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## IT'S NUMBER ONE

Indictment Against Charles Wolfe is for Assault With Intent

## ARRESTED TODAY

Sheriff Meyers Went Out After Him this Afternoon

Indictments one, two and three, as returned by the recent grand jury, were placed on the docket, in circuit court. They are in blank, the names being placed on after the return is made. Indictment number one is against Charles Wolfe and is entitled State of Indiana vs. Charles Wolfe, indictment for assault and battery, with intent to kill and murder. As prepared, it is in three counts, the first alleging that on October 8th, 1908, in the county of Adams and State of Indiana, said Charles Wolfe did then and there feloniously, purposely and with malice aforethought in a rude, insolent and angry manner, unlawfully touch, strike, beat and wound one, Jacob Mangold, with pre-meditated malice to kill and murder him contrary to the form of the statute and contrary to the peace and dignity of the state of Indiana. The second count alleges that the assault was made with a club, used upon the head of said Mangold. The third count says that the assault was made by Wolfe with his fists and also with a piece of timber, three-fourths of an inch thick, 3½ inches wide and three feet, ten inches and three-fourths of an inch long. Sheriff Meyer went out this afternoon to arrest one of the others indicted and on his way back will stop and serve the papers on Wolfe. The latter is under the charge of murder now and is out under \$5,000 bond, which will hold until arrested on this charge. It is likely that the charge of murder will be withdrawn after his arrest for attempt.

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Postoffice Department in the Red Ink—Increase in Freight Rates

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## A GOOD DUCKING

Was What Jim Wright, of Monroe, Got Yesterday, While Here on Spree

## HE GOT TOO FRESH

And Mrs. Charles Dutcher Unloaded a Pot of Water in His Face

A man giving his name as James Wright and claiming Monroe as his home, created a disturbance on First street yesterday afternoon which caused his arrest and confinement in the county jail. Wright, an elderly man, who had imbibed freely of the flowing bowl, was sauntering down First street when a notion entered his deranged mind that he wanted to enter a house. He proceeded to the apartments in the old court house building occupied by Charles N. Dutcher, and knocked at the door. Mrs. Dutcher opened the door and seeing that he was a drunken stranger, she closed it quickly and turned the lock. The man instead of leaving the premises, began kicking the door fiercely. Mrs. Dutcher, who was engaged in washing clothes, started for the door upon hearing the commotion, and took with her a pail of water, the contents of which she hurled on the intruder. Wright then made his getaway, and had the appearance of a drowned rat when seen on the streets. He talked abusively of the woman who gave him a soaking and as a consequence was lodged in jail by Policeman Fisher. He was given a hearing before Mayor France and after being given a severe lecture was ordered to leave the city within thirty minutes which he did.

The Men's Club of the Presbyterian church will meet at the church parlor at 7:30 o'clock this evening for re-organization. The session was to have been held last Tuesday evening but a postponement was necessary because of the furnace at the church being out of commission.

POSTAL CARD WRITER FINED.  
Pays \$10 and Costs for Addressing Man as "Discredited Sir."

When John W. Baxter, of Auburn, Ind., started off a postal card communication with the words "Discredited Sir," he did not know he was violating a federal law. Baxter sent the card through the postoffice at Auburn, addressed to a man with whom he had had a quarrel. The recipient of the card, when he saw the words with which Baxter had addressed him, made complaint to the federal authorities and the arrest and the subsequent indictment of Baxter followed. In addition to the "discredited sir" Baxter used other language on the card which tended to injure the recipient. Baxter was arraigned before Judge Anderson in the federal court yesterday, and entered a plea of guilty to the violation of the postal laws. He was fined \$10 and costs.

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Washington, Dec. 1.—As a result of the business panics of last year the railroads of the country have permitted their equipment to get into bad shape, and, according to the interstate commerce commissioners, there will be a big shortage in cars, locomotives and general rolling stock as soon as the revival of industries is a little further advanced. The same officials say that the roads propose to take advantage of this situation by making sweeping advances in their rates.

KILLED WOMAN AND SELF. Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 1.—Mrs. Myrtle Evans was shot and killed here late last night by R. J. Bymen, supposedly on account of her refusal to meet him. Bymen then turned the revolver on himself, inflicting a wound that proved fatal within a few minutes. Both are negroes, about 30 years of age, and residents of this city. It is said the woman rejected his advances at a dance Thanksgiving night, and upon passing the woman tonight Bymen attempted to force his company upon her and, upon being repulsed, opened fire with a revolver, killing the woman and then himself.

## IN CIRCUIT COURT

Scott vs. Graham Case Reset for Trial on December 31st

## CASES CONTINUED

Johnloz and Fravel Perjury Suits Go Over—Action in Page Case

Though five criminal cases were set for trial yesterday, none of them got to the jury. One was tried by the court, in another a plea of guilty was entered, and the others were continued. The case against Julius Johnloz, was set for today, but was continued when Attorney DeVoss, representing the defendant, filed an affidavit that a very important witness was absent. Johnloz is charged with perjury, it being alleged that when summoned before the April grand jury he gave false testimony. It is likely the case will not be heard before the February term of court.

The David E. Scott vs. Louis A. Graham suit for accounting, was reset for trial on Thursday, December 31st.

Charles Page vs. Christena R. Niblick, admx., et al, claim \$8,500, before John F. LaFollette, special judge, cost bond filed by plaintiff and approved. Leave asked and granted plaintiff to file second paragraph, making new parties defendant. Same filed making Aaron T. Vail, John W. Vail and the Fort Wayne Coperage Co. new parties defendant. Summons ordered returnable December 16.

State vs. Mary Fravel, perjury, continued until next term of court on motion by prosecuting attorney.

An inventory was filed in the estate of Lusette Love and same was approved. The personal property amounts to \$15.15.

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Hunters' licenses were issued to A. C. Bailey, Fred Linn, A. P. Harison and Albert Meyer.

## SHE WANTS A DIVORCE.

Tomorrow in Decatur Mock & Sons will file a complaint for divorce for Jennie Kirkwood, Linn Grove, formerly living in Nottingham township, against William Kirkwood Jr., a resident of Nottingham township, son of William Kirkwood, Sr. In her complaint the plaintiff alleges that shortly after their marriage, February, 1907, her husband became abusive to her and frequently threatened to leave her. She claims that he repeatedly told her that he loved her no longer and wished to be free. It is in hopes of being free from him that the wife has brought the suit for divorce. She alleges that he finally left her and went to Robinson, Ill., where he was employed in the oil field for a while. The couple was barely over sixteen years of age when they were married. They had one child by the union. This wife asks the custody of—Bluffton Banner.

## THE NINTH ANNIVERSARY.

Rt. Rev. Herman Joseph Alerding, Bishop Diocese of Fort Wayne.

Today marks the ninth anniversary of the consecration of Rt. Rev. Herman Joseph Alerding, D. D., fourth bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne. Quietly and happily the beloved prelate enters upon his new year of labors in the episcopate and this evening will be the honor guest at a happy celebration to be given by the students at St. Augustine's academy. The scholastic celebration will be held in the music hall of the academy which has been artistically decorated with ferns and flowers for the occasion. That future years may still find the gifted churchman enjoying health, happiness and success in his labors in this diocese is the wish of his wide circle of friends.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

## LIFE IN FAR EAST

Bert Segur Tells of the Ups and Downs in His Work

AS AN ENGINEER

In the Roads Department of the Philippines—To Be Promoted

P. I., Oct. 5, 1908.

Dear Father:—I got your last three weeks' letters in a bunch when I got up to Cebu, the other day, and I will now answer. I expect to get \$1,600 before many months and I like it here. I can't spend money much to my credit here. Last Friday after waiting all week, we started from Loay. The boat was to leave at 7:00 but like all Spaniards, the captain and the agent exchanged drinks until 2 p. m., little thinking or caring that we would soon be bringing over 200 or 300 laborers and be having hundreds of tons of supplies and that these delays would kill him with us. It took us three and one-half hours to go sixty miles. In the meantime two chinamen opened up a gambling den and cleaned the crew and nearly all of the passengers out of their money. The chinamen are the big gamblers of the east, and they certainly do the act up brown. Cheat everybody in both honest, and dishonest deals. The Philippines or any Oriental can buy cheaper than the American, so we always give our money to some of the native servants and have them do the jewing, thereby gaining 50 to 100 per cent.

When we got to Cebu we landed in a banco and couldn't find a carriage or dray anywhere, and we had all of our luggage to see to. Cebu is a city of 100,000 and yet like most other eastern cities there is no regular dray line or livery stable in the town. Each native liveryman has one or two horses and a tarantalla. These tarantallas are cab-like two-wheeled carts with room for two men in each. These cabs are paid 20¢ gold an hour. All light baggage is hauled in these tarantallas. Heavier baggage is hauled in cariboo carts, heavy carts hauled by a caribou pictures of which I will send later.

We shouldered our baggage and with the help of two natives, carried it a mile and a half. We finally got to bed, four of us in grimy cots (our own) in a room 20x20 feet. We got up at 6:00 o'clock Sunday morning, awakened by the chimes and fire-crackers. We then knew that there was a fiesta (celebration) on. We dressed and went down to the only eating house in town (at the back end of a saloon) for breakfast. By this time the parades were everywhere; everything was decorated. Imagine our surprise when we found it was the birthday of some saint that would never be thought of in America. At nine o'clock we phoned out to camp 6 and got orders to come here today. What we thought can better be imagined than said. All of our shoes had the soles torn off in Bohol from cliff climbing. The last trip had been thirty days and all but a few days of it had been fourteen hours a day of hard work. Our clothes were torn, the instruments out of adjustment, the dishes broken and ourselves nearly worn out, and we were given thirty hours to start on another mountain trip of twenty-one days. I got a fetchea cart (a flat board with two wheels under it) and rode to camp 6, fourteen miles up the mountains and got a new wardrobe. I got back at 9:00 that evening and learned that as soon as this trip was done I was to go over to Bohol as Asst. Supt. or chief engineer second man on that road, whatever you wish to call it. We came here at 11:20 by rail, leaving all our cooking utensils, etc., at Cebu to follow us on the 5 o'clock train. When we got here (a town of 50,000) we found that there was one place in town to get something to eat, a saloon with a center table in the barroom, where four men could sit down at once. There were eight Americans ahead of us, and we waited. In the meantime we gave our four Philippines and one chino cook some money and told them to hunt up their own food. When it came our turn, the bread was out and when we were half way through the other stuff gave out, too. We

## MEMORIAL FOR CLEVELAND.

Life Insurance Presidents and Former Cabinet Ministers Will Speak.

New York, Nov. 30.—The first memorial exercises in honor of the late former President Grover Cleveland will be at the opening session of the second annual meeting of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents in this city Friday and Saturday. Mr. Cleveland was chairman and general counsel of that organization. Addresses will be made by Paul Morton, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and John H. Flinley, Ph. D., president of the College of the City of New York. Letters of tribute will be read from Adlai E. Stevenson, vice president in Mr. Cleveland's second administration, and from several surviving cabinet officers, including Governor Harmon of Ohio, Hilary A. Herbert of Washington and Governor Hoke Smith of Georgia.

## WITH MUCH POMP

President's Inauguration is Now Attracting Washington

## A GREAT EVENT

A Democrat as Chairman of the Inaugural Committee

Washington, Dec. 1.—The inauguration of President-elect Taft promises to be one of the most notable demonstrations in the history of the national capital. Washington, which takes plenty of time to prepare for these ceremonials, already is in the throes of expectancy over the coming inauguration. When an inauguration is on the tap, so to speak, the capital city always arises in a beautifully nonpartisan spirit to the occasion. Politics is lost sight of and the business men of the city co-operate harmoniously and effectively in trying to make the affair a success. This explains the fact that the chairman of the inaugural committee, appointed the other day by National Chairman Hitchcock, is a Democrat. Edward J. Stellwagen, who will serve in that important capacity, never has been anything but a Democrat. As a resident of the District of Columbia he has not had a vote, but he has been free and outspoken in the expression of his political preferences. He is a friend, politically and personally, of W. J. Bryan, and those who know him best never have doubted that if he had been permitted to vote in the recent election he would have cast a ballot for Mr. Bryan. It may seem strange to some straight-laced partisans that a Democrat should be put at the head of the committee that is to arrange for the inauguration of a Republican president, but here in Washington the political phase of the question never has been given a moment's consideration. The people of Washington have only praise for Mr. Hitchcock's selection. If he had selected the city with a fine-tooth comb he would not have been able to find a man who would give such general satisfaction. Mr. Stellwagen is a middle aged business man of great ability, who has arisen from a subordinate position in one of the governmental departments to be a recognized leader in the business circles of the city. He is remarkably successful in everything he undertakes. The inauguration of Mr. Taft will not resemble, in its essential features, the inauguration of President Roosevelt four years ago, but it will be a great show nevertheless. It will be lacking in the human curiosities that formed such a distinctive part of the Roosevelt inaugural parade. President Roosevelt has an eye for the unique and volunteer attractions of a more or less ridiculous character came to Washington from various parts of the country to participate in the inaugural. They were assigned to the rear section of the parade, which reminded visitors of the old-fashioned hippodrome. The Taft inaugural parade will have no hippodrome section, but it will contain some very imposing military features that will be an impressive object lesson of the power and dignity of the military and naval arms of the government. The fact that Mr. Taft has been secretary of war—the most popular secretary in a

close forty hours' devotion

The solemn close of forty hours' adoration, commonly known as forty hours' devotion, will close this evening with appropriate services at the St. Marys church. This service began with a mass at six o'clock Sunday morning and the service tonight will begin at 7:30 o'clock sun time. Father Wilkins and Father George of this city will have charge of the ceremony, and will be assisted by a number of priests from out of the city.

## CELINA GOES WET

Election There Yesterday Resulted in Victory for the Saloons

## IT WAS ORDERLY

The Women Paraded Streets—Church Bells Rang Every Hour

Celina, O., Dec. 1.—The local option election held in Mercer county yesterday resulted in a victory for the "wets" by a majority of 234 votes. The largest number of votes in the history of the county was polled, there being seventy more votes polled than at the late presidential election. Eight of the fourteen townships voted "wet." The result means that the thirty-one saloons in business will not be molested, at least for some time. The "wets" polled 3,432 votes and the "drys" polled 3,198 votes. The election was held under the new Rose law and adds one more to the few "wet" victories in Ohio. The election was one of the quietest and most orderly contests ever settled by the ballot. Both the "wets" and "drys" worked with a quiet intensity of purpose that showed how determined each side was to wrest the victory from the other. Groups of men collected on the streets at an early hour, but they were not allowed to collect within the 100-foot line that guaranteed the voter immunity from undue influence at the polls. Men who were never known as rigid temperance men voted dry, and others who seldom or ever drink in some instances, voted wet. The women occasionally paraded the streets. Both sides were careful and guarded. They intended their work should pass by unchallenged. At 5:30 a. m., noon and 5:30 p. m., all church bells rang together, and at every hour between.

## WILL NOT RECOVER

Mrs. William Ault, Victim of Iron Monster, is in Death's Shadow