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DIVORCE SUITS

Two Have Been Filed—
Mrs. Dan Straub Wants
a Decree

SERIOUS CHARGES

Divorce Case Filed on the
Wedding Anniversary
of Straubs

Two divorce cases have been filed in circuit court. No. 7685 is entitled Alice Whitcomb vs. William W. Whitcomb and was filed by Attorneys Hooper & Lenhart. The charges are the usual ones of cruel and inhuman treatment, abuse and failure to support.

No. 7686 was filed by Attorney Teeple, the plaintiff being Sarah J. Straub and the defendant no less a personage than Daniel Straub, who has on various occasions furnished sensational headlines for the newspapers and who is even now serving a jail sentence for wife beating. The couple were married just twenty-seven years ago today, and lived together until November 15th. Dan is charged with trying to kill his wife, of being an habitual drunkard, of so far failing to support his wife that she had to go to the county infirmary, of cursing and beating her and various other faults. Seven children have been born to them, three of whom are dead. All those living are minors except one. Mrs. Straub asks that she be given the household goods, the custody of the two younger children, \$500 alimony and \$15.00 per month for support of children.

Attorneys Denny, Jacque and McGinnit, of Portland, were here this morning, arguing various points in the making of issues in the Penina Silvers, ex parte, and from the earnestness displayed by the attorneys, the trial would have been interesting and important one. The cause is one concerning the vacation of certain streets and alleys in the city of Portland. Judge Merryman dismissed the cause.

Henry F. Schlickman 22, a farmer, and Ida Beineke, 17, daughter of William Beineke, have been granted a marriage license.

Fred Hoffmann et al have sold to M. Kirsch et al, in lot 4, Decatur, for \$2,000. The item that Kirsch, Sellemyer & Sons had transferred a property to Med Miller was an error made in copying.

Peterson & Moran filed a new case entitled James M. Rice et al vs. Chicago & Erie Ry. Co., suit for damages, \$2,000. The complaint says that on Jan. 17, 1907, plaintiff shipped a car of horses from Chicago to Decatur over the Erie, that at Crown Point, Indiana, the train was broken into and when re-coupled one part of the train was hurled against the other with such force that twelve of the horses, worth \$250 each, were badly bruised. A veterinary bill of \$300 and the loss of value to the horses totals the demand, \$2,000. At this same time Frank Berger, who was with the horses was quite badly hurt and a suit brought by him against the Erie is now pending in court.

GROSSCUP FEELS BIG STICK.

Roosevelt Announces Strongly He Has No Job for Judge's Brother.

Washington, Dec. 16.—President Roosevelt today emphatically told a delegation of West Virginia congressmen and friends they were "wasting time" to recommend to him the name of the brother of Judge Peter Grosscup to be collector of internal revenue. Senators Scott and Elkins and Representative Gaines had introduced to the president Fred Paul Grosscup for the position. It will be necessary for the senators now to present another candidate.

G. W. Fravel, who had the misfortune to lose the sight from his left eye by a piece of wood striking it while he was sawing wood, was in town Monday and is getting along as well as could be expected. He is not be confined in cars for longer than twenty-eight hours without being released for water, food and exercise.

OSSIAN POSTOFFICE BOOSTED
Goes Into Third Class—Increase in Business.

THE DOVE OF PEACE

The Olive Branch Hung Out
by the Democratic
Senators

HARMONY PLAN

The Minority Propose a
Plan for Peace in the
Senate

Indianapolis, December 17.—Indications now point to peace among the Republicans and Democrats over the organization of the state senate. Negotiations, it develops, as a result of the gathering of the Democratic members of the legislature in Indianapolis on Monday and Tuesday of this week are soon to be opened whereby the Democrats hope to be able to name the minority members of the senate committees. The Democratic senators, it develops, are for peace. Lieutenant Governor-elect Frank J. Hall, presiding officer of the senate at the next session of the legislature, is for peace. Thomas R. Marshall, governor-elect, has advised peace. It develops that the Democratic senators at their meeting Tuesday morning at the Denison preceding the joint meeting with the house members, determined to give little if any opposition to the plan of the Republicans to control the senate organization. It was the sentiment that the Democrats should endeavor to obtain all their minority position entitles them to and to stand their ground against any tyrannical moves that may be made by the majority, but they will do what they can to promote as much harmony as possible and will not harass the majority when it seeks to control that to which the majority is rightfully entitled. Lieutenant Governor-elect Hall while in the city said he did not believe there would be much trouble between the members of the opposing parties in the senate and he did not believe the Republicans would try any bulldozing tactics.

A RECOGNITION

Decatur High School Will
Be Examined Soon by
College Inspector

PUPILS CAN ENTER

Such Colleges as University
of Michigan Then With-
out Examination

A movement has found its inception which, if a materialization of the plans is realized, graduates from the Decatur high school can enter colleges of the caliber of the University of Michigan without passing the examination which otherwise is required. Within the next month an inspector will visit the city schools to make a thorough examination of the institution and plans of study, after which a report will be made in regard to accrediting graduates from the Decatur high school. No difficulty is anticipated in securing the recognition from the colleges and if not we will have a distinction which is only attained by the very best of educational institutions.

CASE SET FOR TRIAL

The \$5,000 Damage Case
Against Joseph Swartz and
Eleven Others

ON JANUARY 19TH

Attorneys From Here at
Portland Yesterday and
Arranged Date

The case of George E. Paille against Joseph A. Swartz, venued here from Adams county, has been set for trial beginning Tuesday, January 19. It is expected that it will require the greater part of the remainder of the week. This is the case of the Amishman who is suing the elders and leaders of the church at Berne for the alleged alienation of the affections of his wife, Katie Paille, following the insuring of Paille's property contrary to the teachings of the church. When he had a fire and accepted re-imbursement from the insurance company, the churchmen declared that he was trying to thwart the will of God, and it is alleged, persuaded his wife to leave him. Much interest attaches to the case throughout the southern part of Adams county, and it is expected there will be a large number of its residents here during the hearing. Frank Cottrell of Berne, A. P. Beatty and Judge David D. Heller, of Decatur, were here Wednesday, interested in the case, making up the issues.—Portland Commercial-Review.

A very interesting literary program will be rendered at the high school next week prior to the closing of the schools for the holiday vacation. The seniors, juniors and sophomores will participate in the program.

The school board will meet next Wednesday evening, two days before the regular time of meeting for the purpose of allowing the teachers and juniors salaries. The vacation will begin Friday, December 25 and last until January 4th.

RAILROADS PLEAD GUILTY.

Companies Fined for Violating Twenty-Eight-Hour Law.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Pleas of guilty were entered by the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad company and the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad company today on charges of violating the twenty-eight-hour law, and fines of \$100 for each violation were imposed. The law provides that cattle, hogs or other live stock shall be confined in cars for longer than twenty-eight hours without being released for water, food and exercise.

James Harmon, of Rivarre, was in the city today and paid this office a visit. He vigorously denies that he bit the nose off Asa Blount and there are none who think he did. He informed us that he heard that Blount was on his trail and had threatened his life on several occasions. As yet there has been no suit filed against either and in all probability there will be none.

NEW INDIANA CORPORATIONS

An Allen County Concern Going to Make Money.

Fort Wayne, Dec. 17.—Papers of incorporation were taken out in Indianapolis yesterday for the Agriculturalists' Company of America, capitalized at \$100,000, the directors of which are all prominent Allen county farmers. Its purpose is to eliminate middlemen's profits on all necessities, and a store will be fitted up in this city within the next six months with Mr. H. L. C. Thiel as manager. The directors of the new concern are Henry A. Rockhill, of Lake township; William J. Sterling, of Perry township; Frederick Henschen, of Washington township; Jacob Popp, of Cedar Creek township; Marshall M. Wellbaum, of Pleasant township; Emanuel Decker, of Abbot township; Charles A. Springer, of Pleasant township; John G. Sterling, of Marion township; William O. Brown, of Lake township; C. L. Greenwell, of Bel River township; H. L. C. Thiele and Edwin T. Jackson.

THE HOLIDAY RUSH

And How You Can Save
Trouble by Obeying
the Rules

AT THE POSTOFFICE

What You Can and Can't
Include in Various
Classes

Now that the customary Christmas rush is beginning at the local post-office, Deputy Postmaster Peterson has prepared a brief summary of the postal rules and regulations applicable to the sending of holiday presents. By following the rules laid down considerable expedition in the delivery of Christmas mail matter can be secured. Included in the summary is a definition of the various classes of mail:

First class—Rate, two cents for each ounce or fraction thereof. Limit of weight, four pounds. Includes written matter and matter enclosed against inspection.

Second class—Rate, one cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof. Includes newspapers and periodicals bearing notice of entry as second-class matter.

Third class—Unsealed. Rate, one cent for each two ounces or fraction thereof. Includes books, newspapers and periodicals not admitted to the second class.

Fourth class—Unsealed. Rate, one cent for each ounce or fraction thereof. Includes all articles of merchandise and all mailable matter not embraced in the first, second and third classes.

With a package of fourth class matter, prepared at the proper rate for that class, the sender may inclose any mailable matter of the third class. A single card bearing the written name of the sender and such inscriptions as "Merry Christmas," "Happy New Year," "With best wishes," etc., may also be inclosed with fourth-class matter without affecting its classification.

A MERITED HONOR

Has Been Bestowed Upon
Eli Sprunger of this
City

HE WAS CHOSEN

Vice President of the Ameri-
can Belgium Breeders
Association

An honor has come to Decatur well merited by its recipient in the election of Eli Sprunger to the vice presidency of the American Belgium Breeders' Association. On December the second the Belgian importers of the United States held a meeting at the Grand Pacific hotel in Chicago where matters pertaining to the importation and breeding of Belgian horses were extensively discussed. It was the second meeting held by the horsemen and it was a very interesting session. The election of officers was one of the features of the occasion, and although it did not become known until yesterday, Eli Sprunger of Decatur, was chosen as vice president of the association, Mr. Corner of Wabash being elected to the presidency. Mr. Sprunger is a thorough horseman, competent business man and is a member of a firm which imports many horses to this country. His knowledge of the business well qualifies him for the position he has been elected to, and without a doubt he will fulfill the capacity in a manner which will reflect credit upon his ability and the organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Knowles and daughter Gladys went to Decatur last Saturday morning to visit relatives. Mr. Knowles returned last week from Robinson, Ill., where he has been engaged in the oil business for the last three months.—Geneva Herald.

The Democrat acknowledges receipt of a handsome map of the United States and the World, from the Clover Leaf and Chicago and Alton railroad systems. It's a valuable thing around a printing office and we are personally indebted to Mr. Harry Weber for this and other favors shown us.

RECEPTION FOR MARSHALLS

Big Social Event at Columbia City
—Many Guests.

Columbia City, Ind., Dec. 16.—An ideal night was had for the Democratic banquet, love feast and farewell reception given Governor-elect Thomas R. Marshall of this city here tonight and nearly a thousand Democrats were in attendance. Mr. Marshall arrived in the Woodman reception hall shortly after 7 o'clock and his coming caused a round of applause. Other prominent Democrats present were: Lieutenant Governor-elect Half of Rushville; Congressman Cyrus Cline of Angola; Judge Luke H. Wrigley of Albion; M. D. Yontz of Indianapolis and District Chairman Hoffman of Fort Wayne. With the exception of only the few invitations issued the reception was intended for Democrats of Whitley county, who never before had an occasion for such a love feast. Shortly before 8 o'clock the assemblage was led to the banqueting room in the armory, where well prepared menu was served by ladies of the churches of this city. After dinner speeches ten minutes in length, were delivered by Marshall, Hall, Cline, Wrigley and Hoffman. A farewell reception was also given Mrs. Marshall by ladies of the Presbyterian church in the church parlors. Mrs. Marshall was presented with a set of solid silver salad spoons.

DOLLIE DIMPLES

One of the Best Shows on
the Road Here Next

Tuesday

COMPANY OF FIFTY

Headed by Miss Grace
Cameron and a Half
Dozen Comedians

Next Tuesday, December 22, at the Bosse opera house, the dainty comic opera star, Grace Cameron, and her company of 50. A play, fashioned after the famous character, "Dollie Dimples" which the dainty comic opera star created in the year's run of "Piff Paff Pouf" at the Casino theater, New York City, is to be heard at the Bosse this season. Twenty big song hits, ten big electrical effects, new and original costuming and elaborate scenic display are all promised and then there are a host of pretty chorus and show girls as well as the pony ballet and a chapple chorus which is said to be the best ever. "Dollie Dimples" cannot be classed as a musical comedy, although there is every essential of musical comedy. "Dollie Dimples" cannot be classed as a drama, although the situations in the play are dramatic in the extreme. "Dollie Dimples" cannot be classed as a vaudeville, although there are five big headline vaudeville acts in the company. "Dollie Dimples" cannot be classed as an opera, although it has one of the finest singing companies on tour in America. "Dollie Dimples" cannot be called a spectacular play although the scenic, electrical and mechanical equipment is most complete in detail. "Dollie Dimples" is just a great, big evening's entertainment, and one feels that after seeing this clever concoction they have had an evening well spent and thoroughly enjoyed. You laugh a lot, you cry a little, you applaud with vigor, you admire and praise the clever and diversified entertainment with appeals to your better nature and which satisfies and delights. Such is "Dollie Dimples."

INDUSTRY INCREASES.

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 16.—To make an effort to solve the water problem of this city by driven wells was decided upon at the meeting of the city council last night. The council has let the contract to Marshall & Fitch of this city to make a test well at the plant. Letters were read from two professional well diggers—George E. Weigel of Marion and William F. Harrison, of Noblesville—stating that in their opinion water in good quantities would be struck in this locality from driven wells. The repairs to the water works reservoirs which have been in progress for the last month, are now well under way. A well, to which Indiana university went to the expense of laying a pipe line with the hope that water from it would supply the university for the remainder of the term, has given out and the plan of hauling water from White river at Gosport in tank cars again has been resorted to. The university has practically spent \$2,000 to get a supply of water since the city water station ceased pumping.

GIVE OUT MADISON PLUMS.

Anderson, Ind., Dec. 16.—The county commissioners have announced the following appointments for the ensuing year: Byron T. McMahon, county attorney, to succeed David L. Bishop; C. A. Clevenger, pauper attorney to succeed John Beeler, and the following appointments: E. M. Conrad, secretary Board of Health; M. A. Rush, county physician; Dr. A. W. Collins, jail physician; James Prather, court house janitor; Mrs. Mary Morrison, court house matron.

Word is sent out from Washington that a bad five-dollar note is in circulation, and if you've got one of 'em in your pile you can tell it by looking at the Indian picture which ornaments the issue. It is asserted that in making the counterfeits the Indian chief was given a cross-eyed expression. The name of the chief is Oneape, so that if you ever had an acquaintance with him you will be the more readily able to detect the counterfeit when it comes your way.

NO PIE FOR THEM

Democrats Will Not Share
in the Census Ap-
pointments

THEY LIKE IT

Congress Enjoys the Con-
troversy With the
President

Washington, Dec. 17.—The Democratic congressmen and congressmen-elect from Indiana are in a peck of trouble. Their discomfiture arises from the fact that a report has gone abroad all over Indiana to the effect that the census plums to be passed out next year will be distributed by the members of congress, which, if true, would mean that in eleven of the thirteen Indiana districts the Democratic workers would receive an invitation to the pie counter. The hungry Democratic hosts have accepted the report at its face value and are bombarding Democratic members and members-elect with applications for census jobs. The sad feature of the story, from the standpoint of the Democratic congressmen, is that it is not true. They have not been slow to investigate and the sum and substance of their discovery is that there is just about as much chance of the moon playing leap-frog with the sun as there is that the census patronage of Indiana will be distributed among the Democratic politicians and wire pullers of the state.

Washington, December 17.—The show has become so interesting that congress is disinclined to take a holiday recess lest it miss an act. However, it will adjourn for two weeks and trust that the entertainment proceedings may be resumed after January 1. The president's quarrel with the legislative body, or the legislative body's quarrel with the president, takes on new features daily. Congress is showing a disposition to take up the subjects that have given rise to restless nights and bad language one at a time and dispose of them in its usual calm, dignified way. First, there is the president's insinuation that the congress contains a lot of criminals. The prospect today was that the language, which appeared in the president's regular message sent in one week ago, would be dealt with before the holiday recess comes on. Some of the leaders seemed to think it might be taken care of before adjournment today. Many of the senators and representatives are insisting that after the president's language shall have been properly dealt with there shall be an investigation of the secret service.

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