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SUCCEEDS HIMSELF

Jacob R. Gruber Succeeds Himself as Superintendent at the County Infirmary

ONE OF THE BEST

The Commissioners Make a Wise and commendable Selection

At the session of commissioners court today the board did the right and commendable thing by selecting Jacob R. Gruber to succeed himself as superintendent at the county infirmary. Mr. Gruber has filled this place so long that he has become a permanent fixture of the county, and in this deal the county gets by long odds the best of the bargain. He is by nature and in every other way especially fitted for the work that is cut out for a place of this kind, and it is no reflection on any one else to say but few people are capable of the variety and trying duties of caring for those whom ill health and misfortune has cast upon the charity of the county. As an assistant and aid in this administration, Mrs. Gruber has no equal, and the county is really fortunate in having them and being able to keep them. In addition Mr. Gruber is a farmer among farmers. The land owned and cultivated by him and which belongs to the county has been brought up to a high standard of cultivation and worth. There is not a spot upon that vast acreage that is not tillable, and it will raise the quantity and the quality of every known vegetation in which the soil of Adams county is adapted to. This was not always so, but thanks to the persistency, hard work and his knowledge of making good land better, good crops abound there every year. All this is of inestimable value and the salary of the superintendent is a very small and insignificant feature of the transaction. The commissioners but again demonstrated their good business judgment in retaining him.

PEOPLES' STATE BANK AT BERNE MAY CHANGE LOCATION.

The brick business building and lot on the corner of Main and Jefferson streets, which location is considered one of the best in town, was last Saturday deeded to E. F. Moser and Joel Liddy, two well known citizens of our town. The property was owned by Eugene Morrow, of Bluffton, and R. K. Allison, of Decatur. The building is occupied by the clothing firm Nussbaum, Stauffer & Neuenschwander. They have not as yet received notice to vacate, but are expecting such notice at any time. It is understood that this building will be occupied by the Peoples' State Bank before many months. In conversation with the witness representative, R. R. Schug, cashier of said bank said that in all probability the bank would occupy the building sooner or later, but such arrangements are not yet perfected. —Berne Witness.

HE FIXED THEM UP

Congressman Dixon Saved Up the Southern Statesmen

THE FINAL VOTE

Nine Republicans Will Vote Against Aldrich Bill on Final Passage

Washington, June 8.—When Representative Lincoln Dixon, the dean of the Indiana Democratic delegation, returned to Washington he found that quite a number of southern Democratic representatives had their hatchets sharpened and were busy hacking away at Governor Marshall's presidential boom. Mr. Dixon hopes that Governor Marshall will be the next Democratic nominee for president, and he set about to placate this anvil chorus. He went among the Democratic representatives and reassured them by vigorously contradicting the report that the Indiana governor is lending too willing an ear to Republicans who desire office. Mr. Dixon told Governor Marshall's congressional critics that the governor is as loyal a Democrat as there is in the United States, and that he is appointing Republicans only to such positions as the statutes of the state require shall be filled by Republicans. He stated, furthermore, that Democrats will be appointed to fill all the positions which it is within Governor Marshall's power to give to Democrats. He said that wherever the law provides that a Republican shall be on a state board, the governor is, of course, obeying the mandates of the law, but he gave it as his judgment that there will be no deviation from the rule that whenever the governor lawfully can appoint Democrats to office he will do so. The explanation of Mr. Dixon apparently had considerable weight among southern representatives whose Bourbon propensities had been excited by a newspaper clipping from a Fort Wayne paper which purported to give an interview with the governor on patronage matters.

Washington, June 8.—Nine Republican senators have practically made up their minds to vote against the tariff bill unless concessions which they do not expect are made. These senators are Beveridge, of Indiana; Bristow, of Kansas; Clapp and Nelson, of Minnesota; Gamble and Crawford, of South Dakota; Dolliver and Cummins, of Iowa, and LaFollette, of Wisconsin. Possibly one of the Nebraska senators may go with the nine. The decision of these Republican senators to refuse to support a bill which they feel does not carry out their party's pledge to the people, will not endanger the passage of the measure through the senate. Mr. Aldrich will still have votes enough without calling on the Democrats. The probability is that he will get at least two Democratic votes for his bill, those of the senators from Louisiana.

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Dave Miller, Who Got His First Lessons on a Decatur Sawdust Pile

HAS REACHED TOP

In His Work—Is Here for a Visit with Relatives and Friends

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COURTHOUSE NEWS

Quite a Bunch of Real Estate Transfers Were Filed Today

JUVENILE COURT

Held a Session Last Evening—Nothing New in Big Land Case

The case of Daniel W. Myers vs. Samuel and Lydia A. Shamp, suit on note, the demand being \$75, was dismissed and the costs paid.

The Taylor vs. Studabaker suit continues in court, there being nothing about it to excite more than passing interest to others than those directly in the suit.

There was a short session of the juvenile court last evening at seven o'clock at the county clerk's office, but as these matters are not permitted to be published, except when final action is taken, such as sending the child to an institution, nothing can be given at this time.

Real estate transfers: J. F. Snow, com., to M. J. Martin, 80 acres, Hartford township, \$7,200; Manervo A. Fravel to George W. Fravel, 30 acres Wabash township, \$2,100; B. J. Smith guardian to Leo G. Kohne et al., part, 80 acres Washington township, \$424.24; Mary Smith, guardian to Leo G. Kohne, part 80 acres Washington township, \$424.24; Mary Smith et al to Leo G. Kohne part 80 acres Washington township, \$7,000; Elizabeth Hideman to Leo Kohne, 53 acres Washington township quiet title \$100.

Rosetta Rinehart has been appointed guardian for Mary Rinehart and filed her bond for \$500 signed by W. J. Archbold and Zack Archbold.

The case of John F. Lawson vs. (Continued on page 4.)

ANOTHER MURDER

Occurred Last Evening at Van Buren in Grant County—a Brutal Affair

J. McDougall, VICTIM

Beat and Kicked to Death by Francis Miller, a Tough Young Man

John McDougall, aged thirty-six one of the best known and most clever men in the town of Van Buren, was brutally murdered yesterday afternoon by Francis Miller, a tough young man, formerly a bartender, now working in the oil fields. McDougall was a great favorite at Van Buren and was known by a number of people in this city. He operated a store at the little town and trusted Miller, who then refused to pay. McDougall finally got an order from him and collected the money from his employer. Yesterday Miller and two brothers went to Marion and got drunk. Returning to Van Buren they premeditatedly hunted Mac up and Francis beat him and kicked him to such an extent that he died twenty minutes later. McDougall's wife heard the trouble and ran to her husband's assistance, throwing her arms about his neck, but even then Miller did not stop and is said to have struck his victim several times when he had to reach around the woman to do it. The victim was taken into his store where he had several fainting spells and died within twenty minutes. Miller was arrested and his two brothers are being held as accomplices. This is the second murder in Grant county within a week, the other being at Upland, last Tuesday, when William Gray murdered his brother-in-law, Alonzo Bellville.

RAILSBACK IS EXONERATED

Farmer Who Killed Two of the Meeks Family, Cleared.

Richmond, Ind., June 7.—Joel Railsback, the farmer who killed Alexander and Raymond Meeks, during a quarrel over a fence line a month ago, was exonerated in the report of the grand jury to Judge Henry C. Fox this evening. Railsback was immediately discharged from custody. Railsback gave himself up immediately after the shooting. He declared he shot in self defense. The court congratulated the grand jury on its finding.

HAVE YOU MUZZLED YOUR DOG? If Not, He is Very Liable to Be Shot Within the Next Few Days.

Marshal Butler is looking for dogs who are not wearing muzzles. This is not for style, but for the safety of the community. Every one should know of the order by this time, and if you have not complied with it this is taken as evidence that you don't care enough about the dog to keep him from being shot, any way that's exactly what is liable to happen if you let him run on the streets without a muzzle on. The marshal will begin his very disagreeable duty of shooting them within a day or two, and it's up to you. Don't wait until it's too late and then kick, for that won't bring your dog back and will only make useless trouble for you. In many cities in Indiana there has been a regular epidemic of hydrophobia, and if this order is obeyed now, we can easily escape it. Muzzle your dog, for if the officer don't shoot him he is not doing his duty, and if he don't and something happens then the people will blame him.

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The appointment was made and contract entered into with J. R. Gruber as superintendent at the county infirmary. The appointment is for two years and carries a salary of \$1,000 a year.

The auditor was authorized to advertise for bids for the supply of coal needed for next winter for the court house, jail and infirmary. Said coal is subject to inspection of the custodian, T. H. Ernst.

The board will make a trip to Blue Creek township tomorrow for the purpose of locating a bridge near the Mattie Young farm.

The county board of review have begun their session. Notice given elsewhere will notify all taxpayers when they may appear and be heard upon any objection they may wish to offer.

The Martin girl's case still remains a mystery in many details and the whole truth probably never will be known as she herself has told so many stories that it is hard to tell what is the truth. Her story held together well enough, however, to leave little room for doubt that somebody assisted her in her flight from the infirmary and somebody, either the girl or others, are without much doubt guilty of a murder. There is still a chance that there may be further investigation and prosecution, because some letters have been discovered to the girl by a party outside who was named in her stories as one of those who was with her while she was away from the infirmary. The girl went to Indianapolis today without objection, and Supt. Ulmer says that she did not seem to care what was to be done with her.—Bluffton News.

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Mr. Meyers said in telling his story to the Allen county sheriff, that the robbery took place in a very dark place along the road and he could not distinguish the faces of the people good enough that he could tell one from the other, but he knew from their dress and talk that they were the bunch of gypsies.

The Eagles will give another dance tonight and they cordially invite the public to attend and enjoy the festivities. Excellent music will be furnished.

BIDS WERE OPENED

Supplies for the County Infirmary Were Given to Contractors

OTHER BUSINESS

The Coal Supply Will Be Contracted at the July Session

Bids were opened for the furnishing of supplies at the county infirmary. Contracts were given to the low bidders, who were T. R. Moore gasoline and oil, C. R. Dunn the Watkins' Stock Food, Schaub, Gottmoller & Co., hardware, Holthouse Drug Co., drugs, True & Runyon, dry goods, Everett, Hite & Co., groceries and tobacco.

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GUS CHRISTEN VISITING HERE

Says Louisville is Ready for Thirty Thousand Visitors—the Shriners.

Gus Christen, of Louisville, is here for a few days' visit with friends and he says the southern city is a beautiful place just now in anticipation of the visit of the Shriners who arrived there yesterday and today. It is estimated that 30,000 visitors will be entertained in the Kentucky city this week and the people of that hospitable city have spared no expense to make it the greatest in history. Every merchant has spent hundreds of dollars to make his place the most attractive and the citizens have made the town appear like a garden of electric lights. All kinds of animals, including the camel, are represented and those who visited the town this week will long remember the occasion.

MUST NOT MARRY

Is the Order to Cadets of Naval and Military Academies

THE REASON WHY

Young People Fail to Realize What a Contract They Assume

Washington, D. C., June 7.—(Special) Secretary Meyer's recent order to the cadets of the naval academy forbidding them the joys of a matrimony until they are in a position to take to themselves the troubles as well, is not the first bit of official advice that has been uttered on this problem. General Bell, chief of staff of the army, has said repeatedly that the department wants no young married soldiers, and the aspiring second lieutenants who come out of West Point with their commissions and the idea that the world is at their feet are usually taken aside by their grave and elderly superior officers, who have gone through hard fought domestic as well as military campaigns, and told that they should not be so cocksure of their careers as to add a wife to their encumbrances without mature consideration of the trials and tribulations such an acquisition involves. But it is not really the fault of the young officers. It's the latter day girls wh o are to blame. From the military point of view the beautiful young things who flutter so coyly about our embryo admirals and major generals and cling so demurely to the brawny right arms of the middies and cadets don't measure up to the requirements of an army or naval officer's wife. General Elliott, who is in command of the marines, has an expressive way of putting it. "There isn't one modern girl out of a hundred," he says, "who is fit to take up the duties of military life."

They are very beautiful and charming at commencements and balls and teas, and they make perfectly entrancing brides at a military wedding in an environment of orange blossoms and smilax and gold braid. But when the young hero-husband is ordered to sea for three years or sent to a forlorn post at the tail end of Mindanao in the Philippines, the pretty things collapse like a Mary Garden hat in a thunder shower. And if they don't happen to have an experienced maternal bosom at hand to collapse upon, heaven knows what's to become of them. As a rule they cling to their military better halves up to the moment the last launch puts out, and he tears himself away ruthlessly because "orders is orders," and he has been bred up to this sort of thing. The brief moment of triumph and romance for the young military bride is over. She comes back to face the problems of life alone. She begins to realize for the first time in her happy career that the loathsome practice of keeping an eye on the bank balance is a necessary concomitant of married life. She has to mind the pots and kettles or the cook will get away with them. She has to squabble with the landlord who takes advantage of her ignorance. Both senators were keyed up to a high pitch of excitement, but Beveridge held his temper while Aldrich brushed aside all rules of senatorial decorum.