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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

Decatur bids fair to have a building boom in the early spring and summer. All this but strengthens the oft repeated fact that Decatur always sets the pace—others follow.

Further honor has come to Dr. John W. Vizard, he having been elected at the Democratic legislative caucus as principal clerk of the house, a position of importance and carrying with it power and influence. We congratulate Dr. Vizard.

Perhaps the best index to stability and prosperity that abounds within the confines of Adams county, is contained in the smallness of her delinquent tax list. While other counties prints columns and pages of those owing taxes, Adams county has but twenty-one. They all have to take off their hat to Adams county.

On Monday, February 8, the voters of French, Monroe and Jefferson townships will have to show whether or not they are progressive. The building of the Bluffton, Berne & Celina Traction line is a meritorious and worthy enterprise, and will develop and enhance the value of the real estate in the three townships named. It is worthy of support.

While the three mile extension macadam road law needs reformation, its repeal would be nothing short of a calamity. This extension law has done much to make Adams county the greatest macadam road county in the United States. Our roads are a perfect dream, and in ten years more there will be hardly a public highway without this improvement. Besides the whole township has thus far and without complaint shared in the payment for this improvement and now those without a macadam road are entitled to it by all the laws of right and justice. A few amendments and the law is all right.

GIRL OF A GLOBE TROTTER

Little Miss Morgan Has Traveled 300,000 Miles With Parents.

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 6.—In the brief eight years of her life Katherine Morgan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Morgan of Chicago, a pupil at St. Marys Academy here, has traveled approximately 300,000 miles and has been presented to Emperor William of Germany, King Alfonso of Spain, President Roosevelt, Pope Pius and Cardinal Gibbons. Little Miss Morgan, whose entire name is Katherine Leonore Adella Glenwood Morgan, was born in a hotel. Practically all her life so far has been spent in journeys with her parents, and, accustomed to travel, the restraint of the academy is little to her liking.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank the neighbors and friends who so kindly offered their services during the sickness and death of our beloved mother. Words fail to express what our hearts feel toward those who have proved our friends during hours of sorrow.

Mr. Peter Zeser and children.



Scene in "A Race for a Widow" at Bosse Opera House Monday Night.

SOCIAL COLUMN

An Interesting Session Was Held Last Evening by Modern Woodmen

OTHER SOCIAL NEWS

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A very interesting session of the local camp of Modern Woodmen was held last night at which time the officers-elect were installed by E. Burt Lenhart, past counsel. Four candidates were given the beneficiary degree and a great social time was enjoyed. A large number was in attendance.

The newly elected officers of the G. A. R. will be installed tonight and a musical and literary program will be rendered.

All members of the Ben Hur lodge are requested to be present at the hall Friday night, January 8, when the officers-elect will be installed. Every member should be present.

Mr. and Mrs. August Lengerich, of south of the city entertained a number of young people last evening in honor of Mrs. Josephine Lichte and Josephine Droll, of Fostoria, Ohio. Progressive peanuts furnished the principal amusement of the occasion, in which prizes were captured by Mrs. Lichte and Charles Miller. At eleven o'clock an elaborate two-course luncheon was served and the guests declared it the time of their life. In the party were Anna and Rose Rumschlag, Ella Myers, Josephine Droll, Josephine Lichte, Theresa and Agnes Miller, Clem and Otto Colchin, Ed, Joe and Leo Miller.

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FOR SALE—A coal cook stove. Will sell cheap if sold at once. Inquire of Mrs. Edgington, one square south of South Ward school.

DR. HURTY ISSUES A BULLETIN

Says That Most People Die from an Unnatural Death.

Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health, is continuing his good work in the fight against disease in this state, and has issued a bulletin which contains some very startling statements. He says that those who die under the age of 70 succumb to disease and do not die a natural death. Wrong living is one of the principal agencies which disease has of gaining a foothold in the system and lung consumption results from weak lungs damaged by the excessive breathing of foul air. Natural death does not come except in extreme old age, and is not due to exhaustion or failure to provide nutrition, but most probably comes from auto-intoxication of self-poisoning of the organism. The close analogy between death and sleep supports Dr. Hurty in this view and it is very probable that sleep is due to the effects of substances which are products of our life processes.

THE BIG AUCTION

Will Be Held by Decatur Horse Company Tomorrow

AT SALES STABLES

The Biggest and Best Consignment of Horses Ever in County

Everything is in readiness for the big horse sale to be held by the Decatur Horse company at the First street stables tomorrow, and their initial effort in the year 1909 promises to be a marked success in every particular. To begin with they have the largest and best consignment of animals ever offered for sale within the boundaries of Adams county and from every conceivable indication the attendance will be immense. The time of the year has come when the farmers and commission merchants are preparing to purchase horses for the spring use, and the Decatur Horse company expect to meet the demands. This company is one that adds greatly to the business interests of the city. In a single year they handled nearly a million dollars, much of which was spent in this city. Their big sales attract many people to the city, and as a consequence this means an expenditure of money with our merchants. The Decatur Horse company guarantees every animal disposed of to be exactly as represented or the money refunded and it is responsive to their honest methods of doing business that they are succeeding so well. This company should be encouraged by all Adams county people.

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THE BEELER DEATH

Tipton Herald Gives An Account of His Tragic Death

BOUGHT REVOLVER

He Had Made up His Mind to Commit Suicide

Speaking of the tragic death of the late Edward D. Beeler, the Tipton Herald has the following to say:

About a week ago Mr. Beeler called at the Tipton Hardware company and bought a revolver. He was particular about getting a good one, and it is believed that at that time he contemplated suicide, but later decided to use gas as the instrument of death. His business associates and those close to him had noticed that he was greatly disturbed at times, and they were uneasy about him. He had his mind set on a business venture that had been pending for some time, but this deal was finally called off. Previously to that, however, he had at times acted strangely, and those who knew him best say that his untiring attention to business upset his mental health. Those who are in the best position to know say that he has had no troubles of a financial nature that should prompt the act, as he was said not to have been involved. He was at the head of the Globe Glove company, there being a factory at Tipton and one at Alexandria. These concerns are incorporated and the death of Mr. Beeler will in no way impair them. They will continue to operate in the future just as they have in the past. The department store here bearing his name was also incorporated, and it is understood that this will be closed out, that intention having been announced some time ago.

Mrs. Beeler had been ill for several days and the shocking news that came to her Saturday night prostrated her to such an extent that her condition grew critical.

RESTAURANT SOLD

Bert Hunsicker Has Purchased the Prover Restaurant

AND BAKERY

He Assumes Control this Evening—Well Qualified

The consummation of a business deal occurring late this afternoon transfers the ownership of the Prover restaurant to Bert Hunsicker, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hunsicker. The new proprietor who for several years has resided in Marion, Michigan, disposed of a grocery store at that place some time ago and returned to this city. For some time he has pursued the barber profession in which he made a marked success. He is well qualified as a business man and assumes control of his new place of business with the well wishes of a host of friends. It is not decided what line of business Frank Prover, one of the retiring proprietors will engage in, although Amos, his brother, will retain his position as conductor on the Fort Wayne and Springfield Interurban. Mr. Hunsicker will assume control of the restaurant tonight.

BELL BRIBERY CASE BEGUN.

Man Alleged to Have Influenced Jury Placed on Trial.

Laporte, Ind., Jan. 6.—The trial of William H. Bell, accused of jury bribing, was commenced today in the circuit court, before Special Judge Drummond and a jury. George Stevens, of Cincinnati, a co-defendant, entered a plea of guilty. He will not be sentenced until after Bell's trial. Last fall, during the case of Steve Juonowitsch of Chicago against his father-in-law, John Stevens, of Cincinnati, for \$10,000 for the alienation of the affections of Mrs. Juonowitsch, George and Gust Stevens, brothers of Mrs. Juonowitsch, are alleged to have bribed Juror Blakeman, through W. H. Bell, to "hang" the jury.

HE WALKED FROM RICHMOND

Bud Miller Escaped from Easthaven Hospital.

After walking the entire way from the Richmond insane hospital, getting his meals the best he could from the farmers, clad only in the garments which the inmates wear when about the buildings, Bud Miller, who escaped from the Easthaven insane hospital last Saturday, arrived in the city this morning in a half frozen condition and is now in jail awaiting the coming of the hospital attaches after him. Immediately after getting out Miller headed for this city and has been trying to get here ever since. Along the way he was forced to beg for food and shelter of the farmers. He said that he did not have a hard time of it, however, and that he was not often refused anything to eat. The weather was in his favor, it being warm most of the time. But for this he would probably have frozen.—Bluffton Banner.

OSBORNE WRITES

He is Located in Ipswich, South Dakota, and Succeeding

UNJUSTLY PUNISHED

He Says, Although Cannot Be Helped—Working at Carpenter Trade

Attorney J. C. Moran is in receipt of a letter from Joseph Osborne, who is now located at Ipswich, South Dakota, in which Mr. Osborne states that he is getting along nicely. He is working at the carpenter trade in that state, and is meeting with success. He takes the opportunity of extending his sincere thanks to Mr. Moran and others who assisted in effecting his release and from the tone of the letter it can readily be seen that he is appreciative of every favor extended. The letter in part is as follows: My friend—I take my pen in hand to let you know of my whereabouts, and I thank you for the part you played in getting my release. I was unjustly punished which you are aware of, but that can't be helped now. How are my boys getting along any way. I have worked at the carpenter trade since I came here. I had work every day at twenty-five cents per hour and I pay board at the rate of five dollars per week. I have been laid up with a sore wrist for the last two weeks. Give my address to all my friends. Yours, Joseph Osborne. Mr. Osborne has many friends in Decatur and Adams county, who are glad to hear of his success, and who deplore the fact that he was called upon to suffer the humiliation he has undergone.

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Heavy Breaching Harness . . . \$2.00

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Single Harness . 90c

All repairing done at reasonable rates.

M. BURNS & SON

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By Reynolds & Wagner

Chestnut Coal - \$7.50

Stove Coal - 7.60

Furnace Egg hard coal 7.50

Pocahontas Egg - 4.50

Pea Hard Coal - 6.50

Virginia Splint - 4.25

Wash nut range coal 4.00

W. P. H. Lump coal - 4.00

NOTICE

We will from now on to February 10th. oil and clean your harness at the following reduced prices

Single Buggy Harness - - 95c

Double Buggy Harness \$1.25

Team Harness - - \$2.00

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\$1.20 per week for 50 weeks pays a \$50.00 loan.

All amounts in proportion.

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Our agent will be in Decatur every Tuesday.

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