in His First Leap Here—Ran Into Concession Tent.

Quite a crowd visited the carnival grounds last evening and the place bids fair to become quite popular during the stay here the rest of the week. The shows are located just east of the river bridge and present quite an attractive appearance, when lighted with hundreds of incandescent electric lights. The concessions include eight shows. "The Girls in Red," "Fairies in the Well," "Escape from Sing Sing" etc., and each did a fairly good business last night and seemed to give general satisfaction. Besides these are the baby racks, knives and cane games, a penny arcade, refreshment stands and a big merry-go-round. Twice each day, at ten and seven, Fearless Van makes a sensational slide for life down a wire and at 2:30 and 10, Dare Devil Meyer leaps the gap riding down a narrow stairway and jumping a twenty-five foot gap. Meyer made his first leap here last night and came near being seriously injured. He made the jump successfully, but the runway was too short, and while going at terrific speed, he dashed into the concession tent, hurling it ten feet. Luckily he was not hurt in the least and his wheel was only slightly damaged. The show is above the average carnival company, allow no gambling or grafting and will very probably do a good business here.

ARE TOURING IN EUROPE.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dougherty and Daughter are Abroad.

John Gilliland has received several letters from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dougherty and daughter, Beth, who are touring through Europe, in which they tell of their unusual and novel trip across the Atlantic. On board the steamer with them were several noted people of various nationalities. Among noted Americans were Peter Dalley, the noted actor, and Hugh McGowan, of Indianapolis, the well known street railway magnate. The passengers spent the time while enroute across the water, in various athletic games. A remarkable feature of the trip was the fact that no one of the Dougherty family was sick during the entire voyage.—Bluffton News.

Montpelier had quite an expensive Sunday morning fire with losses as follows: C. Q. Shull, building, \$1,600, insurance, \$700; Montpelier Breeding company, stallion, \$2,000, no insurance; Kime & Sons, six head of horses, \$800, six tons of hay, harness, feed, several chickens, sixty cases of eggs, etc., estimated value \$500, only partly covered by insurance.

## DISASTROUS FIRE

### Brittson & Smith's Store Was Destroyed

BLAZE OCCURRED SUNDAY NIGHT

Former Decatur Men Suffer a Fifteen

Thousand Dollar Loss at Midland, Michigan.

Joseph Smith received a letter last evening from Albert Brittson, who is now located at Midland, Mich., announcing the fact that the firm of Brittson and Smith suffered from a fire loss Sunday night and as a result their entire stock of goods, consisting of gents' furnishings and shoes were destroyed, together with the store building. How the fire originated, Mr. Brittson did not state, but the presumption here among their friends is that the building was struck by lightning. Messrs. Brittson and Smith are well known here, being former residents of this city and having numerous friends here who will sympathize with them in their misfortune. They owned one of the largest stores of its description in that section of Michigan, and had worked up an enormous business since opening up and were, in fact, classed among the leading business men of Midland. They carried stock that was valued at fifteen thousand dollars, which from the tone of Mr. Brittson's letter, was totally destroyed.

It is known by relatives here that the firm carried some insurance, but how much no one is able to state and just what their actual loss will be cannot at this time be determined. The fire occurred after night and had gained considerable headway before discovered and although heroic efforts were made to save a portion of the stock they failed. The letter did not state whether the firm would engage in the same business or not, as it is too early for either member of the firm to determine what they will do. However, this fact is assured, that they will remain in that section of the country for the present at least, as they are interested in several large tracts of land. Mr. Smith is expecting another letter in the course of a day or so that will explain what the loss was and how the fire originated.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

### Two Arrests on Grand Jury Indictments

STANDARD OIL OFFICIAL HERE

Mr. Tawl, of New York City, Appeared Before the Board of Review in Interest of His Company.

Paul Crites has been arrested on a grand jury indictment charging him with desecrating the Sabbath day. He filed bond for \$100 and was released.

Henry Vian has been arrested on two grand jury indictments, being accused of allowing minors to play pool and to loiter in his pool room. He gave bond for \$100 for his appearance at the September term to answer each charge.

Clem Voglewede of this city and Adam Egly, of Geneva, have each been granted a hunters' license.

Theodore M. Tawl, of New York, general manager of the real estate and tax department of the Standard Oil company, was before the board of review today and assisted by Attorney James T. Merryman, of this city, proceeded to go over the assessments on the oil properties owned by this great corporation and located in this county, the principal portion of their holdings being the Preble plant and the various lines of pipe which cross Adams county. The board gave him all the time desired and gave due consideration to his remarks. Mr. Tawl holds a very responsible position with the Standard and has been a life long friend of the Rockefeller.

Miss Lillie Lewton went to Ft. Wayne this morning to be the guest of friends for a short time.

## A NEW KICK ON RURAL ROUTES

Wisconsin Judge Says it Increases Insanity.

A county judge up in Wisconsin, Judge John Chloupek, makes a charge against rural free delivery which is certainly peculiar. He says that it is responsible for the increase of insanity in rural districts and argues as follows:

"I think the rural route is doing more than anything else to cause the increase of insanity in the country. Before that was inaugurated people gathered at the postoffice, at the country store, at the neighbors. People saw more of each other. Now they get their mail every morning; everything is brought to them; they lead a secluded life, sometimes not seeing anyone for many days. It is the loneliness of the thing that drives people to the madhouse.

"The farmers' wives are the ones particularly affected by this new condition. Insanity is increasing at a rapid rate in the rural communities, and especially is this true among the women. In our last report the proportion of women cases was much greater than that of the men. Nine out of ten case come from the country districts.

## FRIENDS SURPRISED

### Mr. Graham and Miss DeVoss Married June 10

ANNOUNCEMENT THIS MORNING

The Event Occurred at Coldwater, Michigan—They will be at Home Here After July 21st.

L. A. Graham, the popular insurance agent, visited our office this morning, his face wreathed in smiles and presenting a handful of cigars announced calmly that he had been married a month. That he succeeded in surprising us goes without saying, but we managed to keep up our nerve sufficiently to extend the congratulations, which will be seconded by the many friends of the happy young couple. The bride was Miss Leona DeVoss, one of the most charming ladies of this city, and a daughter of Attorney L. C. DeVoss. While their friends have rather expected invitations, no one not even the nearest relatives, suspected that the sacred ceremony had already been performed. On the morning of June 10th, just one month ago, Miss DeVoss left Decatur over the G. R. & I. presumably for Ft. Wayne. Mr. Graham took the interurban car and they met in Ft. Wayne, going from there to Coldwater, Michigan, where they secured the necessary license and were married that afternoon by the Methodist minister, returning to Sturgis, Michigan, the same evening and home the next day. They will go to Winona next week for a week's stay and will be at home on Fourth street in this city after July 21st.

Both parties are clever, popular people, to whom hundreds of friends extend sincere best wishes for a happy future. Miss DeVoss is a graduate of the city schools, is talented, clever and well liked. Mr. Graham has been in the insurance business here for a number of years and is considered one of Decatur's most substantial young business men.

SOME CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

Bluffton Methodists to Do a Little House Cleaning.

The official board of the Methodist church last night officially ordered improvements on the parsonage, church, etc., that have been hanging fire for several months. The improvements consist of many changes in the parsonage building, making the house modern in all respects, and at a cost of about \$2,500. The addition to the Sunday school room is expected to cost near \$3,200 and will be built either of brick or cement blocks, more than likely the latter. The building will consist of a large room downstairs to be used by the primary department, while the upstairs will be divided into four large class rooms.

Then the church is to be re-frescoed all over, both auditorium and the Sunday school department, at a cost of \$800. New boilers are to be secured for the heating apparatus and the church building is to be re-painted on the outside. The whole improvement is estimated to cost very close to \$7,000.—Bluffton Banner.

## SOCIETY AT WORK

### A Charming One O'clock Luncheon

A PICNIC NEAR MONMOUTH

A Porch Party by Mrs. C. E. Neptune

—A Party in the Country—A Good Day for Society.

By Perle Burd.

A one o'clock luncheon of today which was charming in its appointments was the one given by Mrs. Charles Bell, in compliment to Mrs. Hubacheck and Mrs. Downs. A large bowl of roses graced the center of the dining table and which were given as favors. The luncheon was beautifully served in three courses. The small company consisted of Mesdames Robert Harding, John Meyers, C. E. Neptune, Lee Walters, Cora Downs and Hubacheck.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church will meet with Mrs. Flolers, on west Monroe street, on Thursday afternoon. Ladies and their friends are invited to attend.

The Sunday school class of twenty young girls of the M. E. church were entertained at a picnic dinner today by their teacher, Miss Frances Bryson, at the Dorwin farm near Monmouth. At nine o'clock this morning the merry crowd gathered at the interurban station with their luncheons, fish rods and every article that was necessary for a jolly good picnic. The party returned on the three o'clock car.

Surrounded with old time pictures of each guest and the old school letters, was the scene of pleasure after the former school friends of Mrs. Hubacheck had arrived and were seated on the cozy porch of Mrs. C. E. Neptune last night to enjoy and bring back to their memories of their happy girlhood days, by reading the letters and comparing the pictures. Pillows and chairs were tastefully arranged on the porch. In one corner the hostess had placed ice cream and cake, where each guest could help herself during the evening's amusements. The ladies who were entertained were Mesdames Cora Downs, Robert Harding, of Ft. Wayne; L. A. Graham, Charles Bell, Grace Walters, John Heller, Fred Mills, H. F. Callow, John Meyers, Harry Moltz, Misses Nellie Schroth, Lora Albin.

"United States Spotted Flag" will be the interesting subject of Mr. Carl B. Roop, of Wren, Ohio, when he gives his lecture at the United Brethren church at Bobo, on Sunday evening, the 14th day of July. The lecture will be free, but during the evening a collection will be taken. Everybody including the young as well as the old, are invited.

The members of the Pocahontas lodge are earnestly urged to be present at their regular meeting on Thursday evening. There will be initiation installation and after the business period, there will be delicious refreshments served. Don't fail to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Brown entertained about forty young folks at their beautiful country home, situated five miles south of the city given in honor of Misses Dora and Frances King, of Lima, Ohio. The main features of the evening were dancing and games. Those who attended the occasion from the city were: Misses Anna Miller, Dora Gast, Leona Harting, Bertha and Lizzie Knapp, Frances King.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harding, of Ft. Wayne, and Rev. Hunter Meyers, of Butler, Ind., returned to their homes after celebrating the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William Meyers yesterday at their home on north Fifth street.

The hundreds of girl operators employed by the New Long Distance Telephone company are likely to be subjected to a cut in wages, unless, perchance, the state board of tax commissioners relents and consents to reduce the tax assessment of \$80 a mile put on the company's property in Indiana this year. "And not only that," remarked Charles S. Norton, speaking before the tax board in the interests of the Long Distance company, "this reduction in wages is likely to go into other departments unless this large assessment is reduced."