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J. H. HELLER, Manager.

A "blind" beggar in Pittsburgh recently, in a drunken delirium, revealed the fact that he was worth \$150,000. Subsequent investigation confirmed his statement. He made the money selling shoestrings with the card, "I am blind," attached to him. People would frequently give him 50 cents or one dollar and sometimes five dollars for a pair of shoe strings. He operated in various cities. There is even doubt whether he is not feigning his blindness. It is frauds such as these that curdle the milk of human kindness—South Bend Times.

WERE GENEROUS

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For completion of the building at Elwood, \$30,000.

For completion of building at Connersville, \$40,000.

For completion of the building at Greencastle, \$30,000.

For completion of the building at Jeffersonville, \$50,000.

For continuation of the building at Kokomo, \$40,000.

For completion of the building at Marion, \$20,000.

For site and completion of the building at Michigan City, \$15,000.

For continuation of the building at Peru, \$40,000.

The bill appropriates \$297,000 for the Marion Soldiers' Home.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The senate voted to retain the pension agency at Indianapolis with its present working organization and to continue the seventeen other agencies scattered throughout the country. As the house has voted to abolish the agencies this is a matter that will have to be fought out in conference. It is intimated that the senate, as usual, will have its way in conference and that there will be no change in the method of paying the pensioners. The senate committee on pensions recommended to the senate that the eighteen agencies be continued.

Washington, February 20.—The largest item in the appropriation bill is for continuation of work on the Panama canal. For this purpose \$35,638,000 is appropriated, or \$4,000,000 more than is carried in the current sundry civil appropriation bill for that expenditure. There will be a deficiency this year, however, of about \$5,000,000. The second largest item is \$19,574,514 for rivers and harbors construction work authorized by law. Another large item is \$18,618,646 for the construction of public buildings.

AT THE SCHNEPP

Fred Rohrer Talks to a Crowded House

THEY REPORT

I. Imler the County Chairman Makes a Report

The roads were good and the weather fine for a drive last night, and as we neared the school house in Union township known as the Schnepp school we saw the roads dotted with moving lights all moving in one direction, toward the school house. They were interested. In what? This question of life and death which has boiled down into the two little words "wet" or "dry." The farmer is awake and anxious for information. His citizenship has been aroused and like every true American, he is digging for the truth. The school house was comfortably packed, every seat being taken, and some forced to stand. Mr. Fred Rohrer spoke for one hour and a half, giving them facts and statistics, furnishing them reference to sworn statements by banks and business men, giving their address that any who might desire could verify his statements. Showing them that the saloon was inherently a lawless institution which by the habits of drink fastened on officers they were permitted to disregard the law. How an officer would take an oath to enforce the law and when he was shown the acts of the saloon business in selling to minors and upon forbidden days, the officer would tell you to swear out a warrant if you wanted them punished. He showed them that building operations increased when the saloon went out. That bank deposits increased. That taxes decreased because the people who are sober and thrifty did not have to pay for the maintenance of the output of the saloon. In the distribution of the drunkard's family and his earnings it was shown that the saloonkeeper got the money. The poorhouse got the children. The taxpayer got a chance to pay for the family's keeping and the drunkard got hell. Take away the saloon and the business houses who sell family necessities gets the money. The sober man keeps his family. The taxpayer is released from that burden. Clothed and in his right mind, the seven devils cast out, he can hear and understand the words of Christ, "whosoever cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out."

L. IMLER.

The weather is still quite warm and but little of the snow is left. We are wondering what will come next in the weather line.

The interurban people are doing a good business. A noted increase will be had this month over last if the present pace is kept up.

FOR RENT—Eight-roomed house, Monroe street. See Andrew Welfley.

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MRS. PERKINS IN THE CITY
She Will Address Two Meetings Tomorrow Afternoon.

THE CAMERA USED

Pictures of Empty Business Rooms and Dwellings in City Being Taken

POSTER TO BE ISSUED

Bills Bearing Photographs and Names of Idle Property to be Distributed

"The Camera Can't Lie," is the theory held by the saloon men of Portland and their sympathizers. When their statement that there are 21 empty business rooms and over 200 empty dwellings in the city was disputed, a pool was formed for the purpose of furnishing convincing proof of the fact, and, accompanied by J. E. Bliss, who made a canvass of the town and knows the location of every unoccupied residence and building, J. H. Schwartz started today taking photographs of idle property.

Cuts will be made of the pictures and an enormous bill will be printed the location of each building and house and name of owner to be printed below the picture.

In addition to this photographic evidence of the city's steady demise, the saloon men say that they will secure a signed statement of the financial condition of the municipality, which will accompany the photographs on the poster. The bills will be printed and distributed broadcast over the county by the forepart of next week. (Signed) J. W. MCCOY.

DISPLAYS GENIUS

Michael Wertzberger Would Do Credit to Artist

DRAWS PICTURES

Has Established an Enviable Reputation

At the central school building and over the basement stairs of the building is located an art gallery; the pictures arranged on the wall are the work of the janitor, Mike Wertzberger. Done with the crudest of material, some of them being drawn on window blinds with common chalk, others are with pencil and paper, they present a very pleasing appearance. Mr. Wertzberger has a great deal of talent in art, and had he when young been encouraged in the work, he might have developed genius. The first picture drawn by Mr. Wertzberger reminds one of Fort Pickering, the big fort in the background with our flag floating in the breeze, in the foreground on the banks of the river, is a morning gun with a Union soldier firing the morning salute. Another picture, drawn on a window blind, with common chalk, is of Lake Ponchartrain. On the blue waters of the lake a big river steamer is plying its way. Before the famous battle at Mobile, Ala. Some of the Union soldiers on this steamer came to New Orleans, the eighty-ninth regiment came by the way of the gulf, meeting there with other troops. They went to Mobile and took part in the battle there. These drawings are very interesting for many of the soldiers here have seen these historical places. A sketch of landscape, houses, barns, roads, fences and fields make an attractive landscape. Business blocks and houses beautify the walls and are finished with the skill of a good architect. Mr. Wertzberger has four sketches of Lincoln, one in the profile, one delivering the Gettysburg address, a memorial picture in which Lincoln is pictured with the flag in the background, and another a bust of the hero, drawn with a pencil. All of these are very lifelike. In this way Mr. Wertzberger spends his spare time. He gains much pleasure in doing this, the improvement to himself is important, and it is very interesting and pleasant to see some good work done in the art of drawing.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A big mass meeting for men will be held at the Methodist church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30. Great enthusiasm is being manifested among the temperance workers. Every man who loves his home and this city ought to be out.

E. S. Shumaker, of Indianapolis, state superintendent of the anti-saloon league, will address a big mass meeting at the court house Monday night at 7:30. Come and hear him. I. IMLER, Chairman.

OPEN CHALLENGE

To the Wets of Decatur:

Gentlemen—You are issuing statements to the effect that if the saloons are voted out of Adams county taxes will, of necessity, be increased and business will be decreased. If you are sincere in your statements, we hereby request that you secure your best speakers to meet speakers furnished by the Local Option Committee, to meet in joint and open debate on this question.

Respectfully submitted,
I. IMLER, Chairman.

FO RSAL—Good dry buzz wood. Inquire of Julius Bright or leave orders at Nichtrieb's drug store.

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THEIR LAST SESSION

Teachers of Union and Root Township Held Institute

AT MONMOUTH

Today—A Very Interesting Program Was Rendered

The last of a series of institutes was held at Monmouth today by the teachers of Union and Root townships and although the last, it was not the least interesting held during the school year. Nearly all the teachers gathered and the session was educational to say the least. The opening exercises were in charge of Mr. Mann after the roll call was read. Following this quotations from Tennyson and Wadsworth were read by Miss Boknecht after which Miss Evans gave a declamation. Facts, figures fallacies and fancies furnished the subject for a talk given by Miss Bailey. The session was closed by the discussion of the four great educators by Misses Winifred Johnson and Florence Kunke. The meeting was a success from every viewpoint and the teachers derived great benefit therefrom.

VOTE "YES"—"YES" IS DRY.

Keep at it. Don't relax a single effort to make a dry vote and to get every dry vote into the ballot box on next Tuesday. I want every ward and precinct worker to know that the success of this cause depends upon your efforts to get the vote to the polls on election day. Every dry voter in Adams county should understand that he is personally responsible for getting out every dry vote in his ward or precinct. Do not vote, then go quietly home with the thought that the responsibility rests with the ward or precinct committee man or with the county chairman. It rests with you. They are not working for pay or office. They are working for BOYS, your boys and a cleaner and better country. You are equally responsible with them and will receive equal benefits with them. Don't get the idea that we are going to fail and that everybody's business is nobody's business. We are not going to fail, and you are the man, it is your business. "Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God hath given Thee."

I. IMLER, County Chairman.

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Mary Knavel Wants a Divorce from Edward Knavel

GUARDIAN REPORTS

James M. Archbold Has Been Appointed Administrator in an Estate

Julius Haugk vs. James W. Place et al, a demurrer was filed by the plaintiff to the defendant's counter claim.

E. P. Reed & Co. vs. Fred B. Tague cause continued by agreement.

Attorney J. W. Teeple has filed a divorce complaint, Mary Knavel vs. Edward Knavel. Complaint filed and summons ordered returnable March 3. The complaint recites the fact that they were married September 20, 1901, and lived together until December 10, 1908, when they separated and have not since lived or co-habited together. Before the last named date, the plaintiff says the defendant has been guilty of cruel and inhuman treatment, and many other cruelties that are too obscene to print. The plaintiff asks for the custody of their two children, a divorce and five hundred dollars alimony.

Samuel Stahl as guardian of Henry B. Stahl, filed an account current.

William F. Blakey, guardian of five Biscoff minor heirs, filed an account current, and also a petition which was granted.

James M. Archbold has filed bond in the sum of \$600 and has been appointed administrator of the estate of Mary J. Mietz, deceased.

A marriage license has been issued to John Taylor, a resident of Jay county, and Henrietta Byerly.

Real estate transfers contain the transfer of real estate in Monroe township, David Schindler to Joseph L. Graber. The consideration was \$7,000.

No. 766—Is a 26 1/2 acre tract a half mile from school on public road, Decatur on stoned road, good buildings, twenty acres fine black land, all \$12,000.00.

No. 768—Is a cottage near Monroe house on brick foundation, hip roof, street, cistern, stable, drove well, a mile and a half from railroad station, market, etc. Price \$2,600.00. \$525.00.

No. 770—Is one of the best business buildings in the city; will be sold at a bargain, annual rentals over \$800.00.

No. 772—Is a new five room cottage in west Decatur, with good stable, drove well, cement cistern, fruit, No. 771—Is a nearly all black ground etc, rejuices but \$650.00 cash. thirty acres, cottage house, on stone. No. 769—Is a 115 acre tract of fine ed road, for \$2,400.00.

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