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BROKE INTO SHED

Prominent North End Resident Stole Corn at Haugk Quarry Yesterday

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Paid the Corn Shed a Visit Before Daylight—Teamster Caught Him

The Decatur men who are inclined to pillage the possessions of another have, ostensibly, taken it for granted that a continuation of their dastardly work would not lead to their identity, inasmuch as petty thieveries have been successfully pulled off here during the past few months. The old adage "murder will out" however, was proven true yesterday morning early, when John Coffee, an employee at the Haugk quarry caught a prominent resident of the north part of the city stealing corn from a shed where a large quantity was stored. Mr. Coffee, a teamster, arose early yesterday morning, starting for the barn to feed his horses long before daylight. He stopped at the corn shed, threw open the door and was about to enter when the intruder jumped from the elevated floor and started on the run. Rays from Mr. Coffee's lantern cast upon the visage of the intruder revealed his identity and Coffee started on a pursuit of the man. The form soon disappeared in the darkness and Coffee returned to the shed to find a large fertilizer sack filled with corn. Assuming that the burglar would lose no time in fleeing from the premises Coffee went to the barn to do his work and upon his return was completely astonished to find that the thief had the effrontery to return and get the corn after the chase. It is quite likely that the man thought he was not recognized by Mr. Coffee. Mr. Haugk has been missing corn and other things for some time, and it is remissive as he is for the bold acts, he has not, as yet instituted charges against the unwelcome visitor of yesterday morning. This is the second revelation of petty thieveries at the hands of men who have been held in the esteem of the people, within the period of a short time, the men in both cases being caught in the act, and it seems that drastic measures should be resorted to in effecting a riddance of such a disgraceful and lawless practice. Decatur has been visited by more pillagers during the past three months than ever before in double that time, and the indignation of the people has arisen to the extent that they will demand rigid enforcement of the law in case the intruders are captured.

MEETING AT BERNE

Final Preliminary Steps Toward Incorporation of Traction Line Made

300 SHARES ARE SOLD

At \$100 Per Share—This is Purely Promoters Stock to Create Fund

Tonight at Berne the final preliminary steps toward the incorporation of the Bluffton, Berne & Celina traction company will be made. The list of the directors will probably be decided upon at this meeting as well as a partial list of the officers. W. H. Elchhorn, attorney for the promoters, will go to Berne, with several other local people, to assist in completing the preparations for the incorporation. The promoters have succeeded in selling about 300 shares of stock. This stock is listed at \$100 a share and is purely promoters stock, for the purpose of getting money to conduct the expenses of putting the line through. When the party returns from Berne some of the papers will have to be signed by some Bluffton men who are interested, then they will be ready to be sent to Indianapolis, where the second meeting will be held.

WILL USE DOUBLE TRACKS.

C. B. & C. and C. & E. Will Be Joined Between Uniondale and Huntington.

Within a few weeks the present reballasting of the C. B. & C. railroad will have been completed and the Erie will unite with it in conducting the two lines from Uniondale to this city as a double track system. This has been impossible in the past because the road bed of the C. B. & C. was not strong enough to carry the heavy Erie trains. Both roads realize what a great benefit it would be to each to run all trains on the C. B. & C. tracks going out of the city and to run trains of both roads on the Erie tracks when coming into the city. It seems to be probable, too, that the Erie and C. B. & C. may unite to make a union depot. —Huntington Democrat.

TEACHERS MEET

Association of Adams County is in Session Here Today

PROGRAM IS GOOD

Prof. Smyser, of Delaware, Ohio, is Principal Lecturer

Nearly two hundred teachers, nearly every one in the county was here today in attendance at the meeting of the Teachers' Association of Adams county. The day was a profitable and interesting one, and the program was carried out as announced. County Superintendent L. O. Opliger presided and conducted the day's work in his usual efficient manner. The program opened with music by the Decatur school, followed by devotional exercises conducted by S. C. Cramer. After another selection of music Miss Nellie Winnes gave a well prepared paper on "Phonics in the lower Grades." Miss Mindwell Case discussed the subject. The next subject was "The Young Man of Today," by William G. Teeple with a discussion by G. W. Warner. The Misses Mutchler gave a piano duet that was thoroughly appreciated and Noah B. Gilliom addressed the teachers, his subject being "Dream Life, Its Place in Our Public Schools." and the morning's program closed with a reading "A Visit to the Cliff Dwellers." This afternoon's work was looked forward to with pleasure and includes music, "The School Ideal" by O. G. Brim, with a discussion by W. P. Meriman, a recitation by Miss Goldie Pink, and educational quiz, a vocal solo by Robert Poer and then the principal lecture, "The Book of Job, a Literary Study," by Prof. William E. Smyser, of Ohio Wesleyan, Delaware, Ohio.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The midwinter annual teacher's institute convened at 9:30 a. m., Saturday, November 27, 1908, in the parlors of the First Presbyterian church, Decatur, Indiana. Opened by singing by primary pupils of Decatur schools.

Devotional, S. C. Cramer, principal of South Ward school, Decatur.

Reading of a portion of Proverbs, followed by prayer.

Song, Decatur schools.

Address by county superintendent Opliger, giving a hearty welcome to the teachers of the county.

The first educational subject of the morning was that of "Phonics in the Lower Grades," by Miss Nellie Winnes of the West Ward school, Decatur. She insisted that teachers should strive to be free from false statements in their language so that the child learn the right use of language. Words must be mastered by drilled work. It does not take as much time to do this as some think it would. Diacritical marks should be taught little by little. Discussion of the subject "Phonics" by Miss Mindwell Case, of the Preble schools. Her discussion was on the same line as that given by Miss Winnes. Both were well taken. Miss Case called for the method of teaching "Phonics" in the Decatur schools. Miss Acker and Miss Conington responded. Also many other teachers helped in the discussion of the subject.

Mr. Warner, of Peterson, asked the question "How to teach pupils to use the dictionary." Mr. Kelley, of Hartford township, answered the question. Mr. Opliger asked "When should (Continued on page 4.)

FORGERY CHARGE

Noah Yoder Was Indicted by the Recent Grand Jury

IS UNDER ARREST

Spent Night in Jail—Released Today After Giving \$500 Bond

The first arrest on an indictment returned by the recent grand jury was made yesterday afternoon, about three o'clock, when the deputy sheriff, Ed Green, went to the home of Noah Yoder, in Hartford township, and arrested the head of the family on a charge of forgery. The crime for which Yoder must answer, was committed on March 1st, 1907, when he signed his own name and that of Emanuel Wanner to a note for \$100 and sold it to Christian Gerber. The note remained unpaid, becoming overdue and one day Gerber met Wanner and reminded him that the note was due. Then it was discovered that the paper had been forged and a conference was held, the parties all belonging to the same church. It is said the matter was partially arranged and had been somewhat forgotten when the recent grand jury were informed and returned an indictment. In the note the word hundred is spelled "Hundered" and the word Emanuel is spelled "Emaul" and these facts are set out. Yoder was brought here and spent the night in jail, appearing in court at nine o'clock this morning.

Yoder is a man of about thirty-five years, apparently, is married and has a family of several children. It is said he has had a good reputation, but has been hard pressed and unfortunate. He was placed under a bond and was finally released, to await trial.

SLATED FOR PLACE

Hitchcock to Be Postmaster General in the Taft Cabinet

THE FIRST ONE

The Cabinet Will Be Completed at an Early Day

Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 28.—Frank H. Hitchcock has been offered and has accepted the position of postmaster general in the Taft cabinet to be. The official announcement of this conclusion regarding the first cabinet selection of President-elect Taft doubtless will not be made until Mr. Taft has completed his cabinet, at which time it will be announced en bloc. Because of this view of the situation no expression regarding the selection of Mr. Hitchcock was obtainable for publication from either Mr. Taft or the Republican national chairman. There were many reasons, it was pointed out, why it was expedient that Mr. Hitchcock's status should be fixed, at least so far as the principals are concerned, and a complete understanding is known to exist between them. As chairman of the Republican national committee, Mr. Hitchcock became more familiar than any other person with the political phase of questions likely to arise at the beginning of the Taft administration and the knowledge he gained regarding the personnel of the party will be of great service to Mr. Taft throughout his administration. Besides these reasons the national chairman admittedly possesses a comprehensive as well as a technical knowledge of postal affairs, gained by a protracted experience as first assistant and acting postmaster general.

FAMOUS PEOPLE

BY FANNIE M. LOTHROP



QUEEN ALEXANDRA

The Sweetness and Charity of England's Queen

Queen Alexandra, whom Dean Stanley termed "the angel in the palace," has for over forty years endeared herself to the hearts of the British people since 1863, when a girl of nineteen in her quaint, little, old-fashioned poplin frock and shawl, she landed at Gravesend as the bride of the Prince of Wales. Her early life was passed in extreme plainness and simplicity, because of the smallness of the family income. When she was born, her father, then Prince Christian, had no hope of ever being King of Denmark, for his relation to the reigning king was so distant. He had nothing but his military pay and his wife's modest dowry. The life in their home, the Yellow Palace at Copenhagen, was pretentious only in name. The daughters, Alexandra and Dagmar, who became Empress of Russia, wore garments of cheap material cut in the plainest style.

When Alexandra was seventeen, the Prince of Wales, while speaking to one of his friends, jestingly asked to see the portrait of his sweetheart. Inadvertently the wrong picture was handed to the Prince, and instead of the face of his friend's fiancée, he saw the likeness of "the most beautiful woman in Europe." The future king of England promptly fell in love with the portrait which led to his marriage two years later.

The simplicity of her early years has ever clung to the Queen; though in the court she has not been of it, and for society, she has cared little. Her home circle has been her throne, where she has reigned with sweetness and love. Her kindness, gentleness, tact and generosity have been always at the call of need, and since she went to England has been instrumental in raising or causing to be raised over \$250,000,000 for charity.

In one of King Christian's weekly letters to her, he wrote that an elderly lady-in-waiting to the late Queen of Denmark was dying, and that her one wish was to speak again to her "Princess Alex." At that time it was impossible for Alexandra to leave England, but a long tender message of love and hope spoken by her into a phonograph, was sent by special courier to Copenhagen. Its arrival a short time before the aged lady's death made her last hours serenely happy.

At Sandringham she led the life of a country lady, finding her pleasure in her children, the house, the grounds, her pets, and in ministering acts of mercy. Serene, gracious and beautiful, her life has been quiet, though with a thread of sorrow running through days of seemingly golden happiness.

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ARE ASKED TO EMIGRATE.

Wayne County Dunkards Have Received Inducements.

Richmond, Ind., Nov. 27.—Wayne county Dunkards are in receipt of a proposition endeavoring to induce them to locate in the west. It is proposed to found a colony in Stanislaus county, California. A tract of land including 1,200 acres has been obtained at the head of the San Joaquin valley. Indiana Dunkard farmers were identified with a colony at Cando, North Dakota, a few years ago.

BIG MINE HORROR

Two Hundred Men Are Entombed in Pennsylvania Mine

HOPE IS SLIGHT

Feared That Not a Man Will Live to Tell Awful Story

Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 28.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Two hundred miners are entombed in one of the shafts of the Pittsburg-Buffalo coal company at Marline, in Washington county, and their fate is unknown. The explosion was of unknown origin and occurred in the pit about noon. It wrecked the timbers leading down the deep shaft to the bottom of the mine. The rescuers are baffled, as the only way of rescue is through the working shafts or other mines by tunneling under the mountain. The rescue parties have started at several different points of ingress, but they have a long distance to go and it is a doubtful undertaking. The force of the explosion carried the heavy iron cage three hundred feet from the mouth of the mine because the explosion wrecked the fan house and the fans are stopped. Two men who were on the cage at the time had their heads blown entirely off.

SCHOOLS TO CLOSE

On December 24th and Re-convene January 4th, 1909

HOLIDAY VACATION

School Board Held Interesting Meeting Last Night—Salaries Allowed

IS A BLACK PENCIL GOOD?

Question to Be Decided in Election Contest Case.

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VISIT EPILEPTIC VILLAGE.

High Officials Ascertain What Appropriation Should Be Given.

New Castle, Ind., Nov. 27.—Dr. W. C. Van Nuys, superintendent of the Indiana village for epileptics, north of the city, had as guests today the legislative committee of the village, the state epileptic board and Engineer Shutt. The visit of the party was for the purpose of ascertaining what will be needed in the way of appropriation for the village from the coming legislature. At noon a dinner was served to the visitors, all of them having arrived by that time, and after that the business of the meeting was taken up and attended to. It had been announced that Thomas R. Marshall, governor-elect, would be present, but he was not here and was not expected by the superintendent of the village.

MIDDIES ASHORE ALL NIGHT

Spent Time in Manila Because of Rough Waters.

Manila, Nov. 28.—The storm last night kept the liberty men from the Atlantic fleet ashore all night. The waters of the bay were exceedingly rough and Rear Admiral Sperry sent a wireless message ashore to the effect that they should not attempt to return to their ships until weather conditions were more favorable and directed them to go to the halls of the local Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus, where provisions were made to take care of them. All of the stranded sailors were taken to their respective ships at 7 o'clock this morning in three large coast guard vessels.

IS A COMPLEX CASE

Prosecutor Emshwiller Will Not Take Action in Terrell Case

CAN FURNISH BOND

But Mr. Emshwiller's Term Expires Soon—Will Leave It to Successor

It is improbable according to Prosecutor Emshwiller, that anything will be done with the John W. Terrell murder case during this term of court. Mr. Emshwiller said that as the case will not be tried during his term he did not suppose that he would be called upon to do anything with the case. Mr. Emshwiller says that he does not wish to do anything which might in any way embarrass his successor, Ethan Secrest. As a result of this decision it is improbable that any recommendation will be made to the court for the letting of Terrell out on bond. Mr. Emshwiller said that he did not know just what action would have to be taken in this matter if the man should be permitted to go out on bond. He said that as he does not know what action Mr. Secrest might want to take and as he does not know whether it would be agreeable to Mr. Secrest to let him out on bond he will probably do nothing in the matter.—Bluffton Banner.

The case of Mr. Terrell has perplexed the authorities as no other case has. Mr. Smith, of East Haven asylum discharged the man, not for the reason that he was pronounced sane, but probably because his mental capacities were improving but little if any. Now that Prosecutor Emshwiller does not know what disposition to make of the prisoner, who is languishing in the Wells county jail, is evidence that the case is complex indeed. The public has nothing to speculate upon as to what the outcome will be.

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BE SLIM PICKING

Taft's Election Not Worth Much to the Professional Office Seeker

CANNON ON TOP

Taft and His Friends Afraid to Tackle Uncle Joe

Washington, Nov. 28.—The change of presidents on March 4, will mean less to office-seekers than any previous transfer of the presidential office. Spoils hunters will find the picking slim. In the old days the weeks immediately following inauguration day brought to Washington thousands of place hunters. "To the victors belong the spoils" was the watchword. It mattered not whether a Republican succeeded a Democrat in the white house, or a Republican a Republican, The demand always was for a general change in the office-holding force of the government. And the demand was heeded by the president and members of the congress. Even after the civil service law was enacted there were still plenty of official prizes worth seeking. But as a gradual development of the policy of retaining men in office the list of places that are open to the spoilsman after the advent of a new president has decreased until the man who feels that he is entitled to some reward for the service rendered in the campaign finds little encouragement.

Washington, Nov. 28.—According to the latest advices from Hot Springs, President-elect Taft is likely to yield to the advice he is receiving from many quarters that he abandon the idea of trying to defeat Joseph G. Cannon for speaker. National Chairman Hitchcock does not want to see the fight made unless there seems to be a fair chance of winning. So far Mr. Taft has not been able to find a candidate with whom he could hope to make a successful contest with Cannon. He could draft Representative Burton, of Cleveland, but persons who know his mind say he feels that if he should do this the public would take the view that he had put Burton in the race to get him out of the way of his brother, Charles P. Taft, who wants to be senator from Ohio. Charles E. Townsend, of Michigan, Taft's friends understand, could be persuaded to enter the field against Cannon, but the president-elect is not sure he would be a strong candidate. The standpaters in congress and out of it are confident they have succeeded in persuading Mr. Taft to keep out of the speakership contest.

CENTURY EDITION

Copy of a Live Paper Printed in Tacoma Reaches Our Desk

STORY OF WEST

Is Portrayed on Every Page—Ferry Museum to Be Housed

Mrs. Dr. McMillen has received copies of the century edition of the Tacoma Daily Tribune. The paper is a live appearing forty pages, in five sections, showing the many attractive features of the Liverpool of the western coast. The papers were sent by Col. Ferry, who is Mrs. McMillen's brother, and well known here. On the first page we note this interesting item:

At a very large and representative meeting of the presidents and officers of all the women's clubs of the city, called for this morning by the president of the Woman's Club, Mrs. Horace G. Scott, it was voted that an entertainment should be given under the direction of Miss Page to raise funds to be applied to the support and housing of the Ferry museum. It was the sense of the meeting that the movement should grow into one resulting (Continued on Page Two)