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WEATHER.

Partly cloudy tonight and Sunday; warmer south and central portion tonight.

Mrs. Mary Murphy went to Fort Wayne today.

Elijah Mann went to Fort Wayne on a business trip.

Miss Mae Spuhler went to Fort Wayne this morning.

J. W. Hurliss went to Fort Wayne on a visit with friends.

Miss Anna Winnes returned this morning from a visit at Muncie.

Charley Hurliss went to Fort Wayne where he will visit with friends.

Mrs. A. N. Shumam went to Fort Wayne today to visit with friends.

Vida Stoneburner went to Fort Wayne to visit with friends and relatives.

Tom Baltzell transacted business in the city today and has returned to his home at Preble.

Will Burke went to Fort Wayne on business.

Frank Gault returned to his home at Preble.

Will Evans returned to his home at Monmouth.

Miss Helen Baker will spend Sunday with her parents at Preble.

Miss Perth Crays will return to her home at Preble this evening.

Anthony Harter, of Albion, dislocated his right shoulder while putting on his coat.

It is said that beer is now transported to Upland, a "dry" town, in large milk cans.

Miss Fanchon Magley went to Monmouth where she will visit with Chauncey Wilder and family.

Mentone is supposed to be dry, but Frank Stener was arrested there on a charge of selling liquor without a license.

A good number of farmers were in the city today doing shopping and have returned to their respective homes.

The eastern horse buyers who purchased animals at yesterday's sale were busy today preparing the horses for shipment.

Mrs. Freese accompanied by her children, Roswald and Alfred, went to Fort Wayne this morning to visit with friends and relatives.

The meeting last night at the M. E. church was very interesting and was attended by a large number of people. The sermon was fine.

Sylvester Reynolds, a street worker at Bluffton, may lose the sight of his right eye as the result of being hit by a snowball Thursday.

There will be a special meeting of C. B. L. of I. at their hall Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and all are requested to be present.

Interesting religious services will be held at the public churches tomorrow morning and evening, and the general public is invited to attend.

The wolf which has occupied so prominent a position in the Hensley window, for the past few weeks, has been taken to Hoagland by those who killed it.

Rev. O. S. Edwards, of Battle Creek, Mich., will become pastor of the Lutheran church at Lagrange, succeeding Rev. W. D. Zeigler, who accepted a call to Columbia City.

Monroe, Adams county, is in the throes of an old fashioned Methodist revival and the whole country is interested. Over thirty have been taken into the church so far and if the present interest keeps up the number will be multiplied several times.

The old Wason farm of 80 acres 2 1/2 miles northeast of town was sold today by the administrator, Mrs. Elizabeth Wason, to Joseph A. Duncan, of Sharpsville, Indiana, for \$75 per acre or \$6,000. He will move here March 10th. Mock & Sons made the deal.—Bluffton News.

Mack McDonald, a Decatur horse buyer, bought eleven head of steeds at the Baker sale yesterday and hired Clifford Sheldon and George Barton to take the animals through to Decatur this morning. Sheldon started in good time with eight head, but they were stubborn on account of the cold rain, and he had to come back and abandon the trip. Barton and his string got started and made the trip.—Bluffton Banner.

Dr. B. W. Rhamy, of Fort Wayne, is making a chemical analysis of the contents of the stomach of Mrs. E. G. Smeary, who died at Roann, Wabash county, some time ago. Rumors that the woman had come to her death by foul play gained circulation, and the husband joined in a request to the coroner to have the remains exhumed and an investigation made.

Mrs. James Stewart and mother arrived in the city this morning from Bradford, Pa., and spent the morning trying to settle several business affairs of Mrs. Stewart in the city. The woman is the wife of James Stewart, well known in police court, and who, it is claimed, deserted him while they resided here which caused him to attempt suicide. Mrs. Stewart claimed that she had left a trunk with her husband, but it could not be found this morning.—Bluffton Banner.

Miss Hannah Jaebker, of Preble, is in the city today.

J. D. Winteregg, of Berne, was in the city today on business.

Sam Burk left on a business trip to Indianapolis and Cincinnati.

Miss Fannie McConnel went to Monmouth today to attend the institute.

Miss Anna Clark has returned from a visit with friends at Fort Wayne. Dave Huffman, trustee of Preble township, was in the city on business today.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Schlegel and daughter went to Bluffton this morning.

Mrs. Christ Stodgill returned to Bluffton after a visit with friends in the city.

Mrs. Charley Murray and son Herold went to Fort Wayne this morning on business.

Mr. John Hofstetter returned to his home at Craigville after visiting her daughter.

Fred Rohrer, the temperance speaker, went to Van Buren, where he will speak tonight.

Mrs. Grandstaff and Mrs. Dora Schieferstein, of Monmouth, were in the city shopping.

Mr. E. H. Shoemaker has returned from Marion. Mrs. Shoemaker will return this evening.

Tracy Nelson is employing his Saturdays by clerking in the grocery at True and Runyon's.

Mrs. F. A. White and little granddaughter left for Marion, their former home, where they will visit with relatives.

O. O. Oviatt, of Kendallville, will preach at the Christian church tomorrow. All the members are urged to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Erman E. Mentzer and son Walter arrived this morning to remain over Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Peters and other relatives.

Mrs. W. J. Meyers is entertaining a company of friends at her home on Fifth street, in honor of Mrs. Robert Case, of Magley, who leaves soon for Indianapolis. Mrs. Robert Harding of Fort Wayne, is an out-of-town guest.

The board of trustees of town allowed two bills at their Monday night's meeting and also passed a resolution granting the county commissioners the right to macadamize the mile road bounding the Berne corporation on the north.—Berne Witness.

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The Holy Grail boys will meet at the Presbyterian church again next Tuesday night, at which time the senators will practice their speeches they will deliver in open senate to be given at the M. E. church one week from Tuesday night. The Knights of King Arthur will be present as well as the members of the Monroe castle of the Grail and an interesting meeting is assured. The open promises to be of interest to the public who are cordially invited to be present.

Mrs. Robert Harding of Fort Wayne, is visiting with relatives and friends.

Miss Agnes Vogelweide will spend Sunday with Miss Loretta Cleber, near Fort Wayne.

The streets were lined with people this afternoon, citizens from all over the county being here.

Many farmers were in the city today transacting business and the merchants did a good business.

An important institute is being held in Union township. Quite a number of Decatur people are attending.

Miss Amelia Weber entertained last evening in honor of the Misses Mayme Gels and Ethel Schug of Brookville.

There are a number of prominent social events scheduled for next week, which will be of interest to many Decatur people.

The topic of discussion on the streets today was the local option issue, and there were arguments presented on both sides.

The case of Willard Steele vs. Isaac Robinson for the possession of property, has been venued from the court of Squire Smith to that of Squire Stone.

Rowena Shoaf is hostess at a meeting of the Busy Bee Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lutz, where the members of the club will be entertained with games.

An affair of last week was the farewell party given by Mrs. Robert Case of Magley, last Tuesday. The members of the Beulah Chapel Aid Society were the guests.

The Euterpean Club met at the home of Mrs. Richard Spetnagle last night. The study of the lesson was unusually interesting. Miss Annette Johnson had the paper.

J. H. Heier will return this evening from Indianapolis to remain over Sunday as the guest of his family. He will return tomorrow night to resume his duties in the house of representatives.

After holding the place but a week, Miss Bertha Tember, of Pleasant Lake, resigned the superintendence of the Jay county hospital at Portland. Miss Tember will take a position at Richmond.

James Touhey passed a restless night last night and was feeling quite badly today. He has hopes of recovering sufficiently to be able to walk about again, but the physicians state that this is very improbable if not impossible.

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