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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 every  
indication evidences his early demise.  
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 remu-  
neration for his life's work has drift-  
ed from his hands and now that he  
is unable to tell 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 people,  
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-convicted  
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 proper  
criterion by which to judge of the  
value of men.

IS AN AGENT FOR THE STATE  
But Supervisor Cannot Bind Township for Materials.

Concerning the rights of a road supervisor 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 materials 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 damages by the supervisor and two disinterested parties, under section 6830, Burns 1901 (7775, Burns 1908) and recovering them from the township. But the lack of a formal demand before the supervisor took the materials is no defense on behalf of the township.

## 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 Merriman over-  
ruling the motion. An appeal was  
prayed by the plaintiff to the appellate  
court, ninety days was granted to  
file bill of exceptions and the bond  
for appeal fixed at \$600, to be filed  
within 60 days.

## 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 Alerding, of the  
diocese of Fort Wayne, said today  
that as far as he is aware none of the  
Catholic churches or other institutions  
in the diocese of Fort Wayne are in any way affected by the recent  
collapse of the Fidelity Funding  
company, of New York. "do not be-  
lieve the company operated in Indiana 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 Catholic  
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 country, 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

## 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-  
ezey, Irene Eady, Effie Johnson, Mar-  
cella Kuebler, Edith Erwin.

Grade Two—Stella Brown, Matilda  
Herman, Agnes Meibers, Gene-  
vieve Berling, Francis Schmitt, Lau-  
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, Gene-  
vieve 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; Winner  
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.

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-  
dents will be scarcely noticeable.

The board goes to Bluffton Friday  
to meet the Wells county commissioners  
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-married and lived together until  
Mrs. Stump was taken to the Rich-  
mond asylum as insane. She was later  
discharged as cured and returned  
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 conubial  
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 parlor 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 antic-  
ipate a great deal of enjoyment  
therefrom. The club elected the fol-  
lowing officers: W. A. Lower, presi-  
dent; Dore B. Erwin, vice president;  
Oscar Hoffman, secretary, and Fred  
Tague, treasurer. President Lower  
was authorized to appoint committees  
on entertainment, press and mem-  
bership.

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

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.

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young girl who met with so terrible  
an accident at a Fort Wayne laundry  
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dents will be scarcely noticeable.

Besides the regular business to be  
transacted at the present term there  
will be 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.

## 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 felon 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.

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 Schnei-  
der on \$10,000. The prosecution

of Hyde and Schneider, together with

John A. Benson and Henry P. Dimond,

who were acquitted, following the