

GOLDEN WEDDING

Fifty Years of Happy Wedded Life Celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Keifer

WAS HAPPY EVENT

Relatives and Friends Gathered at Preble Township Home Sunday

Fifty years ago in the little church at Freidheim, in this county, a happy young couple plighted their vows to love and cherish "till death us do part." That couple was Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Keifer and the fifty years since that day have passed rapidly, leaving a memory of a happy life in the companionship of each other. Sunday at the Keifer home in Preble township, and three and a half miles north of the town of Preble the event was appropriately celebrated, by a golden wedding. The ceremony of half a century ago was performed by Rev. Jaebker and that of yesterday by the Rev. J. H. Klausung. It was a happy day and no one present enjoyed the occasion more than the bride and groom, who have crossed the years of joy and sorrow, toil and rest, arm in arm, helping each other with words of comfort in times of trouble and sharing each with the other in hours of success. The event of Sunday was participated in by about thirty guests and nothing was left undone to make the day one long to be remembered. The invited folk came early and at noon the wedding ceremony was performed, and after congratulations had been showered upon the principals, the guests sat down to a sumptuous dinner, thoroughly enjoyed from first to last. A happy afternoon was followed by a feast at the supper hour, and the good wishes were heard on every hand for Mr. and Mrs. Keifer as the visitors departed. During the dinner, wedding cakes and a special one for the bride was served, together with all the delicacies of the season. A number of valuable presents were given to the aged couple. Mr. Keifer is seventy-two years old and his wife is sixty-eight. Both are in good health and hope to live to celebrate many more anniversaries. They were both born in Germany and came here when but children, and have spent the greater portion of their lives in this county. They are respected and loved by the many who know them. The guests at the golden wedding included the children—Otto, Christ and Martin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Christ Schaefer and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fuhrman. Also Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Klausung, mother and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Brell, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Keifer and son Emil, Mr. Keifer being a brother of the groom. From a distance G. F. Gable and wife and daughter, Phillip Gable, E. J. Keifer and sister, Miss Emma, and Martha Wagner of Fort Wayne; John Werling and mother of New Haven; Fred Gallmeyer and Mr. and Mrs. John Werling, of Ossian, Mr. Werling being a brother of the bride; Mrs. J. Briel and Mr. F. Schulz, of Evansville; Miss Edna Foley, of Tocsin, and Mr. Martin Jaberg, of this city. During the day the photographer Mr. Jaberg took several pictures of the party that will assist the guests to better remember the day.

ABE RAYMER "NOT GUILTY"

Alleged Leader of Mob at Springfield Again Acquitted.

Springfield, Ill., Nov. 22.—After four hours' deliberation, the jury in the case of Abe Raymer, alleged leader of the mob in the race riots last August, tonight returned a verdict of not guilty. He was tried on a charge of malicious destruction of property. When tried several weeks ago for murder in connection with the lynching of W. K. Donnigan, an aged negro, Raymer was found not guilty. The grand jury returned 117 indictments in the riot cases and there has not yet been a conviction, although a number of cases have been tried. Tonight's verdict is taken to mean a collapse of the riot cases.

Joe Tonneller, proprietor of the Nickle Plate saloon, was arrested this morning upon the charge of keeping his place of business open on Sunday. He pleaded guilty to the charge and paid the fine, which amounted to a little more than eighteen dollars.

GROUND TOO HARD TO DITCH

John Blerie Discontinues Job at Honduras.

John Blerie, who has a contract to dig a county ditch near Honduras, has been obliged to discontinue work because of the hard ground. The protracted drought has rendered mother earth as hard as stone and the work men are obliged to dig the ditch entirely with picks. Their progress is so slow that Mr. Blerie is losing money every day and so he decided to quit until the ground is in a more favorable condition. In contrast with the fact that Mr. Blerie has been obliged to suspend operations the German farmers east of the city are doing a great deal of ditching. They have a ditch digging machine which makes the excavation and prepares the bottom for the tile at a rate which exceeds the utmost efforts of a large force of men. The dry ground is very little hindrance and the drains are being installed all over the neighborhood.—Bluffton News.

SORT OF GRAB GAME

Champ Clark Says Protective Tariff is a Grab

GO TO SEE TAFT

They Have a Heart to Heart About Tariff Revision

Washington, November 23.—"A universal grab game," is the appellation given the tariff by Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, at the hearing before the ways and means committee on the tariff schedule for wood and wood manufactures. The administration's policy for the preservation of the forests figured largely in the argument yesterday. Several lumbermen said they wanted a protective tariff on lumber because other articles are protected by the law. This called forth the term of "grab" from Mr. Clark, representative Boutell, of Illinois, asserted in defense of a protective tariff that the government must obtain \$300,000,000 in revenue, and that as result some industries must be protected. That free trade for lumber would tend to prevent the devastation of the American timber lands, was the opinion expressed by Mr. Clark, who said that it did not matter if Canada devastated her forests. Mr. Boutell argued that the American forests would have to supply the lumber for both countries if the Canadian forests are devastated, and suggested that some broader scheme than the tariff should be adopted for reforesting the United States and Canada.

Washington, Nov. 23.—Not all of the influential men who are making pilgrimages to Hot Springs, Va., to see President-elect Taft are seeking office. Mr. Werling being a brother of the bride; Mrs. J. Briel and Mr. F. Schulz, of Evansville; Miss Edna Foley, of Tocsin, and Mr. Martin Jaberg, of this city. During the day the photographer Mr. Jaberg took several pictures of the party that will assist the guests to better remember the day.

PLAYS GAME OF DIVORCE

Ohio Woman Remarries Cast-Off Husband, and Then Again Cuts Knot.

Bellefontaine, O., Nov. 22.—Mrs. Ida Brugler, who was divorced here in July from William Brugler and remarried him the next week in North Dakota, was again divorced from him at Lima, where she now resides.

Dr. J. S. Boyers moved his office from Second street to his home today and Messrs. Hooper & Lenhart will move their abstract and loan company their law and insurance business to the room vacated by Dr. Boyer, where they will be pleased to greet their friends.

TWO WERE INJURED

Frank Crum and Son in Runaway Accident Near Bluffton

BUGGY OVERTURNED

Elder Man Had Shoulder Broken—Boy Dragged Long Distance

Frank Crum and son, residing west of Honduras, met with an accident while enroute to the city Friday morning, says the Bluffton Banner. The man and son were driving a young horse and when about a mile from home the animal became frightened and started to run. The buggy was overturned and the two thrown to the ground. The boy hung to the lines and was dragged for several yards, but suffered no serious injuries. Mr. Crum fell on his left shoulder and it was seen that he sustained serious injuries. He was taken to his home by J. B. Miller, of this city, who happened to be passing on the road. The shoulder of Mr. Crum was found to be broken when he arrived home and a physician was at once summoned. The injuries were dressed as quickly as possible and although the injury is painful the man very much, it is thought that he will rapidly recover without any serious after effects. The horse was found several miles from the scene of the accident badly scratched and bruised. The buggy was a total wreck as was the harness and other parts of the outfit, making the loss a very heavy one for the owner.

STOLE FATHERS RIG

Sons of Joseph Martz and William Wells Leave With Outfit

A BOLD GAME

For Boys Whose Ages Are Fifteen and Eighteen—Officers Notified

The sons of Joseph Martz and William Wells, residing a few miles south of Decatur, and whose given names we were unable to obtain, stole a horse and buggy belonging to Mr. Wells and have supposedly started for Michigan. The boys whose respective ages are fifteen and eighteen years, have been talking of leaving home and going to Michigan, although their parents thought it was but "boys' talk." However, last night they gathered their clothes and departed, taking with them the outfit belonging to the one boy's father. The disappearance of the youths caused alarm among the families, but when they ascertained that the horse and buggy was missing, they knew they had started for Michigan. Marshal Bohnke was notified to be on the lookout for the boys and he will notify officers at the various surrounding towns to aid in capturing the youths who have undertaken a bold job.

MINNESOTA VOTE COUNTED.

W. H. Taft Has 86,353 and Johnson Has 28,002 Plurality.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 22.—Complete returns on the election in Minnesota were received yesterday by Secretary of State Schmah. The total vote for president in Minnesota was 303,325, of which W. H. Taft received 195,786; W. J. Bryan, 109,433; Chaslin, prohibition, 10,114; Higen, independent, 523; Debs, socialist, 14,469. Taft's plurality is 86,353. The total vote on governor was 332,105, of which Johnson, democrat, received 173,346; Jacobson, republican, 145,278; Haggard, prohibition, 6,578; Moore, public ownership, 6,312; Allen, independent 591; Johnson's plurality 28,002.

Mrs. Robert Poer returned to Geneva this afternoon after making a pleasant visit with Mrs. Harmon Tetman.

MRS. LOGAN WAS BADLY HURT

Lady Had Hip Dislocated in a Runaway.

Mrs. Ezra Logan, living two miles northwest of Bryant, was painfully injured in a runaway Friday afternoon at about four o'clock, sustaining a dislocated hip, two teeth were knocked loose, besides suffering severe bruises. Mrs. Logn with her year old child, accompanied by her sister-in-law, Miss Logan, living in the neighborhood of Bryant, were driving home Friday evening and when at the G. R. & I. railroad crossing at the county line, the horse became unmanageable and in making a short turn upset the buggy, throwing the occupants to the road. Miss Logan escaped with only slight bruises while the baby was unhurt. Mrs. Logan was taken to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Ford, two and three-fourths miles northeast of Bryant. Dr. Graham, of Geneva and Dr. Schwartz of this city, were called to dress the injuries. Mrs. Logan was resting fairly well Saturday.—Portland Sun.

AFTER UNCLE JOE

C. N. Fowler, of New Jersey, Wants the Speakership

MAKING A FIGHT

Louis Ludlow Back in Washington Writing Dope

Washington, Nov. 23.—Charles N. Fowler, representative from New Jersey, and chairman of the banking and currency committee of the house of representatives, is about to measure swords with Joseph G. Cannon in a contest for the speakership. His platform, which he announces in letters to Republican members of congress, aims at the overthrow of the leadership in the house of representatives which for months has been the subject of attack. Fowler's candidacy injects an element of uncertainty into the already unsettled conditions surrounding the speakership succession. It is expected other aspirants advance into the arena, will plunge into the contest and Speaker Cannon never occupied a more tottering throne than he does at present. In his letter announcing his candidacy, Mr. Fowler outlines his plan of revolutionizing the method of doing business in the house of representatives. He says if he were speaker he would advocate the election by house caucus of seven members of the house who would constitute a committee to control the legislative policies of the lower branch of congress. Thus, according to his view, would the speaker be shorn of all arbitrary power and his functions would be confined to the ordinary duties of a presiding officer. Mr. Fowler began his congressional career in the fifty-fourth congress, and has been a representative ever since. In congressional circles he is known as a fighter of iron determination who does not know the meaning of the word "compromise." At the head of the banking and currency committee he fought for his views with a tenacity that attracted national attention. That Speaker Cannon is somewhat alarmed by the war clouds that threaten his reign over the house of representatives is shown by the fact that he is conducting a quiet investigation to determine the extent of the opposition to him. His close friend and "adviser," Representative James R. Mann, of Chicago, has written to the newly elected Republican members of congress asking them in polite and diplomatic language whether or not they think Mr. Cannon should be re-elected speaker. As a rule the recipients of these requests from Mr. Mann for information cannot make up their minds how to answer the epistle. They believe while the hand that wrote the letter is the hand of Mr. Mann, the voice that makes the inquiry is the voice of "Uncle Joe." Those who are urged by public sentiment at home to be against Mr. Cannon hesitate to do so on record in a letter to Mr. Mann, as they have a foreboding that an effort to depose Mr. Cannon might not succeed, and they are apprehensive in the event of failure they would be powerless in getting committee assignments and other favors from the speaker.

AGAIN IN TROUBLE

Curtis Johnson Administered Trouncing to Mike Bogner and is Locked Up

HE PLEAD GUILTY

To the Charge of Assault and Battery Before Mayor France—\$15 and Costs

Curtis Johnson was incarcerated yesterday afternoon at two o'clock after he had administered an unmerciful beating to Michael Bogner and this morning pleaded guilty to the charge of assault and battery before Mayor C. O. France. He was promptly fined \$5 and costs and admonished that his next appearance in that court would call for a jail sentence. Unable to stay the docket, he was returned to jail to remain fifteen days. Both the prosecuting witness and the defendant were requested to tell of the affair and it was gleaned from the information that a number of men from the vicinity of Monroeville were being followed by Johnson. Bogner stated that he told him of this in the morning and in the afternoon, while he was standing in the Second street alley, Johnson accosted him and struck him three times, knocking him to the ground with great force. Marshal Bohnke at once instituted a search for Johnson, locating him within a few minutes. It is hoped that the heathen like fighting will soon be relegated to the rear in Decatur, and the officers expect to see that every violator is prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

HE BIT NOSE OFF

James Harmon, of Rivarre, and Asa Blount, of Portland, Engage in Fight

AT HARMON HOME

Blount is Minus His Smelling Member as Consequence—Is Serious

An encounter occurring at the home of James Harmon at Rivarre last Friday night will probably be the cause for a serious charge that may be instituted against Mr. Harmon. Asa Blount, of Portland, was visiting at the Harmon home and as it happened both he and Harmon had imbibed liquor to an extent which riled their fighting inclinations. An encounter was engaged in and it is said that Harmon bit off the nose of Blount. Upon this theory hinges the destiny of the aggressor as to use the teeth in such a case is a penitentiary offense. Constable Thatcher, of Rivarre, conducted Harmon to the office of Squire Kern, but the justice refused to act, stating that the offense was too serious to be tried by him. A little girl at the Harmon home stated that the man pinched Blount's nose off and threw it to the floor. The stories are conflicting and the truth will be brought out at the trial. Speaking of the affair the Portland Sun says: As a result of an encounter with a party at Decatur, Friday evening, Asa Blount, of this city, came home Saturday morning carrying his nose in a sling and wearing a few other slight injuries. It is said that Blount was visiting relatives in Decatur and that while there visited a few of the wet goods emporiums, where he took aboard enough malt liquid and hops to rile his fighting blood and he straightway mixed with a Decaturite who proved too much of a scrapper for him. In the melee Blount was knocked to the floor unconscious and his scrappy opponent, not satisfied with that brought his teeth into effective use, biting off the end of his nose. His injuries were temporarily dressed at Decatur and upon his arrival in this city Dr. F. W. Mincks was called upon for further attention.

Mrs. John Hocker, of Monroe, visited friends in Decatur this morning. She has returned to her home.

ANOTHER FRANCHISE ELECTION

Meeting at Berne Tuesday on East and West Line.

The Berne traction line, at the head of which are farmers east of the city and Bluffton, Berne and Celina business men are interested, will hold a meeting Tuesday evening at Berne. At this time the organization will be perfected and the incorporation papers prepared. Then the road will start to doing business. At the same time the subsidy matter will be settled, and petitions arranged so that they can be circulated and elections asked of various townships. At Berne the amount will be \$15,000. French township in Adams county will be asked \$3,000, and Harrison township will be petitioned for an election to appropriate from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The amount will likely be fixed at \$8,000, and it is hoped that this small amount will carry.—Bluffton News.

HAVE MONEY LEFT

Democratic National Committee Receive \$620,644.77

HAVE A BALANCE

Twelve Hundred Dollars Left to Win the Next President

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The Democratic national committee received in all \$620,644.77 and spent \$619,410.06 during the recent presidential campaign, leaving a balance in hand of \$1,234.71. So reads a statement made public tonight by the officers of the committee and the itemized statement will be filed for record in the office of the secretary of state of New York in compliance with the resolution adopted by the national committee at Lincoln, Neb., last July. The statement made public by the committee includes a certificate of audit by Myron D. King, auditor of the national committee. The statement is as follows: "Chicago, Ill., Nov. 18, 1908. "To the Democratic National Committee: "Gentlemen—Following is a statement of all the receipts and expenditures: "Total amount of money received by the Democratic national committee for the year 1908, \$620,644.77. "Total amount disbursed, \$619,410.06. "Balance on hand, \$1,234.71. "In compliance with the election law of the state of New York we have filed in the office of the secretary of state at Albany a complete list of receipts and expenditures of the headquarters at New York. And in compliance with a resolution of the national committee, passed at Lincoln, Neb., last July, we have filed in the office of the secretary of state at Albany, a list of more than 25,000 names representing more than 100,000 contributors who contributed through newspapers, clubs, solicitors and other organizations, whose names are on file in the office of the chairman of the Democratic national committee at Buffalo, N. Y. "Yours respectfully, Norman E. Mack, chairman; Urey Wodson, secretary; Herman Ridder, treasurer; John E. Osborne, vice chairman finance committee; John W. Cox, assistant treasurer; J. B. Doolin, assistant treasurer."

HOMES DESIRED FOR CHILDREN

The agents of the Board of State Charities have in the past year been very successful in securing a large number of good homes for dependent children who are public wards. There are still a large number of desirable children available for placing in suitable homes. Doubtless there are many families that would make a home for a child. An important part of the board's work is to bring the homeless child and the childless home together. The board solicits the cooperation of all who are interested in securing proper homes in families for children. For further information address the Board of State Charities, State House, Indianapolis, Ind.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Last Will of Abraham C. Bixel Was Probated this Morning

LICENSES TO MARRY

Three Were Issued—Wedding at Clerk's Office—Other Items

Citizens' Telephone company vs. Fort Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co., Judge Merryman being disqualified to hear case, being a stockholder of the telephone company, he will assign same to some one else.

Holthouse Drug Co. vs. Fred Hoffmann, account \$100, default of defendant, finding for plaintiff in sum of \$67.95.

Daniel B. Ford vs. Smith Shoemaker et al, reset for arguments on motion for new trial for Friday, November 27.

The last will and testament of Abraham C. Bixel, late of Berne, was probated. He gives his wife, Mary Bixel, his personal property and his home in Berne, provided, however, that if his farm can be sold at a fair price that this be done and one-half the money be given his wife, the rest divided among his children as follows: John A. and Jacob Bixel and Anna McCune, each one-fifth of the half, his son Peter shall receive \$5.00 and his son Eli the remainder, all debts to be paid first. If farm cannot be sold at fair price, his wife has the right to rent the land to any party and use the profits for her living. Mrs. Bixel is named as executrix and Levi A. Sprunger as agent to advise her. The will was written June 27th last and witnessed by Jacob S. Moser and Emil Franz.

Permission to marry was given in a license to Edwin Neuenschwander, aged 23, and Mary Elinda Moser, 21, both of Monroe township.

A marriage license was issued to Raymond Floyd Yancy, 19, and Lora Ethel Stevens, both of Jefferson township. The bride has been married once and was divorced September 3, 1907. They were married Saturday evening at the clerk's office by Squire J. H. Smith.

License to wed was granted Frank David Erwin, 21, a laundryman, and Hattie Arden Earles, 19, a milliner, both of this city.

Hunters' licenses have been issued to F. C. Cottrell, J. W. Everhart, L. L. Yager, Floyd Yancy, Fred Bilderbeck, Will Dellinger, Abe Whitright, Charles Baxter, Chas. Chrisman, Ray Coffelt, E. E. Ferry.

A junk dealer's license has been granted to Barney C. Everett for this city.

Real estate transfers—John Werk to J. S. Moser, 20 acres in Wabash township, \$700; Elizabeth Gerber to Berne Hay & Grain Co., pt. lot 28, Berne, \$1,000; M. V. B. Archbold to Mary A. Loch, lot 195, Decatur, \$1,000.

THEY WILL CONTEST THEM ALL

Democrats After All of the State Offices and Will Contest.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 22.—That the Democrats will contest the election of all the Republican state officials who received commissions from Governor Hanly on the showing of the election returns compiled at the office of the secretary of state and canvassed before the governor, was the statement of Stokes Jackson, Democratic state chairman, while in the city today. Up to the present time it has been understood that only the election of those officials who received the smaller majorities would be contested, but Mr. Jackson thinks that the Democrats will be able to show enough illegal voting and inaccuracies in the count to prove their contentions that they are entitled to all of the offices.

Noah Biberstine, of Hartford township, transacted business in Decatur today relative to a patent fence post and returned to his home this afternoon.