

GOING TO TEXAS

Harry O. Grove Sells His Wabash Township Farm to Albert Spuller

LEAVES MARCH FIRST

Owens Large Tract of Land in Texas and Will Live There

Harry O. Grove, of French township, one of the best known citizens of Adams county, while in our city today attending the farmers' institute, informed us that he had disposed of his eighty acre tract of land in Wabash township to Albert Spuller, who resides just south of this city. The deal which has been hanging fire for some few days, was closed Wednesday and Mr. Grove gave possession of the same immediately, the consideration being something over six thousand four hundred dollars. For some time Mr. Grove has been looking for an opportunity to dispose of his Adams county property, as he has the Texas fever, where he owns a section of land, six hundred and forty acres, and he, together with his family and belongings, will shake the dust of Adams county from their feet about March first and move to Texas, where they will make their future home. Mr. Spuller, who purchased the farm, will not leave Washington township, but will rent the farm to the same man who now resides thereon. The farm is considered one of the best in Adams county and friends of Mr. Spuller are congratulating him upon his deal. Mr. Grove who leaves us, has been a life-long citizen of Adams county, and has made a host of friends, who will very much regret to see him leave, but who no doubt wish him success in his new home.

SECURED LICENSE IN CHICAGO.

Seventy marriage licenses were issued in Chicago yesterday and among the list as published, we notice that of Frank France, aged forty-five, to Katherine Christen, aged forty. The latter couple were married last evening as announced in a previous issue.

TO LECTURE HERE

Prof. Kelley, President of Earlham College, Here Next Thursday Night

TO SCHOOL PATRONS

An Excellent Program Will Also Be Given—Entertainment Will Be Free

The progressiveness of the members of the school board and the teachers of the various schools of the city is indicated by their efforts in securing prominent men who are interested in the advancement of educational advantages to lecture to the patrons of the public schools. Professor Kelley, president of the Earlham college, at Richmond, who is also a member of the state board, will be an official visitor Thursday and in the evening he will deliver a lecture at the Presbyterian church. Besides the lecture, which promises to be most interesting, an excellent musical program will be rendered, including selections by Miss MacGregor, our new music teacher, and other members of the faculty. This entertainment is free of charge, as the expense of same will be borne by the teachers and school board, who are anxious to do anything in their power to advance the interest and increase the prestige of our educational institutions. State Superintendent Cotton will be here the fifth day of next March and he will also give a lecture. The movement of the school board and teachers in inducing such able speakers to lecture to the people of Decatur is meeting with the hearty approval of all.

MISS EGLEY HAS VOCAL CLAS

Gave First Lesson Here Yesterday to Good Class.

Miss Lillian Egley, of Berne, an accomplished vocalist and graduate of an Ohio college, has started a class in this city and gave her first vocal lesson here yesterday. Miss Egley has a beautiful voice and is well able to teach the art of singing. She comes from a prominent and highly respected family and is deserving of the patronage of all who care to learn to sing correctly. She comes to this city on each Wednesday, and although she has been here once, she has a nice class to begin with and we predict that within a short time she will have a large class.

ANOTHER GUESS

Rev. Ira Hicks Predicts a Frightfully Disagreeable February

HAS MISSED IT

During the Past Month and There Are Those Who Doubt His Ability

Undaunted by his miserable failure in guessing January weather conditions, Rev. Ira Hicks is out with his February forecast which is about the "worst ever." The only consolation offered is that the month is a short one but this year contains one day more than usual.

Pin up this forecast and see if the person has improved any since last month.

February will be ushered in on a storm period coming over from January extending over the 1st and 2nd days. A mercury period (whatever that is) also covers the first week of February. This period will be ushered in as January goes out with very low barometer and the advance of rain and snow storms from the western sections. During the 1st to 3rd of February these storms will pass eastwardly over the country. On the rear tangent of storm eras rain will turn into furious blizzards of sleet and snow over all central and northern sections. Within 70 hours of sunrise on the 2nd will fall another marked seismic period. A cold wave, broad and far-reaching will follow from the northwest from the 2nd to 5th. One of the destructive storms of the winter will occur at this period.

This will be followed by a reactionary storm period from the 5th to 8th attended by decided storms of rain and snow on the 6th and 7th followed by another severe cold wave on the 8th and spreading eastward and southward by the 10th.

The second storm period is scheduled to reach us from the 10th to 14th. The temperature will rise and snow squalls will be common during this period general storms of rain and change to much colder.

A reactionary storm period follows from the 17th to 20th. During this period general storms of rain and snow will make its march across the continent followed by high gales and much colder weather. The March, or Vernal equinox of the earth will be a factor in the disturbances of this period attended by marked seismic storms.

The last regular storm period of the month falls on the 21st to 25th. During this intrin the March equinox will be in active force, beginning in the far west on Saturday the 22nd and progressing eastwardly on the 23rd, 24th and 25th, followed by rising barometer and change to colder.

During the last two days of February a reactionary storm of cold, disagreeable weather with bleak northerly winds and scattering snow storms.

D. W. Losey, a representative of the Eagle Detective agency, of Chicago, Ill., that make a practice of looking up counterfeit bills and warning other banks throughout the country to be on the lookout for the same, was in our city today and called upon both banks. While here he displayed several new counterfeit bills he has picked up in the past few weeks, which are certainly interesting to look at. Mr. Losey only made a short stay in our city, leaving here for Bluffton where he will look after his companies interest.

STILL PLOTTING

Administration Still Trying to Land in New York

BIG MILITARY CAMP

Detailed Statement Concerning Panama Bond Sale

Washington, January 30.—Friends of Governor Hughes are asserting that in spite of the assurances contained in the letter which Secretary Taft wrote to Herbert Parsons, last week, the federal administration faction in New York is still plotting to control the delegation to the national convention. According to members of congress from the empire state, all prospects of peace are vanishing before the developments of the last few days. If their view of the situation is correct, everything points to war all along the line between the friends of Governor Hughes in the organization and the so-called "Roosevelt leaders."

Washington, January 30.—Official announcement was made at the war department today of the department's intention to conduct a large military maneuver camp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, during the months of September and October. Several other similar camps will be conducted in different parts of the country at the same time. While the plans for these maneuvers have practically been completed, the entire program is contingent on congress appropriating \$500,000 with which to bear the expenses.

Washington, January 30.—In response to a resolution agreed to by the senate on December 12, 1907, secretary of the treasury Cortelyou today transmitted to that body detailed statements concerning the award of Panama bonds and 3 per cent certificates, together with recent financial transactions of the government, and also embodying information as to the general state of the nation's finances during the closing months of 1907—the period over which the recent financial panic extended.

Mrs. Harriet Gilpin returned from Fort Wayne last evening, where she was visiting relatives for several days.

TONIGHTS EVENT

Miss Miller and Miss Elliott to Give "An Evening With Tennyson"

AT LIBRARY HALL

The Program Promises to Be Interesting and Delightful

A splendid evening of pleasure and entertainment is in store for those who will be present at Library hall this evening at eight o'clock, when Miss Grace Miller, formerly of this city, and Miss Etta Elliott, of Chicago, present "An Evening With Tennyson." These ladies have had several years' experience under the management of many organizations and will delight their audience here as they have elsewhere. Miss Miller is a beautiful singer and pianist, and is well known here. Miss Elliott is an acknowledged leader among the readers of the central states. The program includes Tennyson's lyrics—(a) "The Brook," (b) "The Milkmaid's Song," (c) "The Bugle Song," Metcalf by Miss Grace Miller. Enoch Arden, with musical setting by Richard Strauss, as arranged and presented by Miss Etta Elliott. "Crossing the Bar," Neidlinger, Miss Miller. To all lovers of music and to all literary inclinations the program will certainly appeal and a crowded house should greet the ladies. The event is given under the auspices of the Euterpean club.

DEATH OF GRANDMA HARPER.

Heart Failure Caused Her Death Yesterday Morning.

Wednesday morning Mrs. L. C. Harper died suddenly of heart failure at about 6:30 o'clock. She had gotten up about 5 o'clock and built a fire and retired again, and was found dead at about 6:30. A physician and neighbors were summoned but her body was then growing cold. She was about seventy years old, and has a grown up family of children. She was a most estimable woman in every way, and will be sadly missed by all. The funeral arrangements have not yet been made.—Geneva Herald.

THE SECOND DAY

The Farmers' Institute Grows in Interest and Attendance

SPLENDID ADDRESSES

Senator J. W. Tyndall and Hon. D. E. Smith on the Program

The Adams county institute closed this afternoon with another splendid program. J. M. Cantley lectured on "A Good and a Better Way to Enrich the Soil." Mrs. C. Vogt gave one of the most interesting talks of the session, her subject being "The Women of Today." Three minute talks by institute members was very profitable and the annual session closed with the election of officers.

The afternoon session of the farmers' institute convened at 1:30 with estimated attendance of 180. Mrs. Meeks favored the assemblage with an instructive rehearsal of the essential qualifications of a "Good Housekeeper." Mrs. Meeks is convinced obviously, that the paramount qualification of the present housewife is that of culinary ability. She concedes, however, that the Americans "eat too much." Shun warm bread. The talented lady narrated an instance of marital bliss sidetracked because of the gastronomical effects of the wife's insistence upon baking hot biscuits three times per day.

Thrift is of scarcely secondary importance as a housewifely qualification. With eggs at 30 cents per dozen, economize by living on rice. With the exception of food, the highest qualification of a good housewife is the ability to properly clothe the family. She is hostile to the suggestion of purchasing hand-me-down clothing for children. Purchase judiciously. Select the higher grades at the most economical prices available. Harmony of color is a potent factor in the attire of a person. The care of the household is a prime necessity. Make the home attractive. Keep it well ventilated. Fresh air is imperative to the farmer. Seek recreation. Forget to think. Systemize your household duties. Mrs. Meeks is a prime favorite with the farmers.

Mr. Lockridge favored us with an admirable discourse on "The Horse and His Humane Treatment." Commence with the colt. Gain his confidence. Assure him you are his friend. Don't intimidate it. Spare the whip. A reasonably tight rein is proper. Teach him to pull, but don't overtax his strength. Be meriful. Cultivate his intelligence.

C. T. Bash, of Fort Wayne, suggested that Col. Lukens, of Egypt, share his time. Happy selection. Barely is an audience afforded such a treat. He is possessed of an exceptionally humorous vein. He is of the opinion that the farmer is to be envied. He is monarch of all he surveys. Free rural delivery, steam heat, automobiles at his disposal, "financiers stand in awe of him."

C. T. Bash, of Fort Wayne, earnestly championed the proposed deep water canal. We want a 20 foot canal from Lake Erie to Lake Michigan. He also championed the cause of fertilizing the soil with equal force. The relative values of the various fertilizers was aptly illustrated by numerous charts.

The institute at this point adjourned.

Evening Session.

The evening session of the institute convened at 7:30. Mr. Lockridge spoke at some length on "The Citizen."

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IS KNOWN HERE

Herman Miller, Arrested for Murder, Has Relatives in this County

WIFE LIVED HERE

Is Daughter of Fred Bohnke Sr.—Judge Erwin Employed to Defend Him

The arrest of four men, Herman Miller, of Fort Wayne, Fred LaDuke, of Cadillac, Michigan, John Baker, of Woodburn and John Stout of Paulding county, Ohio, on the charge of murdering Columbus Croy, the marshal at Woodburn last June, is causing particular interest here because of the fact that Miller, supposed to be the leader of the gang is a brother-in-law of Marshal Bohnke of this city. Mrs. Miller being a daughter of Fred Bohnke Sr. Miller is quite well known in this county. Though it is said he has frequently abused his wife, she has proven faithful and is now doing everything in her power to secure the liberty of her husband. The arrest of the four men is the result of the clever detective work of Sheriff Grice, Dr. Gorrell, a Payne, Ohio, dentist, prosecuting attorney Thomas and their assistants. The men are confined in separate apartments and have not even been allowed an interview with newspaper reporters. It is said that LaDuke has made a full confession and will save his own hide by convicting his comrades in crime. The men were robbing a saloon at Woodburn, when surprised by Marshal Croy and to escape arrest one of them shot the officer. Miller has employed the firm of Erwin & Underwood to defend him, the former being Judge Erwin of this city, now practicing at Fort Wayne. The result of the affair will be watched with interest by our readers. A special grand jury will be called next week to further investigate the affair and without doubt indictments will be returned.

For the first time this winter the river is entirely frozen over, but at that the ice is of no thickness to speak of. With a little zero weather the same would freeze to a thickness that would demand cutting and then the various ice men would be in the height of their glory.

PENSION WIDOWS

Committee Makes Unanimous Recommendations

INCOME NO BARRIER

Should Bill Pass Every Soldier's Widow Will Receive Twelve Dollars

Signs now indicate that at this session of congress legislation will be enacted placing the widows of all soldiers on the pension roll, at the rate of \$12 a month. A far reaching step in this direction was taken by the house committee on invalid pensions, when a unanimous report was agreed upon recommending that the widows of all soldiers of the Civil Mexican, Spanish and Indian wars be granted pensions at the uniform rating of \$12 a month. It is not necessary that the widow's income shall be less than \$250 a year. The pension has no strings tied to it except that the widow must have been married to the soldier prior to June 21, 1890. Three Indiana congressmen who are members of the committee, Dixon, Holliday and Chaney, voted to report the bill out in this sweeping form. Mr. Dixon today compiled statistics showing that the bill will benefit about 200,000 widows and will cost an additional sum of \$12,750,000. Of this amount, \$9,429,264 will go in the shape of increases of pensions to the widows who are now on the rolls. The remaining \$3,320,736 (approximate) will be distributed among the widows who are not now receiving pensions.

OUR MISSING WORD CONTEST.

On page four of this issue begins our missing word contest, which will run thirty days. Find the missing words and report at this office. We give a dollar away each day. Read the rules. Watch for the winners.

LEAP YEAR DANCES

Two Events are Announced

—Invitations Issued to the Ladies

WOMAN IN BLACK

Accompanied by Friends Surprised Mrs. Badders

Y. L. E. C. Met

SONG OF THE SEASON.

You're started, my boy, on a leap year You'll have invitations to burn. Each mail will bring many temptations Your head and its contents to turn. Accept all the pleasures provided. But—be on your guard when you go And if the wrong girl asks the question Have courage, my boy, to say NO.

The leading events of the calendar for the coming few days include a leap year dance to be given by the Eagles on Friday evening and another leap year dance given by the Columbian boys at the K. of C. hall on next Wednesday evening. The invitations were received by the young ladies of the city this week.

About nine o'clock yesterday morning the members of the Ladies' Aid society of Union Chapel began to gather at Decatur at the U. B. manse. By noon most of the members of this wideawake class had gathered. All the ladies brought well filled baskets and all enjoyed a delicious dinner with the pastor's wife at the noon hour. At two o'clock the president, Mrs. A. R. Wolfe, called the members of the society to order and transacted the business incident to this class. A very gracious session was held. It developed that the society has now deposited with its treasurer almost one hundred dollars. The pastor and family were greatly delighted and will be pleased to have these wideawake people often meet at the parsonage.

Miss Frances Dugan will attend a house party given at Aurora, Ill., by her roommate, Miss Watson. The young ladies will leave Fairy Hall at Lake Forest, Friday, and return Monday to their school work. Miss Watson's home is forty miles from Fairy Hall, and there will be several young ladies go from there, so they are anticipating a delightful three days trip.

The woman in black is still making her appearance. She made her appearance at the home of Mrs. William Badders, of Mercer avenue last evening and asked admittance at the door. As she entered, a company of fourteen ladies followed to remind Mrs. Badders of her thirty-third birthday anniversary. Progressive pedro occupied the pleasant hours of the evening. The first prizes were won by Mrs. William Badders and Mrs. Celia Zeser, while the booby prizes were awarded to Mrs. John Schafer and Mrs. Andrew Soofe. At a late hour a delicious luncheon of two courses was served the ladies who enjoyed the evening. The guests were: Mesdames Grandma Badders, Andrew Soofe, Frank Keller, Charles Zeser, Celia Zeser, John Keller, Sam Frank, Chas. Patton, John Schafer, Andrew Zeser, Chas. Pennington, William Roe, Wm. Parent, Misses Anna Parent, Elizabeth Hain.

The Y. L. E. C. club spent a delightful evening last evening at the home of Miss Amelia Weber, of Fourth street. As this club is a sewing club.

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READY FOR BUSINESS

Gas Will Be Turned Into the Pipes Here by Saturday

AND A TEST MADE

Patrons Will be Served Monday—General Superintendent Here

General Superintendent Wishart, of the Logansport and Wabash Valley gas company was here today and gave out the information that the injunction case had been taken care of in such a manner that the gas from the new field will be turned into the Decatur mains by Saturday. On Monday morning the gas will be turned on in houses, where the occupants have signed new contracts. Before the gas is turned on the pipes at each place will be thoroughly tested to avoid future accidents. It is probable that another week will find Decatur people using this popular fuel and reports received from Geneva lead us to believe that every one will be well satisfied with the results.

TO SMOKE HIM OUT.

Anxious to Hear from Judge McClure on Congressional Race.

An attempt whether wise or otherwise is being made to smoke out Judge McClure and compel him to declare himself in the congressional race. The Anderson jurist has been the big puzzle that has all along rendered the congressional fight a sort of skirmish in the dark without the contestants knowing where they were "at." Judge McClure has all along been regarded a congressional candidate, but as yet he has made no public declaration on that score and people only have their surmise as to whether or not he is to be entered in George Cromer's handicap. Madison county has one avowed candidate for congress in Bert Vestal, and it is the Vestal people who are becoming anxious to know what McClure is going to do.

IS SLIGHTLY WEAKER TODAY.

Rev. W. H. Daniels continues in a semi-conscious condition. If anything being a little weaker today than heretofore.

IS IN JAIL AGAIN

W. E. Smith, Commonly Called "Bill" is Under Arrest

NEGLECTS CHILDREN

Pinched on a Penitentiary Charge—Unable to Furnish \$300 Bond

William E. Smith, ex-plano dealer and whose name has been frequently mentioned in police court reports, is again in jail. For several weeks he has been serving as master of the piano at the Calderwood hotel, Fort Wayne, and traveling for a whiskey house between times. Last evening he came to this city to visit his mother, who is very ill, and soon after ward was arrested on a grand jury indictment, returned by the November jury. The complaint against Bill this time is that on September 18th last, and at divers other times he unlawfully and feloniously neglected and refused to provide a home, food and clothing for his four children, Ralph, Ural, Florence and Winifred, all of whom are under the age of fourteen. The indictment says he was amply able to do this by his personal services, labor and earnings. Bill was unable to provide the bond of \$300 as fixed and is still in jail. The penalty for such an offense is a term of one to seven years in the penitentiary, or from three months to a year in the county jail.