

COURT HOUSE NEWS

November Term Convened Today—Arnold Ditch Ordered as Prayed

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Action in Several Cases Tending Toward Completion of Issues

The November term of the Adams circuit court convened this morning and the prospects are for a busy session.

John H. Yager et al vs. Dot E. Percy et al, note \$300, motion to quash writ of summons and service filed and overruled.

Drucilla Mentzer vs. Clarence Hicks et al, damages, appearance by L. C. DeVoss for plaintiff, set for hearing on motion to retax costs for Friday, November 20th.

Edward L. Arnold et al petition for drain, report satisfactory and drain ordered as prayed and assessments confirmed. L. L. Baumgartner appointed superintendent of construction and his bond fixed at \$1,500.

Bessie L. Davies et al vs. Clarence Williman, partition, report of sale filed and confirmed, deed ordered reported and approved.

Charles F. Rinehart vs. Charles F. Rinehart, admr., partition, before D. H. Smith, special judge, summons ordered for Glen and Frank Johnson, returnable November 28.

Della M. Chapman vs. Esther R. Chapman et al, partition, final report filed and approved and commissioners discharged.

H. H. LeBrun has been granted a hunter's license. Look out for the quails and rabbits.

A license was issued Saturday evening to another couple of rather mature years, the groom being Jeremiah Russell, aged seventy-one, of this city, and Winifred J. Russell, aged sixty-five. Each has been married once before.

Another license to wed granted Saturday evening was to Hubert M. DeVoss, 29, official court reporter, and Della M. Meyer, 26, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Meyer.

Real estate transfers: Charles B. Wilcox et al to Daniel N. Erwin, pt. outlot 24 Decatur, \$250; Mary L. Andrews to Edwin Steele, 40 acres. Union tp., \$2,500; Mary A. Ahl to Rose Keller, inlot 660 Monroe, \$900.

John M. Wells, guardian for Oral and Alta Pontius, filed a current report.

KAISER HIRES ASTROLOGER

Adds Reader of the Stars to His Numerous Household.

Berlin, No. 15.—A court astrologer or astronomer is the latest addition to the kaiser's already numerous personal suite. The idea is not a new or very original one, for during the reign of King Louis XIII of France the post of astronomer royal was an envied berth among the wise men of Versailles, but Louis XIV abolished the office. The reason why William II has decided to have a court astronomer is that he has been struck by the extreme wisdom of certain statements of one astronomer. The declarations which thus brought astronomers into the good graces of the kaiser were to the effect that the sign of the scorpion (Oct. 24 to Nov. 26) is particularly productive of good rulers and statesmen. Under that sign have been born President Roosevelt, Edward VII, the Mikado of Japan, and the king of Italy and President Fallieres. But will the new German court astronomer have the courage to remind his master that the latter was born under the relatively uninteresting sign of Aquarius?

One week from Thursday is Thanksgiving day, and then less than four weeks until Christmas. It does beat the dickens how fast these seasons roll around, especially after you get to that age when you would just as leave not grow any older.

BRIDE, 75, AGAIN IN COURT

Mrs. Lucinda Hanlon Would Prevent Husband from Selling Property.

Danville, Ind., Nov. 15.—That 75-year-old Mrs. Lucinda Nixon-Hanlon-Blauvelt-Nelson-Hanlon, who has been married five times, twice to the same man, was in earnest when she entered the county clerk's office a few days ago and applied for her second divorce from Benjamin Hanlon, declaring: "I am tired of men; I want no more husbands." It was made doubly apparent Saturday when she swore out surety-of-the-peace papers against her last husband. She also asked the court for a restraining order to prevent him from disposing of property she claims.

GETTING READY

Ed Fitzpatrick Here to See What the Election Returns Show

SEEKING EVIDENCE

To Meet the Contest to Be Filed by Democratic Candidates for State Offices

Ed Fitzpatrick, the clerk of the supreme court of Indiana, and one of the republican leaders for this district, was here Sunday morning on an important mission. He is assisting his party in preparation for the defense to the contests that will be filed by several of the Democratic candidates, in an effort to oust the Republicans and install the men who have been declared defeated. Mr. Fitzpatrick says the contest is an assured thing and will be one of the important features of the coming session of the legislature. He called on the election commissioners here and asked them to have two opposing candidates on the county ticket here file a petition in circuit court for an order allowing the clerk to open the sealed packages left with him by the inspectors from the various precincts, and which contain the returns. The idea is to carefully compare the returns with those reported and see if there is any possibility of an irregularity in this county. If this is not done the inspectors, commissioners and others will have to make a trip to Indianapolis during the contest at their own expense and it is quite probable that the order of court will be obtained today or tomorrow. It is not believed that anything startling will be found in the examination of the returns here.

STOUT'S TRIAL BEGAN TODAY

Second of Woodburn Murder Cases at Fort Wayne.

With Judge Edward O'Rourke presiding in the circuit court the trial of John Stout, one of the four men indicted for the murder of Marshal Columbus Croy, at Woodburn, on the morning of June 7, 1907, will be taken up this morning. A special venire of 100 in addition to the regular panel of twelve men have been summoned. It is believed that the jury of twelve should be secured from this number within two days and Prosecuting Attorney Thomas is inclined to the opinion that the trial proper will not consume over two weeks. The state's attorney will be assisted in the case by Attorney James M. Robinson and Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Harry F. Hilgeman, while Stout will be defended by Judge J. K. Erwin and Attorney P. B. Colerick. Stout is the second of the four men to be brought to trial, Herman Miller having been tried and convicted last June and sentenced to life imprisonment. This case dragged through twenty days, the prolongation of the trial being occasioned by the illness of Juror Cooke. At a special meeting of the county council on Saturday afternoon the sum of \$400 was appropriated for the employment of Judge R. K. Erwin to assist in the defense, as recommended by Judge O'Rourke. Prosecuting Attorney Thomas asked for a sum of \$300 in addition to the \$400 left out of the \$1,000 appropriated for the prosecution of the Miller case.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Quite a number of Decatur Masons will go to Fort Wayne tomorrow and Wednesday to attend the Scottish Rite meeting.

STOLE CHICKENS

And Henry Ormsby, of Wells County, Was Arrested Here

LAST SATURDAY

He is Sixty Years Old and Has Been a Respected Citizen

Sheriff Lipkey, of Wells county, was here Saturday afternoon and arrested Henry A. Ormsby, who has been employed on the Henry Rodenbeck farm for several weeks, and took him back to Bluffton on a charge of chicken stealing. The story is told in a dispatch sent from Bluffton as follows: A surprise was sprung on the people of Wells county yesterday, when Henry A. Ormsby, aged sixty, one of the best known and respected citizens of the county, was placed under arrest on the charge of attempted larceny. He is charged with trying to steal chickens from his employer, John Ledbetter. Two months ago Ledbetter was awakened about midnight by chickens squaking. When he went to the coops, armed with a board, he found a man putting one of the chickens in a sack. He immediately made use of the board, and was starting to hit again when the man spoke and asked him to desist. This much was known at the time, but not until Ormsby was arrested was it known that he was the man who tried to do the stealing. Ormsby continued to work for Ledbetter on his farm for a few days after the event, Ledbetter refusing to tell who the person was. In a short time, however, Ormsby left the county, going to a farm near Decatur. Ledbetter then thought better of the filing of the charges, and as a result Sheriff Lipkey made a trip to Decatur yesterday to bring back the man. The prisoner had nothing to say for himself.

SHOT IN THE ARM

Arthur Schaupp, a Linn Grove School Teacher, Was Badly Injured

HAD BEEN HUNTING

And Was Removing Gun from Buggy When Cartridge Was Discharged

The time of year for hunting accidents is here, and scarcely a day passes that we do hear of some sort of a hunting affair, some serious and others slight. Two or three accidents have been reported in this county this year, but luckily none have been fatal. The latest story comes from Linn Grove, where Arthur Schaupp was quite badly hurt last Saturday. Schaupp is the teacher of the third grade at that place and is a well known young man. On that day he had been indulging in the delights of a hunt and had just returned in his buggy. As he was removing his gun from the rig the hammer caught and the cartridge was discharged, lodging in the teacher's right arm, tearing away the muscles and making an ugly and serious wound. He was conveyed to the office of Dr. McKean, who dressed the injured arm and the patient is reported as doing nicely, though he will suffer for several days with the result of his days' sport.

HENEY STILL IMPROVING.

Bullet, However, Has Not Yet Been Extracted.

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—The condition of Francis J. Heney, who was shot in the court room on Friday by Morris Haas, who later committed suicide in jail, is still most satisfactory and the attending surgeons report that he is making excellent progress on the road to recovery. Although the bullet has been located, embedded in the left jaw about one inch in front of the ear, the surgeons have decided not to extract it until Mr. Heney gains more strength.

SIX TO RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

Class of Nurses to Be Graduated Nov. 5 from Fort Wayne College.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 15.—The annual commencement exercises of the Lutheran Hospital Nurses' Training school will be held November 25, in the auditorium of Concordia college, when they will receive diplomas. Carrie Bruns, Fort Wayne; Elizabeth Schafer, Monroe, Mich.; Clara Reichart, Kendallville, Wis.; Emily Sprengler, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Wilhelmina Schug, Strawberry, Ia. The program will be elaborate. The Rev. August Lange will deliver the German address and Captain Henry G. Merz will speak in English.

COTTON IN AGAIN

Sheriff Lipkey, of Bluffton, Arrested Him in Decatur Saturday

WAS WORKING HERE

Cotton Forgot to Pay the Ten a Month He Agreed to

The Gold Cure is a graft. This is what Frank Cotton, who has been arrested times innumerable by the officers of the city, stated this morning. Another date was added to his already long list in the county bastille this morning when he was brought to the city by Sheriff Lipkey from Decatur, where he was found on the streets still celebrating over the Adams county fair. A few months ago Frank took the cure at Plymouth, Ind., and stood by the law for several days after his release, but was placed in jail in this city on a charge of forging a check, but on his promise to pay \$10 on the fine each month was released by Sheriff Lipkey, who waited for the ten that never came. Lipkey was in Decatur this morning attending to business matters and found Cotton still at his old trade of driving the Holthouse hack. He was brought back to this city and will now spend the full ninety days helping make it comfortable for the other prisoners but will probably expose the great graft of the state, where he was "stung." It is the "hobby" of Cotton to keep the dates of when he was locked up and when released. The list already covers one entire side of his cell and still keeps growing. About the time the blue birds come to the north he will be released and again go to the aid of his parents, who will welcome the prodigal son as though he had come back from a foreign country with a native missionary wife and money to burn.—Bluffton Banner.

Lucy Terrell was in Bluffton Saturday and in addition to visiting with her father at the county jail she also consulted with her father's attorneys who will have charge of the case when it is again called in court, and it is said that a line of action was decided upon. Upon inquiry a News reporter was informed that the case would likely be called in court next week, but the counsel and Lucy Terrell would make no statement as to the course of procedure that will be adopted. Nothing definite will likely be done however, until Judge Sturgis appoints a special judge to assume jurisdiction. Lucy Terrell and the attorneys will, endeavor, however, to get an early hearing in the case.

A SPECIAL TARIFF SESSION

President-Elect Taft Will Call a Special Session.

Washington, Nov. 15.—That a special session of the Sixty-first congress will be called soon after March 4 to take up the matter of tariff revision, became known positively when William H. Taft, president-elect, after spending the day at the white house as the guest of President Roosevelt, stated that he intended to call the special session to meet as soon after his inauguration as would be reasonable. Judge Taft left at 7:05 o'clock tonight for Cincinnati, where he had been summoned on matters of family importance, but which he assured the newspaper men who had gathered at the white house were in no manner connected with politics.

TO GRAND LODGES

Grand Patriarch L. C. Helm and Others Left for Indianapolis

THIS MORNING

Mr. Helm Will Surrender His High Position His Time Having Expired

The local lodge of Odd Fellows will be well represented at the annual meeting of the grand lodge to be held at Indianapolis this week. Grand Patriarch, L. C. Helm, accompanied by John Bollinger, a delegate and Samuel Butler, an officer and Jack Ross, left on the early morning train for Indianapolis, where the state encampment meeting will ensue tomorrow morning. Grand lodge of the subordinate will convene on Wednesday, and close Thursday evening. The patriarch militant held its state meeting in Marion a few weeks ago and will not take part in the meeting at the capital city, although several of the members will be in attendance. At the meeting of the grand lodge, L. C. Helm, of Decatur, who for one year has occupied the highest position afforded in the state, that of grand patriarch, will surrender same in favor of another. In token of the grand officers' sincere appreciation of his efficient work, however, he will be awarded a beautiful lodge emblem which costs hundreds of dollars. It is rarely that a city of Decatur's dimensions is honored by the appointment of one of her citizens to this high position and it is a recognition well appreciated by all.

Contractor Ireland, of Van Wert, was here today looking after interests in the macadam road line. He has several contracts in this county and may conclude to take on a few more.

THE GRAND JURY

Were Sworn in and Instructed at Nine O'Clock this Morning

ARE NOW BUSY

Looking After Violators of the Law—Frank Wechter is Foreman

The grand jury met at just nine o'clock this morning and were instructed as to their duties by Judge Merryman, and immediately went into session, in charge of the prosecuting attorney, Henry B. Heller. The jury as sworn include Messrs. Charles Brown, of Geneva, Frank C. Wetchter, of Blue Creek, Alphonse Lohne, Washington; Ezra McBarnes, St. Marys; Marion Ketchum, Jefferson, and Charles Kerber, of Union. The court appointed Frank Wechter as foreman and Joseph T. Johnson as door bailiff. The instructions were regular as provided by the statute, and the men were ordered to investigate all crimes and misdemeanors which might be reported to them or of which they may have knowledge and to examine the public institutions, etc. The jury will no doubt fully investigate the charges of murder against young Wolfe and several other affairs of interest are to be brought up. It is probable that the session will last for ten days as there is more than the usual amount of investigation. H. M. DeVoss will serve as stenographer and Ed Green J. H. Smith of Decatur, William Tucker, Berne, and Jack Atkinson, of Geneva, as riding bailiffs.

LADIES ARE THANKFUL.

The ladies of the Aid Society of Monroe wish to extend to Mr. Ben Brown and wife for giving us the privilege of a stand at their sale on the 12th of November. Sincere thanks and also to the gentlemen who so liberally patronized us, and also to the editor for advertising same. Receipts of the day were ten dollars. Ladies' Aid Society, of M. E. Church, Monroe.

POWDER IN POP BOTTLE.

Woman Poured It Into Stove and Explosion Resulted.

Evansville, Ind. Nov. 15.—Mrs. William Brill, living over a dry goods store in Fulton avenue, today ran across a pop bottle half filled with powder, and not knowing the bottle contained powder, she started to pour the contents into a stove. The fire reached the bottle and there was a terrific explosion. Mrs. Brill's son, who was standing near the stairs, was blown down stairs and severely injured. An artery in Mrs. Brill's arm was cut by flying glass and she came near bleeding to death before aid reached her. Her face was terribly burned.

NOT MUCH CHANGE

Short Session of Congress Will Not Do Much

TARIFF HEARINGS

No Important Changes Are Expected in Tariff Laws

Washington, November 16.—With remarkable unanimity Republican senators and representatives are saying that there will be but little, if any, general legislation enacted at the coming short session of congress. The views of the Republican legislative leaders on this question are interesting because it is generally known that the white house expects a great deal of important legislation to be enacted before the 4th of March. The president is busy with his last message. If the congress should, at this session, do one-half the things he will ask it to do, it would put in the busiest short session in years. Significance is attached to a statement recently printed in some of the newspapers that usually reflect the white house view to the effect that Speaker Cannon will be on probation during the short session; that the outgoing president will "put up to congress" his legislative program and in the way of carrying out the recommendations he will be opposed for re-election to the speakership by the present "powders that be" and that those same powers will exercise whatever influence they may have with the incoming president to persuade him to use his influence against the re-election of Mr. Cannon to the speakership. Some of Mr. Cannon's legislative friends do not like the implied threat.

Washington, November 16.—No one desires to prejudge the tariff hearings by the ways and means committee, but it must be said that the first week's sitting of the committee has tended to confirm the impression that, as far as this committee is concerned, not much is to be expected in the way of important changes in the items of the present tariff laws. With one or two exceptions the Republican members of the committee have no sympathy with any attempt at radical changes, and the Democratic members have so far shown a good deal of indifference to the inquiry. The extreme wing of the protectionists is on guard at the hearings. The Home Market Club and the American Protective Tariff League has representatives present at every session, and their business is to take note of any manifestation in favor of applying the knife to existing rates of duty.

FOUL PLAY IS SUSPECTED.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 15.—A dispatch from Boston to the Journal-Gazette states that the widow of "Chick" Stahl, the ball player, was found dead in a doorway tonight. Foul play is suspected. Stahl, who played with the Boston Americans, committed suicide at French Lick in March, 1907.

Thomas M. Reid, the popular representative for the Whitmore Shoe Polish Company, of Boston, left this morning for a trip through the south that will keep out on the road until Christmas. Tom had rather expected to conclude his year's work with last week, but when he arrived home found orders that he proceed to Texas, and the southwest.

GOT THE BOOTY

South Bend Postoffice Robbed of Over Eighteen Thousand Dollars

GREAT SENSATION

Inspectors Are on the Job and Sensations Are Expected

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 15.—By drilling a hole, fourteen by fourteen inches, through the walls of the South Bend postoffice and vault, yeggmen entered the safe and took stamps amounting to \$18,553.50. The discovery of the robbery was made at 8:30 o'clock this morning. The robbers escaped leaving no clues upon which the police can work. The yeggmen worked within 100 feet of the room in which clerks were handling the mails. The robbery was discovered by a clerk in the employ of the household outfitting company, one door north of the room temporarily occupied for postoffice purposes during the construction of the new \$100,000 building. A clerk, having occasion to enter the store found it impossible to open either entrance to which he had keys, and, suspecting something was wrong, called Patrolman Parker. Throwing their weight against the doors the two forced an entrance and on examination showed that they had been fastened by large screw hooks. Investigation showed a hole fourteen by fourteen inches had been electrically drilled through the fourteen-inch fire-proof wall, forming one side of the postoffice vault, through which one of the thieves had entered the vault and passed the plunder to his confederates. Access to the household outfitting company store room was gained, by ascending a stairway, fifty feet south of the store, to the third floor of the building. From the head of this stairway the robbers crossed over to the building north of the postoffice and descending to the first floor next to the postoffice. Before beginning operations on the wall the robbers covered the floor and stairway with scores of blankets and quilts taken from the stock of the store and also hung a thick quilt on the north wall of the vault, under which the drilling was done. As the bricks were loosened they were pulled out of the driller's way by means of a small tackle and pulley which was left behind. The electric drill used by the yeggmen was worked by power taken from lighting wires less than twenty feet from the wall, the wires being detached from a desk lamp in the office of the Household company. The drills, picks and other tools, all new, and a bottle of nitroglycerin which was probably to be used if the thieves found a steel lining to the vault, were left behind and are now in the hands of the police. Inspector A. B. Holmes, at Cincinnati, Ohio, was notified and he ordered Inspector A. B. Burr, of Fort Wayne to South Bend, the latter arriving here this evening.

"THE CRY BABY" COMING

Will Appear at Opera House Thursday Evening.

Most people remain ideals of themselves filling some part of life directly opposite of that which is allotted to them by nature, and circumstances. Particularly is this true of stage folks, and it is well exemplified by Carlton Guy, the star of the comedy drama "The Cry Baby" which will be seen at the opera house next Thursday night. Though a natural comedian of that quiet provoking type yet with the rare talent of turning laughter into tears and sorrow into joy, Mr. Guy is said to have always borne the desire to become an actor of tragedian roles, and nothing delights him so much as to witness the portrayal of a heavy tragedy role, and to compare the work of the actor in the part with his own ideas of how it should be played. In "The Cry Baby" Mr. Guy, who handles the role, is far away from his tragedy idea, but he is perfectly natural and at home as his own self in the part, which was written especially for him, and which he handles with consummate skill. The title derives itself from a nickname given the central figure of the piece, and Mr. Guy's work in the part has brought forth unstinted praise from those who have seen the play.