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HAD A FIRE LOSS

Homer Lower Barn, Granary, Hay and Other Articles Destroyed

A LOSS OF \$400

Was Sustained and is Partially Covered by Insurance

A fire supposedly originating from spontaneous combustion, which this morning at nine o'clock ignited a quantity of hay stored in the barn belonging to Homer Lower a short distance east of the city, completely destroyed the barn, outbuildings, granary, mail wagon, harness and other articles entailing a loss of at least four hundred dollars, one hundred and fifty of which is personal loss to Mr. Lower. Joseph Tonnelier of Decatur, was driving past the farm and perceived smoke escaping from the roof of the barn. He gave the alarm and within a few minutes the structure was completely enveloped by leaping flames which threatened destruction to the residence, a stack of wheat and other articles contiguous to the barn. The fire alarm soon brought about forty neighbors to the scene and a real battle to save the property ensued, although but little could be done to check the big conflagration with mere buckets. The fire swept from the barn to the granary and other outbuildings in its destructive sweep were rendered but a mass of ruins. The battlers renewed their efforts and by heroic work a stack of wheat located near the barn was saved. However, dry grass in the fields became ignited and spread rapidly, notwithstanding the efforts of the workers and at one time the house was in dire danger of being prey to the raging flames. The fire was not extinguished until late this afternoon. The barn will be rebuilt. Insurance partly covers the loss.

HERE TEN YEARS

Rev. J. H. Klausung Will Leave for Big Rapids, Michigan

AN ABLE MINISTER

He Materially Aided in Organization of Decatur Church

Rev. J. H. Klausung, who for ten years has been a resident of Adams county, and who has so successfully guided the interests of the Preble township Lutheran church and the Zion Lutheran church of Decatur, during that time, will leave with his family for Big Rapids, Michigan, tomorrow or Thursday where he will make his future home. Rev. Klausung came here about ten years ago and assumed duties as pastor of the Preble township Lutheran church. He proved a very valuable man and soon won the admiration of his every acquaintance. The church underwent wonderful progress under his leadership. About six years ago after Decatur Lutherans launched a movement for the erection of a church in this city, Rev. Klausung identified himself with the movement, and he worked earnestly in support of the cause represented. His efforts and the efforts of the laymen found expression in the erection of a beautiful and commodious edifice and school house and Rev. Klausung was chosen as minister of the church. Since that time he has preached at both the Decatur and Preble township churches and has been very successful. The many friends of the able minister will wish for him and his family much success in their new field of labor. Rev. Klausung will receive a handsome salary at his new charge which is only further evidence of his efficiency.

STILL A SERIOUS SITUATION

The Evansville Street Car Strike Still Raging.

Evansville, Ind., Aug. 3.—Matthew Hallenberger, a labor leader who has addressed every one of the car strikers' mass meetings in the last week, received a badly scrawled anonymous letter today threatening him and his home with dynamite unless he sees that the strike is called off in three days. Hallenberger says he is not afraid, and declares he will continue to make speeches for the strikers if he is asked to do so. He believes the letter was inspired by the traction company. Company officials believe the letter was written by some carman who is disgusted with the failure of the strike up to this time. The most significant thing in the letter is a statement that the writer "will not go to Henderson to get his dynamite as those who dynamited the street cars did." In the light of reported investigations by the police and the traction company's secret operatives it appears that the man who wrote the letter knows something of the two series of attempted dynamitings of cars two and four weeks ago.

THE OTHER SIDE

Not All Tipton People are With Noah Marker

WORKED IT UP

Lawyers for Defense Working up Sympathy for Defendant

Tipton, Ind., Aug. 3.—Tipton people who had been wanting to say the same words, were backward about doing so, read with many expressions of commendation the utterances of an Indianapolis minister regarding the welcome of Noah R. Marker, returned bank embezzler, in The Star today. They said among themselves that the celebration following Marker's return was worked up by his attorneys and others interested to make him a strong defense when his case should come to trial, and that the hundred men who participated in it do not represent the people of Tipton and the county by any means. There is a belief that Marker did not tell the truth about the trip he made; that he was not in Missouri at all and that he has not explained his participation in the bank transaction, and the facts are being carefully hidden, on the assumption that the bank examiner will not be able to tell when or by whom the cash was taken and the forgeries committed. It was pointed out that Mrs. E. H. Shirk, wife of the founder of the bank, an excellent woman of Tipton, who announced that she was ready to replace her proportion of the missing money that was stolen from the bank, has had very few callers, while attentions were paid to the runaway assistant cashier for effect. She keenly feels that Tipton people show no appreciation of her loss, for the money missing will be replaced largely by her and nothing may be expected in the way of a return from the Marker. This afternoon the positive assurance was given that the shortage of the bank would not exceed the amount fixed by the bank examiner, \$105,000. It was said that it might be considerably less. The verification of the notes held is what is taking the time. The statement was equally positive that when the bank reopened W. I. Marker would not be its cashier. A meeting was held at the Shirk home here this afternoon regarding the selection of the new cashier and assistant, but no decision was reached. A representative of the bank declared that there would be no receiver asked for, that none was needed and that the bank might be doing business one week from today. The business men are of the opinion that it will.

DEATH OF GRANDDAUGHTER

Washington, Aug. 3.—Representative Cullop received a telegram announcing the death this morning of his only granddaughter at Corpus Christi, Tex. The child was the daughter of Mrs. Victor Keller of San Antonio, who is Mr. Cullop's only child. The pressure of congressional business will prevent the congressman from attending the funeral.

GONE TO SEATTLE

Hon. A. P. Beatty Writes from Oakland, California

IS FEELING FINE

Hears More Complaint of Hard Times There Than at Home

We are in receipt of a letter from A. P. Beatty who is making an extended trip and visit in the west. The letter was written from Oakland, California, where he visited relatives for some time. He left there Saturday for the Seattle exposition, and will visit many other places in that country before returning. The letter in part says:

"I expect to leave here for Seattle on July 31. San Francisco has changed very much since I was there in 1905. No one who has not seen the city can comprehend the great loss of property occasioned by the earthquake and fire of 1906. There are still acres of burnt district vacant, where a little over three years ago stood buildings that cost from \$25,000 to \$100,000. It is remarkable how many new buildings have been constructed since the fire, and they are still building very rapidly. Considering the hard times we have had and are having at this time. The people here complain of hard times more at this time than they do back home. I am feeling fine, but it is very cool here after the sun goes down. Cool enough for an overcoat. The ladies wear their wraps and furs here the year around. I am just across the bay from San Francisco, and ocean breezes makes it very cool and pleasant through the day, but rather cool in the evenings. There has not been a night that I have not slept under heavy covering, both here and at Los Angeles, but the days are much warmer at Los Angeles than here. I expect to reach home the latter part of next month.

"Yours truly,
A. P. BEATTY."

CANNOT LIVE LONG

Mrs. Rosanna Buhler Aged 75, Lies at Death's Door

IS NOW AT MARION

Residing With Her Son Emanuel—Message Received

Mrs. Rosanna Buhler, widow of the late Jacob Buhler, now residing with her son Emanuel Buhler at Marion, and who until five years ago was a life long resident of Adams county, is lying at death's door according to a message received this morning and she can survive but a few days at the most. The afflicted woman who has passed her seventy-fifth birthday is suffering from a complication of ailments peculiar to old age and she is gradually growing weaker with the passing of each day. She was taken suddenly worse yesterday and the attending physician gave out the sad news that early death was inevitable. Jacob and Albert Buhler, her two Decatur sons, have received the news with regret, as have the many Adams county friends of the estimable woman. Mrs. Buhler will be remembered as one who during her life has been very active. For many years she was engaged in carpet weaving here and she enjoyed the work very much. Albert Buhler will go to Marion today or tomorrow to be at the bedside of his aged mother, and Jacob will follow if her condition fails to improve within the next twenty-four hours.

Miss Nellie Wolf, of near Monroeville, is visiting her cousins, the Misses Mabel and Naomi Cramer in the city.

CAME NEAR TAKING A PLUNGE

Five Bluffton Gentlemen Came Near to a Header.

Five Bluffton gentlemen, enroute to Fort Wayne Saturday afternoon to attend the races, barely escaped a plunge down a twenty-foot embankment into the St. Marys river a short distance south of this city. They leaped from the machine as it came to a halt with its nose pointed downward at the brink of the steep precipice. All of them escaped injury, but were given the fright of their lives. The car was owned by Mr. Fetters, a lumberman at Bluffton, and four friends were with him in the machine. In passing two carriages in the highway the auto was sent over an S wheels struck a grass plot and one of the rear wheels gave way under the "skidding," whirling the auto squarely across the highway with its nose pointed down into the stream. The broken wheel allowed the axle to plow into the earth sufficiently to stop the machine an instant before it would have taken its headlong tumble into the river.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

TAKE OUT A JOKER

Progressives Secured a Victory on Boot and Shoe Schedule

REVENUES SHORT

Indiana Shy on Revenue Receipts for Last Year

Washington, Aug. 3.—The progressive senators scored a victory when the agitation which they started against the boot and shoe joker resulted in an arrangement to eliminate that particular joker from the tariff bill. This result was achieved only after Senator Aldrich was given the scare of his life and not until he saw from the intensely bitter feeling manifested in the senate, that unless the joker came out the conference report would be defeated. From early in the morning until late in the afternoon Aldrich was on tenterhooks. He was accused by the progressives of the baldest trickery and fraud. That would not have bothered him if it had not been that the opinion of the progressives was generally shared by other senators, and for the first time Aldrich faced a ruction of large proportions among the senators he usually controlled by crooking a finger. It was a serious situation.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The effect of the spread of "dry" territory in Indiana is shown by a decrease of internal revenue receipts. The receipts of both Indiana internal revenue districts were less during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1909, than during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908. The report of the bureau of internal revenue made public today, shows that the receipts of the Indianapolis (Sixth) district for the year ended June 30, 1909, were \$10,053,789.43, as against \$10,577,953.42 for the year ended June 30, 1908. The receipts for the Seventh (Terre Haute) district were \$15,171,027.38 as compared with \$15,968,799.97 in the year ended June 30, 1908. The total receipts for Indiana in 1909 \$25,224,816.81 as against \$26,546,753.39 in 1908. This is a falling off of \$1,321,936.58.

Washington, Aug. 3.—"If Speaker Cannon, in making up his committees, undertakes to punish all the Republican members who have disagreed with him since the 4th of last March, I am afraid he will not have enough men to fill the chairmanships," said a member of the house of representatives. This remark was drawn out by the gossip that in forming his committees, which are to be announced at the close of this special session, the speaker does not propose to reward those Republicans who have dared to oppose him in any way.

Frances Bryson who has been visiting in the city for the past few days, went to Berne this morning, where she will spend a few hours with friends and will then return to her home at Portland this afternoon.

IN POLICE CIRCLES

Mayor France Held a Short Session this Morning

A DRUNK RELEASED

Was First Offense—Two Boys in Juvenile Court

Mayor France held a session of court this morning and after hearing the statement of a Mr. Phillips, who was arrested last night upon the charge of public intoxication, he dismissed the charge and ordered the defendant released. Phillips has been employed at the Furnace factory for four months, and last night was the first time he has become publicly intoxicated, hence the mayor gave him a lecture, admonishing him that his next appearance before him would mean thirty days in jail, and then ordered his release. Phillips greatly appreciated the leniency and promised never to let it occur again.

Marshal Butler was busy today looking up vicious dogs which have been reported. Unmuzzled canines found at large during this month will be shot and a charge will be preferred against its owner as well. This warning should be sufficient to the public.

The fourteen-year-old Straub boy will be turned over to the juvenile court within a few days. He has been staying away from home for several nights, and refuses to listen to the appeals of his mother. The youth has been sleeping at the stock yards. The officers will cause his arrest.

The officers are greatly annoyed over the conduct of Warren Wilkinson, who has been hoping trains and doing many other things which do not appeal to the public.

GONE TO BOSTON

James Doherty Given an Advancement With His Company

AT BOSTON BRANCH

A Good Position With International Heating Company

James Doherty, better known to his many Decatur friends as just plain Jim, is now a resident of Boston, where he goes as the manager of the Boston branch of the International Heating company. The position is one of the best to be given by this company, one of the largest and one of the best of its kind in the country, and it is a safe bet that Jim will be there with the goods. This branch has charge of all the business for the company in that section of the country and Mr. Doherty is the man who will push and make it expand as it never did before. Mr. Doherty and wife were residents of this city and during that time he was manager of the Decatur Furnace company. They both were well received and still have many friends who will wish them the best that is going. From here they went to Chicago, where a position was given Mr. Doherty with the International Heating company, and this advancement, one of the best at the disposal of the company, came within a short time. Their friends will be glad with them and wish them well in Boston.

The trains on the G. R. & I. railway from the north were late this morning owing to a wreck which occurred near Cadillac, Mich., during the night. The night train due here at 2:48 did not reach the city until after seven this morning.

GOVERNOR HUGHES AT SEATTLE

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 3.—Governor Charles E. Hughes of New York, who is a guest of the New York state building at the exposition, was the chief figure in the celebration of New York day at the world's fair today, and three other governors were present to pay honor to him—John A. Johnson of Minnesota, William E. Glasscock of West Virginia and Marino E. Hay of Washington. Governor Hughes held a reception this afternoon in the New York building and tonight the exposition commission gave a banquet in his honor.

KNOW MR. BARTH WELL

Isaac Barth, who we mentioned yesterday as being on his way from his home in New Mexico to Washington, D. C., and who stopped in Indianapolis long enough to boom Governor Marshall for president, was in school at same time that Fred Fruchte and Ferd Litterer were there, and they both know him well. He is a bright fellow and is more than making good in his western home.

F. GAST WILL LEAVE

Former Cigar Manufacturer Will Move to Washington

HAS SOLD RESIDENCE

To Henry Krick Last Evening—An Estimable Family

By the terms of a business transaction consummated last evening Henry Krick is the possessor of the beautiful Frank Gast property on Mercer avenue which he will occupy October first. Negotiations have been under way for this transaction for several days and an agreement was reached late last evening. Mr. Gast who recently disposed of his cigar business has considered moving westward for some time and now that the deal has been closed he, with his family, will leave about October first for Washington, where they will locate permanently. He will probably engage in the timber business. Mr. Gast came to Adams county in 1873, and has since been a continuous resident of Decatur. Nineteen years ago he started a cigar factory and subsequently manufactured a number of favorite brands which found ready sale in Decatur and surrounding towns. He continued in this business until last May, when he disposed of same to Lose and Thomas, he having done a lucrative business during the time that he owned it. Mr. Gast after the sale of the store started a handle and spoke factory near the Decatur Packing company plant, and the plant has been in full operation since. In fact he has secured orders which will require six months time to fill. The factory will be sold in the very near future, as several buyers are already negotiating for its purchase. The innumerable friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gast and family will regret to hear of their intended departure. Their abode in Decatur has been nothing but pleasant, and the friends of the family can only be counted by the number of their acquaintances. Mr. Gast has contributed to the success of Decatur. He has built two beautiful homes and during his business career has done much for the advancement of the town. The companionship of himself and family will be sadly missed. Frances Gast will soon enter upon college studies, where he will equip himself as an electrical engineer. He is a brilliant young man and will without doubt succeed in that line of work. The field for electrical engineering in the state of Washington is boundless, and that is one of the incentives which prompted Mr. Gast to move there.

SAW LADELLES IN PORTLAND

C. H. Elzey saw the LaDelles while they were playing in Portland, Oregon, week before last. The LaDelles are more than making good this year. They have played in all the good cities on the Pacific slope and are getting the crowds and the long money with them. They are a clever family, and their many friends here hope they will succeed as they deserve to do.

THEY ORGANIZED

The School Board Held an Important Meeting Last Evening

REDUCE THE LEVY

The Date for the Opening of the Schools is Monday, September 6th

The school board had an organization meeting last evening, in which they elected the same officers as last year, Dore B. Erwin president, F. V. Mills secretary, and A. H. Sellemeyer treasurer. They each gave a five thousand dollars bond for the faithful performance of their duties in this official place. The board have been quite faithful and have also done good work with the public schools of this city, and it is not varying from the truth to say that the present year will note even greater progress and success.

The board done another thing last night that show their fitness. They have had considerable permanent improvements to make at the various school buildings, but in the face of it, their levy for school purposes for this coming year will be three cents less than their levy last year.

The board set the time for the opening of the Decatur public schools for their fall term, the date of the opening being Monday, September 6, only five weeks away. This will be a heart breaker for the boys and the girls who wish that vacation time would last always.

Superintendent Rice who will have charge of the schools the coming year has rented the S. J. Miller property on Winchester street, and will move here some time about the middle of this month. During the brief acquaintance our people have made with Mr. Rice, they are firm in the belief that he will make a success of the schools and be a welcome addition to our citizenship.

GRADING BEGINS

On the Bluffton, Geneva and Celina Interurban in the Near Future

MEN WORKING NOW

Motor Cars Will Be Operated on the New Lines—No Wires or Poles

Meyer & Klopfenstine, who have the contract for the grading of the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina interurban line from this city to Linn Grove, will start to work this week. They will complete the grading within a few weeks, after they have once got started. Gus Davenport, engineer of the road, started out yesterday morning to do some more survey work before the grading is started, after which he will start the cross section survey. The Adams county construction firm which has the contract for the grading of the line from Linn Grove to Geneva is working a number of men and that section of the grade will be completed within a short time and will be ready for the laying of the ties and rails. Owing to the fact that the line will have motor cars instead of trolley cars it will not take the company so long to get through with the construction, as there will be no trolley poles, or wires, or power house to bother with. Geneva people will be glad to hear the news to the effect that the line will soon be completed.—Bluffton Banner.

[Hon. Levi Mock returned from Chesterfield this morning, where he attended the Sunday meetings of the spiritualists. They were of unusual interest and the sessions were largely attended. Leaders in the work were present from various parts of the state.—Bluffton Banner.