

IN CIRCUIT COURT

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Walters Adopt a Three Months' Old Babe

CASES CONTINUED

Cordula Weiland Placed in Henry Grote Home—The Fritzinger Case

Another short session of court was that of this morning and it begins to look as though there will be but little business of importance transacted this term.

H. L. Conter vs. Fort Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co., damages \$250, set for trial for next Friday has been continued and will not be tried this term.

Judge Merryman will go to Portland next Monday to serve as special judge in a will case which will probably continue all week.

Jerome B. Carter vs. Charles Mathewson, damages \$75, cause continued by agreement.

Hunters' licenses have been issued to Ray Buckmaster and Harvey Elzey.

A petition was filed by Chris Marbach, guardian of Cordula Weiland, for order of court to place the ward in a private home where she can be taught household duties. Ordered by court that she be placed in the home of Henry Grote, who receive one dollar per week for her expense.

Real estate transfer: Nancy A. McGill to Mattie Hocker et al, 20 acres in Union township \$1,500.

Judge O'Rourke heard arguments on a demurrer to the defendants' answer in the case of Julius Haugk et al vs. E. Fritzinger et al Saturday afternoon. The suit is one wherein the plaintiff's demand \$1,000 on a street assessment, and was filed a year ago. At that time Mr. Fritzinger was assessed \$1,600. He filed objections in the circuit court and appraisers were appointed who fixed his assessment at \$962.60, which he paid but which the plaintiffs, who were the contractors on the street, refused to accept and this suit followed. The defendants filed an answer in six paragraphs, and to this the plaintiffs filed a demurrer which was argued Saturday and was overruled by the court.

Late Saturday evening a petition was filed by Emery and Laura Walters, asking the adoption of a minor child, Donald Z. Sheets, who was born September 3, last. The child's mother is dead, the father lives at Wren, Ohio, and the child has no property and the averments of the petition, which was granted by the court and the child's name changed to Donald Z. Sheets Walters.

LIBEL SUITS MAY DEVELOP

As a Result of Roosevelt's Denunciation of Indianapolis News.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Sensational developments may follow President Roosevelt's denunciation of Delevan Smith, editor of the Indianapolis News for his editorial on the alleged scandal concerning the Panama canal deal. It is reported here that a number of libel suits will be brought.

TAFTS LEAVE HOT SPRINGS

Entire Party Takes Departure, Mr. Taft Going to New York.

Hot Springs, Va., Dec. 6.—The president-elect and Mrs. Taft, Secretary Carpenter and the entire office force took their final departure from Hot Springs tonight. Judge Taft is proceeding direct to New York, where tomorrow night he will be the guest of honor and principal orator at the dinner of the North Carolina society at the Hotel Astor.

DR. WILCOX A BUSY MAN.

Dr. C. B. Wilcox is One of the Busiest Men in Decatur

Not only does he deliver many popular lectures and have the pastoral care of the Methodist Episcopal church of our city, which is one of the largest churches in the North Indiana conference but he is also the owner and publisher of one of the largest and best weekly newspapers in the state of Michigan, "The St. Louis Independent," which has a circulation of 2,000 copies each issue and circulates in the heart of the sugar beet industry of Michigan, an industry where two factories pay out six hundred thousand dollars a year to the farmers for sugar beets from which these two factories make two million pounds of granulated sugar a week.

HE IS LOSING OUT

Senator Aldrich is Losing His Hold on the Senate

PEOPLE AFTER HIM

They Do Not Like His Work for the Corporate Interests

Washington, Dec. 7.—The session of congress which opened today is likely to usher in an era of progressiveness in legislation such as the country has not known for a generation or longer. The reactionaries of congress have been dethroned and the progressives are about to step into the saddle. Unless all signs fall the legislation of the session about to begin will be molded by the progressives and not by the reactionaries. A remarkable change has come over the temper of congress. In the senate Aldrich of Rhode Island, for many years a cold and unyielding master of legislation, has exerted a powerful influence in shaping the legislation of that body in conformity with the policy of the special interests. Except now and then when a leader like Senator Beveridge has upset the reactionary program, such as was witnessed in the passage of the meat inspection law, the senate has stolidly remained unresponsive to the public will. At last Senator Aldrich is losing his grip. He was deprived of several of his devoted henchmen in the senatorial primaries this year, where the people got a whack at them, and he lost others at the November election. South Dakota retired Kittredge, North Dakota gave Hansbrough a commission as a high private in the rear ranks. Kansas sent Senator Long to the political scrap heap solely because the Kansans believed his relations with the Rhode Island boss were too intimate. Fulton of Oregon, generally classed as one of Mr. Aldrich's reactionaries, was retired. And so were others. When the senate convenes today Aldrich will find himself facing a hard proposition. His hold on legislation is slipping away. His henchmen who have been defeated will continue in office until March 4, but a setting sun has no influence in congress. A still greater menace to Aldrich's domination is the growing spirit of revolution and revolt that is noticeable in the senate.

THE ROSE LAW IN OHIO

Fifty-Five Counties Out of Eighty-Eight Are Now Dry.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 7.—Fifty-five of Ohio's eighty-eight counties have voted "dry" and seven "wet." This is the result of six months' work on the part of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League since the Rose county option law went into effect. Of the fifty-five counties in which the saloons have been voted out, five went dry under an old law. As little progress was made by the anti-saloon followers under that law, it was displaced by the new law, which has been successful. Voting will be held in practically all the remaining twenty-six counties within the next few months. The counties remain dry or wet, according to the vote, for two years. In point of population, the state is nearly half dry now. In point of area it is two-thirds dry. Most of the dry counties do not contain large cities. About 1,730 saloons have been voted out, which is estimated to be one-third the number in the state before the county option voting began.

AWAY FROM HOME

Two Important Adams County Law Suits on Docket

IN JAY COUNTY

The Amish Damage Suit and the James R. Sullivan Case

The dockets have been completed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, and all is now in readiness for the opening of the December term of that body, which will convene on Monday morning. The criminal docket for the term contains but eight cases. The most important of these is the charge of voluntary manslaughter against Perry Shatto, of Dunkirk, for the shooting of George Somers, a few weeks ago. This will be referred to the grand jury, which will report during the first day of the term and be instructed by Judge LaGollette. On the civil docket there are 169 cases, the most of them productive of more litigation. This is considered an unusually heavy docket for the Jay circuit court. Fourteen of the cases are applications for divorce. In one or two of these latter cases the decree has been granted and the case is now on the docket pending action on some subsequent motion. Perhaps the largest live case is that of George Paille, the Berne Amishman who is seeking damages in the sum of \$5,000 from Joseph Swartz and other elders of the Amish church for the alleged alienation of his wife's affection. Paille insured his property, contrary to the teachings of the Amish church and when he suffered from fire and accepted the money of the insurance company in settlement it is charged the churchmen influenced his wife, and family to desert him. Another case of some importance is that of James R. Sullivan against the G. R. & I. Railroad company. He charges that fire started by the railroad people was responsible for the destruction of his property in Geneva, and asks damages in the sum of \$1,650.—Portland Commercial-Review.

IT'S CHAMP CLARK

Elected as Minority Leader by the Democrats in Congress

IT WAS UNANIMOUS

He Made a Speech of Acceptance and Good Cheer

Washington, Dec. 7.—Representative Champ Clark, of Missouri, was chosen minority leader of the house of representatives Saturday night at a caucus of the Democrats. Mr. Clark's election was unanimous. His name was suggested to the caucus by the retiring minority leader, Senator-elect John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi. Resolutions were adopted thanking Mr. Williams for his services to the party on the floor of the house. In accepting the leadership Mr. Clark said: "I am profoundly grateful for the great honor just conferred on me—an honor doubly prized because of the unanimity with which it comes. I hope to discharge the numerous and difficult duties of the position so as to not cause you to regret the action of this hour, but I cannot do it, no man can, without the cordial co-operation and constant assistance of his fellows. I now invoke in the interest of the country and a general historic party. These interests are largely committed to our hands. To promote them by securing unity of action requires some self-abnegation, some yielding of opinion, some sacrifice of ease on the part of every democratic member. By conference, by pulling together, by regular and punctual attendance on the sessions of the committees and of the house, by sinking personal jealousies by mutual con-

cessions, we can accomplish much for the welfare of the country and the strengthening of the party of which we are members, for, let it never be forgotten that he serves his party best who serves his country well. I shall confer with you as frequently as possible and invite suggestions on the principle that in a multitude of counsel there is wisdom. Each member should make himself thoroughly familiar with the business pertaining to his committee, and should be in the house to look after it. I have no policy other than to carry out your wishes. Truth to tell, being elected to fill out the unexpired term of my brilliant and long-time friend, Hon. John Sharp Williams, who voluntarily relinquishes the burdens and honors of the position, I feel that it is really his term and his arrangements will be carried out so far as possible. On political questions he and I have agreed as nearly as two men who think for themselves can agree. The chief thought in my mind on this occasion and always is that in unity there is strength and that we must stand together if we would increase the influence of the democratic party as a factor in public affairs. I feel that I now enjoy the friendship of every member here tonight and of every member who has a right to be here tonight. The fondest wish that I could entertain for myself is that on the fourth of March I will have as many friends as I have on the fifth of December."

SPOKE TO THE ELKS

Governor-Elect Marshall Spoke to the Elks of Anderson

EULOGIES OF DEAD

An Informal Reception Given Mr. and Mrs. Marshall

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 7.—Governor-elect Marshall was the orator at the memorial services of the Elks' lodge at the Grand opera house yesterday afternoon. The ceremonies were presided over by Exalted Ruler Fred Van Nuys. The address to the members of the lodge was delivered by George M. Ballard. Mr. Marshall spoke in part as follows: "In human life we sometimes go afield to look at those who stand in place of show or pomp or have power in life. They fill the measure of their purpose and plan, yet, after all, it is the lowlands of humanity in the great level of our common brotherhood, where grows the grains of love and loyalty, of faith and duty which strengthen all of us. Great statesmen without great people behind them never built vast empires. It is the business of every age to be as much interested in the growth progress and development of the common man, the average citizen of the community, as to be carried away by the glamor of those who think they lead. This is an age of fraternal organization. There is much of evil in the world, much dishonesty in public affairs, much vice and wrong in private life, and yet I hardly think among the average men of America of today there could be found a man so bad, who, had he lived fifteen centuries ago, would not have been deemed worthy of canonization by the church. The mission of fraternity is to give all men the right point of view touching his fellowmen—to put man in his brother's place." An informal reception was tendered Mr. and Mrs. Marshall at the parlors of the Elks' Home after the ceremonies. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall attended services at the First Presbyterian church in the morning, and have been entertained during their stay here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Netterville.

AGAINST HER OWN BROTHER

Kokomo Woman Will Help State Convict Him of Murder.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Mary Halberstadt, wife of Charles Halberstadt, who was killed last night by his brother-in-law, Rutherford Hayes Hunt, will stand by the state, she declares, in the prosecution of her brother, on a charge of murder. To Coroner Harrison she said her brother shot her husband without any cause. Her declaration to Prosecutor Cooper is to the same effect.

SANTA CLAUS CLUB

The Good People of Decatur Should Organize One Now

CAN BRING JOY

To Many Families Whose Christmas Will Otherwise Be Desolate

In many towns over this and other states Santa Claus clubs are being organized. Members pay what sum they feel able to, whether it be one cent or ten dollars and the intentions of the clubs is to bring Christmas cheer to countless children of the poor. If at any time of the year our people feel more than usual inclined toward acts of charity, it is at Christmas tide and if some one will start a Santa Claus club in Decatur it will grow with surprising rapidity. The columns of the Daily Democrat are open to any one who cares to use them in any way for this purpose. Why not raise a fund of say \$200, buy a wagon load of toys and wearing apparel and good things to eat, employ a real Santa Claus and two or three assistants and make the rounds on Christmas eve, thus gladdening the hearts of many of the worthy ones, who will otherwise be sad, while we are enjoying our many joys of Christmas. While Decatur has not a great many poor people, you will be surprised if an investigation is made how many families will have no Christmas celebration unless in this manner. Last year the Elks gave away 125 boxes of chicken dinners and other societies helped, giving some idea of the possibility of a Santa Claus club doing good.

Hon. Thurman Gottschalk and several others from this county will go to Indianapolis next Monday to attend a preliminary session of the Democratic members of the house of representatives when plans for the coming meeting of the law makers will be thoroughly discussed.

LOST WIFE'S LOVE

Bill Hill Was on a Fatal Spree at Pleasant Mills Saturday

WIFE FILE AFFIDAVIT

Charging Public Intoxication—Was Fined Neat Sum of \$5 and Costs

The latest spree of William Hill of Pleasant Mills, occurring last Saturday, has not only caused his confinement in the county jail, but from what could be gleaned from the remarks made by his wife in court this morning he will be bereft of a wife's devotion from now henceforth. As related by Mrs. Hill, Bill's crusade of Saturday was a bit of nerve racking work. According to her statements his physique surrounded a large amount of whisky and he went home Saturday when he gave vent to his feelings in a manner that was not in keeping with the views of his better half. As a consequence she ordered him from the house. Not to be so easily outdone, he proceeded to a hardware store, where he secured a number of keys, finding among them one which would unlock the door. Effecting entrance to the house, he started a disturbance in which, says Mrs. Hill, he threatened to kill her. The woman filed an affidavit before Squire Smith charging public intoxication and "Bill" was arrested Saturday night. He was given a hearing this morning and at first entered a plea of not guilty. His wife had come to town and was here to see that he was taken care of, and after a conference between the two, the defendant plead guilty, drawing a fine of \$5 and costs. In default of which he was taken to jail. The prosecuting witness declared she would place Hill under a peace bond, but as yet no action in this matter has been made.

RAID BY BLUFFTON POLICE

Three Persons Arrested Suspected of Conducting an Illegitimate Place.

Bluffton, Ind., Dec. 6.—The police made a raid last night at a residence on west Cherry street, which was rented several weeks ago by one James Stewart, at which time he told his landlord that he was a married man. Neighbors made frequent complaint that Stewart was conducting a bawdy house and plans were laid to raid the place. The officers had expected to catch several birds, but found only Stewart, Mrs. Charles Smith, a divorced woman who is said to have been living with him, and a man by the name of Ren McBride, divorced some time ago. All three were taken to jail and are still confined there tonight awaiting a hearing Monday morning in Mayor Hamilton's court.

IN SACRED MEMORY

Of Their Departed Brethren the B. P. O. E. Held Memorial Services

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Program Was More Than Interesting—A Large Audience Present

In sacred remembrance of their departed brethren, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of this city conducted most impressive memorial services at the Bosse opera house yesterday afternoon, where a large audience joined in paying a fitting tribute, not only to the deceased, but to the great charitable organization as well. Decorated in purple and white, the stage assumed an appearance consistent with the solemn occasion, and the services were introduced by a piano selection by True R. Frisbee. The members of the lodge assembled at their hall at 1:30 o'clock and in a body marched to the opera house. The exalted ruler auspiciously opened the services after which a male quartet composed of Jesse O. Sellemeyer, Dr. E. G. Coverdale, D. W. Beery and H. B. France rendered a very pleasing selection. Ritualistic work of the officers followed, after which the opening ode was sung. The invocation was pronounced after which Mrs. J. O. Sellemeyer rendered a beautiful vocal selection. Judge J. T. Merryman then in a talk replete with logic paid a tribute to the occasion, emphasizing many interesting thoughts to the audience. Hon. A. P. Beatty followed with a discourse upon the subject, "Our Associates." Beginning by relating facts relative to associations which were formed in ancient times, the able attorney vividly portrayed the effects associations have upon individuals. His talk was well received and in closing he eulogized the order of Elks. The male quartet favored the audience by the rendition of another song after which Judge R. K. Erwin delivered one of the most masterly lectures on "Immortality" ever heard in the city. The judge, always eloquent, presented a theme to his audience which was enthusiastically received by all, and the thoughts he presented have found lodgment in the minds of his every auditor. L. E. Steele followed with a bass solo which was very pleasing. Rev. Richard Spetnagle pronounced the benediction.

GOES THOUSANDS OF MILES

Has Traveled Distance Equal to Girdling of Earth 31 Times.

Bellefontaine, O., Dec. 6.—Charles Marshall, baggage master and express messenger on the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railway has in the fourteen years he has been in the service traveled a distance equal to girdling the earth thirty-one times. During that time he has never been in a wreck in which any one was killed or seriously hurt.

HOLDS ROSE LAW IS GOOD.

Findley, Ohio, Dec. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—In a test case, Judge Duncan of this city, today upheld the constitutionality of the local option law known as the Rose law and under which so many saloons have been put out of business in this state.

SEVEN ROADS SOLD

Bidders Were Thick at Commissioners' Court Today

LIVELY SESSION

Wheat & Sisk of Jay County Bagged Six Contracts

It was an old-fashioned macadam road bee at commissioners' court, seven roads being sold. The bids are as follows:

E. H. Faust Road.	
Jacob Omor	\$5,760.00
Cal Miller	5,569.00
Wheat & Sisk	4,100.00
M. Miller	4,903.00
Hoffman & Son	5,800.00
E. Dalley	5,162.65
L. O. Bears	4,695.00
Eli Engle	4,700.00
Merryman & Fugate	5,561.00
E. Woods	4,790.00
Julius Haugk	5,100.00
E. H. Faust	4,814.60
Wm. Reppert	5,395.09
Wm. Tlemann Road.	
Cal Miller	\$3,344.00
E. Woods	3,437.00
Wheat & Sisk	2,960.00
L. H. Boknecht	3,184.00
Fred Hoffman & Sons	3,500.00
L. O. Bears	3,293.00
Eli Engle	3,200.00
Merryman & Fugate	3,175.00
J. A. Cline & Walters	3,460.00
Erle Stone Co.	3,550.00
E. H. Faust	3,391.00
Wm. Reppert	3,500.00
Decatur & Monroe No. 10.	
Cal Miller	\$16,444.00
M. Miller	16,749.00
Julius Haugk	15,260.00
Wm. Reppert	16,995.00
Gallmeyer Road.	
Wheat & Sisk	\$2,645.00
L. O. Bears	3,246.00
Hoffman & Son	3,398.00
Sam Yost	2,850.00
Eli Engle	2,950.00
Erle Stone Co.	3,300.00
E. H. Faust	3,184.00
Wm. Reppert	3,145.00
W. A. Bowman Road.	
Cal Miller	\$3,844.00
M. Miller	4,848.00
Wheat & Sisk	3,540.00
Merryman & Fugate	3,852.00
Hoffman & Son	4,200.00
Sam Yost	3,545.00
Eli Engle	3,995.00
Bears & Co.	4,148.00
Julius Haugk	3,917.00
Erle Stone Co.	4,200.00
E. H. Faust	3,932.00
Wm. Reppert	4,145.00
Henry Wafel Road.	
Wheat & Sisk	\$3,850.00
L. O. Bears	4,709.00
Hoffman & Son	4,998.00
Sam Yost	4,110.00
Eli Engle	4,456.00
Erle Stone Co.	4,600.00
E. H. Faust	4,368.00
Wm. Reppert	4,445.00
Kirkland-Preble Road.	
Wheat & Sisk	\$2,200.00
Jacob Omor	2,780.00
Michael Miller	2,800.00
Hoffman & Son	2,875.00
Sam Yost	2,550.00
Eli Engle	2,600.00
Erle Stone Co.	2,800.00
E. H. Faust	2,607.80
Wm. Reppert	2,795.00

The auditor was ordered to advertise for stationery supplies, bids to be received for the same on December 28.

The Adams County Board of Finance ordered the proper notice given for bids under the public depository law. Under the law the date is January 4, 1909.

Liquor Licenses were granted to C. D. Murray of this city, and John Hey of Williams.

Bids were opened for the repair of the Wabash river bridge, which includes the roofing of the bridge. Two bids were filed, Callahan & Dickerson \$96, A. J. Miller \$105. The former bid was accepted.

ANOTHER MO. BANK CLOSED

Springfield, Mo., Dec. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Capitol Exchange bank of this city was closed today. It was capitalized at \$100,000. No statement of the condition has been made to the public.