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MUCH IMPROVED

Charles Moore Believed to Be on the Road to Recovery

WAS VERY LOW

T. R. Moore Returns From Visit to Bedside of His Son

T. R. Moore arrived home last evening from Phoenix, Arizona, where he was called on account of the very serious illness of his son, Charles, and he brought home the good tidings that he left Charles some better and with hope for his recovery. The young man's life was despaired of when Dr. Conners, an osteopath, was called, and it is believed he will be able to restore him to health. The history of the case is as follows: When about twenty years old and while working near here, Charles suffered a sunstroke. This it is said always affects the nerve which leads to the back of the brain. Charles is a rural mail carrier and delivers his assignment each day on a motor cycle. The constant jar caused the nerves affected by the sunstroke to become congested and when on October 15th he fell from his wheel the accident added the needed cause to make him very ill. He went into convulsions which became more and more severe and frequent. On last Sunday evening when Mr. Moore arrived his son suffered from forty of these convulsions. When T. R. left for home these had been reduced to one or two a day and these by no means as severe as before. It is the hope of Charles' many friends here that he soon recover entirely.

DEPARTS THIS LIFE

"Coony" White, Familiarly Known By Almost Every Decatur Resident is Dead

BEEN HERE 20 YEARS

He Died at the County Infirmary this Morning from Tuberculosis

Conrad White, more commonly known in Decatur as "Coony" who for many years has been a familiar character about the streets of the city, died this morning at 4 o'clock at the county infirmary, tuberculosis being the cause of his demise. Born in eastern Pennsylvania, Mr. White left home when about thirty years of age, wandering westward. He landed in Decatur, and has since made this his home. He has pursued different lines of employment, but has principally worked as a helper to a mason. The man has been a sufferer from lung trouble several years, his condition growing worse each day. He became so weak that he sought refuge at the infirmary last Monday night, where the closing hours of his life were spent. A telegram was sent to his parents in Pennsylvania, telling of his condition, which elicited a reply requesting that he be sent home, but death was too near and it was known that he could not withstand the trip. A second telegram was sent announcing the death and asking what disposition they wanted made with the body. As yet no reply has been received and it is thought that burial will be made at the St. Joseph cemetery. The parents of the deceased are said to be well to do people.

Friends of J. B. Merriman, representative-elect from this district, are wondering what Merriman will do with his dog when he goes to the legislature. The dog follows him everywhere he goes and whenever Merriman gets out of his sight the animal visits all the leading places of its master on the search.—Bluffton Banner.

BUYS HALF BURT HOUSE LOTS

James Browning, of Indianapolis, Makes a Purchase.

According to a transfer of real estate filed at the county recorder's office here, Nate Link has transferred to James E. Browning, of Indianapolis, the undivided one-half of lots 271, 272 and 273 in this city, the consideration being \$3,500. These lots are located on Monroe street and are the lots where the old Burt hotel stood for so many years. The transfer came by mail and nothing is known as to the purpose of Mr. Browning in making the purchase, though the Decatur people hope he may decide to make his investment a paying one by building a modern structure thereon.

DENSE IGNORANCE

Is Disclosed by Fred LaDuke on the Witness Stand

HE KNEW NOTHING

Not Even Dates of Holidays—But His Story Counted the More

Fred A. LaDuke, the man who made the confession that led up to the arrest of the men charged with the murder of Marshal Columbus Croy at Woodburn, was on the witness stand in the circuit court nearly all of today giving for a second time the testimony that was the principal factor in the conviction of Herman Miller and that is chiefly relied upon by the state to prove the guilt of John Stout, who is now on trial. The witness demonstrated first that he is densely ignorant, as he testified that he did not know his own age until two years ago when a brother told him he was thirty-six, swore that he does not know what day of the month Christmas falls on nor does he know in what month Thanksgiving day occurs. He said he hadn't paid much attention to the matter and could not tell the month that New Year comes in, does not know the name of the county seat of the county in which he was born and lived a great portion of his life, does not know the names of his brothers and sisters who died, some of them before he was born, and never took the pains to inquire the name of the woman his father married at his second marriage although he lived in the same house with her for two years or more. LaDuke is not even possessed of the cunning that sometimes accompanies ignorance and that is usually emphasized on the witness stand. With all his legal ingenuity Judge R. K. Erwin in the course of his severe cross-examination could not lead him into a pitfall, not because of any acumen on the part of the witness, who never parried once, but for the reason that the fellow has not the brains to concoct a lie nor the mind to adhere to one after he had concocted it. To a less ignorant witness the cross-examination would have been a grilling, but to LaDuke it was not because during the whole course of the searching inquiry into his story he did not once lose his temper, did not deviate from his story, although the examining lawyer turned upon him his whole battery of legal knowledge and experience. His testimony bore every earmark of truth.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

BATTLESHIP PLAN FAILS.

Navy Department Trying to Stop Endless Chain Scheme.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The secretary of the navy is in receipt of many postal cards which indicate the existence of either an endless chain or some other scheme to provide funds for a battleship. These postal cards have attached to them a 2-cent stamp, with the request that it be applied to a fund to be used for the building of a battleship to be named the United States. Such cards have been received from all sections of the country. It is stated on the cards that an average of 20 cents from every citizen of the country, would produce the sum of \$16,000,000 to build and maintain a battleship. As the government is not permitted to receive donations of this kind, each card is returned to the sender.

TO PRACTICE LAW

Governor Hanly to Form an Indianapolis Partnership

OPENING UP OFFICE

Hanly, Artman & McAdams Will Be the Combination

Indianapolis, Nov. 21.—A new law firm will be established in this city within the next few days, to be known as Artman & McAdams. The members of the firm will be Judge Samuel Artman, of Lebanon, and Charles V. McAdams, who, until recently, was a member of the Indiana Railroad Commission. The partnership will begin on December 1, the firm's offices being at 705 and 707 Odd Fellows' building. About the middle of January Governor Hanly will become a member of the firm, which will then become known as Hanly, Artman & McAdams. Governor Hanly said yesterday that he would not have any interest in the firm until after the expiration of his term of office in January. It has been understood for some time that Governor Hanly and Mr. McAdams would form a partnership for the practice of law, and it was also said that McAdams' resigned as member of the railroad commission in order to get an office established, but it was not known until yesterday that Judge Artman would be a member of the firm. Judge Artman was defeated for re-election as judge of the Boone circuit court at the recent election. It was he who more than a year ago handed down a decision holding that the saloon is a nuisance and inherently wrong and illegal, and that it could not be licensed by law for those reasons. The decision was reversed by the supreme court. It is understood that the new law firm will engage in the general practice of law and that it has already been retained as counsel for several insurance companies.

NEXT SATURDAY

Teachers' Association of Adams County Will Meet

IN THIS CITY

Program Complete as Sent Out by Prof. Opliger Today

The Teachers' Association of Adams county will meet at the First Presbyterian church in this city one week from today. County Superintendent L. E. Opliger sent out the programs today, announcing the event and it is expected that every teacher in the county will be present. The official program as announced will be as follows:

MORNING SESSION.
Music Decatur Schools
Devotional S. C. Cramer
Music Decatur Schools
"Phonics in the Lower Grades" Miss Nellie Winnes
Discussion Miss Mindwell Case
"The Young Man of Today" Wm. G. Teeple
Discussion G. W. Warner
Piano duet Misses Mutscher
"Dream Life—Its Place in Our Public Schools" Noah B. Gilliom
"A Visit to the Cliff Dwellings" Miss Grace Ellis Burke
AFTERNOON SESSION.
Music Decatur Schools
"The School Ideal" O. G. Brim
Discussion W. P. Merriman
Recitation Miss Goldine Fink
Educational Quiz Vocal Solo Robert Poor
Lecture—"The Book of Job—A Literary Study" Prof. Wm. E. Smyser, Ohio Wesleyan University.

Mr. Wells, of Geneva, was a business caller in the city this morning and went to Fort Wayne on an early car.

FAMOUS PEOPLE

BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



Photograph by Marceau, New York

DAVENPORT, THE GREAT AMERICAN CARTOONIST

A CARTOON is an epigram in art. It means hours of argument concentrated in a picture. It inspires thought, kindles indignation, rouses action, lashes weakness, ridicules individuals and punctures folly with a few strong, simple lines that tell the whole story at a glance. One of the greatest living cartoonists is Homer C. Davenport. He has a keen sense of humor, is prolific in ideas, powerful in his stroke, clever in his groupings and cutting in the lash with which he flays wrong-doers.

In the little village of Silverton, Oregon, where he was born in 1867, he won no medals of appreciation from the populace. He was a big, awkward, overgrown lad, good-natured and happy, yet while everybody liked him, the unanimous vote of the community elected him "the most worthless fellow Silverton ever turned out."

He left a beautiful trail of failures behind him in his early undertakings. At school he was conspicuous for inability and broke away with hardly a shred of education clinging to him; he tried farming and failed; he soon tired of "firing" and "braking" on the Silverton express; his career as a jockey on the track, and as clown in McMahon's one-elephant circus, with occasional forays into other lines of spasmodic activity proved he had not yet come to the realization of himself.

As a boy he drew pictures on the barn walls and doors, on the benches in the old school-room and on every scrap of paper that came to his hand. His mother, who died when Homer was four years old, had been a great admirer of the genius of Thomas Nast and used to say over and over again as if it were a magic formula: "I shall have a son some day who will be a great artist like Nast," and when Homer was born her dream was realized.

Nature was watching over his evolution in his early days and gently led him in strange bypaths that quickened his observation, broadened his life, strengthened his sympathy and preserved his individuality. In 1892 he began to make pictures for the "San Francisco Examiner," with such growing success that in 1895 Mr. Hearst transplanted him to New York.

Here his originality, strength, vitality, biting satire and genial humor made him famous. His Mark Hanna with the dollar-marked suit, his colossal, overgrown Trust figure with its brutal strength and small head, his modernized Uncle Sam and his other conceptions, all bear the hall-mark of his individuality and genius.

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ROBBERS SECURE \$6,000.

Attica (O.) Citizens Held at Bay While Job Was Accomplished.

Attica, O., Nov. 20.—Robbers held several citizens at bay early today while they blew open and robbed the safe of Renninger & Silcox of \$6,000 in cash. The robbers were fired upon but escaped.

ELK'S MEMORIAL

The Occasion Will Be Celebrated on Sunday, December Sixth

AT THE BOSSE

Three Speakers Will Deliver Addresses—Special Music by Quartet

The members of the Elks' lodge at their regular meeting last night decided to hold their memorial services Sunday, December sixth, at the Bosse opera house. The services will be very appropriate, during which three speakers will deliver memorial addresses and sacred music will be rendered by a male quartet. Thus this organization will pay tribute to their deceased brethren. Inasmuch as the subjects for the addresses had not been selected the names of the speakers are withheld for the present, but it is assured that those chosen will deliver interesting talks. The male quartet composed of Messrs. Jesse O. Sellemeyer, H. B. France, D. W. Beery and Fred Bell will render beautiful sacred selections and Prof. True R. Frisette will have charge of the music. The meeting will no doubt be attended by a large audience which will join with the Elks in commemorating those who have gone to the great beyond.

ARE FRAMING UP

Republicans to Control Committees of the Senate

A NEW RESOLUTION

They Will Not Give the Lieutenant Governor Any Rope

Indianapolis, Nov. 21.—A plan by which the Republican majority in the state senate will expect to control the committee appointments in that body, and, incidentally, to name the stenographers, despite the fact that Lieutenant Governor Frank J. Hall, the presiding officer, is a Democrat, became known yesterday. Under the present rules of the senate the president, who is the lieutenant governor, has the appointment of the committees of the senate, but this is by virtue of a senate rule, which may be changed at the approaching session, according to the plan now contemplated. If the appointments were left to President Hall he would naturally be expected to appoint Democrats as chairmen of the committees, and to give his party a majority on each committee, which would be embarrassing to the Republican majority in a good many ways, and would be especially undesirable because the law provides that the committee chairmen shall name the clerks of the committees, who are the stenographers of the body. While it is by a rule of the senate that the president has the appointment of the committees, the appointments of the clerks, pages, doorkeepers and others are regulated by law, and the law could not be changed by either party at the coming session for the reason that the Republicans will be in the majority in the senate and the house will be Democratic.

EXPRESS CAR TO INDIANAPOLIS

Coppock Company Turns Out Practical Delivery Car.

Harry C. Satterwaite, the Indianapolis representative of the Coppock Motor Car company of this city, left this morning at ten o'clock for that city in a new car which he recently sold to an express delivery company of that place. He will pick up Mr. Schoneker, general salesman of the Coppock company at Marion, and they will arrive at the capital this evening. The car was built for wear and will stand the racket in a way that will bring orders to the company. The Coppock is gaining the reputation for building the best machine on the market in the truck line, and are constantly receiving orders.

COLLECT CUSTOMS

By Putting a Collector in the Stores Where Such Goods Are Sold

MANY INTERFERE

Taft May Take a Hand in Organizing Next House

Washington, November 21.—Nathan Straus, the successful New York merchant, said the other day to a group of newspaper men that if he could be permitted to carry out a plan he has he could convince every consumer in the United States that the present tariff tax is a needless burden in nearly every instance. "Instead of having the government collect duties at the customs houses," said he, "I would let the imported goods go to the shelves of the retail merchants undisturbed. On one side of my store I would have the domestic made goods and on the other side the imported goods. My customers could come in and take their pick. Near the store's exit I would station the collectors of customs. So long as my customers purchased on the side of the store containing the domestic goods they would not be stopped by the collectors as they were passing out. But each purchaser of imported goods would have to pay the tax before leaving the store."

Washington, November 21.—The intimations from Hot Springs, Va., that President-elect Taft may take a hand in the reorganization of the house of representatives, have had a disquieting influence among many prominent Republicans. Cannon's friends say that any effort on the part of Mr. Taft to prevent the re-election of Cannon to the speakership could only result in failure, and they do not put any credence in the stories that he is considering any such movement. Roosevelt, with all his fighting qualities always found it necessary, or at least preferable, to enter into a working agreement with Cannon.

Washington, November 21.—Representative Crumpacker in returning home Saturday is going via Hot Springs where he intends stopping off for a day to talk with President-elect Taft. The Indiana congressman is now a member of the ways and means committee and has been in attendance upon the tariff hearings in Washington. He will be able to tell Mr. Taft something new with reference to a revision of the tariff which he favors.

OFFERED PRAYER FOR RAIN

Not a Cloud in the Sky and Fires Rapidly Approaching.

Little Rock, Ark., Nov. 20.—Without a cloud in the sky and fires rapidly approaching, the residents of Grand Prairie offered prayer today for rain, which it is believed will be necessary to save thirty thousand acres of prairie land from devastation. Back fires have been started in many places, but with little result. Locomotives passing through the prairie have already caused serious fires, numerous orchards having been destroyed, entailing a loss of thousands of dollars. Devalls Bluff, several miles from the burning prairies, is so obscured by smoke today, that it is as dark as night.

SEWER INSPECTOR

That is What the Next Legislature Will Give Us

BE SANITARY

Good Health Will Be Better Provided for Then

A bill will be introduced in the next legislature to provide that all plans for sewers and waterworks in Indiana shall be submitted to the State Board of Health for inspection. Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the board, will favor the passage of such bill and will do all in his power to have it made a law. "A law of this kind," said Dr. Hurty, "would save thousands and thousands of dollars in Indiana each year. Under the present plan with new city officers coming in every few years, the problem of building sewer systems and waterworks plants in the different cities and towns of the state is in the hands of untried and inexperienced men. A law requiring inspection by the State Board of Health has been in force in Ohio for five or six years and the State Board of Health of Massachusetts has had a sanitary engineer for fifteen years. Many other eastern states, including New York, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, have such laws. The fact that these states have such laws is an evidence of foresight. The decay of foresight is the first evidence of race degeneration." If such law should be passed in Indiana it would become necessary to employ a consulting engineer for the State Board of Health. This engineer, however, Dr. Hurty says, could perform many other duties aside from the inspection of plans for sewer systems and water works plans. He could make sanitary inspections of streams and public buildings, for example.

WILL ARRIVE SOON

Remains of the Late Mrs. C. H. Love Are Expected to Be Here Tomorrow

DIED IN COLORADO

Was a Sister of Wilson Lee of This City and Well Known in the County

The remains of the late, Mrs. C. H. Love, will in all probability arrive in Decatur tomorrow from Florence, Colorado, and in that event the funeral will be held tomorrow at the Bobo M. E. church and interment made at the Mt. Tabor cemetery. The deceased was reared in Adams county, leaving here with her husband fourteen months ago for Colorado, where it was hoped she would regain her health. Tuberculosis had fastened its deadly grip upon her life, however, and it was known that death was inevitable months ago. She breathed her last Wednesday morning and the body was prepared for shipment at once. The decedent was a sister of Wilson Lee, of Decatur, and was known by many people of Adams county. She has been ailing for a long time from lung trouble, although her friends entertained hopes for recovery until it was given out that death could not be averted. The funeral services will be attended by many Decatur people.

BOYS FIND INDIANA "STILL"

"Moonshine" Outfit Discovered by Chance in Crawford County. New Albany, Ind., Nov. 20.—Revenue officers here have been notified of the discovery of a "moonshine" distillery in a dark hollow in Crawford county, near Marengo. The still was discovered by two small boys who were rube hunting. A half barrel of liquor found in the distillery indicates that it has been in recent use. The youngsters detached the copper "worm," which they carried to Marengo and sold.