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## HE DIED SUDDENLY

Frank Chapman, of Poe, a Victim of Heart Trouble—Died Friday

## FOUND BY WIFE

And a Brother, Who Had Called to Visit Him—Was Well Known

Frank M. Chapman, former deputy county auditor for a period of sixteen years, died at his home in Poe, Ind., on Friday morning, at the age of sixty-four years. Death was due to heart failure.

Mr. Poe was at the time of his death the proprietor of a general store at Poe. While he had been suffering for several years with a nervous affection, his condition was not at any time thought to be critical. On Thursday however, he passed a restless night, but on Friday morning seemed to be somewhat easier. Preston Chapman, his brother, called on Friday morning and together with Mrs. Chapman, entered the room where Mr. Chapman was in bed. He seemed to be peacefully sleeping, but it was the sleep of death.

The shock fell heavily upon Mrs. Chapman, as she had left the invalid's side only several minutes before he was found dead.

The decedent was born in Stark county, Ohio, and came with his parents to Allen county in 1848, locating upon a farm in Pleasant township. He received a common school education and was for a time a teacher in the schools of the county. When A. L. Briel was elected county auditor twenty-five years ago, Mr. Chapman was made first deputy. Later the decedent was made assessor for Wayne township and resided in Fort Wayne for sixteen years. Mr. Chapman was for the past six years the proprietor of a general store at Poe. He is survived by his wife, but there are no children. Other relatives include a brother, Preston Chapman, of Poe, and two sisters, Mrs. Winnie Thurber and Mrs. Hannah Wilson, both of Ossian. Mr. Chapman was a past master of the Masonic lodge at Poe and was also a member of Fort Wayne lodge No. 116, Knights of Pythias.

The funeral services will be held at Poe Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock under Masonic auspices.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

## WHAT THE PRESS SAYS.

Concerning the Misses Miller and Elliott.

The "Evening with Tennyson" to be given at the Library next Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Euterpean club, will prove a very pleasant entertainment. The affair will be given by Miss Grace L. Miller, whose home is in this city and Miss Etta Elliott. The following press notices should be of interest:

Paris, Ill., Beacon—Miss Miller's contralto voice is one of exceptional range and purity, being especially rich in the sympathetic quality. She was heartily enjoyed on each of her appearances.

Mitchell, S. Dak., Gazette: Miss Elliott never appeared to better advantage than on Tuesday, and her work further emphasized the fact that she is a cultured and talented woman and an accomplished entertainer. Her work covered a wide range showing her aptness for versatility. Her numbers were rendered with a grace and charm that brought forth hearty applause.

## HAD A VERY PLEASANT TRIP.

Ed Koenemann Proved a Very Good Host.

The party of fifty farmers between here and Fort Wayne, who enjoyed a trip to the Bash fertilizer plant, and the Allen county poultry show on Thursday as guests of Ed F. Koenemann, report a most delightful day. Mr. Koenemann proved a genial and pleasant host and nothing was left undone to make the day's pleasures complete. The Bash plant was thoroughly investigated and approved by the members of the party.

Only about sixty people attended the show "My Wife's Family" last night at the Bosse. At that they gave a splendid performance.

## BUTTER FACTORY FOR MARKLE

Talk of Concern of That Kind to be Established Soon.

There is a movement on foot to establish a co-operative butter factory in Markle, and the ones who have the project in hand are meeting with considerable success, says the Markle Journal. Dairy interests are increasing in this section very rapidly and there is enough milk and cream produced in this locality to operate a plant of this kind successfully. At the present time a great many of our farmers are shipping their cream to outside concerns and while in most instances they are realizing more out of their product in that way than they ever have before, still, if this butter can be manufactured right here at home, thereby saving for the producers the profits that are at the present time going to outside concerns, and besides realize from two cents to five cents per pound for their butter than at present, it will be a good thing.

## TO WEAKEN LAW

President Has No Faith in Those Who Enforce Pure Food Law

## PENSION FOR WIDOWS

The Committee to Frame a Bill—Wants Cotton Tax Refunded

Washington, January 25.—The action of the president in indirectly serving notice on the Board of Food and Drug Inspection that he has not full faith in its rulings will, in the opinion of loyal supporters of the federal pure food and drug law, tend to weaken the enforcement of the law. The chief executive has served this indirect notice by announcing that he will create a board of expert pharmacists to pass on several mooted rulings of the board. Letters have already gone out from the white house to several heads of colleges and universities asking them to suggest the names of chemists whose services might be valuable. As soon as the president has heard from these heads of educational institutions he will appoint the board. It is only natural that the members of the board of food and drug inspection, composed of Dr. H. W. Wiley, solicitor McCabe and Mr. Dunlop, should feel somewhat hurt by the action of the president. Messrs. Wiley and Dunlop have the reputation of being high-grade chemists.

Washington, January 25.—Representative Chaney, of Indiana, who is a member of the house committee on invalid pensions, says that the committee has agreed to take action next Thursday on the widow pension bills before it. The committee has practically agreed to report a bill of its own to give a pension to all widows of soldiers of \$12 a month, and to equalize all pensions to widows to that amount.

Washington, January 25.—When the house of representatives resumed consideration of the urgent deficiency bill, Mr. Clark, of Florida, was recognized and spoke for an hour and a half in support of a bill introduced by him providing for the refund to the proper persons "of the cotton tax illegally collected in the years 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867 and 1868."

## MRS. HALE STILL IMPROVES.

Geneva, Ind., January 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat—3 o'clock)—The condition of Mrs. W. B. Hale at this time remains practically unchanged, perhaps slightly improved over any previous time.

The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church will have a very interesting meeting on tomorrow evening, Sunday, at six o'clock sharp. The subject will be above the ordinary and a splendid talk will be given by a young man, member of the C. E. society. The parents are invited to come, as well as young people. Don't miss this one meeting as it is very important.

A marriage license was issued this afternoon to Claude W. Kreigh, aged twenty-two, a fireman, living at Ossian, and Miss Rebecca C. Trenary, aged eighteen, of this county.

## NEW STATISTICS

Compiled by Archbishops and Bishops of the Catholic Church

## SHOW LARGE GAIN

During the Past Year—Published Through Courtesy of Rev. Angermaier

According to the Catholic directory for 1908, now being published by M. H. Wiltzins & Co., of Milwaukee, Wis., the number of Catholics living in the United States is 13,877,426. This number shows an increase of 788,093 within the last year. There are 7,106,452 Catholics in the Philippine Islands, 1,000,000 in Porto Rico and 35,000 in the Hawaiian Islands, making a total of 22,018,898 Catholics living under the stars and stripes. The total number of Catholic churches in the United States is 12,513. There are in this country 84 Catholic theological seminaries, 200 colleges for boys and 697 academies for girls, 4,443 parochial schools, with an average attendance of 1,133,906 scholars. The number of children who visit the parochial schools, high schools, colleges, academies, together with those in Catholic orphanages and other Catholic charitable institutions amounts to 1,310,300. According to the directory there are in the United States 15,665 priests, 11,496 of whom are secular priests and 4,069 members of various religious orders.

There are in the United States 57,463 sisters of religious orders, who are active in Catholic educational and charitable institutions. In 272 Catholic orphanages 42,597 orphans are taken care of. 1,054 charitable institutions, such as hospitals, old peoples homes, etc., in this country are under Catholic care.

The hierarchy of the Catholic church in this country consists of 132 prelates viz: one apostolic delegate, one cardinal, 13 archbishops, 94 bishops, two arch abbots, 17 abbots, two vicars apostolic, one prior and one perfect apostolic. Rev. Geo. Angermaier.

## FORCE IS REDUCED

Clover Leaf Shop Men Will Only Work Twenty-Five Hours a Week

## THE MEN OBJECT

But What's the Use—Third Reduction Within Short Time

The Clover Leaf shop men were not put in a very pleasant humor yesterday when a bulletin was posted making a very heavy reduction in their hours of work. Some time ago their hours were cut to eight hours a day, then later they were cut down to five and a half days. Then still later all of Saturday was cut off and the men given five days of eight hours, or forty hours for the week. Yesterday the climax came when a bulletin was posted cutting down the time to five half days or twenty-five hours a week. This order is said to apply generally to the shop men. In the absence of Mr. Marie, who has general supervision of the shops here, C. Bowersox, the next ranking official, was asked how long the order would be continued in force, and said that he did not know, that he received orders from Mr. Marie to put the bulletin announcing the reduction in time for the shop men to five days of five hours each, and that is all he knows about it.—Frankfort Times.

Louis Hunt, who this season is to manage the Van Wert team in the Indiana-Ohio league, has signed a second baseman hailing from Indianapolis and catcher Billy Harden, hailing from Celina. O. Manager Hunt is securing his men early and undoubtedly expects to make a determined fight for the pennant. Mr. Hunt is a base ball player of no mean ability and his many friends in Decatur wish him much success this season.

## WILL HAVE GAS SOON.

So Says the President of the Gas Company.

John Bright, president of the Warren, Pa., and Indiana Oil and Gas company, telephoned to Godfrey Christen last night to the effect that the gas should be turned on here within a day or two. The fact that Portland is causing the company some trouble in cutting them off the line, is the re-stated last night that these differences would be settled soon and we would then have gas. That this company will do a thriving business here is evidenced by the fact that more than one hundred and fifty people have already signed for the convent fuel.

## ANOTHER DELAY

Gas Cannot Be Turned on Until Suit in Court is Settled

## MAY BE TEDIOUS

Portland Wants Exclusive Use of the New Field and Files Suit

The gas, so badly wanted by our citizens and hoped for from day to day for a week past has again been delayed and it is likely the new field will not be turned on for some time, until a suit filed in the Jay county circuit court, is disposed of. A dispatch from Portland says:

A suit, the determination of which will in all probability affect the gas supply now being enjoyed by the Portland patrons of the Citizens' Natural Gas and Oil Mining company, commonly known as the Fulton Gas company, was filed in the circuit court Thursday afternoon. It is sought to enjoin the carrying out of a contract made by the Warren and Indiana Oil company and the Fulton Drilling company with the Wabash Valley Gas company by which the latter company

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## A PLEASANT EVENT

Was the Surprise Given Last Evening for Mrs. Chas. Dicer

## BY CHURCH LADIES

The Event Was Complete in Every Way and Included a Big Supper

A large number of ladies of the Presbyterian church planned last evening for a surprise on Mrs. Chas. Dicer, who is the secretary of the Ladies' Aid society and president of the Missionary society, and they wanted to show their great appreciation in some manner of the excellent services she has rendered the past year. They gathered at the home of Mrs. C. A. Dugan and at five-thirty, journeyed toward the Reynolds home. After arriving and Mrs. Dicer became reconciled to the fact, they proceeded to prepare supper. Large baskets overflowing with every "goodie" of the season were brought into the dining room and two immense tables, fairly groaned under the heavy weight. During the evening the game entitled "Teapot" was played, when the hostess's time came, they suggested to give her a ring. Then Mrs. James Fristoe presented her with an elegant opal ring from her guests, Mrs. C. J. Lutz favored the company with several splendid instrumental solos. The guests were: Mesdames C. J. Lutz, Thomas Perkins, Jesse Sutton, Nettie Schrock, W. H. Lee, Earl Peters, M. Burns, C. F. True, Frank Gast, J. C. Patterson, Dore Erwin, Chas. Dugan, Samantha Dorrwin, Ed Moses, Chas. Cusac, Fred Snyder, Blanche Hoffman, of Preble; Israel Kalver, T. M. Reid, J. M. Fristoe, Miss Kittie Christen.

Miss Ivy Lett, of Rushville, Ind., returned to her home today after making a pleasant visit in the city with friends.

## CONVENTION PLANS PLEASE.

T. Taggart Is Home from an Inspection at Denver.

Indianapolis, January 25.—T. Taggart, national chairman, returned Thursday from Denver, where he conferred with a sub-committee on arrangements for the July convention. He was enthusiastic over the way plans for the convention are progressing. The new auditorium is now under roof, he said, and will be completed early in May. It will seat 14,000 persons and the acoustic properties are calculated to be near perfect. Mr. Taggart said that all Indians wishing to attend the convention will be taken care of. Newspaper men, he said, will rejoice over the arrangements made for them. They will probably have desks on a platform directly in front of the speakers' platform and will be able to see and hear everything. Tunnels will connect the newspaper platform with telegraph rooms.

## COURT HOUSE NEWS

Geneva Couple Happily Wedded at the Clerk's Office this Morning

## A DIVORCE SUIT

Mrs. Whitright Wants a Decree and Alimony—Ft. Wayne Man Indicted

Ernest G. Leichty, aged nineteen, a farmer from near Geneva, and Miss Lydia Henselman, aged nineteen, of Geneva, were married at the county clerk's office this morning at 9:15 o'clock. Squire Smith officiated. Beside the officials, there were present August Henselman and Christian Leichty, the fathers of the bride and groom.

Hooper and Lenhart are attorneys for the plaintiff in a new case filed and entitled Ida Whitright vs. Abraham Whitright, complaint for divorce and \$500 alimony. They were married at Monroeville in June, 1883, and lived together until January 1st of this year. Mrs. Whitright says her husband is an habitual drunkard, has failed to provide for her, beaten and cursed her and otherwise abused her. They have five children, only one of whom Abraham, aged seventeen, is a minor. Mrs. Whitright asks for a divorce, \$500 alimony, the custody of her son and a monthly allowance.

C. R. Blount, representing the federal and surety company, of Indianapolis, transacted business at the clerk's office today.

Isaac Straus, of Fort Wayne, has been arrested on two grand jury indictments, returned by the November jury, charged with selling liquor in Adams county without license. Straus it is said has been peddling liquors here and will have to show how he did it without license. This is the last of the indictments. Excepting two in which the parties defendant are absent from the county and state and which will not likely be returned for some time.

## IN ABOUT THIRTY DAYS.

The King Piano Factory Will Begin Operations.

The cross ribbing department of the King piano factory was started this morning with experienced laborers who came with the plant from Sheboygan, Wis. All the machines of the department have not yet been installed and more men and devices will be added each day. Another force of workmen were made busy this morning in the cabinet room. In about thirty days it was stated by one of the officials of the company, the plant would be sending out the finished pianos. A number of the cases for the instruments have been completed as far as the third coat of varnish and polishing. Each requires seven coats. This morning eleven car loads of lumber arrived in the yards and is being unloaded.—Bluffton Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Shipp, of Portland, Ind., passed through the city enroute to Willshire, Ohio, where they will make their future home.

## A PEDRO PARTY

Given by Mrs. Louis Bultemeier Last Night—Q. Club Met

## OTHER SOCIETY NEWS

Delightful Masquerade at Bellview—Gladys Flinders Entertains

"Tramps," "Dutchmen," "Quaint Old Grandmas," "The Woman in Black" and even a kangaroo were imitated by guests that accepted the invitation call issued by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bell for a masquerade party, given last evening at their country home, at Bellview farm east of the city. The guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bell and at seven fifteen the host Mr. Fred Bell, took the party to his home in a large farm wagon. The drive to the country was a pleasure to each one. Mrs. Fred Bell and her father, R. D. Patterson, received the guests when they arrived. As each entered a slip of paper was given them with a number on telling when just what part of the program they were on. This proved to be very jolly and entertaining, as each one's ability was taxed to the extreme end. The closing number was a speech by John S. Peterson which he closed by asking the guests to remove their masks. Following this, they enjoyed an old fashioned spelling school. Mesdames W. A. Lower and John H. Heller were tied for the first honors, and after cutting for the prize, Mrs. Lower won, the prize being worth all the efforts she put forth. Next came an old time Virginia reel, in which all took part, the entertainment closing with a delicious two course luncheon, served in a charming manner by the hostess to her guests, who were: Messrs. and Mesdames John S. Peterson, John H. Heller, C. O. France, John Magley, W. A. Lower, C. K. Bell, Mesdames A. R. Bell, Florence DeVilbiss, Fanny Cole, Mr. R. D. Patterson, Messrs. Sherman Kunkle, Cal Peterson, Harold Wilson, Misses Pansy Bell, Lucile Hale, Florence Kunkle, Elizabeth Peterson.

On last Wednesday evening Deputy Grand Master S. P. Chandler, of Van Wert, installed the officers of Wren lodge No. 872 I. O. O. F. as follows: Noble grand, W. M. Stewart; vice grand, M. D. Pomeroy; recording secretary, A. B. Callow; financial secretary, W. W. Tope, treasurer, S. W. Callow; trustee, J. M. Hurliss; R. S. N. G., C. C. Finkhausen; warden, D. E. Hurliss; L. S. N. G., John Wolfe; conductor, M. A. Springer; R. S. S. Lewis Parker; O. G., John Gephart; I. G., R. R. Springer; chaplain, Chas. Lame; R. S. Q. G., Will Bowers; L. S. Q. G., John Pomeroy. Also the third degree was conferred after which dainty refreshments were served, and a good time was enjoyed by all members of the same order were cordially invited to attend.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Methodist church at Pleasant Mills, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Steele, of Pleasant Mills, yesterday and spent the entire day sewing carpet rags and enjoying a good social time. At noon a dinner, pen could not describe, was served the ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fledderjohann and children, Flora, Ruth, Marion, Bertha and Julius, were pleasantly entertained at a six o'clock supper last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dirksen.

The girls who compose the Q. Q. club held a jolly club meeting at the home of Mrs. Kate Place last evening. After the business session, dancing, music and games were the chief amusements, while the closing part was an elegant three course luncheon, which was daintily served in the dining room, which was prettily decorated with potted ferns and flowers. The guests were: Misses Effie Patton, Fanny Hammell, Ruth Ernst, Kate Jackson, Esther Sellemeyer, Josephine Krick, Grace McKean.

Miss Ruth Ernst will entertain the Q. Q. club at her home next Friday evening.

Mrs. Louis Bultemeier pleasantly entertained a company of friends at

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## FAMOUS PEOPLE

BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



Photo by Marshall, Boston

## HELEN KELLER

THE WONDERFUL LIFE-STORY OF HELEN KELLER.

THE life of Helen Keller has been a miracle in education; a living sermon of inspiration and protest to those who dare to murmur at their lack of opportunity and weakly surrender to an environment which they accept as final. Nature herself seems to have stepped aside for this girl with a purpose. One of the most beautiful phases of her wonderful autobiography recently published, is the steadfastness, wisdom and consecration of her teacher, counselor and friend, Miss Annie M. Sullivan. Helen Keller's conquest has not been a solo of triumph, it has been a beautiful duo of effort of two faithful souls.

It was in the little town of Tuscumbia, Ala., where her widowed mother still resides, that Miss Keller was born in 1880. Her father, who had been a Captain in the Confederate Army, was a man of marked mental ability, the proprietor and editor of the local paper. At the age of nineteen months, Helen was stricken with a severe stomach trouble which left her deaf, dumb and blind—a grim trio of afflictions that seemed to close forever the door of light and hope—the only avenue of the mind to reach the world through the senses being touch.

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