

IN CIRCUIT COURT

Mont Manley Acquitted in His Trial Before the Court

THREE NEW CASES

A Divorce, Suit on Judgment and Petition to Adopt an Heir

Arguments were heard this morning in the case of the State vs. Mont Manley for giving liquor to a minor. Prosecutor Heller appeared for the State and A. P. Beatty for the defendant. After hearing the argument Judge Merryman found for the defendant and he was discharged.

James W. Baer, a resident of Washington township, has filed a petition in circuit court, stating that he desired to adopt as an heir-at-law, one Cressie Hazel Hey, who is now past sixteen years old. The petition shows that Cressie Hey has no property of any kind, that her mother is dead and the father resides at St. Paul, Minn., and has given his written consent to this petition. It is also asked that her name be changed to Cressie Hazel Baer. The petition was acted upon immediately, the same being granted. Attorney Beatty appeared for the petitioner.

Attorney Sutton filed a new case entitled John F. Colchin vs. Cyrus Hammill, complaint on judgment, demand \$850. The plaintiff says that on January 7, 1899, he secured judgment against defendant for \$485.96 and costs and that it has not been paid. A new judgment is asked.

Real estate transfers: Sarah Ehle et al to Blanche Elzey, lot 833 Decatur, \$1,000; Sophia E. Hudnutt to Etta Beery, pt. of lot 96 Decatur, \$1,850; Jonathan Andrews et al to Fred Scheiman 113 acres in Monroe township, \$11,600; Fred Scheiman to P. M. Gilpen, 33 acres Monroe township, \$3,500.

The only hunter's license issued today was to Postmaster Dyke Frisinger.

Mock & Sons, attorneys from Bluffton, today filed a new divorce case entitled Jennie P. Kirkwood vs. Lewis Kirkwood. The case was mentioned a few days ago. The complaint says that the parties were married February 2, 1907, the defendant agreeing to this course to avoid arrest, that a child was born in September, that the defendant has failed to support his family, has cursed and abused them, and driven them from home. A weekly allowance for the support of the child is asked. The couple were each sixteen years old when married. They separated January 30, last.

ROYAL ARCH ELECTS OFFICERS

P. L. Andrews Chosen as High Priest of the Order.

At the regular meeting of the chapter Masonic lodge, held at their hall last evening, officers for the ensuing year were chosen as follows: P. L. Andrews, high priest; T. R. Moore, king; J. D. Hale, scribe; J. W. Tyndall, principal sojourner; H. B. Heller, captain of the hosts; Charles Helm, royal arch captain; W. P. Schrock, grand master of the third veil; C. L. Walters, grand master of second veil; Charles Dunn, grand master of the first veil; secretary, Roy Archbold; treasurer, Isadore Kalver; guard, Barney Kalver. The officers will be installed early in January, at a meeting to be decided upon later.

EMRICK SEEKS SWEENEY'S JOB

Fort Wayne Dentist Wishes to Be State Fish and Game Commissioner.

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 2.—After numerous conferences with his friends and local Democratic politicians, Dr. A. G. Emrick, a dentist of this city, has announced he will be a candidate for state fish and game commissioner to succeed Zach Sweeney. Although Mr. Sweeney's term will not expire until 1911, there is an impression that Governor-elect Marshall may name his successor early and candidates for this place are already in the field.

LEAVES \$12,000,000 ESTATE

Will of Multi-Millionaire Blodgett Opened at Grand Rapids, Mich.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 2.—The will of Delos A. Blodgett, multi-millionaire lumberman, who died a month ago, was opened today. The bulk of the estate, estimated at between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000 is left in trust to the three young children of Mr. Blodgett by his second marriage. The widow, Mrs. Daisy A. Blodgett, is left \$150,000, an annuity of \$10,000 and the homestead with liberal means of support. John W. Blodgett and Mrs. Susan Blodgett Lowe, children by the first marriage, are left nothing in the will, as at the time of his second marriage Mr. Blodgett divided his estate into three portions, giving his son and daughter a third each and keeping a third.

IS NOT TO BE FOUND

Oscar Shaw, Fish Dealer, Flees to Tall and Uncut—Leaves Creditors

ABANDONED STAND

Where He Sold Fish—Business Men Are Holding the Sack

Oscar Shaw, who for a few months has been in Decatur, until his sudden departure last Friday night, has left several Decatur people holding the sack. Mr. Shaw who was reared in this city, accepted a position as brakeman on the Pennsylvania railroad a few years ago, making his headquarters at Alliance, Ohio. He returned here a few months ago, however, and has worked several different places, ostensibly with the view of remaining here permanently. It is said he purchased clothing and other furnishings at clothing houses in the city and recently engaged in the fish business securing the signature of a business man to secure the wholesale dealers their payment. He has failed, according to reports to pay for his clothing and the business man who secured him was compelled to pay the sum of \$20, Shaw abandoning the fish stand without a word of warning between two sons. The payment of his board bill would also be welcomed by a Decatur restaurant owner. It is said that Shaw has gone back to Alliance, Ohio, and supposedly is working on the railroad again.

HAD VENISON AT WILLSHIRE

Even the Editor of the Herald Was Remembered.

C. M. Foreman was at Berne Thursday, where he went to get his half of a deer sent to him and to Fred Myers by their father-in-law, Joseph Engle, who with a party of five others is at Oden, Mich., on a hunting trip. Up until this one was sent home the party had secured eleven fine deer. The one sent to Mr. Myers and Mr. Foreman was a fine specimen, being a four year old buck and weighed when dressed 110 pounds. Mr. Foreman was very liberal with his portion of the carcass and his many neighbors were treated to a meal of venison. The editor of The Herald got a nice roast, to which we did justice, and for which we are very thankful, as meals of venison are few and far between. —Willshire Herald.

CHEAPER POSTAL RATES.

United States and Germany Have Reached an Agreement.

Washington, December 2.—According to an official announcement at the postoffice department today a new postal agreement between the United States and Germany provides that after January 1, 1909, letters for Germany paid at the rate of 2 cents will be dispatched only by steamers sailing from New York for German ports, steamers of the North German Lloyd and Hamburg-American lines sailing from New York on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Letters for Germany dispatched via Great Britain or France must be paid at the postal union rate of 5 cents for the first ounce and 3 cents for each additional ounce.

OFFICERS ELECTED

A Great Meeting Was Held by Modern Woodmen Lodge Last Night

A BANQUET ROYAL

Was Served—The Officers Were Elected for the Ensuing Year

The most largely attended and most successful meeting ever held in the city by the local camp of Modern Woodmen was occasioned last night when subsequent to the regular routine of business, including the election of officers for the ensuing year, an elaborate banquet was given for the members and their friends. The meeting convened with about seventy-five members present and the election of officers was the principal feature of the session, the following being chosen to fulfill the chairs: Past counsel, S. E. Shamp; counsel, R. Earl Peters; advisor, James O. Hoagland; banker, Eli Meyer; clerk, C. L. Walters; escort, Dorsey Hoagland; watchman, C. P. Foreman; sentry, John Springer; camp physician, Dr. W. E. Smith; board of managers, W. H. Fledderjohann, Clyde M. Rice and W. P. Biggs. At the close of the business session, a luncheon consisting of salad, sandwiches, celery and pickles was served much to the content of all present and a most delightful social session ensued in which clerk, C. L. Walters gave an address and music was rendered by the male quartet. The local camp will take a large class of candidates to Fort Wayne December the twenty-first and after its adoption, Decatur camp 9770 expects to have a membership of about two hundred. The Modern Woodmen lodge is the largest organization of its kind in the world. Starting twenty-six years ago with twenty-two members, it has grown until one million and forty thousand men have identified themselves with the order. The insurance is of the best and is by far the cheapest. These facts are responsible for its remarkable growth. All those contemplating going to Fort Wayne on the evening of December 21 will take notice that a special car will leave Decatur at six o'clock and returning, will leave Fort Wayne at twelve o'clock.

The Democrat readers cannot afford to ignore the announcements of Decatur business men found elsewhere in this issue. Rare bargains are in store for Christmas shoppers. Be sure and buy early and avoid the rush.

BANK STATEMENTS

Our Financial Institutions Are a Credit to the Community

LOTS OF MONEY

They Make Very Creditable Showings in Their Reports

The Old Adams County bank comes forth with their financial statement, under call of the government. The statement shows resources and liabilities of a little under the million mark, and deposits of \$795,128.52. The Old Adams easily maintains its position and is doing a great banking business.

The First National bank publishes their statement, which is one to bring joy to those most interested. Their resources and liabilities are \$592,231.70, with deposits of about \$400,000. The First National now has one of the finest banking houses in the country, and are doing a great business.

The Bank of Monroe has resources and liabilities of \$69,057.80 and deposits of \$41,473.11. They are doing a creditable business and Monroe is much set up over the privilege of having a bank.

TAKES BRIDE AWAY IN WAGON

Kentucky Man Makes Overland Trip for Tipton County Ceremony.

Tipton, Ind., Dec. 2.—One of the most unique wedding trips known to the people of this county is that begun today by John B. Low, 54, of Sparta, Ky., and his bride, Mrs. Elizabeth Cook, 52, who resided west of this city. They propose to drive the 170 or more miles in a wagon, the bridegroom having come by that means of travel to meet his wife. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist parsonage at Goldsmith, and the people of that place, procuring a wheelbarrow, took the elderly couple a ride about the village, ending at the grocery, where the bridegroom did the usual courteous thing of buying apples and cigars.

GOODS ARE STOLEN

Shipment of Holiday Goods Enroute from Baltimore Molested

STEELE AND WEAVER

Ordered the Goods—They Made Affidavit as to Loss this Morning

George Steele, junior member of the firm Steele and Weaver, prepared and filed an affidavit this morning to the effect that a quantity of goods enroute from Baltimore was stolen while on the way and the B. & O. railroad company will, in all probability be compelled to make up the loss. Along with a large shipment of other articles Steele and Weaver ordered stockings and eye glasses from the Baltimore bargain house. They were sent several days ago, but when received in Decatur the boxes were found open and much of the goods was missing. The wholesale house was at once notified of the theft and tracing the course of the goods they ascertained that the car was broken into before it reached Avilla on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Mr. Steele was compelled to file an affidavit to the effect that the goods were stolen before he could petition for compensation for same. This he did as above stated and the railroad company will stand the loss.

CAUSED NO SURPRISE.

Washington Expected New Government to Be Proclaimed in Haiti.

Washington, December 2.—The news of the establishment of a provisional government in Haiti created little or no surprise at the state department. The policy of the United States, covering a long term of years, has been to proceed very slowly in the recognition of provisional governments, as it has always been deemed wise to wait until it could be seen that such governments have the support of the people and are able to perform all necessary governmental functions during a sufficient period to give confidence to its stability. Acting on this precedent it is not likely that the United States will be in a hurry to recognize the government of General Legitime. American Minister Furniss cabled the state department today that unofficial information has reached him that Nord Alexis would leave the city today on a French war vessel. The French minister has put a war vessel of his country at the disposal of Nord Alexis. The minister says that Port au Prince is "practically in charge of the revolutionists without bloodshed."

FT. WAYNE CANAL THE OBJECT

Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 2.—Meetings have been arranged at Toledo, O., Dec. 7, and Defiance, O., Dec. 28, in furtherance of the Toledo-Fort Wayne and Chicago ship canal. These meetings will be addressed by Perry A. Randall and Frank B. Taylor of this city. The Toledo meeting will be held under the auspices of one of the largest organizations of business men in the country and a number of men who are authorities on waterways will participate in the discussions. The gathering at Defiance will be attended by Cincinnati waterway promoters who are alive to the importance of the Fort Wayne canal.

AN AIR OF SECRECY

Surrounds the Sessions of the Ways and Means Committee

MEETS MONDAY

Congress Will Not Likely Do Much at It's Short Session

Washington, Dec. 3.—An air of impenetrable secrecy surrounds the ways and means committee rooms these days, while the new tariff bill is in process of incubation. It is that sort of secrecy which seems to indicate the controlling spirits on the great committee are dying hard, using that term in the figurative sense. The air of profound mystery is accentuated by the fact that newspaper men are not permitted to see the communications on the subject of tariff revision which presumably are coming to the committee from all parts of the country. The correspondents have free and unobstructed entry to other committee rooms at the capitol, as well as access to the files which show what the people are asking in the way of legislation. Not so with the ways and means committee. Entrance to the working offices of that committee, where the correspondence is kept, is cut off by locks and bolts. A polite colored man who stands outside must be seen. He takes the name of the correspondent to the clerk inside and it usually happens the clerk, or his assistant, as the case may be, is so utterly overwhelmed with business he cannot see the newspaper man.

Washington, December 3.—When congress meets next Monday it will proceed to business as though it had taken only a day's recess when it brought the long session to an end on the 30th of last May. Every bill that was introduced at the last session and was not finally disposed of is still alive. If the legislators were so disposed they could enact a good deal of legislation, but all the talk of the members as they come in is that it will be a do-nothing session. The disposition naturally is to look to Taft rather than to Roosevelt. Everybody understands that Mr. Roosevelt will sum up what he calls the unfinished business of his administration in his message, and will ask congress to dispose of a good deal of it the coming session. If he were not soon to leave the white house possibly some of his recommendations might be acted on, but unless the talk of members is misleading small heed will be paid to his message.

LEG AMPUTATED

Mrs. William Ault Underwent Severe Operation Yesterday

NEAR TO DEATH

But it is Hoped the Amputation May Save Her Life

James Ault has returned from Fort Wayne, where he was called on account of the very serious illness of Mrs. William Ault, who was so badly hurt about three weeks ago, when she, with her husband and a Mrs. Doud, were struck by an engine and thrown from the Pennsylvania bridge. Mr. Ault dying on his way to the hospital. Mrs. Doud is recovering, and Mrs. Ault who has been a patient at the St. Joseph hospital since the accident was apparently on the way to recovery until a few days ago when she began to decline. It was necessary yesterday to amputate one of her legs in the hopes that she may live. The operation was a very successful one, from which she revived nicely and the many friends are hopeful that she may entirely recover. Mr. Ault says that he left his sister-in-law feeling hopeful and good news concerning her condition is expected within a day or two.

FOUND SISTER VERY SICK

Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn Return from Trip to Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackburn came home yesterday afternoon from Cherryville, Kansas, where they were called about two weeks ago, on account of the serious sickness of Mr. Blackburn's sister, Mrs. Ada Abbott, of that city. Mr. Blackburn was summoned first and arriving at Cherryville found his sister very ill, suffering from a general breakdown, and he immediately telegraphed his wife who left for that place immediately. Together they nursed Mrs. Abbott back to a condition that she was able to travel and accompanied her to Fort Wayne, where she was placed in the Lutheran hospital, and where it is hoped that careful nursing may restore her to health, though her condition is still quite serious.

WARNING BY HURTY

Pneumonia Days Are Here Says Secretary of Board of Health

LOT OF VENTILATION

A Little Advice About Keeping Homes Free from Pneumonia

Indianapolis, Dec. 3.—"The pneumonia days have come," said Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health, yesterday. Dr. Hurty declares the statement a true one because cold weather has come, which means that the people will house themselves more closely than before, and get their bodies in condition for the disease. To warn the people of the state against the danger, he is preparing some information in pamphlet form for general circulation, the advance sheets of which were in his hands. "Last night," he said, "I rode down in Illinois street in a crowded car. Not a single ventilator was open, and the air was foul and sickening. I rode on the platform to escape breathing air which had probably been used four or five times. I spoke to a doctor friend of mine on the platform. After getting a whiff of the air said: 'It's more work for the undertaker. I guess I could use a few cases of pneumonia.'" Dr. Hurty's warning states that in December, the pneumonia month, not less than 230 persons, now well and strong, will lie dead of pneumonia in the state of Indiana. This has been the rate in previous December. He says, "Be temperate in drink and food, sleep not less than eight hours in an extra well ventilated bedroom, and don't ride inside steam or trolley cars when the air is foul. To breathe foul air is a good way to lower the body's disease resisting powers." He gives the following sarcastic advice: "To bring the disease whenever you want it, drink freely of stimulants, take a few cocktails or highballs, many cups of coffee and many cups of tea every day; eat quantities of meat and salad, dig into society hard and exhaust your strength; practice all kinds of intemperance, be sure to keep out of the fresh air; don't ventilate your bedrooms, library and office, and ride in the close, thrice-breathed air of the trolley cars. If doing all these things doesn't bring you pneumonia, then you are indeed extra strong. So many business men have pneumonia. They attend a convention, enjoy a big 'feed' spend much time in the hotel buffet with tobacco smoke and bad air, and then go home in a sleeping car berth with curtains tightly drawn. Pneumonia has been termed 'the Captain of the Men of Death.' It is increasing in the cities at a rapid rate, and slowly increasing in the country. A very large proportion of pneumonia cases which recover afterward die of consumption."

BANK OFFENDER MAY ESCAPE.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 2.—Roy Van Housen, formerly a bookkeeper of the wrecked Peoples National Bank of Franklinville was today sentenced by Judge Hazel, in the United States district court, to five years in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., but execution of the sentence was suspended indefinitely. It was stated by United States Attorney Bass that Van Housen was not the real offender, but made the false entry to shield the cashier, Scott, who is now an inmate of an insane asylum.

CARRY OUT PLEDGE

Governor-Elect Marshall to Stand by Ante-Election Pledges

HE IS FIRM

The Metropolitan Police Law May Be Changed

Indianapolis, Dec. 3.—Thomas R. Marshall, governor-elect, who came to Indianapolis yesterday to attend the Scottish Rite convocation, is taking advantage of the opportunity to make a study of state institutions before he assumes his office as the chief executive of the state. Mr. Marshall came to Indianapolis from Chicago, where he went last Sunday. When he was at Chicago he took a run over to Michigan City and looked in on the Indiana state prison. He has no set program in his inspection of the state institutions, but will call at the different places whenever the opportunity presents itself. He will not announce when he will visit any particular institution. The purpose of the visits is to make a personal examination of the different institutions and satisfy himself as to their adequacy and their needs. "From time to time," said Mr. Marshall yesterday in discussing the state institutions, "I shall appoint able and capable men on the boards of trustees, and shall hold these men responsible for the conduct of the institutions over which they have supervision. I must say that the Indiana state prison is an excellent and well equipped institution. I was greatly pleased with it." The governor-elect repeated with emphasis the statement that he would stand by all of his ante-election pledges. It was foolish, he declared, for any one to conclude that his statements made before the election were made merely for the purpose of gaining office. "I shall put into force," he said, "all of the principles which I enunciated before the election and they will remain in force until it is proved that they are not best for the people. If it shall be demonstrated that some certain plan is not adequate or proper I will give it up and adopt some other plan which it appears will give better satisfaction. The man who pretends to know it all is a fool." Since Mr. Marshall announced that in case the metropolitan police law were not repealed he would appoint as police commissioners men recommended by the mayors and city councils of the different cities, there has been considerable discussion of this plan among some of the Democrats. It has been suggested from some sources that Republican mayors and city councils might suggest for appointment men who would not be satisfactory to the local Democracy. Governor-elect Marshall said yesterday that he would not be turned from his determination to give local self-government. He believes it best and in case the metropolitan police law is not repealed he will adhere to the plan given. The law provides that not more than two of the members of a metropolitan police board shall be of the same political faith, and it has been customary for the Republican governor to appoint two Republicans and one Democrat. Mr. Marshall's appointments will be in keeping with the theory that there shall be two Democrats and one Republican on each board, but the appointment of Republicans and Democrats alike will be made on the recommendation of the mayors and city councils in the cities concerned.

CHARGES FRAUD IN CONTEST

Defeated Nominee for Harrison County Auditor Faces Counter Charges.

Corydon, Ind., Dec. 2.—An election contest in an trial before the county commissioners. Jacob L. O'Bannon, Democrat, who was defeated for county auditor by William Taylor, Republican, charges Taylor's plurality of sixteen votes was obtained by a fraudulent canvass of the vote in the north precinct of Washington township. Taylor in his answer charges bribery. The election board in the north precinct was composed of substantial farmers of both parties and they emphatically deny O'Bannon's charges.