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ANOTHER BANKER

City National Bank at Auburn Discover Five Thousand Dollar Shortage

ASSISTANT CASHIER
Frank Nicolai Has Left for Parts Unknown—Friends Fear Suicide

Auburn, Indiana, August 6.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Another banker gone wrong. The fever seems to be spreading everywhere, but nevertheless somewhat of a sensation was occasioned in this city when the announcement was made that a shortage of five thousand dollars had been found in the books at the City National bank in this city. The shortage was discovered Monday by National Bank Examiner Frazier, who was making the regular examination of the affairs of the bank. The announcement of the shortage was made to those connected with the institution, on Monday evening. Tuesday morning Frank Nicolai the assistant cashier failed to show up, in fact nothing has been heard of him since he left the bank on Monday evening. It is reported that he had purchased a revolver and his friends fear that he has committed suicide. His bondsmen will make good the shortage and the bank will continue without any interruption whatever.

A. BOCH MARRIED

Mollie K. Houck Becomes Bride of Popular Horseman

WEDDED LAST EVE

At the Home of Rev. Imler—Friends Were Surprised

A very impressive wedding ceremony performed last night at the home of Rev. Imler united the lives of Abraham Boch and Mrs. Mollie Houck, the words which made them one being spoken promptly at eight-thirty o'clock. The marriage will no doubt come as a complete surprise to the friends of the contracting parties, as no intimation of the marriage was made prior thereto except to the most intimate friends of the bride and groom, who succeeded in keeping the secret from leaking out. Both bride and groom are well known in Decatur and vicinity. Mr. Boch has been engaged in the horse business for many years and for some time has been identified with the Decatur Horse company which has so successfully conducted auctions in this city. He is a man possessed of good business qualifications and has a host of friends who will extend their heartiest congratulations. The bride is a daughter of Frank Berger, and has many friends whose best wishes are extended for her future happiness. Mr. Boch has a number of children from his former marriage to whom a mother's care will be greatly appreciated.

Miss Etta Brandyberry is visiting her uncle, Frank Faust and family near Monroe. She will visit her cousin, Will Faust before returning.

ATTRACTIONS AT MAPLE GROVE

Montzell Bros. Will Perform Many Daring Acts and Are Quite Good.

The attraction at Maple Grove park for next Sunday will be more than exciting, they having secured the great Montzell Bros. of St. Louis, who will perform some daring acts of comedy, in the revolving ladder, double trapeze, flying perch, slack wire, and many other stunts which require lots of nerve and are exciting. The managers at the park are making every effort to get the crowds and entertain them and up to date they have succeeded. It is expected that large crowds will go to the park next Sunday and see the big shows there on that day.

BUY TUDOR PLANTS

Decatur Produce Company and H. Berling Covering More Territory

ITS A BIG DEAL

They Buy Plants Located at Bluffton and Warren

The Decatur Produce company and H. Berling, both large packers in this city, and extensive shippers, have purchased the Tudor Packing plant at Bluffton and also the one at Warren, and by this combination they have this corner on Indiana, and a slice of Ohio perfectly covered with their packing plants. The Tudor company is one of the oldest in Bluffton, and done a big business, their wagons covering an extensive territory. The monetary consideration that figured in the deal was closely guarded, but one of the Bluffton papers stated that fifteen thousand dollars was the price paid for the Bluffton plant. Possession will be given Monday to the new purchasers and they will then be in charge of the places both at Bluffton and Warren. The sale was a surprise, but few if any people in Bluffton being aware that a deal was even being considered. Both institutions in this city are away up in "G" in the business world, and are doing a business involving many thousands of dollars each year, and this latest deal means that they will do practically all the business covering many hundreds of miles. Their shipments of butter, eggs and poultry involves a capital that is amazing and it is growing at a rapid rate.

The Decatur Produce company owns plants in this city, Rockford, and Wren, Ohio, and Monroe, and the Berling are located here and at Berne, and this new combination means that they will cover part of Van Wert and Mercer counties, Ohio, and Adams, Wells and Howard counties in this state. Will Berling will take charge of the Bluffton plant, and he not only thoroughly knows the business, but he is all wool and a yard wide in every other way. The two produce companies are well backed in a financial way and the people of Bluffton are fortunate in having them engaged actively in business in that city.

A NEW SECOND-HAND STORE

Fort Wayne Man Starts up Business in the City.

The Bremerkamp building, just west of the Runyon grocery store, has been leased by a Mr. Meyers of Fort Wayne for the purpose of starting a first class second-hand store. The store will be in the charge of a Mr. Miller of the same place. It is thought that the business will be a good one for the town, as it is not overstocked with stores of the kind. For several weeks Mr. Meyers had thought of starting the business, and all arrangements were concluded today. All lines of furniture, stoves and all kinds of articles will be handled.

IT TOPPLED OVER

A horse belonging to Wm. Mersman and while being driven down Second street yesterday afternoon by Elmer Smith, suddenly staggered and fell to the ground dead. Heart trouble and old age being the cause of its death. The horse was a valuable animal and Mr. Mersman feels the loss very much.

THREE WERE HURT

Automobile and Union Traction Car in a Collision

A BAD ACCIDENT

Extent of the Injuries Suffered Are Not Yet Known

The I. U. T. traction car leaving this city for the south at three o'clock, struck an automobile driven by Mike Long and containing his daughter, Mrs. Ival Rundquist and Mrs. I. N. Roush, of Mt. Zion. The automobile was hurled to the sidewalk at the corner of Johnson and South streets, where the accident occurred and the occupants were all thrown out, fortunately falling away from the traction car, which could not be stopped until the pilot had reached the alley just south of South street. Mrs. Rundquist was rendered unconscious for a short time but soon revived. Her injuries are confined chiefly to the lower limbs although a hasty examination did not indicate any fractured bones. She was badly bruised about the body and suffered severely from the nervous shock. Mrs. Roush was not seriously injured but was overcome by the shock. Mr. Long was bruised somewhat but was not badly injured, or did not think he was at the time. However, a later examination may reveal the fact that the party were more seriously injured. The automobile was completely wrecked, the top being stripped from the frame and the metal parts twisted out of shape.—Bluffton News.

TWO BIG FREE ACTS

Secretary Adams Gets Free Attractions for the Fair

CONTRACTS MADE

The Race Program Will be the Best Ever Given Here

Secretary Earl B. Adams of the Great Northern Indiana Fair association has just closed contracts for two big free attractions which will on each day of the fair furnish amusement for the large crowds which will be present. The attractions which are heralded as being very classy are the LaMothes who perform great feats of muscular equilibrium and the Trickster Trio, whose business it will be to bring forth laughter from the audience by a novel performance in a mystic house, which will be erected near the grandstand. These attractions will more than meet the expectations of the people. The big fair is but a few weeks hence, and the people are already beginning to prepare to attend. The race program will be the best ever presented in Adams county, and many fast horses have been entered with new entries coming in every day. Mr. Adams has begun a vigorous campaign of advertising and with favorable weather record breaking crowds are expected.

THOUGHT IT WAS MEDICINE

Montpelier Man Drinks Carboic Acid by Mistake and Suffers Terribly.

Montpelier, Ind., Aug. 5.—A distressing mistake was made by Henry Clapper last night when he took a tablespoonful of carboic acid, thinking it was his regular medicine. The two bottles stood side by side, and Clapper poured the liquid out and swallowed it without looking at the label. Immediately the mistake was discovered and a doctor sent for post haste. The young man was in horrible pain, his mouth and throat being terribly burned. Henry Clapper is making his home with a sister here, having just received his discharge from the United States army.

TO BOIL OUT THE BOILS

Jeffries to Spend Some Time at Carlsbad.

New York, Aug. 6.—James J. Jeffries, the pugilist, smiled a broad farewell to a crowd of well wishes that gathered on the North German Lloyd line pier in Hoboken yesterday and sailed on the steamship George Washington for a six weeks' sojourn in Europe. Jeffries and his wife will go direct to Carlsbad, where they will remain for a few days. The big Californian has been troubled lately with boils and hopes that the waters of Carlsbad will aid him. Sam Berger, Jeffries' manager, will leave for California next week and later return here to receive bids for the Jeffries-Johnson fight. Jack Johnson is expected here today or tomorrow and may talk over arrangements with Berger.

THEIR DUROC HERD

J. D. Nidlinger and Son Fixing up for Their Show at the State Fairs

A FALL SALE

In November They Will Have Buyers Here from All over the Country

J. D. Nidlinger & Son are in the Duroc business up to their eyes. Just now they are sleeeping up their animals for a show at the state fairs. They will soon leave with a show herd of twenty-five and will attend the state fairs of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Michigan, and neither last or least they will be at the Great Northern Indiana Fair—or they ought to be. They will give their annual fall sale some time in November and then you will see buyers here from over the country, and you will also hear of some fancy prices being paid for some of the Nidlinger herd of Durocs. The Swine Breeders' Journal has the following about them in their August number:

When a breeder can raise and feed pigs so that he can ship a car load in October that will average 297 pounds and the following January ship two car loads that averaged 353 pounds, he certainly must be a good man. Again, when you go over his sows and boars, bred and raised by him, also in many instances the ancestors for three generations it surely indicates a good herder. As to quality of these hogs, well, most breeders have seen J. D. Nidlinger & Son, of Decatur, Ind., at the fairs with their herd and they always have quality enough to win premiums. This firm is not only good feeders of Durocs, but are breeders from every standpoint. They have bred and raised most every animal on their farm. They have one hundred spring pigs and forty-five fall sows to select from for their sale, to be held on the farm November 4th. Their pigs have good growth and are mostly sired by Crimston Wonder Jim. He was winner at Nebraska State Fair in 1908 and is by that well known western boar Crimston Wonder. He is a boar of good size and breeds a pig with a type having both size and finish. We think they made a good buy in adding this boar to their herd. He is assisted by J. D.'s Corrector, a yearling they had and raised and showed and won with him last year in under year class. He will make a stronger this year. He is the largest yearling we have seen and he will be hot company. He is by Corrector's Pride, by Corrector, the boar that has done so much for this herd. They will have a show herd at the fairs and it will be stronger than their 1908 show and from what we have seen in the past month among the herds, the show ring will be well filled with good ones this fall. This firm keeps twenty-five herd sows and after you have looked them over, you will notice that they hold the size along with finish.

ISSUE TWO MARRIAGE LICENSES

Not Much Doing Around the Usually Busy Court House.

Marriage licenses have been issued to Abraham A. Boch and Mollie K. Haug; Elmer Byrne and Adda Barnett.

News is too dead to skin around the court house. It is honestly so quiet that the county officers are getting good and tired as well as lonesome these hot days. They are wishing for the good old days with lots of work and excitement to burn.

BABY BOY FOR FRED FALK

Mrs. R. J. Holthouse received a card this morning from Fred Falk of Jonesboro, Ark., that a ten pound baby boy made its appearance at their home on July thirty-first. All are getting along all right.

INSTITUTE WEEK

Superintendent Opliger Has the Program and Other Arrangements Made

WEEK AFTER NEXT

Sessions Will Be Held in the Sunday School Room at M. E. Church

County Superintendent Opliger is fast completing arrangements for the county institute which is due to be held in this city from August 16-20, which is week after next. His program is now ready and will be sent out within the next few days. The program embraces some of the best talent that is in the work, and the week to be spent by the Adams county teachers will be one of profit and enjoyment. Prof. Thomas, Dr. Hanson and Dr. Ferris will all three be here all during the week and the selection of instructors could not be improved upon. Dr. Ferris is president of the Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, Michigan. Dr. Hanson is superintendent of schools at Williamsport, and Prof. Thomas is head of the English department at Newtonville, Kansas. The sessions will be held in the Sunday school rooms at the Methodist church, the first session being held on Monday morning at ten o'clock, and the last one on Friday at 1:15. The officers of the institute are W. F. Beery secretary, W. H. Oliver and Miss Nellie Winnes enrolling secretaries, and Miss Elizabeth Schrock pianist.

LEFT LAST NIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Lyons Gone to Grand Army Encampment at Salt Lake City

DELIGHTFUL TRIP

Making Arrangements for a Great Entertainment While in the West

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lyons left last night for their western trip which first will take them to Salt Lake City where they enjoy the national encampment of the Grand Army, and where Mrs. Lyons is a delegate to the sessions of the W. R. C. The trip will be a delightful one and the week at Salt Lake will be enjoyable from first to last. Salt Lake is making great preparations to entertain the vast throng that will flock to that city, coming from every state in the union. Their program is one, too, that will interest the old soldiers and make it delightful. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons will spend a little time in the west coming home by the Canadian & Pacific route, stopping at Milwaukee to visit for some time with a brother of Mrs. Lyons. They will be gone for two weeks or longer, and it is hardly necessary to say that they will the time of their lives.

NOT MUCH DOING AROUND THE USUALLY BUSY COURT HOUSE.

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County Superintendent Opliger is the only real busy one, and he is arranging for the best county institute that ever happened in Adams county. He is finishing the program and making all the other necessary arrangements.

ALL OVER A TEN CENT FARE

Dr. Ross of Muncie Now Has Lots of Time to Repent.

After killing one man, Daniel Linder, a Muncie and Portland traction conductor and attempting to kill two or three others, all over the matter of 10 cents excess fare which Conductor Linder of a Muncie & Portland traction car had tried to charge him because he had not purchased a ticket, Dr. Nelson Ross left the car and then came to Muncie and gave himself up, at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Women aboard the car undoubtedly saved the lives of others, their pleas bringing Ross to his senses, so passengers say. Ross pleads self-defense.

SIGNED THE BILL

New Tariff Law Now in Full Force and Effect

MADE A STATEMENT

The President Says It is Not a Perfect Law But Will Do

Washington, August 6.—President Taft signed the tariff bill at 5:06 last evening, and immediately thereafter gave out a statement. The statement in full is as follows:

"I have signed the Payne tariff bill because I believe it to be the result of sincere effort on the part of the Republican party to make a downward revision and to comply with the promises of the platform as they have been generally understood, and as I interpreted them in the campaign before election. This is not a perfect tariff bill, nor a complete compliance with the promises made, strictly interpreted, but a fulfillment free from criticism in respect to a subject matter involving many schedules and thousands of articles could not be expected. It suffices to say that, except with regard to whisky, liquors and wines and in regard to silks and to some high classes of cottons, all of which may be treated as luxuries and proper subjects of a revenue tariff, there have been very few increases in rates. There have been a great number of real decreases in rates, and they constitute a sufficient amount to justify the statement that this bill is a substantial downward revision, and a reduction of excessive rates. This is not a free trade bill. It was not intended to be. The Republican party did not promise to make a free trade bill. It promises to make the rates protective, but to reduce them when they exceeded the difference between the cost of production abroad and here, making allowance with the greater normal profit of active investments here. I believe that while this excess has not been reduced in a number of cases, in a great majority the rates are such as are necessary to protect American industries, but are low enough, in case of abnormal increase of demand and raising of prices, to permit the possibility of the importation of the foreign article and thus prevent excessive prices. The power granted to the executive under the maximum and minimum clause may be exercised to secure the removal of obstacles which have been interposed by foreign governments in the way of undue and unfair discrimination against American merchandise and products. The Philippine tariff section I have struggled to secure for ten years past, and it gratifies me exceedingly by my signature to give it the effect of law. I am sure it will greatly increase the trade between the two countries, and it will do much to build up the Philippines in a healthful prosperity. The administrative clauses of the bill and the customs court are admirably adapted to secure a more uniform and a more speedy final construction of the meaning of the law. The authority to the president to use agents to assist him in the application of the maximum and minimum section of the statute, and to enable officials to administer the law, gives a wide latitude for the acquisition under circumstances favorable to its truth of information in respect to the price and cost of production of goods at home and abroad, which will throw much light on the operation of the present tariff and be of primary importance to officially color.

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THE SLATE IS BEATEN

Indianapolis Nominating Election a Disappointment to Many

SHANK AND GAUSS

Republicans and Democrats Nominate Candidates for Mayor, Etc.

Indianapolis, August 6.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—The politicians both Democrat and Republican, were beaten to a frazzle in the city nominating election held here yesterday, and an unusual result is that the people and especially the business men have but little to hope for from the nominations made. Samuel Lewis Shank won over W. N. Harding by nine thousand, and as a result Shank will head the Republican ticket. Charles A. Gauss had a majority over Charles Clark of about three thousand, these two being in the contest for the Democratic nomination. None of the candidates were in especial favor with the voters and there is now considerable talk of an independent ticket, and it is believed that there is a good chance for the winner yet to be nominated. Popular opinion is about evenly divided between the two parties, and there is likely to be a great deal of talk about an independent ticket, and it may develop into a reality.

TO TEST THE LINE

Jack Monahan, of Bluffton, Will Repair Leakages in Gas Lines

IN THIS CITY

Force of Men Will Assist in Testing the Lines—Work Begins

Jack Monahan, of Bluffton, came to Decatur this morning and will remain here for four weeks, during which time he will test the city gas lines for the Indiana Lighting company. Mr. Monahan will at once engage twenty men to assist in the work which will be commenced immediately. The first work to be accomplished preparatory to the test is the laying of two thousand feet of eight inch pipe and two thousand feet of six inch pipe, these lines to connect the main lines from Fort Wayne to this city. These lines will be laid on Nuttman street and directly east from the tank which has been erected in the Nuttman addition. After the connections are made a high pressure of air will be released into the city lines and thus leakages will be detected and repaired. Mr. Monahan expects to have the piping in Decatur tested and repaired ready for use before the tank is completed so that no delay will be experienced in turning on the gas. The Lighting company is expediting the work with all possible haste and Decatur people can expect the handy fuel in the very near future. Those desiring employment can secure same by calling for Mr. Monahan at the Radmacher restaurant.

August is the month of picnics and there promises to be a goodly number during the month.