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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

Congressman Adair has returned to Washington in time to be present at the opening of congress. He proposes that illness shall be the only excuse for missing any session of the lower house. He is already attaining a great record as a legislator for the soldier, and in other ways is making an ideal congressman. Last month he received and answered something like thirty-five hundred letters, so it would seem his life is anything but idle. He is making a record and greatly pleasing his constituents, irrespective of party affiliations.

It is a matter of common comment that the Indianapolis News is lowering its once high standard as a newspaper. Its recent engagements in associating the liquor element of the state in controlling the Democratic organization was so overdone and extravagant in its evil intents, that people of all political shades were sickened and disgusted. A newspaper that will lie about one thing will lie about another.

The Adams county poultry show is on for the season of 1908, and like all farm stock shows in this grand old county is a hummer. No better class of farmers can be found in this part of civilization than those who live about and help to make Decatur the best town on earth—in good and bad times. The managers of the poultry show are enterprising and deserve the greatest success in their show.

Judge Merryman's opinion in refusing a divorce recently should have been heard by every man and woman in the county. Divorces are entirely too common, the marriage vow too lightly considered and the learned jurist expressed his thoughts in a manner so earnest and so penetrating that it made all think seriously who heard him.

Now comes the word that Congressman Cromer has a better organization in Delaware county than ever before. His friends in the district are not

THE PICTORIUM TONIGHT

Wrecking of Limited Express.
The Tenderfoot.

SONG.

"Bright Eyes Goodbye."
Open every afternoon and evening this week.

J. B. STONEBURNER, Prop.

talking a great deal, but those who oppose him will later be amazed at the strength he will exert in the district.

Decatur is noticing no hard times, though complaints of a serious nature come from other Indiana cities. It looks now as though 1908 would far exceed all previous years for building, business and bustle in this city.

A demand for a modern office building in Decatur proves we are marching forward in a marvelously rapid manner. It's good to live in such a community.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Doings are Very Quiet Indeed in the Adams Circuit Court.

AN ANSWER FILED

By Mrs. Gottschalk to Milton Hilpert's Complaint
A Few Other Items.

Not a single, solitary entry was made in the court dockets up to noon today, the first complete "skunk" for several weeks. It will happen once in a while.

Several of the Adams county attorneys were at Portland today, attending to professional affairs.

A current report was filed in the Gase guardianship cause last evening.

In the case of Milton S. Hilpert vs. Leota Gottschalk to modify an order of court and obtain possession of a child, the defendant has filed her answer. It is in two paragraphs, the first a general denial, the second alleging that Hilpert failed to pay the amount ordered by the court after fifteen months, that though his divorced wife and child lived in this county eighteen months, he failed to go to see the child. The former Mrs. Hilpert has since married and lives in Ohio and wishes to retain possession of her babe. No doubt the case will prove interesting as the two parties each have a reasonable story.

A marriage license has been issued to John Von Gunter, aged twenty-four and Lovina Sprunger, aged twenty-four, both of Monroe township. They will be married Thursday at the bride's home.

Frederick W. Busche, aged twenty-four, born in Germany, applied today for naturalization papers. He has lived here eight years and is engaged at farming.

SOMETHING NEW.

A complete line of Ash Trays, Card Trays, Cigar Pans, Smoker Sets and Tobacco Boxes, which are all decorated with fancy cigar bands.

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Call and look the line over.

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Come in and see them and let us tell you how we get them.

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BONES WON TWO

And Stepped Into First Place in the Big Billiard Tournament.

INTEREST GROWING
Studabaker Jumps from Last Place to Second by Winning Two Games.

STANDING.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
O. France	100	5	1	.800
Studabaker	90	3	2	.666
Allison	90	3	2	.666
B. France	70	6	4	.666
Peterson	70	8	5	.625
Bobo	90	6	2	.333
DeVoss	90	7	2	.589
Mangold	70	4	1	.250
Elzey	90	5	1	.200

Four games were played Monday in the DeWitt smoke house tournament and as a result some very noticeable changes were made in the per cent column and today there is a new leader. Perhaps the most noticeable change was that of Studabaker, who stepped from last place into second by defeating two strong men, namely Allison and Bobo. Studabaker was in rare form and clipped off the billiards at a frightful rate, his score against Allison being 80 to 94 and his score against Bobo being 80 to 92. O. France took the lead in the tournament when on last evening he defeated Peterson 100 to 65 and also took DeVoss into camp by a score of 100 to 87. The games were close and interesting throughout and were witnessed by a large crowd. The games from now on will be played as fast as possible and by the end of this week the contest should be closed and the champion determined.

M. L. Oliver, of Monroe, looked after business affairs in town today.

Mrs. Mary F. Schwartz, of rural route four, was a pleasant caller in our city today.

Miss May Sells returned to her home at Monroe this afternoon after making a short stay in the city.

H. Miller, of Geneva, transacted business in town this morning and returned to his home this afternoon.

Mrs. F. Macke, who has been a guest at the home of Mrs. Blossom for some time, went to Portland this afternoon.

A. C. Gregory is at present confined to his home, and is reported as being in a serious condition the result of a general breakdown.

OBITUARY.

Verna F. Davis, daughter of Frank O. and Mary A. Davis was born May 16, 1884; departed this life Jan. 3, 1908. Age 23 years, 7 months, 17 days. She leaves to mourn her loss a father, mother, one sister, Stella, one brother, Loyd, and a host of relatives and friends.

Verna was converted, baptized and united with the Pleasant Mills Baptist church under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Sherrick, at the age of 17. She was a valuable member of the church of which she was a member. In whatever circle she chanced to move she was faithful to her Lord and Saviour, letting her light shine out in testimony and service. Fully prepared and willing to depart and be with her Lord in rest and peace in the Heavenly land where sorrow, pain and death are unknown.

Funeral was conducted by her pastor W. H. Day, at the St. Paul church, assisted by Rev. T. C. Payne, Sunday, Jan. 5, at 10 a. m. Interment in the Maplewood cemetery at Decatur, Ind.

A BROAD STATEMENT.

This announcement is made without any qualifications. Hem-Roid is the one preparation in the world that guarantees it.

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THE MARKETS

TRIALS OF THE RICH.

Financial Prosperity and Its Worries and Perplexities.

Once upon a time a young man and a girl loved each other fondly. He was poor, but bright, energetic and persevering. She was pretty, cheerful and amiable. They married. Their friends thought they might have waited until their prospects were better, but they laughed prudently to scorn.

Two years after the marriage the wife met one of her friends.

"How are you getting along?" asked the friend.

"Very nicely," said the wife, beaming. "My husband is so good, and I have such a lovely baby. And, just think, we have \$1,000 in the bank, and we don't owe a cent to anybody!"

Five years later the friend met her again.

"I hear you are doing very well," she said. "Some one told me your husband had \$10,000 invested in real estate."

"Why, yes," said the wife, "but it's such a worry. There are repairs and taxes and interest on mortgages, and one of the tenants has just moved out owing us a whole month's rent. Isn't it a shame?"

Five years more elapsed, and again the friend met her.

"They tell me you're growing rich," she said.

"Yes, but I'm anxious about the stock market. My husband has \$50,000 in stocks, and he thinks they're going up, but I'm not so sure about it. Indeed, I didn't sleep a wink last night."

Five years later—another meeting.

"From what I hear your husband will soon be a millionaire."

"Oh, I don't know," said the wife. "He hasn't more than half a million yet. And it is so tied up in all sorts of investments—one never knows how they will turn out. I just wish we had enough to put the money in government bonds so that we wouldn't have to worry. But of course the income from half a million in government bonds wouldn't be enough to make both ends meet. And yet, do you know, some people have such absurd notions about the amount of money we have! One crank has even sent a letter to my husband threatening to shoot him just because he is rich. I declare, sometimes I'm worried I don't know what to do."

It would be pleasant to give this story a happy ending, but that isn't the kind it had. This lady's wealth continued to increase as long as she lived, and she never ceased to be uneasy except in those brief intervals when she forgot all about it.—Bohemian.

THE AGE OF AN OYSTER.

It is just as easy to tell the age of an oyster by looking at its shell as it is to ascertain the age of a horse by examining its teeth or a tree by inspecting the circles revealed by the ax or saw when it is laid low. When the oyster is six months old it is as big as a dime, when one year old it will cover a silver half dollar, and when two years old will be about the circumference of a silver dollar. The oyster, unlike the crab, is not obliged to seek new quarters or build a new house every time he grows appreciably. The extensions that he puts on his house are clearly marked by a well defined ridge. Oysters are esteemed to be at their best when between four and five years of age, and the planter endeavor to protect the beds for that length of time. Conscientious oyster men—that is, men who are not inclined to kill the goose that lays the golden egg—always return to the bed oysters that are too young.—Pearson's.

MERMAIDS AND MERMEN.

Not many generations ago mermaids and mermen were believed in implicitly. Says the Abend en Almanac of New Prognostications For the Year 1888: "To conclude for this year 1888. Near the place where the famous Deo payeth his tribute to the German ocean, if curious observers of wonderful things in nature will be pleased thither to resort the 1, 13 and 29 of May and in divers other times in the ensuing summer, as also in the harvest time, to the 7 and 14 October, they will undoubtedly see a pretty company of mermaids, creatures of admirable beauty and likewise hear their charming sweet melodious voices—

"In well turn'd measures and harmonies sing."

Exhort their maker and his bounty praise. That godly honest men, in everything, In quiet peace may live, God save the king!"

HEAVING THE LOG.

Heaving the log is one of these picturesque sea expressions with which all landsmen are acquainted, though probably few could explain the exact process. The "log" is a quadrant shaped piece of wood loaded with lead at the curve. The line to which it is attached is 120 fathoms long and is divided by knots into equal distances of forty-seven feet each. These distances are the same fraction of a nautical mile (a knot) as twenty-eight seconds is of one hour. Consequently the number of knots that slip off the reel in twenty-eight seconds after the "log" is in the water is the speed per hour that the ship is making.—St. James' Gazette.

If your back aches or is weak, if the urine scales, or is dark and strong, if you have symptoms of Bright's or other distressing or dangerous kidney disease, try Dr. Shoop's Restorative.

Tablets or Liquid, and see what it can and will do for you. Druggist recommended and sell.

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