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## HE WAS HERE YEARS

"Tommy" McNulty, Quar-  
tered at Infirmary, is  
About to Die

## AN HONEST MAN

Came Here About Forty-  
Five Years Ago—Leg to  
Be Amputated

Tommy McNulty, the good whole-  
souled Irishman who during the course  
of forty-five long years, has been a  
familiar character about Decatur, is  
rapidly nearing death's door, and ev-  
ery indication evidences his early de-  
mise. A hard working man all his  
life, the aged man is knocking at the  
door of death's chamber, while quar-  
tered at the county infirmary and  
with a consciousness that the remun-  
eration for his life's work has drifted  
from his hands and now that he  
is unable to toil he is forced upon the  
mercies of the county. More than  
forty-five years ago Mr. McNulty went  
to Fort Wayne, where he was em-  
ployed to assist in the building of  
the canal, which, at that time, was  
under construction. By chance he  
came to Decatur, where he engaged  
in working as an assistant to masons,  
which, avocation he followed since.  
For forty years he was a boarder with  
Mrs. Mites at the Indiana House,  
leaving there two years ago. His  
health has declined rapidly during the  
past two years until some time ago  
he was taken to the county infirmary.  
The formation of an abscess on his  
knee has been the cause of much  
pain, and it has been pronounced  
necessary to amputate the member.  
His early death is expected by all  
who know of his condition. The only  
living relative of the aged man is  
Mrs. Frank Hodges, of Fort Wayne,  
who is a niece and who has invited  
Mr. McNulty to make his home with  
her. The Hodges are well to do peo-  
ple, but "Tommy" preferred not to  
inconvenience them, he said, and de-  
clined the generous offer.

## FIFTEEN YEARS AT HARD LABOR

Given Ned Darnell, Self Confessed  
Rapist.

Ned Darnell, the self-confessed  
rapist, and wretch that he is, appeared  
before Judge Matthias yesterday  
to receive the sentence of the court,  
to his plea of guilty to "assault with  
intent to commit a rape." The judge  
evidently felt in this case in the  
same way as the general public.  
Had it been in the power of the  
court, it is probable that the brute  
would have gotten a life sentence.  
As it was the law only permitted a  
sentence of fifteen years, and the  
court didn't show any hesitancy in  
giving the prisoner the full extent.  
Fifteen years at hard labor in the  
penitentiary seems like a heavy pen-  
alty, but when it is considered that  
the victim of the inhuman wretch  
was but eleven years old, no citizen  
however considerate, would hesitate  
to sanction anything that would for-  
ever bar him from society. It may  
be that the sentence will be the  
same as a life sentence, but think of  
the time when he may again be turned  
out of the grimy walls and away  
from the watchful eyes of the  
guards. It might be that he would  
be a good citizen—it is to be hoped  
that he could, but it is extremely  
doubtful as to whether this man will  
ever be worth anything to society  
again.—Van Wert Times.

## WHO IS A GOOD CITIZEN?

The good citizen is necessarily a  
man who pays his debts, contributes  
generously to the moral uplifting of  
the town, lives a clean life and sets  
an example to his followers. A good  
citizen is one who does not regard  
himself the hub around which every  
act is not dictated by pure self in-  
terest. A good citizen ought also to  
be anxious to advance the material  
welfare of his neighbors; he ought  
to take pleasure and pride in helping  
to build up the community in which  
he lives, otherwise he is unworthy  
of the confidence of the moral busi-  
ness of political support of such a  
community. A man is entitled to the  
esteem of his fellows only in the por-  
tion he has enriched them morally  
and mentally. That is the only prop-  
er criterion by which to judge of the  
value of men.

## IS AN AGENT FOR THE STATE

But Supervisor Cannot Bind Town-  
ship for Materials.

Concerning the rights of a road su-  
pervisor the appellate court gave an  
opinion yesterday in deciding a case  
as follows: 6507. Posey Township vs.  
Seymour. Franklin C. C. Reversed.  
Rabb, J. (1) A road supervisor who  
takes materials from adjacent lands  
to repair a highway does not act as  
agent for his township and cannot  
bind it by an agreement with the  
owners as to the value of the materi-  
als taken. (2) He acts as an agent  
of the state, exercising its right of  
eminent domain, and the owners' sole  
remedy is an assessment of the dam-  
ages by the supervisor and two disin-  
terested parties, under section 6830,  
Burns 1901 (7775, Burns 1908)  
and recovering them from the township.  
But the lack of a formal demand be-  
fore the supervisor took the materials  
is no defense on behalf of the town-  
ship.

## IN CIRCUIT COURT

Motion for New Trial in the  
Ford Damage Case  
Overruled

## AN APPEAL TAKEN

To Appellate Court—Real  
Estate Transfers—The  
Other Items

The motion for a new trial in the  
\$4,000 damage case, Daniel B. Ford  
vs. Smith Shoemaker and William  
Anderson, in which a verdict was re-  
turned for the defendants, was argued  
this morning. Judge Merryman over-  
ruling the motion. An appeal was  
prayed by the plaintiff to the appel-  
late court, ninety days was granted  
to file bill of exceptions and the bond  
for appeal fixed at \$600, to be filed  
within 60 days.

A hunter's license has been grant-  
ed to Sherman Watson of Geneva, ru-  
ral route number one.

Real estate transfers: Charles E.  
Sutcliffe et al to C. L. Walter pt. Inlet  
Sutcliffe et al to C. L. Walter to  
380, Decatur, \$2,000; L. E. Baxter to  
L. C. Lenhart, a tract in Root town-  
ship, quit claim deed; Henry Krick  
et al to Krick, Tyndall & Co., 63 acres  
in Washington township, \$18,445.75;

In the petition case of Henry and  
Sarah Tindall vs. Jacob Fogle, par-  
tition, the court overruled the demur-  
rer to complaint.

Catherine M. Christen vs. A. T.  
Lynch et al. partition, submitted,  
finding for plaintiff and that mortgage  
has been paid and clerk ordered to  
satisfy same of record. Judgment  
against plaintiff for costs.

## DOES NOT AFFECT THIS DIOCESE

Recent Collapse of Funding Company  
Discussed.

Last evening's Fort Sentinel said:  
Rev. Father W. C. Miller, secretary  
to Rt. Rev. Bishop Alender, of the  
diocese of Fort Wayne, said today  
that so far as he is aware none of  
the Catholic churches or other insti-  
tutions in the diocese of Fort Wayne  
are in any way affected by the recent  
collapse of the Fidelity Funding com-  
pany, of New York. "I do not be-  
lieve the company operated in Indi-  
ana at all," said Rev. Father Miller,  
"though it appears to have been ac-  
tive in some of the surrounding  
states." Much local interest was man-  
ifested in eastern dispatches which  
declared that the affairs of the com-  
pany, organized in 1889 to finance the  
building operations of Roman Catho-  
lic churches and allied institutions,  
are in a badly tangled condition. Ac-  
cording to Receiver Gilroy, the com-  
pany's liabilities will aggregate not  
less than \$4,500,000, with practically  
no assets. Its creditors include at  
least fifty churches, seminaries, col-  
leges and many priests and nuns.  
These are located all over the coun-  
try, from the New England states to  
Oregon.

The furnace factory is in full op-  
eration at present in an effort to  
fill the many orders they have ahead  
of them.

## ANOTHER RECITAL

Pupils of Academy of Music  
of Sisters of St. Agnes to  
Give Musical

## IN THE NEAR FUTURE

Will Be the Best Ever—  
Thirty-eight Will Be  
Given Grade Diplomas

The pupils of the Academy of Music  
of the Sisters of St. Agnes are pre-  
paring for another of their popular  
musical recitals, which in all prob-  
ability will be given a few days after  
Christmas. Although the date and  
place have not as yet been decided  
upon it is known that thirty-eight  
will be given grade diplomas at the  
time of this musical. Of these Miss  
Agnes Kohne deserves special men-  
tion for the reason that she has com-  
pleted the first, second and third  
grades in a little more than a year's  
time. Miss Naomi Niblick has com-  
pleted the third and fourth grades  
and Miss Genevieve Berling has com-  
pleted the second, third and fourth  
grades. Three pianos will be played  
at one time at the recital which prom-  
ises to be a glorious affair. Those  
who will be given grade diplomas are  
as follows:

First grade diplomas—Catherine  
Keller, Louisa Teeple, Frances Gaffer,  
Omer Niblick, Emma Kinney, Dreda  
Parent, Eva Stein, Frances Burrell,  
Naomi Baker, Norbert Holthouse, Es-  
ther Corbett, Electa Caltzell, Etta El-  
zey, Irene Eady, Effie Johnson, Mar-  
cella Kuebler, Edith Erwin.

Grade Two—Stella Brown, Matilda  
Herman, Agnes Meibers, Genevieve  
Berling, Francis Schmitt, Laur-  
rine Keller, Agnes Kohne, Glen Tague,  
James Sprague, Effie Johnson, Edna  
Ehinger, Rose Colchin, Rose Egan.

Grade Third—Marie Kintz, Agnes  
Kohne, Josephine Lange.

Grade Four—Naomi Niblick, Genevieve  
Berling, Mary Deininger.

## ASYLUM SUPPLIES

Contracts Were Awarded  
By Board of Commis-  
sioners

## APPOINTMENTS MADE

Dr. J. M. Miller Appointed  
Secretary County Board  
of Health

The commissioners opened bids for  
the furnishing of supplies for the  
county asylum. The following bids  
were accepted: Niblick & Co., dry  
goods; T. R. Moore, oil; Niblick &  
Co., tobacco and groceries; Winnes  
Shoe Store, shoes; W. H. Nachtrieb,  
drugs; Holthouse, Schulte & Co.,  
clothing; Schaffer Hardware Co.,  
hardware.

The board appointed Dr. J. M.  
Miller as secretary of the board of  
health for another year. The doctor  
has served in this capacity for sev-  
eral years and has faithfully dis-  
charged the duties thereof.

Fred Bussick, Sr., was appointed  
superintendent of the William Tie-  
man macadam road, and will have  
charge of its construction.

The remonstrators on the Decatur  
and Monroe No. 10, have filed an ap-  
peal bond to the circuit court. The  
original petitioners are already fram-  
ing up with a view of fighting the  
case on its merits in the circuit court.

The board goes to Bluffton Friday  
to meet the Wells county commission-  
ers and take official action on a joint  
macadam road, which it is proposed to  
build on the Wells-Adams line.

Two weeks from Friday is Christ-  
mas. Do you realize that you have  
but thirteen shopping days before  
this always important event, and that  
perhaps you can't satisfy yourself in  
one or two trips. Better start at once.

## CAN'T HAVE SECOND DIVORCE

Interesting Decision Given at Win-  
chester.

Winchester, Ind., Dec. 8.—After  
hearing evidence for a whole day,  
Judge Engle refused to grant a di-  
vorce to Elizabeth Stump from her  
husband, George Stump, an aged and  
well known resident of this city. Mrs.  
Stump accused her husband of cruel  
and inhuman treatment and failure  
to provide, but she was unable to  
make a case. Her daughter and son-in-  
law testified that they had often  
visited the house and that Stump al-  
ways treated his wife kindly and had  
plenty to eat on the table. Mr. and  
Mrs. Stump were married in 1886, and  
the latter secured a divorce in 1904.  
After a very few weeks they were  
re-marrid and lived together until  
Mrs. Stump was taken to the Rich-  
mond asylum as insane. She was  
later discharged as cured and return-  
ed here to live with her husband.  
Then followed the separation and Mrs.  
Stump went to Jay county to live with  
relatives. The court held that when  
the couple were married the first time  
they lived together long enough to  
become acquainted with conjugal  
bliss and that if they didn't like it  
they should have stayed apart when  
the divorce was granted them four  
years ago.

## CLUB ORGANIZED

Men of Presbyterian Church  
Will Hold Meetings  
Each Week

## OFFICERS ELECTED

Entertainment Will Include  
Lectures, Social and  
Other Events

The Men's Club of the First Pres-  
byterian church held a meeting last  
night at the church parlors and the  
organization of this club was com-  
pleted. Quite a number of the male  
members of the church were present  
and the enthusiasm was most gratify-  
ing to those interested in the success  
of the movement. Plans for entertain-  
ment during the winter season were  
discussed and it was decided that this  
should include several lectures, social  
gatherings, story telling meetings, etc.,  
each of which is to prove a most de-  
lightful affair. The club will meet  
once each week and the members an-  
ticipate a great deal of enjoyment  
therefrom. The club elected the fol-  
lowing officers: W. A. Lower, pres-  
ident; Dore B. Erwin, vice president;  
Oscar Hoffman, secretary, and Fred  
Tague, treasurer. President Lower  
was authorized to appoint committees  
on entertainment, press and member-  
ship.

President Lower appointed the fol-  
lowing committees: Entertainment,  
C. J. Lutz, Amos Biggs, Dr. G. W.  
Knorr, F. M. Schirmeyer, J. C. Pat-  
terson and Jesse Helm; membership,  
William Jackson, Carl Moses, Dr. S.  
D. Beavers, Charles Steele, Jacob Atz,  
Ed S. Moses; press, C. F. True, W.  
H. Meyer and W. H. Lee.

The condition of Mrs. Martin Rein-  
king is much improved today and  
bright hopes are now entertained for  
her recovery, although it was at first  
thought that she could not survive  
the operation.

Miss Edna Laemmermann, the  
young girl who met with so terrible  
an accident at a Fort Wayne laundry  
nearly a year ago, in which her en-  
tire scalp was ripped from her head,  
taking with it the skin of her fore-  
head, eyelids and skin from the bridge  
of her nose, underwent an operation  
this week for the correction of some  
of the defects that were unavoidable  
in the grafting process by which her  
life was saved. Miss Laemmermann's  
scalp was restored to her head with-  
in thirty minutes after it had been  
torn away and she remained many  
months at a hospital recovering. The  
scalp refused to grow and skin from  
the arms of friends was grafted upon  
her head and several months ago she  
was discharged from the hospital as  
cured. Her eyelids, however, were  
drawn up in an unsightly manner, and  
it is for the correction of this that  
the operation was made. With this  
completed traces of the terrible acci-  
dent will be scarcely noticeable.

## GAVE AN OPINION

Will DeVilbiss Expressed  
Himself Forcibly in  
Dunn Case

## WAS A JUROR

Summoned Before Court  
and Admitted Making  
Statement

"If I thought Charles Dunn was  
guilty of this murder I'd help to hang  
him as high as I did a fellow once  
down in Texas," said William F. De-  
Vilbiss, one of the special veniremen  
summoned in the Dunn murder case,  
in the presence of a number of other  
talesmen. This remark was reported  
to the prosecution this afternoon and  
at the opening of the session Mr. De-  
Vilbiss was called to the jury box  
out of his turn, to which there was  
an objection on the part of the at-  
torneys for the accused, who insisted  
that the men be called as they appear  
on the list. The prosecutor objected  
to stating his reasons in the presence  
of the other eleven men and all were  
excused and sent to the jury room  
while Mr. DeVilbiss was put under  
examination and the fact that he had  
made this statement was brought out.  
"If I'd known there was any law  
against talking about the case," said  
the talesman, "I certainly wouldn't  
have done it. I made the statement  
and didn't think I was doing any harm  
and I'm sorry that this thing occurred."  
"There is no law against your  
talking as you did," answered Judge  
Watkins, "but it was highly improper  
to discuss the case after you had been  
summoned as a juror. You may step  
into the room and I hope you will  
not talk more about it." "Am I ex-  
cused?" asked DeVilbiss. "No, you  
will be called in your regular turn,"  
said the judge. This closed the only  
interesting incident in the hearing  
during the day.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

## DAY WAS HAPPY

Members of W. R. C. Sent  
Xmas Barrel to Lafay-  
ette Home

## A NEW MEMBER

Mrs. J. H. Smith Was Given  
Initiatory Work—A Din-  
ner Followed

Yesterday afternoon was quite a  
busy one for the members of the  
Woman's Relief Corps, but every min-  
ute of the time was enjoyed by those  
who participated. At three o'clock  
the ladies at the hall and proceeded  
to pack a Christmas barrel of fruits  
and jellies and preserves, etc., that  
will brighten the hearts of many an  
old soldier, as it was sent to the  
home at Lafayette. After concluding  
this duty, the degree team of the or-  
der, consisting of twelve members  
went to the home of Mrs. James H.  
Smith and gave her the initiation  
work and that good lady is now a full  
fledged member of the lodge. This  
proceeding is of course out of the  
regular mode and was permissible  
only after receiving special permis-  
sion from the state officers. After the  
lodge work was over, a most delicious  
repast was served by Mrs. Dorsey  
Hoagland, daughter of Mrs. Smith  
and closed an afternoon of genuine  
pleasure. There is in all of Decatur  
no lodge or club of which the mem-  
bers enjoy themselves more, yet do  
more for the needy than the W. R. C.  
and that's why they are happy—they  
help others.

Besides the regular business to be  
transacted at the present term there  
will be a joint session Friday, when  
the report of the viewers on the road  
between Adams and Wells counties  
will be received. This is the road  
which the people protested against  
the commissioners ordering built. It  
was only after the court had ordered  
the two sets of commissioners to meet  
in joint session that they got together.  
—Bluffton Banner.

## LAND THIEVES SENTENCED.

Fine of \$10,000 and Two Years in  
Prison for F. A. Hyde.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Frederick A.  
Hyde, of San Francisco, recently con-  
victed of conspiracy to defraud the  
United States of large tracts of land  
in Oregon and Washington, was today  
sentenced in the District Criminal  
court to pay a fine of \$10,000 and to  
serve two years in the penitentiary  
at Moundsville, W. Va., maximum  
penalty under the law. Joost H.  
Schneider, of Tuscan, Ariz., an em-  
ployee of Hyde, and convicted with  
him, was fined \$1,000 and sentenced  
to one year and two months in the  
penitentiary. Both noted appeals to  
the district court of appeals. Hyde  
was released on \$20,000 bail and Sch-  
neider on \$10,000. The prosecution  
of Hyde and Schneider, together with  
John A. Benson and Henry P. Dimond,  
who were acquitted, following the in-  
vestigation of alleged wholesale irregu-  
larities in public land deals in the  
west, cost the government \$100,000,  
and the trial occupied three months.

## ELECT OFFICERS

Masonic Lodge Held an Im-  
portant Session Last  
Evening

INSTALL DEC. 22nd

Officers of Chapter and East-  
ern Star Will Begin Ser-  
vice at Same Time

The regular session of the Masonic  
lodge held last evening was more  
important than usual from the fact  
that this was the annual meeting when  
dues are payable and when the offi-  
cers for the ensuing year are chosen.  
Those elected were David E. Smith,  
worshipful master; Charles Dunn,  
senior warden; Jeff Bryson, junior  
warden; J. Q. Neptune, treasurer, and  
Earl B. Adams, secretary. The in-  
stallation of the officers will occur at  
a special meeting to be held on Tues-  
day evening, December 22nd, when a  
joint service will occur the officers of  
the Chapter and the Eastern Star,  
also being regularly installed at this  
time. A special meeting of the lodge  
was called for next Tuesday evening,  
when the first degree will be con-  
ferred on three candidates. The  
Masonic lodge has been showing  
more than usual interest during  
the past few months and under the  
continued guidance of Mr. Smith, will  
have another prosperous year.

## BANK ROBBERS GET \$16,500.

Masked Men Pull Off a Bold Job at  
Portland, Ore.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 8.—The East  
Side bank was robbed last night by  
three masked men, who got about  
\$16,500. The president of the bank,  
Henry H. Newhall, and his son, Roger  
Newhall, were just closing the  
day's business when two men armed  
with pistols entered. Newhall and his  
son were ordered to hold up their  
hands, and while they were thus un-  
der the cover of the robbers' revolv-  
ers one man crawled through the  
cashier's window, passed out the  
money and crawled back into the  
foyer through the window. Another  
man guarded the entrance. The three  
made their escape.

## AWAIT PRESIDENT CASTRO.

Venezuelan Is Said to Be Bound for  
Berlin.

Santander, Spain, Dec. 8.—The  
steamer Guadeloupe, on which Presi-  
dent Castro is a passenger, was not  
sighted tonight. Numerous represen-  
tatives of the Venezuelan govern-  
ment are here awaiting the arrival of  
the president, who is expected to  
leave the steamer at this port, instead  
of proceeding to Bordeaux as was his  
original intention. Late advices re-  
ceived tonight confirm the statement  
that Castro is bound for Berlin.

The ladies of the Presbyterian  
church will give a big dinner on De-  
cember 17th, one week from Thurs-  
day. They are making an effort to  
make it a social and financial success  
and will appreciate your help. Ar-  
range now to go to the church for din-  
ner on that day.

## WHO GOT MONEY

Congress Should Thorough-  
ly Investigate Panama  
Canal

## THE WORLD REPLIES

The Money Was Paid to  
Cromwell and Not to  
French Government

New York, Dec. 9.—The New York  
World, to which Delavan Smith, edi-  
tor of the Indianapolis News, referred  
in his reply to President Roosevelt's  
attack upon him, as the authority for  
the article on the Panama canal which  
appeared in his paper and called forth  
the president's letter, says:

"In view of President Roosevelt's  
deliberate misstatements of fact in  
his scandalous personal attack upon  
Mr. Delavan Smith, editor of the In-  
dianapolis News, the World calls upon  
the congress of the United States to  
make immediately a full and impartial  
investigation of the entire Panama  
canal scandal. The investigation of  
1906 by the senate committee of the  
interoceanic canals was blocked by  
the refusal of William Nelson Crom-  
well to answer most pertinent ques-  
tions of Senator Morgan of Alabama.  
Since that time nothing has been  
done because after Senator Morgan's  
death there was no successor to car-  
ry on his great work of revealing the  
truth about Panama corruption. The  
Indianapolis News said in the editor-  
ial for which Mr. Roosevelt assails Mr.  
Smith: 'It has been charged that the  
United States bought from American  
citizens for \$40,000,000 property that  
cost those citizens only \$12,000,000.  
There is no doubt that the govern-  
ment paid \$40,000,000 for the prop-  
erty. But who got the money? Presi-  
dent Roosevelt's reply to this most  
proper question is for the most part  
a string of abusive and defamatory  
epithets. But he also makes the fol-  
lowing statements as truthful informa-  
tion to the American people: 'The  
United States did not pay a cent of  
the \$40,000,000 to any American citi-  
zen. The government paid the \$40-  
000,000 direct to the French govern-  
ment, getting the receipt of the li-  
quidator appointed by the French gov-  
ernment to receive the same. The  
United States government has not  
the slightest knowledge as to the par-  
ticular individuals among whom the  
French government distributed the  
same. So far as I know there was  
no syndicate; there certainly was no  
syndicate in the United States that  
to my knowledge had any dealings  
with the government directly or in-  
directly.' To the best of the World's  
knowledge and belief each and all  
of these statements made by Mr.  
Roosevelt and quoted above are un-  
true and Mr. Roosevelt must have  
known they were untrue when he  
made them. As the detailed distribu-  
tion of the Panama loot only one man  
knows it all. And that man is Wil-  
liam Nelson Cromwell. The two men  
who were most in Mr. Cromwell's  
confidence are Theodore Roosevelt,  
president of the United States, and  
Elihu Root, former secretary of war  
and now secretary of state. It was  
they who aided Mr. Cromwell in con-  
summating the Panama revolution;  
arranged the terms of the purchase  
of the Panama canal; made the agree-  
ment to pay \$40,000,000 on the canal  
properties, and an additional \$10,000-  
000 for a manufactured Panama re-  
public, every penny of both of which  
sums was paid by check on the Uni-  
ted States treasury to J. P. Morgan  
& Company—not to the French gov-  
ernment, as Mr. Roosevelt says, but  
to J. P. Morgan & Company. The nat-  
ural query of the Indianapolis News  
as to 'Who got the money?' was based  
on the World's historical summary of  
Mr. Cromwell's connection with the  
Panama canal. The inquiry was origi-  
nally the World's and the World ac-  
cepts Mr. Roosevelt's challenge. If  
congress can have all the documents  
in the case as Mr. Roosevelt says, let  
congress make a complete investiga-  
tion of the Panama canal affair, and  
in particular of William Nelson Crom-  
well's relation with the French com-  
pany, with Panama and with the gov-  
ernment of the United States. Let  
congress officially answer this ques-  
tion: 'Who got the money?'

The condition of David Stidabaker  
is still serious according to reports  
from the home this morning.