

AT THE CHURCHES

Dr. Stevens, of Winona, De-
livered Two Sermons Here
Sunday.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

At the Methodist Church—
Missionary Society to
Help the Needy.

Dr. Stevens, of Winona Lake, who
supplied the pulpit at the Presbyter-
ian church yesterday morning and
evening, delivered two excellent ser-
mons and the large audiences that
were present enjoyed the talks very
much. Dr. Stevens will not be here
next Sunday, however, as he has an
engagement in Pennsylvania, which
he will fulfill on that day and he may
possibly return some time in the fu-
ture. Next Sunday a new preacher
will be here and several others will
be given a trial before the congrega-
tion will employ a minister perman-
ently. Dr. Preston Foreman, who so
successfully interested the people by
a series of very good sermons a short
time ago, is now located at Dayton,
Indiana, a small place near Lafayette,
where he expects to remain for a
year. Dr. Foreman's health is very
poor, and he has taken this country
charge in order to recuperate.

It was announced from the pulpit
at the Methodist church yesterday
that every evening during this week
with the exception of Saturday preach-
ing and prayer services will be held in
the lecture room of the church. This
is known as the week of prayer and
will be observed in thousands of
churches in the United States and in
many in Europe during this week,
which is the allotted time. It is urged
that a good attendance be present at
each of these meetings.

Pursuant to their charitable charac-
teristics and desires to assist the
needy, the members of the Woman's
Home Missionary society of the M. E.
church will meet at the Methodist
church Tuesday afternoon, bringing
with them clothing and bedding which
will be packed in a barrel and sent to
the Ebenezer Mitchell school for
white boys and girls which is located
in the mountain district of North Car-
olina. A new dormitory has just been
added to this school and they are in
great need of bedding, hence the De-
catur ladies are responding to the
call. The Woman's Home Missionary
society of the M. E. church are sup-
porting more than twenty industrial
schools and several community schools
all of which are doing great good for
the betterment of the communities in
which they are located.

Rev. D. I. Hower, of Mentone, Ind.,
brother of Dallas Hower and Mes-
dames Daniel Beery, F. H. Nicholas
and John Myers of this city delivered
a most interesting sermon at the Meth-
odist church yesterday morning from
the text on "The visit of the Queen of
Sheba to Solomon." Rev. Hower was
reared in Decatur. About ten years
ago he entered the ministry and in
this he has succeeded wonderfully. He
has a charge in the Wabash district
at Mentone and is doing good work.
His sermon of yesterday morning
demonstrated his ability as a speaker
and caused his many friends to heap
congratulations upon him.

BIBLE CLASS ELECT OFFICERS

Joe McFarland is President—Class is
Growing.

At a meeting of the Young People's
Bible class of the M. E. Sunday school
held Sunday afternoon at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. McFarland, the fol-
lowing officers were elected to serve
for one year: Pres., Mr. Joe McFar-
land; vice president, Mr. G. W. Warner
and secretary, Mrs. G. W. Warner.
By-laws were adopted by the class,
several committees were appointed
and a systematic effort will be put
forth to increase the membership of
the class. The class was organized
in October and that time had but one
member. The class now has twenty
members, fourteen of whom were not
members of the school before. Twenty-
five names were suggested to the
class and these people will be earnest-
ly solicited to attend Sunday school.
The future of the class looks bright
and much interest is being manifested.

WAS WELL KNOWN HERE.

Barney Benson Succumbed to Ravages
of Typhoid.

Barney Benson, of Cold Gold, Pa.,
well known here from the fact that he
was one of the tank builders who
worked at Preble some time ago, was
buried last Friday, according to word
received by Miss Bessie Long of this
city. Mr. Benson was here for several
months and formed many acquaint-
ances who regret of his unfortunate
fate. He was taken ill some time ago
with typhoid fever and his condition
became worse day by day until he suc-
cumbed to the ravages of that dread
disease. He was well liked in this
community, and enjoyed the friendship
of a large circle of friends. He died
during the first part of last week.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

LeMay Case Continued Un-
til Thursday After-
noon.

NEW CASE IS FILED

Dutcher Divorce Case this
Afternoon—Two Divorce
Cases Dismissed.

The LeMay case has been continued
until Thursday noon. The trial was
to have begun Wednesday morning.
It is believed it will be concluded by
Saturday.

Erwin and Erwin filed a new case
entitled Henry C. Davis vs. Fred W.
Fuelling, suit on note, demand \$100.

Hon. C. J. Lutz has been appointed
special judge to hear the case of
Milton S. Hilpert vs. Leota B. Gotts-
chalk, a suit to modify the order of
court. Judge Merryman is disqualified
having been counsel for the plaintiff
in the original divorce case.

Flora A. Dutcher vs. Charles M.
Dutcher, divorce, answer filed. A part
of the evidence was heard Saturday
evening and the rest this afternoon.
The evidence was concluded at 2:30
this afternoon and Judge Merryman
refused to grant the plaintiff her di-
vorce as prayed for.

Sarah Gleason, admx. vs. Edward
E. Young et al, damages, \$5,000. De-
murer overruled.

Mary E. Debolt vs. Chauncey A.
Debolt, divorce, cause dismissed at
cost of the plaintiff.

An extension of time was asked for
and granted the drainage commission-
ers in the Mathias Miller et al petition
for drain. The report will be filed
January 14.

William E. Swartz vs. Journal Pub-
lishing company, petition filed by El-
lingham for a partial distribution.

Horace Kohn vs. Joseph W. Hakes,
suit note, \$250, demurer to answer
overruled, reply filed.

Rosa Counts vs. John Counts, di-
vorce, cause dismissed at cost of the
plaintiff.

Frank H. Barthell vs. Henry E.
Keller, demurer to answer overruled.

A marriage license was issued Sat-
urday evening to Charley J. Grim
an electrician, aged thirty-four, of this
city, and Katie Young, aged twenty-
five, of Monmouth. The bride is bet-
ter known as Polly Lord and was di-
vorced last May. The groom was
granted a divorce December 12th last.

Another marriage license was the
one issued to Rolla C. Longenberger,
aged twenty-one, and Lorena M. Lal-
sure, aged twenty, both of Monroe.

The Misses Josephine Schumacher
and Celestia Mylott returned home Sat-
urday afternoon from Fort Wayne,
where they were visiting relatives
and they report a fine time.

The finishing touches on painting
the Christian church are being put on
today by Charles Ralling and force of
men, and this place of worship now
looks a hundred per cent better. The
church has been painted a drab color.

HELD UP WOMAN

John Magner of this City is
in Serious Trouble at
Fort Wayne.

NABBED BY POLICE

After a Sensational Chase
Across That City—Results
May Be Serious.

John Magner, twenty-one years old,
who was born and reared six miles
south of Decatur and who appears to
be somewhat demented, is a prisoner
at police headquarters following a
confessed attempt to hold up two
young women and following one of
the most spectacular chases made by
the police in a long time.

The names of the victims of the
holdup were not made public by the
police, who desire to protect the two
young women from notoriety. Magner
has made a confession to the officers
and it will not be necessary for the
young women to appear in court.

According to the story told by the
girls they were walking along the
Lake Erie tracks about 1:30 yesterday
afternoon when they met Magner,
who ordered them to give up their
money and rings. The spot is a lone-
ly one but although there was no one
within sight or hearing the two girls
determined to stand their ground.

They refused to submit to robbery and
according to their story Magner
grabbed one of them, insulting her
terribly and uttering horrible threats.
The young woman retaliated by slap-
ping the brute's face and she alleges
that he then struck her, at the same
moment the other young woman seized
a rock and Magner took to his heels
and ran.

Though terribly frightened, the
young women hastened to the nearest
telephone and notified the police of
their experience, and Lieutenant Lapp,
Station Master Terry and Deputy
Sheriff Swaney started in pursuit,
capturing the man after a several mile
chase.

Magner is known here and his pres-
ent trouble is not a great surprise, as
he has acted queerly for some time.

THE POULTRY SHOW

Opens in the Weber Build-
ing on North Second
Street Tomorrow.

EXHIBITS ARRIVING

Everything is in readiness for the
opening of the Adams county poultry
show Tuesday morning at the Weber
barn and from all present indications
the show will be a success, both finan-
cially and in the way of exhibits.

Several crates of fancy poultry ar-
rived this morning from the north
and have been placed in the exhibit
hall and by noon tomorrow the room
should be packed. President Rice is
confident of a big display and says
that Adams county poultry raisers
will have on hand a large exhibit in
itself. The services of Judge Gault
have been secured for this event and
in securing this man the association
has made no mistake as he comes
highly recommended and has a rep-
utation second to none. The manage-
ment should be encouraged in their
effort and Decatur citizens should turn
out and show their appreciation.

A new case was filed Saturday eve-
ning in Squire Smith's court entitled
David Liby against the Chicago and
Erie railroad, wherein the plaintiff
alleges that an Erie train killed a
number of his hogs to the value of
forty-five dollars. Service was ob-
tained Saturday evening by Constable
Smith and the case will be heard on
the 16th. Liby says that the com-
pany's fence was defective at the
point where the hogs made their es-
cape into the right of way.

OFF FOR FORT WAYNE.

M. W. of A's of Decatur and Monroe
Witness Spectacular Initiation.

About fifty members of the M. W.
of A. from Monroe and Decatur left
on the one o'clock interurban car this
afternoon for Fort Wayne, where they
will witness a spectacular initiation in
the Wayne camp. A large class of
Fort Wayne candidates are to be in-
tiated into the mysteries of this order
this afternoon and evening and a royal
time is anticipated. Beside the initia-
tory work, speeches will be made by
some of the leading officers of this or-
ganization and an elaborate banquet
will be served at the close of the ses-
sion. The members from Monroe who
accompanied the Decatur people were
A. B. Bailey, J. N. Everhart, J. W.
Kemper and son Willis, E. Busche and
J. Lentner.

A NEW MANAGER

Hitchcock to Take Charge
of the Taft Candi-
dacy.

THE WATER PRSIDENT

History Will Say That of
Roosevelt—New York
Scheme.

Washington, Jan. 6.—No denial will
be entered to the statement that in
a few days, a week at the latest, First
Assistant Postmaster General Frank
H. Hitchcock will say "yes" to Sec-
retary Taft's invitation to enter into the
management of the Ohioan's nomina-
tion campaign. Reports already pub-
lished here touching the Taft request
are wide of the mark. It has been
stated that Mr. Hitchcock is to con-
cern himself only with the south, and
that Mr. Vorys, Mr. Taft's Ohio lieut-
enant, is to have charge of the cam-
paign elsewhere. The truth is that
Mr. Taft has invited Mr. Hitchcock to
be his campaign manager in the east,
west, north and south, except in the
state of Ohio, where Mr. Vorys' fam-
ilarity with local conditions will keep
him in charge.

Washington, Jan. 6.—It was sug-
gested a few days ago by a member of
congress who is a strong admirer of
Mr. Roosevelt that he would be known
in history as the "water president"
because of his efforts to drive water
out of stocks and to promote water in
transportation. Certainly what the
president hopes to do toward inaugu-
rating a definite policy for the utiliza-
tion of the country's natural resources
particularly the waterways and for-
ests, is likely to be very much in dis-
cussion in the next few months.

New York, Jan. 6.—All that is
needed to set going a \$160,000,000 en-
terprise which will grow until it has
absorbed all the trusts, to say nothing
of all the land in the United States,
give every man over fifty a life pen-
sion of \$50 a month and every child
under eighteen \$25 a month, is a paltry
\$300. That is what Mrs. Mary C.
Firestone, who lives in a small
room on the top floor of No. 48 west
Seventeenth street, declares, and she
ought to know, for she has given twenty
years or more to working out the
details of the enterprise. Profits of
\$2,000,000,000 a year are counted upon
when all the trusts are turning in
their earnings to the new owners. Mrs.
Firestone, who has advertised for
somebody to advance the \$300, will
get a salary of at least \$60,000 a year,
and perhaps \$1,000,000 as her compen-
sation for setting the enterprise on
foot. Out of this Mrs. Firestone will
repay \$30,000 to the lender of the \$300,
or a matter of 10,000 per cent on his
investment.

FARMER'S INSTITUTE AT BERNE.

Will Be Held This Year on January
23rd.

Ed S. Moses, president of the farm-
er's institute association, informs us
that the annual Berne meeting given
each year for the farmers of the south
part of the county, who cannot con-
veniently attend the sessions here,
will be held this year on January 23rd.
The foreign speakers will be Mr. G.
T. Newton of Marion county and Mrs.
Clara D. Carter, of Johnson county.
Both come highly recommended. Be-
sides these the program which will be
out in a few days will contain a num-
ber of local names.

WOMEN IN BLACK

Appeared at Waggoner
Home on First Street Last
Evening.

WAS INTERVIEWED

Attorney Shaffer Peterson
Talked to Her but Failed to
Ascertain Her Business.

That much talked of woman in black
who has been terrorizing the people in
this and surrounding towns for sev-
eral months past, who has been seen
prowling about the streets at all hours
of the night, seemingly, looking for
something, was again seen last night
by several people on First street. It
was at about bedtime that Miss Gusta
Cramer saw this mysterious woman
peeping in the windows at the John
Waggoner home. She watched the
movements of the woman for a short
time, after which she called Shaffer
Peterson by telephone and notified him
of what was coming off. Shaffer had
been in bed, but he hastily donned his
overcoat over his "nightie" and he was
then ready to ferret out what mission
this much talked of woman was on.
Shaffer at once approached within
about ten feet from where the woman
was standing and asked her what she
was doing. To this, no reply was
made. He then told her that John
Waggoner lived in the house about
which she was prowling and asked if
he should wake them up for her. She
answered "If I want them awakened
I will do it myself." He then asked
her who she wanted to see and she
replied "It is none of your business."
Brave Shaf thought best to inform
Waggoner of his guest before resorting
to any stringent measures, so he went
to the front door and rang the bell.
While he was doing this, however, the
woman had propelled her anatomy a
few hundred feet away and when she
saw Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Peterson
coming toward her with a lantern and
a clothes line prop, she made good her
escape. The policemen appeared upon
the scene in a few moments and took
up the track but without avail.

AN OCTEGENARIAN

Christopher Homeyer One of
the Pioneers of This
Section is Dead.

EIGHTY-TWO YEARS

Lived Near the Allen County
Line—Funeral Wednes-
day at Freidheim.

Christopher Homeyer aged eighty-
two years, and probably one of Adams
county's oldest citizens, died Sunday
evening at his home near Poe at eight-
thirty o'clock, after an illness of sev-
eral months duration, death resulting
from dropsy and erysipelas. Mr. Ho-
meyer was born and raised in Ger-
many, but when a mere boy came to
this country with his parents, set-
tling a few years after landing in
Adams county, and since that time he
made his home upon the farm, where
he died. He was one of the most
popular old men in that community,
his friends being innumerable. He
was a member of the Freidheim
church and was a devoted Christian
and worker in its behalf and his
many kind acts and deeds of charity
will be sadly missed by those who
came in closest touch with him. The
funeral services will be held Wed-
nesday afternoon, the funeral cortege
leaving the home at one o'clock sun
time and the services will be held at
the Freidheim church at two o'clock
and interment will be made in the
Freidheim cemetery. He leaves a
wife, three daughters and two sons
to mourn their loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Augusta Water and
son William, of Logansport, were the
guests of Rev. J. Bauer, of Union
township for a short time. They re-
turned home this morning.

JACK GRAVES FOUND GUILTY.

Warsaw Lawyer, Known Here Gets a
Fine and Jail Sentence.

Jack Graves, the Warsaw attorney,
who has transacted considerable busi-
ness here and who was recently ar-
rested on a charge of embezzlement
was convicted by the jury, who return-
ed a verdict Saturday evening. He
was accused by the Arbuckle-Ryan
company of having wrongfully trans-
ferred some real estate belonging to
them. His trial continued several days
and the verdict as returned found him
guilty and fixed his punishment at thrir
days in jail and a fine of \$100. The
jury had no right to fix the punishment
this being the court's duty and this
may cause the granting of a new trial.

HIS RAPID RISE

Patrick Houlahan Climbs
from Water Boy to a Gen-
eral Manager.

ASCENT WAS STEADY

Man Who Will Really Man-
age the Clover Leaf and
Alton and His History.

Patrick H. Houlahan, who for the
past three years, has been the general
superintendent of the Clover Leaf
with headquarters in Frankfort, has
been made a general superintendent
of the Clover Leaf and the Alton roads
with headquarters in Chicago. The
office is practically that of general
manager of the merged lines, and Mr.
Houlahan succeeds C. A. Goodnow, of
the Alton, who held the position.

In returning to Chicago, Mr. Houla-
han goes back to his first love, where
when as a boy twelve years of age,
he began his railroad career as a
water boy on the Alton road. He now
returns as the general manager, not
only of the Alton but of the Clover
Leaf as well. Mr. Houlahan's rise in
the railroad world has been rapid and
sure. For twenty-six years he has
held an official position and has never
missed a day's pay. He has filled
about every position on a railroad
from water boy, brakeman, conductor,
station agent, baggage man, engineer to
the manager of the road, and his
latest promotion is a deserved one.
His record as general superintendent
of the Clover Leaf brought him fame
and the road has been made a power
in the financial and railroad circles.
Mr. Houlahan will report to Vice-
President Ross.

It is stated that F. D. Weiden-
heimer, inspector of transportation
for the Clover Leaf, with headquar-
ters in Frankfort, will be made divi-
sion superintendent, reporting to Mr.
Houlahan.

TO PREVENT SPREAD OF DISEASE

Indiana Board of Health to Make
Special Effort.

The secretaries of the county and
city boards of health have received
circular letters from the health board
of the state, urging that everything
possible be done during the next year
to prevent the spread of disease. The
letters call the attention of the officers
to the fact that the protection of the
public health is of first and utmost con-
sideration, and the county councils are
urged to make liberal appropriations
for the prevention of disease. In the
letters the following resolution adopt-
ed recently by the New York city
board of trade is quoted:

"Health and the protection of life
are more precious to the people and
more necessary to their happiness
than even the extension of our com-
merce, the fostering of our agricul-
tural interests, the solving of our
financial problems, the cheapness or
efficiency of our postal service, the
improvement of our rivers and har-
bors or the enlargement of our navy."

The letters say also that the first
step in the protection of the public
health is to collect vital statistics.
The health officer, the letters say,
must know about the deaths and con-
tagious diseases before he can find
the enemy intelligently.

Miss Agnes Geary left at noon for
her home at Cleveland, Ohio, after
visiting with Miss Rose Hahn.

SOCIETY IS BUSY

Theater Party at Ft. Wayne
as Guests of Mrs.
Winch.

DINNER AT VAIL HOME

Many Dinners and Other
Society Events Re-
corded.

Mrs. Robert Harding entertained a
number of young girls at a merry five
hundred party yesterday afternoon
in honor of Miss Edith Harding, who
is home from school for the Christmas
holidays, and is visiting her parents,
Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Harding. Palms
and ferns in artistic jardiniers formed
the decorations, and the quaint score
cards added to the pretty effect of
things. After supper the guests wound
up the afternoon's pleasure by a vigor-
ous dance. The guests were the Misses
Irma Henderson, Sadie Ten Broek,
of Grand Rapids; Dorothy Alden, May
Randall, Ethel Mariotte, Olive Doud,
Helen Bassett, Myrtle Carter, Flora
Cook, Muriel Baxter, Gwen Saylor,
Esther Auger, Irma Poole, Margie Gu-
termuth, Mabel Smith, Helen Magee,
Lola Springer.—Fort Wayne Journal-
Gazette.

Mrs. John Keller will entertain the
Young Matrons tomorrow afternoon at
two o'clock.

Mrs. W. H. Nachtrieb, Mrs. F. M.
Schirmeyer, Mrs. J. C. Patterson, Mrs.
John Niblick, Mrs. J. W. Tyndall, Mrs.
E. B. Morrison and Mrs. Hattie Studa-
baker will form a party to hear the
Damosch orchestra at the Majestic
tomorrow night. Mrs. W. E. Winch,
of Maumee Ave., will entertain these
ladies at a five o'clock luncheon.

A company of friends were enter-
tained in an exceptionally charming
manner Saturday evening at a six
o'clock dinner given by Mr. and Mrs.
John W. Vail at their home on Mad-
ison street. The holiday spirit had not
yet lost its charms so the guests gave
themselves up to the pleasure of the
occasion. The season's decorations of
cut flowers were beautifully ar-
ranged in the various rooms in large
vases, and the dinner was nicely
served in four courses. The guests
were: Mesdames and Messrs. Dan
Sprang, E. L. Carroll, Dan Vail, W.
H. Gilpin, Dan Ralling, Jonas Tritch,
C. B. Wilcox, John Rice, Grandma
Vail, of Ossian, Ind.; Mrs. Elizabeth
Donaldson, of Warsaw, Ind.; Messrs.
Clayson Carroll and Harold Wilcox.

Mesdames C. A. Dugan, Elizabeth
Morrison, W. H. Nachtrieb, Miss Hat-
tie Studabaker will be the guests at a
six o'clock dinner given by Mrs. Bertha
Winch at her home at Fort Wayne
Tuesday evening. After the dinner
the ladies will attend the Damosch
concert which will be given by Walter
Damosch with the New York sym-
phony orchestra at the Majestic the-
ater on that evening, and many people
from Decatur and various places be-
sides Fort Wayne, have looked forward
to this concert with keen interest.

Miss Agnes Geary, of Cleveland, O.,
was the complimentary guest at a
small informal six o'clock dinner Sun-
day evening given by Miss Elizabeth
Hahn at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Dyonis Schmitt on Mercer avenue to
the following young people: Misses
Rose Geary, Mayme and Rose Conter,
Rose Egan, Tina Radamacker, Ger-
trude Radamacker, Messrs. William
and John Geary, Frank Wemhoff, Tom
Ehinger.

The Q. Q. C. Foamers had a very
delightful meeting at the home of Miss
Esther Sellemeyer Friday evening.
Games of various description and
music with dainty refreshments oc-
cupied the evening. The out-of-town
guest was Frank Smith, of Berne, Ind.

The auditing committee of the Mac-
cabees will meet at the home of Mrs.
M. Butler this evening.

Miss Lucy Kritzmann of north Third
street, will be hostess at the meeting
of the Happy Hands Society of the
German Reformed church on Thurs-
day afternoon at her home.

The Christian Endeavor society of
the German Reformed church will not
meet until next Tuesday evening on

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