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HE IS NOW IN JAIL

Frank Nicolai Came Back to Auburn and Gave Himself up to Officers

FRIENDS PITY HIM

For Three Days He Was Wandering in the Woods Near Auburn

Auburn, Indiana, August 7.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Frank Nicolai returned to Auburn about eleven o'clock last night, after three days spent in wandering in the woods in and near Auburn. He was a deplorable looking object, having scarcely had enough to sustain him during this absence. He was arrested and is now languishing in the DeKalb county jail, under a heavy bond, no effort as yet having been made to secure his release pending the hearing of his case in the circuit court. The exact amount of the defalcation is \$5,970, none of which the bank will lose, as they are secured by an indemnifying bond.

Auburn, Ind., Aug. 7.—Late last evening Mr. Dan M. Link, at whose house Frank Nicolai, the defaulting bank clerk roomed, found two notes in the desk in the missing man's apartment. One was a brief will disposing of his personal effects and the other was a notice that he intended to commit suicide and that his body would be found in Brandon's woods. The latter note also contained a warning.

BOY WAS DROWNED

Chester Snowberger Drowned in the St. Marys River at Fort Wayne

A PICNIC PARTY

He Waded Into Deep Water and Drowned Before Help Reached Him

Fort Wayne, August, 7.—In the midst of jolly games and outdoor sport which were marking the end of an especially successful picnic of the Allen County Orphans' home along the banks of the St. Marys river at the old Stelthorn dam yesterday, Chester Snowberger, aged twelve and a member of the home for three years, waded into deep water and was drowned twenty feet from the bank of the river and in plain sight of the majority of the picnickers. The tragedy came near being a double one and Albert Nierman, employed as a hired hand at the orphanage and sent with the boys to assist in taking care of them, was overcome while attempting to save young Snowberger and had to be assisted from the river after having gone under the water twice. Harvey Currant and Claude Bauserman, youths with the unfortunate lad, also risked their lives in an effort to save young Snowberger. The drowned boy was a bright boy of excellent disposition and was liked by all. He was obliging and eager to help at all times. He attended school regularly. While but twelve years of age, he was large for his age. He was brought to the orphanage three years ago, his father having died and his mother being unable to longer provide for him. The mother is, it is believed, the only surviving relative and her present whereabouts are unknown to the orphanage home people.

Henry Vian is making all preparations to open a restaurant in the west end.

SLANG IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Superintendent of Public Instruction Will Reform Methods.

Indianapolis, August 7.—The teaching of the fundamentals of school subjects, with less attention to minor matters; the teaching of the principles of hygiene and health, and the teaching of the beauty of the English language and its correct usage, these are the three points brought home to 18,000 Indiana teachers in the new course of study for this year just prepared by the department of public instruction. The new course is now in the hands of the state printer and should be ready next week for distribution throughout the state. Only 19,000 copies will be printed because of the shrinking appropriation for printing. It is the policy of Dr. Aley superintendent of public instruction, to have less time spent in mere covering the ground and more spent in a thorough mastery of subjects studied.

ALL OF ONE MIND

Hon. Champ Clark, Minority Leader, Makes Statement

DEMOCRATS UNITED

Voted More Unanimously Than Any Party Has Voted in Generation

Washington, Aug. 7.—In reply to what he terms "the misrepresentations of democrats in the papers," Champ Clark, leader of the minority in the house of representatives, today gave out the following statement regarding the course of the democratic members of the house in connection with the consideration of the Payne tariff bill: "The old saying that habit is second nature was never more strikingly illustrated than by the fact that many newspapers—generally republican or near republican—and more individuals keep mouthing about the dissensions among the house democrats and the unity among the republicans notwithstanding the truth known of all men who care to know it that house democrats came out thoroughly united on that question than they have been in a generation and the republicans came out of it worse shattered than ever before. Some papers, either through carelessness of malice, have gone so far as to say that had the democrats not been absent in large numbers unpaired we would have defeated the conference report on the tariff bill. There is not a syllable of truth in it and to so charge is either unadulterated malice or criminal negligence. Now mark how plain a tale will put them down: Upon my motion last spring to recommit the Payne bill with instructions—which instructions constitute a comprehensive duplicate form so far as the tariff is concerned—all democrats voted for it except four. On the Payne bill itself voted on immediately after my motion to recommit was defeated, the republicans lost one vote and the democrats lost four, a net loss to the democrats of three—a more nearly unanimous democratic vote than has been cast on a tariff bill in a generation."

PUT UP YOUR LIGHTNING ROD

Any One Can Have One at a Small Cost.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Prof. Henry, of the weather bureau, in a bulletin just issued entitled "Cheap protection from lightning" declares that more attention should be given to the subject as eight hundred people are killed, twice as many injured and an immense amount of property destroyed by lightning every year. Prof. Henry shows how lightning rods that are "inexpensive yet effective" may be put up by anybody. The following is his list of necessary materials. Enough galvanized telegraph wire to serve for the rod, a pound of galvanized iron staples to hold the wire in place, a few connecting toes and a pound of aluminum paint. "While iron is not so good a conductor as copper," says the professor, "it is less likely to cause dangerous side flashes and it also dissipates the energy of the lightning flash more effectively than does the copper."

IS DISCOURAGING

The Cinch Bug is Getting in His Work Around Decatur

NEED THE RAIN

The Weather Man Has Missed Us Entirely in the Last Week or Two

Farmers near here are beginning to doubt the extravagant talk about bumper crops. It seems that the old time cinch bugs are getting in their devilish work to a sweet fare you well, and that great damage is being done to the prospect of a large corn crop. Added to this the continued dry weather is helping add fuel to the flames and is daily lessening the chances for the proper development of the corn crop. Some of the best farmers in the county have been bringing in these discouraging reports and there is something serious in the air or they would not be so emphatic in their declarations. Rain is badly needed. All around us come reports of refreshing showers, but they all have missed this particular spot on the earth's surface, and as a result nearly every sort of vegetation is simply drying up, and is about ready to blow away. The weather man has threatened us several times but the real article of rain has failed to come. It is the hope that within the next day or two relief in a good shower will be with us. It is said that every corn field adjacent to a wheat field will not bring forth a half crop. We all trust that this will be a sooner, and that the corn crop will come up to the scratch.

DEAL IN REALTY

The A. B. Cunningham Farm in Root Township Has Been Sold

DEAL JUST CLOSED

The Farm Was Sold to John H. Mabis of Champaign County, Illinois

Another deal in Adams county realty has just been closed and which will transfer the A. B. Cunningham farm of 133 acres in Root township to John H. Mabis of Champaign county, Illinois. The deal was made through the O. Gandy real estate dealers of Fort Wayne, the amount of the consideration being unknown. Mr. Mabis comes to this community well recommended and will make a welcome citizen here. The farm in question is one of the many good ones in this county, and the new purchaser got his money's worth, as every one else has done who has purchased land here. The future intentions of Mr. Cunningham are not known. He has lived on the farm just sold for some time, has it in a good healthy condition and it is good as a revenue producer for a long time to come. The Cunninghams are good citizens and it is the hope that they will continue as citizens among us, although it is not known to us, what they intend to do. O. Gandy & Company seem to be getting in their work in disposing of Adams county realty, as this is the second sale within the past two or three weeks.

THE PRESS IS YELLOW

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 7.—The national convention of the Knights of Columbus before adjournment last night went on record deploring what appears to be an increased tendency on the part of a portion of the American press to give undue publicity to sensational trials and publishing in full testimony of a degrading and immoral character. It was also decided that the reserve fund of \$621,000 left over when the insurance rates were adjusted was the property of the order and could not be prorated back to insurers.

GREAT DAY AT ROBISON PARK

Methodists Fixing Up for September 2.

Plans are already under way for the auspicious observance of Methodist day at Robison park on Thursday, September 2. As is customary, this celebration will bring together hundreds of members of the denomination from all sections of Allen county. Rev. Dr. Cyrus U. Wade announces that there will be a program of unusual interest, but that it is not yet in readiness and arrangements for speakers have not been completed. There will be a program both morning and afternoon, besides a social reunion of members and friends that will prove most attractive and enjoyable. If past "Methodist day celebrations" at the park may be taken as a criterion, the coming event will be the largest social event in the churches of the denomination throughout the year.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

END OF SESSION

The President Joins His Family at Beverly, Mass.

THEY ARE UNHAPPY

Members of Congress Not Enthusiastic Over New Tariff

Washington August 7.—It is betraying no confidence to say that President Taft is happy because the tariff session has come to an end. After sweltering through the hot weeks in Washington he welcomed the hour yesterday that took him away from Washington and started him toward Beverly, Mass., where the breezes blow in the "good old summer time." Mrs. Taft and the other members of the family have been at Beverly for some time and although the president has been anxious to join them he has stuck close to the white house and kept in close touch with the tariff program. The president's last day "at home" was a busy one, as he received many callers—some of whom were members of the senate and house and others plain citizens who called to say goodbye. With the president when he left Washington were Secretary Carpenter, telegraphers, clerks and secret service men. The private car Mayflower was attached to the train for the president's use. Boston will be reached early tomorrow morning. There one of the white house automobiles will be awaiting the president and his party to take them to the little town on Salem bay, which will, until the middle of September, be popularly known as the summer capital.

Washington, August 7.—There was a general exodus of congressmen and cabinet members from the national capital yesterday. "In twenty-five years' observation I have never seen the chosen representatives of the party in power leave Washington after an important session of congress in an unhappier frame of mind," said a veteran newspaper man today. The twenty republican representatives and seven republican senators who had the courage to go on record against the tariff legislation were not worrying about what they would say to their constituents. They have no fear of being called on for explanations. Those republicans who voted for the legislation will, in many cases, have to explain. A few salient facts will have to be dealt with. The chief one is that after nearly five months of turmoil the party in power has enacted a tariff bill, the average rates of which are higher than those of the Dingley law. Senator Aldrich, when pressed by Senator Bailey on this point, was not prepared to controvert the statement.

GRAVE DIGGERS RETURN

Stockholm, Aug. 7.—The tense situation arising from the general strike proclaimed a few days ago tonight seemed to be relaxing. The grave diggers returned to work this afternoon.

There will be interesting religious services in the various churches of the city tomorrow, to which the public is cordially invited.

MONROE ADDITION

All Lots But One are Sold in the Hocker Addition

TO BUILD HOUSES

Monroe is Booming as She Has Never Before Boomed

The lots in the Hocker addition at Monroe have all been sold, but one, since David Fuhrman closed a deal for the purchase of three yesterday and Mr. Hocker has already begun negotiations for the platting of another addition. Mr. Fuhrman will build a beautiful new home on the lots he purchased and Frank Martz will erect a dwelling there in the near future. Monroe is booming as she has never boomed before. The new plat to be made by Mr. Hocker will embrace two acres of land and a number of ideal lots will be offered for sale at a little more than one hundred dollars each. They will undoubtedly be gobbled up.

Charles Hocker, who is the possessor of the new Monroe addition, is contemplating moving from Decatur to his farm in Monroe township.

The Monroe, Grain, Hay and Milling company is doing a big business at present. Much grain is being taken to the popular place of business.

The Monroe State bank is certainly a healthy institution and its business is by far exceeding the expectations of the stockholders.

LAND A CONTRACT

Butler Sons and Peterson Will Do Work at Fort Wayne

CEMENT SIDEWALK

They Were Awarded a \$4,000 Contract at Summit City

Butler Sons and Peterson, of Decatur, landed a contract for the construction of fourteen blocks of cement sidewalk and they landed the plum in the midst of hot competition. The contract calls for the building of cement sidewalks on both sides of Creighton avenue from Broadway to Calhoun, a distance of fourteen blocks and the contract price hovers might, near to the \$4,000 mark, thus making it worth while bidding for. The board of public works awarded the job and the Decatur firm will begin work after next to do the work. A force of about eight men will be put to work and they will be able to complete the work within four weeks, it is thought. Eight contractors had bids in for the job, but Butler and Company succeeded in landing it. They will also bid for the contract of grading a street in Fort Wayne next Thursday. The Decatur firm has built many feet of cement sidewalk in this section during the past few months, and their work has been highly satisfactory.

AMOS STUCKEY IS DEAD

Amos Stuckey, aged 34 years, living two miles north of Vera Cruz, died at his home Thursday night, after suffering from an illness lasting only five days. His condition was due to acute intestinal trouble, which totally obstructed the bowels. His illness was not thought to be serious until a few days ago, when an operation was seen necessary and he was found unable to stand this. The deceased was a resident of the neighborhood in which he died for many years and was surrounded by scores of friends and relatives. With the young wife five small children also survive. The funeral will probably be held Sunday morning at the Numanese church, of which the deceased was a devoted member. Interment will be made in the cemetery there.—Bluffton Banner.

MAY BE SERIOUSLY HURT

Occupants of Automobile Had a Narrow Escape.

The accident to the Mike Long automobile of Thursday afternoon may yet prove more serious than was first supposed. Mrs. Ival Rundquist is not altogether out of danger, and there is still a doubt as to whether she is suffering from internal injuries. Although after an examination the attending physician stated there was no bones broken, her condition was quite serious. In being thrown from the machine her right eye struck some object, which badly bruised the member. Mr. Long suffered a severe cut across his back and bad bruises to the body. His back pained him badly during last night, but it is not thought that it will result seriously. Mrs. I. N. Roush escaped the most lucky, only bearing a few slight scratches as a result. The shock to her was quite serious, however, for some little time.—Bluffton Banner.

PUT UNDER THE BAN

No More Merry Widows Highballs Go With State Board of Health

ARE AFTER THEM

A Raid on the Impure Soft Drink Concoctions is Made

Indianapolis, Aug. 7.—The work of the food and drug department of the state board of health in regulating the sale of summer drinks which contain saccharin resulted in fourteen prosecutions and fines during the month of July. In these cases, bottlers and retailers were found guilty of selling such drinks as the "merry widow highball," strawberry pop, blood orange, orchardade and other concoctions which were sweetened with saccharin. The convictions were in Indianapolis, Vincennes, South Bend, Richmond, Kokomo and other cities. "It is surprising," said H. E. Barnard, food and drug commissioner, "that bottlers whose success depends on their ability to please the palate will resort to the use of artificial coal tar sweeteners, the taste of which is so insistent and disgusting that the discriminating user would never again take a second bottle if he could help it. It is worthy of note that while manufacturers of saccharin insist on its use in this country, it is absolutely prohibited in England, Russia and Germany, and not manufactured or imported into Belgium, France, Italy, Austria Hungary and Spain. Not only is saccharin nauseating because of its disgusting sweetness—it is four hundred times as sweet as sugar—but it is a chemical preservative and on that account it has no place in food products. Sugar is a food of perhaps greater value than any other article of diet."

ALABAMA HAS PROHIBITION

The Law Was Made by a Vote of 70 to 29.

Montgomery, Ala., August 7.—Amid scenes of wild enthusiasm the bill making prohibition constitutional passed the house late yesterday afternoon. The vote was 70 to 29, six more than the constitutional three-fifths majority. Speaker Carmichael closed the debate for the bill, and was constantly cheered by the gallery. The speaker several times threatened to clear the galleries. The bill provides, among other things, that buildings shall not be let for the sale of intoxicants; that any right or lease is forfeited in case a tenant violates the laws; that liquors shall not be advertised in newspapers; delivery to any public place is an evidence of sale; right to raid and break open any place thought to contain violators of the laws; grand juries must indict; servants may not be excused from testifying against principals; soliciting for outside houses prohibited; also, shipping from one point to another; prohibited liquors are to be contraband; the presence of a government license is prima facie evidence of guilt; that no one shall drink intoxicating liquors on trains.

The Fort Wayne and Decatur Elks are holding the base ball stage this afternoon at the ball park in Fort Wayne. The boys went down on the one o'clock car and they went for the purpose of taking the Fort Wayne Elks into camp, and we will be disappointed if they fail in their mission.

OWNED BY BERLING AND MOLTZ

The Tudor produce plants located at Bluffton and Warren which have been purchased by Decatur parties, are owned by H. P. Moltz and H. Berling of this city and the Decatur Produce company has nothing whatever to do with it.

ADJUSTING LOSS

An Insurance Adjuster Allowed Part of Niblick Claim Today

NOT YET SOLD

No New Developments as to Future of the Elevator There

Mr. M. V. McGilliard, adjuster for the Security Insurance company of New Haven, Conn., was here today adjusting the loss on grain sustained in the burning of the Niblick elevator. The amount of insurance was one thousand dollars, and the loss sustained was \$1,484, and of course the loss was paid or will be paid in full. M. A. Boyd state agent for the Royal of England, will be here next Tuesday and represent his company, and also the National of Hartford, Conn., which companies carried insurance on the building and machinery. This is also a total loss and will doubtless be allowed in full. Mr. McGilliard will be remembered by many of the business men of this city, he being here several times, one of them being when he talked mutual insurance in the interest of the Indiana Retail Merchant's association. He is quite a pleasant gentleman and has devoted nearly all the years of his life to the business of insurance. It is likely that he feels more secure behind a salary for the old line companies than any place else.

There are no new developments as to the rebuilding of the elevator. The ground has not yet been sold, and in fact nothing has been done. The Niblick heirs who own the real estate and who have operated the elevator since the death of Jesse Niblick, have concluded not to rebuild and engage in the business again, and it is probable that the ground will be sold and that some one else will start in the business there.

BASE BALL DOPE

Lafayette and Bluffton Pull Off a Contest Tomorrow

AT FORT WAYNE

Decatur Elks Are Battling for Honors at Fort Wayne this Afternoon

Tomorrow is framed as another big day at Bluffton, the excitement being a contest in the Northern Indiana League between the ball clubs of Bluffton and Lafayette. There is some rivalry between the teams and about evenly matched, and this is taken to mean that they would like for an aggregation of Decatur fans to help swell the crowd and make the receipts show up so that another week's salary is assured. It is likely that they called the turn, for the last Sunday game there was seen by a large number of Decaturites. The train on the Clover Leaf leaves at 11:10, and those who may care to see the clubs battle for this game are hereby notified that the Clover Leaf will also take their money for this particular purpose. The game will be called for three o'clock and a large crowd and a hot contest is assured—unless the weather turns cooler.

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