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Price Two Cents

DIED IN THE BARN

Well Known Markle Lady
Suffered Fatal Stroke of
Apoplexy

A SHOCKING EVENT

Husband Found Her Lifeless
Body the Next Morning
—Lady Known Here

Mrs. George W. Cline, aged about 68, wife of a prominent farmer living at the south edge of Markle, was found dead yesterday in the barn at her home by her husband. She had been out all night, but her husband supposed she had gone to the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Rarick, in east edge of Markle, and he was horrified when he found her cold in death.

The last Mr. Cline saw his wife alive was between five and six o'clock Sunday evening. At that hour she went to the barn to milk and Mr. Cline went to the home of a Mr. Stockman, who is sick and with whom he had set up all the previous night. Returning and finding his wife gone he supposed she had gone to her daughter's, as was often her custom, and he went to services at the United Brethren church, where revival meetings were in progress. Returning he went to bed and slept soundly all night, not dreaming but that his wife was safe at her daughter's. When he found her she was lying in the manger, with her head partly under the cow's body and blood oozing from her nostrils. Dr. Morgan, of Huntington, county coroner, was called and pronounced death due to apoplexy, and the blood due to bursting of blood vessel.

INSTITUTE TO OPEN TOMORROW

Farmers Will Hold a Two Days' Session Here.

The farmers' institute for Adams county opens tomorrow morning at the court house in this city. A special effort has been made to secure an interesting program and a good attendance is anticipated. The program will be as follows:

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 9:30 a. m. Music.
Invocation...Rev. Louis C. Hesser
I. Business Methods in Farm Management...Mr. A. O. Lockridge
Greencastle, Ind.
II. Potatoes...Charles Lammerman
III. How Women May Make Money on the Farm...Mrs. Flora M. Meeks, Parker, Ind.
Meeting of Vice Presidents 11:00 a. m. Music.
1:00 p. m.
IV. The Horse and His Humane Management...A. O. Lockridge
V. What Does it Mean to be a good Housekeeper...Mrs. Meeks
VI. Something Good to Know...C. S. Bash, Fort Wayne
Evening 7:15.

Music.
Citizenship of the American Farmer...A. O. Lockridge
Some Elements of Success in Life...Senator J. W. Tyndall
The Farmer of Today...Hon. David E. Smith
Thursday, Jan. 30, 9:30.

Music.
Invocation...Rev. C. B. Wilcox
Growing 100 Bushels of Corn to an Acre...A. O. Lockridge
Poultry...Mrs. Ed Christen
Ira Waggoner.
Fruit for the Farmer...J. M. Cantley
Logansport, Ind.
1:00 p. m.
A Good and a Better Way to Enrich the Soil...J. M. Cantley
The Women of Today...Mrs. C. Vogt
Three Minute Talks.
Election of Officers.

MRS. HALE CONTINUES BETTER.

Geneva, January 28.—Mrs. Hale, who shot herself a week ago, continues to improve, though the bullet is still embedded near the base of her brain. She took nourishment today for the first time since her injury and hopes for her recovery increase each day.

Yesterday morning about 11 o'clock the little village of Middlepoint, Ohio, was shocked by the sudden and tragic death of Dr. L. E. Beagler, well known physician and surgeon. Death was due to being struck by a fast train on the Pennsylvania road.

TO OPEN NEW CIGAR FACTORY

Will and John Geary Will Go Into the Business.

Will and John Geary, two well known Decatur boys, sons of night policeman William Geary, have concluded to go into business for themselves and on next Monday will open up a cigar shop over the Home saloon on Second street. The boys are now busily engaged in arranging their new quarters and fully expect to be ready by next Monday to throw their doors open to the public. These young men have been following this profession for the past five years and they are both considered experts in their line, and are proficient workmen. They expect to put a first class cigar on the market and one that will readily take with all smokers. The boys are both hustlers and we predict a brilliant future for them.

PRESSURE IS HIGH

Geneva People Enjoying the
Conveniences of Gas
for Fuel

NEW WELL TODAY

Field Looks Good and Will
Last for Several Years
Say Experts

Geneva, Ind., January 28.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—This place is enjoying the cold weather, at least those who are using natural gas for fuel. The gas was turned on here before the injunction suit was filed and Judge LaFollette did not forbid the use, consequently when the thermometer rushes down toward zero, our citizens simply smile. It's the old fashioned kind of gas, the register showing 140 pounds. So far only two wells have been connected, but a third came in today, another good one, and experts here say the new field is good for several years. During the recent cold snap the supply never wavered for an instant and Decatur people may rest assured that when the courts order the wells turned on they will have a good supply of this most convenient and desirable of fuels.

EASTER COMES ON APRIL 19TH.

Feast Days as Shown by This Year's Almanac.

According to the almanac for 1908, Easter Sunday will come April 19, Lent will begin March 4. Easter Sunday will come this year at a more normal time than in 1907, when March 31 was the date. Of course, all the church holidays dependent upon the date of Easter Sunday will come on normal dates. Last year Lent began February 13; this year it will begin March 4.

This is a list of the feast days for this year: Septuagesima Sunday, February 16; Sexagesima Sunday, February 23; Quinquagesima Sunday, March 1; Shrove Tuesday, March 3; Ash Wednesday, March 4; Quadragesima Sunday, March 8; Palm Sunday, April 12; Good Friday, April 17; Easter Sunday, April 19; Low Sunday, April 26; Rogation Sunday, May 24; Ascension day, May 28; Whit Sunday, June 7; Trinity Sunday, June 14; Corpus Christi, June 18; Advent Sunday, November 29; Christmas day, December 25; Ember days for 1908, March 11, 13, and 14; June 10, 12 and 13; September 16, 18 and 19; December 16, 18 and 19.

Robert Perkins, a railway employe, broke his right foot Saturday evening by turning quickly and throwing his weight too much on the ball of the foot.

WANT A RAILROAD

Decatur Through Linn
Grove, Pennville Thence
to Marion

FARMER HAS MONEY

Joseph Kizer Writes Interestingly of Such a Proposition

A matter of much importance that has been proposed and that was at times seemingly attempted, this is the securing of a railway through that part of Adams county lying southwest from Decatur. The time having arrived when it seems as though that if we ever want an outlet through this part of the country it would be the duty of those interested in such line that they get at it and accomplish it. It need not be done by capitalists, I believe we have men along the proposed route to do the work, farmers who think they are least in the world of finance, when by right they are the leaders, should not hesitate, we think, in pushing forward work of this kind, which will be of the greatest benefit to them.

The proposed route which perhaps would be of best service, as follows: Starting at Decatur, thence southwest through Linn Grove, thence to Pennville, thence to either Muncie or Marion. It is a fact that finance in some instances is in a somewhat critical condition at present, but this the farmer knows nothing, as concerns his own business, he does not feel the ill effects of the conditions generally, although the work may not be accomplished at once, we hope that those interested will give this their consideration and encouragement. The writer of this article is in no condition financially to do much, but am willing to lend any aid I may be capable of performing.

Jos. Kizer, Geneva, Ind., R. 3.

TO WED TOMORROW

France-Christen Nuptials
Will Be Solemnized in
Chicago

THEY LEFT TODAY

Popular Couple Will Proceed
to Their Future Home in
Oklahoma

Miss Katherine Christen, one of Decatur's best known ladies, left at noon today over the Chicago and Erie for Chicago. At Huntington she will be joined by Mr. F. E. France and they will proceed to Chicago, where on Wednesday afternoon at four o'clock they will be united in marriage. The exact arrangements will not be completed until after their arrival at Chicago. After a day or two in that city they will leave for St. Louis, where they will remain over Sunday and then proceed to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where they expect to arrive Monday evening. A large number of Miss Christen's friends accompanied her to the train. She has been prominent in church, club and social circles here and is very popular. Mr. France is a native of Decatur, but for several years has resided at Muskogee, where he owns a large ice cream manufactory, spending his winter's always in Decatur. He is clever and has friends innumerable. We certainly advance our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. France.

Wedded for a day, Edwin Drake, an employe of the C. H. & D., at Lima, was separated from his bride Saturday by his father-in-law, who charges him with perjury. Drake married Sylvia Hubbell on his statement giving the girl's age as 18, while her father, who objected to the marriage, declares the girl is only 17. The girl was led home and the husband led to jail.

PAROLE LAW IS A SUCCESS.

Time of Parole Should be Lengthened for Good of the Law.

Indianapolis, Jan. 28.—In the bulletin of the board of state charities, just out, Richard M. Milburn, associate professor of law at Indiana university, discusses at length the indeterminate sentences and parole law. He says the law is a success, but he offers the suggestion that the time that prisoners remain under parole, after their release from prison, should be lengthened. "There cannot be any question," he says, "but that paroled men, while the sentence is hanging over them, make as good a class of citizens, outwardly at least, as can be found anywhere. They are cultivating good habits and associating with the better class of citizens. Their friends are helping them. Temptation is kept away from them and they themselves determine to lead such a life as will keep them from being returned to prison."

CAST IS SELECTED

Experienced Local Comedians Will Take Part in
"A True American"

ON MONDAY NIGHT

The Pocahontas Home Talent Promises to be Most Successful

All arrangements for "A True American," the Pocahontas ladies' local talent benefit show have been completed and nothing has been left undone to make it the best affair of its kind ever given at the Bosse opera house. The play is a romantic comedy drama, in four acts, and is one of the purest, neatest, and best of modern dramas, refined, instructive and elevating, telling a heart story full of sparkling wit, good comedy and thrilling climaxes. The best dramatic and musical talent in the city will assist in the production and in rendering the musical numbers that run through the show, and between acts an excellent program has been arranged thus doing away with the long waits and make it a continuous show. The parts are all in capable hands and will receive excellent interpretation. The cast follows: Teddy O'Malley "A True American".....Mr. Frank Wemhoff
Victor Belmont, an officer and a poet.....Mr. Ferd Litterer
Joseph Sprackling, a precious old scoundrel.....Mr. O. P. Mills
Mr. Benj. Lovell, an English aristocrat.....Mr. Walter Johnson
Blessed Brother Tommy and James, the Butler.....Mr. Sam Shamp
Elsie Lovell, an only daughter.....Miss Edna Hoffman
Kate Tyson, Lovell's ward.....Miss Frances Bryson
Lucinda Dobbins, Lovell's housekeeper.....Miss Minnie Orvis
The musical program will be announced later. The price of admission is a quarter; seats reserved at the Holthouse Drug store on date of show. A limit of six has been decided on as the number that may be reserved by one person. If you have not yet secured a ticket get it now. The ladies of the Pocahontas degree are making a canvass and if you have been overlooked hold up your hand. Anyway, make arrangements to visit Bosse's opera house Feb. 3rd. The ladies will appreciate your patronage and you will be delightfully entertained by "A True American."

REV. DANIELS NEAR TO DEATH.

Suffers a Relapse—The End is Hourly Expected.

Rev. W. H. Daniels, one of the best known and most widely beloved men of this city and state, is lying at the point of death and the end may come at any moment. He has been ill for many months, but seemed to be holding his own until last Saturday, when the turn for the worse came. Since then he has been unconscious a greater portion of the time and loved ones have practically given up hope. He suffers from a lack of vitality, his condition being similar to that of a person ninety years old.

IN AS A DISGUISE

Ship Subsidy Disguised as
Mail Subsidy in
Congress

LOST THEIR FIGHT

Union Labor Suffered Defeat—Taft's Philippine Report

Washington, January 28.—Ship subsidy legislation, disguised as an amendment to the mail subsidy law of 1891, is likely soon to interest the house of representatives. Quietly and unostentatiously, hearings on the Humphrey mail subsidy bill, which raises the subsidy paid to mail-carrying vessels running to South America and to the Orient from \$2 to \$4 a mile, and permits second-class vessels to draw this pay, have been going on for a week before a subcommittee of the house committee on postoffices and postroads. If the bill is reported as it stands, it will give Oriental mail steamers an annual subsidy of more than \$700,000 and South American steamers from \$600,000 to \$800,000. These amounts were carried in the ship subsidy bill, which was defeated in the last congress.

Washington, January 28.—Union labor lost a hard fought battle when the supreme court of the United States decided that the Erdman act prohibiting railroads engaged in interstate commerce from discriminating against employees because of membership in labor organizations, is unconstitutional.

Washington, January 28.—The president sent to congress the report of Secretary Taft on his recent trip to the Philippines. The president heartily concurs in the recommendations the secretary makes.

JURY IS CHOSEN

Commissioners Select Men
to Serve During February Term

AS PETIT JURORS

Every Township But Two
Represented—Report
February 17th

H. A. Fristoe, of Geneva, and S. B. Fordyce, of this city, jury commissioners of Adams county, met with Clerk James P. Haefling at the latter's office this morning and selected the petit jury to serve during the February term of the Adams circuit court, which convenes next Monday. The men selected are: Ernest Elchoff, Preble township; Joseph Bears, Hartford; J. L. Young, Jefferson; John Maloy, Union; Asa Engle, Decatur; Ed Bailey, Decatur; Andrew Idlewine, Geneva; J. P. Hilliard, Blue Creek; Samuel Helm, St. Marys; Samuel Shell, Kirkland; Benj. Pillars, Root; Alfred Kelly, Wabash. The jury will report for duty two weeks from Monday, February 17th. The jury is composed of good and competent men and every township in the county is represented with the exception of French and Monroe.

PLANS ARE BEING DRAWN.

Architect Hoffmann Draws Plans for New Boyers' Home.

Architect Oscar Hoffmann is busy at present, drawing plans for the new home that is to be erected on the corner of Third and Monroe streets for Dr. Boyers. The new house is to be modern in every respect, having all equipments that would add to the convenience. An up to date office is to be built to the house in which there will be three rooms, namely, general waiting room, operating room and laboratory. Mr. Hoffmann will soon have the plans and specifications completed and then as soon as the weather permits work will start on same.

WINONA WINTER MEETING.

Leaders of the Boys' City Will Incorporate the Project.

Winona Lake, Ind., Jan. 27.—The adult leaders in the camps of the Winona Boys' city last summer will meet at Winona Lake next Thursday to place the juvenile municipality on a new business basis. These leaders last summer formed the National Boys' Workers' Conclave, which has for a purpose the study and the development of juvenile betterment activities and institutions, and this organization is to be continued. It proposes at the meeting of Jan. 30 to form a business association which will take charge of the financial management of the Boys' City, relieving Winona Assembly of this responsibility and give the adult leaders the more direct control of all the juvenile city affairs. Should the organization be formed it is the intention to incorporate it under the laws of Indiana.

SOCIETY IS QUIET

Pythian Sisters Held Meeting and a Social Session Followed

A BIRTHDAY PARTY

Given in Honor of Isaac
Bowsman's Fifty Second
Anniversary

The Sunday school class of the German Reformed church, called "The Volunteers," will meet at the home of their teacher, Mrs. C. Vogt, this evening to organize under the new movement plan, and the evening will be spent in transacting business.

The Pythian Sisters met last evening and held a very pleasant meeting at their hall. After the business session closed the degree staff drilled, and the Mesdames O. L. Vance and Charles Elzey surprised the members by serving a delicious lunch, and a social hour followed. Many compliments were given the hostesses for their clever manner of serving.

One of the most delightful events of this year was the one held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Bowsman in French township last Saturday evening, when a number of Mr. Bowsman's friends and relatives gathered at their home with well-filled baskets to celebrate his fifty-second birthday anniversary. Soon after the guests arrived the tables were spread with one of the finest suppers. Music and games were the chief amusements until a late hour. Those who spent the evening so pleasantly were: Messrs. and Mesdames Simon Smith, Henry Meyers, T. H. Baltzell, Adolph Reinhardt, Ezra Reber, Harvey Ulrich, Marion Reber and son, W. A. Bowsman and sons, Charles Walter, Misses Bessie Bowsman, Jessie Beery, Alice Reber, Maggie Hirschey, Goldie Sorlene, Cecil Meyers, Grace Rinehart, Minnie Collins, Bessie Collins, Lulu Bollinger, Nellie Walter, Grace Walters, Ella Walters, Bessie Walters, Messrs. George Meyers, Howard Collins, Otto Klopfenstine, Russel, Lloyd, Chas. Bowsman, Robin Sorlene, Charles Hirschey, Sam and George Hirschey, Earl Bowsman, Earl Reber, George Reber, George Lantzenhizer, Arnold Rinehart, Herman Rinehart, Clarence Urlick, Samuel Smith, Fred Meyers.

The Bachelor Maids will be entertained by Miss Rose Conter this evening at her home. For some time this club did not hold meetings, until the last two weeks, they decided to continue as last year.

Joe Knapp will be host at a pinochle party this evening at the C. B. L. of I. lodge room for the men of the order.

After holding a series of club meetings, the Y. M. H. B. club disbanded and will have no more meetings. The club was composed of eight young ladies and at each meeting the evening would pass like a flash. It was one of the prominent clubs and will be missed among the circle of society.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Mrs. Elsie Stalter Wants a
Divorce from Her Fifth
Husband

BOTH PARTIES OLD

State Reformatory Agent
Her Looking Up Paroled Prisoners

Attorney C. J. Lutz filed a divorce case entitled Elsie Stalter vs. Daniel Stalter. The complaint shows the parties were married August 16, 1906, and lived together until November 4, 1907; that during January, 1907, defendant threatened to kill plaintiff because she refused to sign a note for him. He has cursed and abused her frequently and threatened to kill her several times, finally abandoning her on November 4th. Mrs. Stalter owns forty acres of land and ever since their marriage, her husband has made every effort to secure possession of same. Just before abandoning his wife, it is alleged, Stalter sold a horse belonging to his wife and used the money. Mrs. Stalter is sixty-two years old and has been married five times, two husbands being dead and two divorced besides this one. Mr. Stalter has also been married several times and is seventy-five years old.

Attorney Beatty filed a new suit in circuit court entitled E. P. Reed & Co., of Rochester, N. Y., vs. Fred B. Tague, suit on account, \$175.80, demand \$250.

William A. Rapfory, of Louisville, Indiana state agent for the Jeffersonville reformatory, is in the city, looking after a half dozen paroled prisoners, who live in this county. Unless they have been doing just right, they may be given a trip back to the Ohio river.

RECEIVE SAD NEWS

Mrs. Blackburn Notified of
the Death of Mrs. E.
P. Stoops

AT VIOLA, WISCONSIN

Formerly Lived Here—
Husband Was Sheriff in
Early Days

Mrs. Sarah Blackburn has received the sad news of the death of Mrs. E. P. Stoops, which occurred a few days ago at her home near Viola, Wisconsin. Mrs. Stoops was about sixty years old and formerly lived in Union township, this county, her maiden name being Margaret Martin. She was a woman of many good qualities and the news of her death will be a shock to many friends in this county. Her husband, who was better known as Uncle Phil Stoops, was one of the best known citizens of this county and served as sheriff many years ago. They left here about 1880 and have since made their home in the northwest. The message received failed to give particulars as to the cause of Mrs. Stoops death.

In order that the data may be of special value, just at this time, when there is an unusual demand for relief, the board of state charities has published in its December bulletin, a list of all the charitable organizations and institutions in the state. The list includes both public and private charities and is conveniently arranged by counties. "The regular organized charities," said Amos W. Butler, secretary of the board of state charities, "are equipped to aid those in need and all applicants for help should be referred to them. In this directory will be found not only a full list of relief societies and institutions of every class, but also the names and addresses of officers having authority to take charge of homeless and dependent children." The directory includes a list of the juvenile courts in the state and their officers, as well as all those for the aged.