

WAS HURLED SIXTY-FIVE FEET

Interurban Limited Killed Tony Bubb This Morning

ACCIDENT AT 9-MILE HOUSE

Sad Affair was Witnessed by a Number of People

EIGHT O'CLOCK CAR

Struck Proprietor of Well Known Road House.

KILLS HIM INSTANTLY

Deceased Was Sixty-Eight Years Old and Was Known by Hundreds of People.

One of the most appalling accidents that we have ever been called upon to record, occurred directly in front of the place known as the Nine Mile house at seven-thirty o'clock this morning when interurban car No. 1 struck and almost instantly killed Tony Bubb, who, for more than thirty-eight years has lived at that place. There were several eye witnesses to the terrible accident, all of whom told to a representative of the Democrat how it occurred. The north bound car that leaves this city at seven o'clock had reached the nine mile house, where it took the siding to wait for car No. 1 to pass. The north bound car, however, was just in the clear from the main track, thus obstructing the view of the approaching car from the north. Mr. Bubb was carrying beer cases across the track and did not see that the car was near until he had reached the middle of the track, as the track makes a sharp curve just north of where the accident happened. Mr. Bubb was just ready to step off the track on the east side when the car running at an estimated rate of thirty miles an hour or more, struck him in the head and back, knocking him sixty-five feet and crushing his skull and breaking several ribs. The only words he uttered were "Oh, my, I am hurt," and life was extinct. Bystanders hastened to the place where he was lying and carried the aged man into the house. Drs. C. S. Clark of this city and D. J. Mercer, of Poe, were hastily summoned but could do no good as the spirit had taken its flight. The car that struck Mr. Bubb was in charge of Motorman B. Shroeder and Conductor D. H. Hunsicker, was a limited due at the Nine Mile house at 7:30 o'clock and that is the only place between Decatur and Fort Wayne where it makes a stop. This morning, however, the car went past this stop at full speed and could not be stopped until it had gone two hundred feet past where it struck the man. A wife and ten children who are Mesdames John Gibson, Frank Kerber, H. Schubler, Mike Sorg, Henry Suber and Messrs. Frank, Tony, Andrew and George Bubb and Miss Laura Bubb all of Allen county, survive to mourn the loss of a husband and father. The ill fated man was sixty-eight years of age. Dr. G. Kessler, coroner of Allen county, arrived at the scene at 10:30 and immediately began an investigation of the affair. Among those who saw the affair was John Gibson, a son-in-law of the deceased. Opinion among those who witnessed the accident is divided as to whether any blame should be attached to any one. When the accident was reported here a representative of the Daily Democrat met the car, but was unable

to secure any information and at once dispatched a representative to the scene.

Mr. Bubb was one of the most familiar characters in Allen county and was perhaps better known than any man between Decatur and Fort Wayne, and his nine mile house has a reputation for many miles around.

WITNESSES MOTHER IS DEAD.
Caused Delay of the LeMay Case Here Yesterday.

The case against Charles LeMay, charged with criminal assault was set for trial today at Decatur, but Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Charles G. Dailey went to that city on the noon train for the purpose of asking Judge Merryman for a continuance of the case, and under the circumstances a continuance is sure to be granted. The reason that it was necessary to ask for such a step is that one of the most important witnesses Mrs. William McConnell, is unable to go to Decatur on account of the dangerous sickness of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Boden. The latter has been gradually failing for several days and this morning all hope for her recovery was abandoned. She was lying at her home today in an unconscious condition at the time her daughter would have had to go to Decatur, and she passed away about noon.—Bluffton News.

DEATH OF PIONEER

Frederick Melcher of Root Township Died at Ten O'Clock Last Night.

SICK ONLY A WEEK

Was Eighty-Eight Years Old and Had Lived in County Half Century.

Frederick Melcher, one of the oldest citizens of Root township, departed this life at ten o'clock last evening at his country home northeast of this city after an illness dating back since January first, death resulting from old age and other complications. Mr. Melcher was among the earliest settlers of Root township he having witnessed for half a century the growth of the commonwealth and its surroundings. He was eighty-eight years of age and when but a young man he migrated from his native land, Dielingen, in Westphalia, Germany, together with his wife, to this country in the year 1842 and in 1855 they purchased land in Root township where they had since made their home. His wife died two years ago and since that time the decline of Mr. Melcher has been very noticeable. Five years ago this venerable old couple celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary, the event being a very enjoyable one to them, their children, grandchildren and many friends. He was an active and devoted member of the Evangelical Lutheran St. Peters church since the first day of his settlement in Adams county, and he will be sadly missed in the church circles. He leaves two sons,

Fred and William Melcher, the latter living at the old home place, four daughters, Mrs. Fred Wietfeldt, Mrs. William Kukelhan, Mrs. Fred Hegerfeld and Mrs. William Bohnke, who reside in this and Allen counties, also thirty-one grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren to mourn their loss. The funeral services will be held next Sunday afternoon at one-thirty o'clock at the St. Peters church, Rev. Dornisier officiating and interment will be made in the St. Peters cemetery.

The street and sewer committee, to whom was referred the assessment rolls on the Roop and Lenhart sewers, are carefully going over the same and fully expect to have a report on the same ready in the near future.

IN A SPECIAL CAR

Decatur Knights Will Travel to Bluffton Next Thursday.

DISTRICT MEETING

An Interesting Program Has Been Arranged—Big Crowd is Going.

The program for the K. of P. district meeting which is to be held at Bluffton January 16, 1908, has been completed and the members of this organization from the various towns in the Sixth district, are looking forward to a great time on this occasion. A large delegation from the local order will attend and a committee was appointed at last night's meeting to charter a car which is to leave this city at 10:00 a. m. and return when most convenient to the members. An assessment of one dollar will be made upon each member with which the expenses of the trip will be defrayed. The program that will be observed is as follows:

MORNING SESSION 11 a. m.
At this time the grand lodge officers and visiting knights will be given a reception by Bluffton lodge number ninety-two, at castle hall in the McFarren block. A recess will then be taken until one o'clock p. m., when the afternoon session will begin with a grand parade by all knights, led by grand lodge officers and Bluffton brass band, starting from opera house and returning to same at 2:00 p. m. After their return the following program will be rendered:
Overture....K. P. orchestra, Portland Song.....America
Invocation.....Rev. H. B. Diefenbach
Song.....Ladies Quartette, Bluffton
Address of Welcome.....W. H. Elchorn
Response.....Charles A. Reeves, D. G. C.
Responses.....Members of various lodges
Music.....Portland K. P. Quartette
Address.....Frank L. Gass, Muncie

This concludes the afternoon session and an adjournment will be taken until 7:30 p. m. At 7:30 the closing session will ensue and the program which is as follows, will be interesting indeed:
Overture....Portland K. P. orchestra
Song.....Portland K. P. Quartette
Conferring Knight rank by Montpellier lodge.
Music.....Portland K. P. orchestra
Instructions in secret work....Frank J. Dunton, G. L.
Roll call of lodges by Grand K. of R. S. Harry Wade.
Short Talks by Grand Lodge Officers
Questions Answered by Grand Lodge Officers.
Lodge closed in due form.

The close of the lodge session will be an elaborate banquet and social session. A great time is in store for all who attend this meeting, and it is the duty of each member of the local lodge to assist the committee in making the delegation as large as possible.

UNION CHAPEL CHURCH.
Services on the Lord's day: Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Jesse H. Schwartz, Supt. Preaching at 10:30 by the pastor. Y. P. C. U. at 6:00 p. m. Chas. Rabbitt, president. Preaching at 7:00 p. m. by the pastor. Public preaching services each night during the week.

WILL MOVE TO CALIFORNIA

W. S. Hughes and Family to Move West.

W. S. Hughes, for many years a resident of this city, who, with his family moved to Fort Wayne some time ago, is negotiating to dispose of all his property in Decatur and vicinity, preparatory to moving to Santiago, Cal., for his future abode. Mr. Hughes and son Earl accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence Hughes, of Chicago, returned last Wednesday from a two months trip through the west and south, during which time they visited cities in twelve different states. The trip was an extensive one, covering many historical spots that furnished much interest for the party. While on the trip Earl Hughes witnessed a bull fight in Mexico City and many other interesting scenes were taken in. The entire party was favorably impressed with the state of California, especially and Mr. Hughes expects to be located at Santiago by next June. However, he has not decided upon what line of business he will enter. The news of the intention of this most estimable family to remove from this section will be received with regret by their many friends in this city and vicinity but nevertheless they will have the best wishes of all for prosperity and happiness at their new home.

ELECTED A LAY DELEGATE.

Miss Nellie Mason to Represent the Bluffton Methodists.

For the first time in the history of the First M. E. church of Bluffton a woman was elected Wednesday night at a congregational meeting as lay delegate to the annual M. E. conference for Northern Indiana, which will be held at Anderson in April. The honor of being the first Bluffton woman elected to that place is Miss Nellie Mason, who was elected at a popular election at which there were three names placed in nomination, namely Miss Mason, A. B. Cline and P. A. Allen. After these three candidates were entered by nomination it was voted that the candidate receiving the majority of the votes on the first ballot should be the delegate, and the candidate receiving the second largest vote should be the alternate. Miss Mason received 24 votes, Mr. Cline 14 and Mr. Allen 11.—Bluffton News.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Demurers and Other Pleadings of a Routine Nature

WERE ARGUED TODAY

L. C. DeVoss Appears for City in Two Cases—A Hunter's License Issued.

Harriet E. Haviland vs. Grant Haviland, divorce, second paragraph of demurer filed and plaintiff was ruled to answer same.

Susie Connant vs. Louis J. Habegger, \$2,000 damages, demurer overruled and defendant filed a general denial.

L. C. DeVoss, the city attorney, entered his appearance for the defendant in the cases of Samuel Frank and Joe Reynolds vs. City of Decatur, to collect salaries as night policemen.

W. P. Schrock, the clothier, with the big smile, has taken out a hunter's license and it is fair to presume that the "bunnies" will have a strenuous existence during the rest of the winter.

Jesse A. Swartz has been appointed a notary public and filed his bond. He lives in Root township.

Henry Young vs. Sarah Hetler et al, to reform a deed, absolute rule to answer within five days was set aside.

A demurer was argued in the case of Charles McConnell vs. Florence and Clinton B. Griner, a replenish suit.

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AN AMENDMENT

Congressman Adair Introduces a Resolution to Change Constitution.

TO ELECT SENATORS

By Popular Vote in States Where the Legislature Provides for It.

Washington, D. C., January 10.—(Special to Democrat)—Hon. John A. M. Adair this afternoon introduced a resolution to annul the constitution of the United States, to provide for the election of senators by popular vote if the state legislatures provide for same. His resolution reads as follows:

Joint resolution, proposing an amendment to the Constitution providing for the election of Senators of the United States.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled:

Section 1.—That the following amendments be proposed to the legislatures of the several states, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said legislatures, shall become and be a part of the Constitution, namely: In lieu of the first and second paragraphs of section three of article one of the Constitution of the United States of America, the following shall be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as a part of the Constitution when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the states.

Sec. 2.—The senate of the United States shall be composed of two senators from each state, chosen for six years, and each senator shall have one vote. These senators shall be chosen by the legislatures of the several states, unless the people of any state, either through their legislature or by the constitution of the state, shall provide for the election of United States senators shall be elected in such state at large by direct vote of the people; a plurality shall elect, and the electors shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the state legislature.

"When vacancies happen, by resignation or otherwise, in the representation of any state in the senate, the same shall be filled for the unexpired term thereof in the same manner as is provided for the election of senators in paragraph one: Provided, That the legislature of any state may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the next general election, in accordance with the statutes or constitution of such state.

"This amendment shall not be so construed as to effect the election or term of any senator chosen before it becomes valid as a part of the Constitution."

"WIDOW MCCARTHY" IS COMING

A Music Comedy That Will Make You Laugh.

J. W. Bosse, manager of the opera house has received a telegram from E. G. Eager, manager of the opera house at Wauseon, Ohio, stating that "The Widow McCarthy" played there last night to a packed house and was the best show seen there this year. The company appears here next Tuesday evening and should play to a packed house. It is a musical comedy, with more than twenty popular, up to date songs. If you want a good laugh, see this show.

RECEIVES COPY OF NEW BOOK

Mrs. C. A. Dugan Has Copy of "At the Foot of the Rainbow."

Mrs. C. A. Dugan received a beautifully illustrated copy of "At the Foot of the Rainbow," written by Mrs. Jean Stratton Porter, of Geneva. This is her third novel and gives a splendid description of the rural life. The scene is laid in the central part of Indiana, and the book beautifully illustrated with colored plates, done by Oliver Kent. This is believed to be Mrs. Porter's best work.

G. R. & I. CAR WAS DEMOLISHED

Train Bumped Into Freight Car and Wrecked It.

Wednesday afternoon while a G. R. & I. freight crew was shifting cars on and off the several switches in the yards, a freight car was completely demolished the result of being run into a car bumper at the end of the switch, which was placed there for the purpose of preventing cars from running off the track. This ill fated car which was filled with paper for the Decatur Filler Co., was in front of several cars loaded with coal. These cars were being placed on the east switch and had been cut loose from the engine when the brakes refused to work with the above stated consequences. The contents of the car were not damaged, however, and the officials of the railroad consider it fortunate that the damage is so small. A brakeman who was operating the brake got off the car just in time to avoid the mishap.

THEY CRITICISE HIM

Hitchcock May Not Manage the Taft Presidential Boom.

CURRENCY QUESTION

The Aldrich Bill to Be Discussed—Other News.

Washington, January 10.—The invitation extended to Frank H. Hitchcock, first assistant postmaster-general, to manage the Taft campaign, may be withdrawn. Such a storm of criticism has been aroused by the movement to coerce federal office holders into the support of the Taft candidacy that the administration is more than half inclined to drop the Hitchcock program. It was officially announced today that the situation was in statu quo. As late as last Friday Mr. Hitchcock told his friends he had decided to accept the offer of the Taft people. A definite announcement is expected within a day or two, and

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AN INSTALLATION

Will Be Held Here Sunday Evening—Plans Complete for the Event.

THE NEW OFFICERS

District Deputy McLaughlin and Staff from Fort Wayne to Officiate.

On next Sunday evening at their lodge rooms the Knights of Columbus will install their officers for the ensuing year. For this event the district deputy, Thomas McLaughlin, and staff of officers from Fort Wayne, will be present and confer the work. The installation will commence promptly at eight o'clock and it is earnestly requested that every member of the order be present and assist in the work. The officers who will be installed for duty are H. J. Yager, G. D.; H. F. Costello, D. G. K.; J. W. Bosse, C.; Nick Miller, W.; Thomas A. Ehinger, F. S.; Otto Wemhoff, R. S.; Dan Niblick, T.; Charles Lose, I. G.; Will Johns, O. G.; U. Deininger, Adv.; Father George, Lect.; C. S. Niblick, Dyonis Schmitt and Frank Heiman, trustees. At the close of the work a smoker will be held and addresses made by various members of the order.

MR. GREGORY NEAR TO DEATH

A. C. Gregory, who has been in a very serious condition for several days was reported to be sinking gradually this afternoon. He has been unconscious for hours and no hope is entertained for his recovery, in fact his death is momentarily expected.

IT CLOSES TONIGHT

Big Poultry Show Has Been Most Successful One in History.

GRADING CONTINUES

Judge Gault Has Given the Best of Satisfaction—Some More Scores.

When the clock strikes ten this evening the Adams county poultry show, that has been in session for the past four days, will close its doors and cease operations for this year. Never before in the history of this association has the show met with such success, and the attendance and exhibits have been of such a character that the members of the association will strive to even greater nature next season. D. M. Rice, the president, and Charles Magley, the secretary, into whose hands had been placed the custody of this show, are certainly entitled to much credit in the manner in which they have handled the same. They did not leave a stone unturned to make the show a success and have even neglected their own business for the interest of the poultry show. That they have succeeded in making the show a much talked of event can be vouched for by any citizen of Decatur, and when the association meets in the near future to elect their officers for the ensuing year they should extend to these gentlemen a hearty vote of thanks and approval for their untiring efforts. Harry O. Grove, the superintendent, is also entitled to much credit for the part he has had in this event and as a floor manager we would say that he has no equal in the state. The duty of assigning the poultry to their various places and the awarding of ribbons fell upon his shoulders, together with that of feeding and caring for the fowls while they were on exhibit. The task was no light one, when one considers what care and attention eight hundred fowls would demand, but regardless of the heavy task, Mr. Grove did his duty in a pleasant manner and the show was always in a presentable condition. Mr. Grove had several assistants under him who also did their work in a proficient manner. The scoring of the fowls was finished at noon today by Judge Gault and he no doubt was glad to see the end. The task of scoring eight hundred birds is no small one, especially when one must handle every one and examine them for defects. This part of the program was carried out without a hitch and Judge Gault showed his ability in this respect. He is accurate and quick in scoring and seldom fails to see a good or bad point about the fowl he has under inspection. His work has been of the high class, order and not a complaint was registered against his work either by the association or the exhibitors, all knowing full well he was competent and understood his work and duties thoroughly. Judge Gault's home is at Sycamore, Ohio, where he will go this evening, the good will and wishes of the entire community following him. He is an ideal judge and the association would do well to keep him in view for next season. The show looked very pretty today as each coop was flying the colors of the respective prizes won by them and the various exhibitors were in the height of their glory in explaining and telling the spectators the good points concerning their fowls, and how they kept them in condition for showing and winning prizes. Every premium offered by the association was paid in full and when the show breaks up tonight every exhibitor will leave our city with a feeling of high respect for the Adams county poultry association. With this season's show practically over the members are looking forward and making preparations for next year's show which they claim will beat this one. The scoring as completed by Judge Gault, were as follows:

Single Comb Buff Orpingtons.
C. H. Oetting—Cockerel 93%, cock 90, pullet 92%, 93%, 91%.
Buff Rocks.
J. Truster—Cockerel 88, 90%, hen 91%, pullet 90%.

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