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IN FEDERAL COURT

Frank Nicolai Bond is Fixed at Three Thousand Five Hundred Dollars

NOW RELEASED

His Friends Were on Hand to Sign His Bond and Brace Him Up

Fort Wayne, August 9.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Frank Nicolai the defaulting Auburn assistant bank cashier arrived in the city about noon in charge of a United States marshal, the local officer at Auburn, and quite a number of the personal friends of the guilty banker. They appeared in the federal court where everything was cut and dried. His bond was fixed at \$3,500 and sooner than it takes to tell the tale, the bond was supplied and Nicolai was free until the case comes up in federal court. Much sympathy is coming to the surface in Auburn and it all tends to the making of a hero of the defaulting officer.

Auburn, Ind., August 8.—Facetious editorial writers who emptied vials of wrath and scuttles of scorn on the people down at Tipton who gave a public reception to a defaulting banker can get ready their quills for another outpouring. In this case Auburn will take the place of Tipton. For assuredly and beyond peradventure there is no more popular man in this loveliest village of the Hoosier plain than Frank H. Nicolai, the assistant cashier of the City National bank, who has confessed to having been systematically robbing the bank for three years. In the hospital ward of the jail today Nicolai received a (Continued on page 4.)

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Court Reporter DeVoss Busy With Amacher Ditch Case Transcript

THE DELINQUENTS

A Few Are Paying and a Campaign is Being Framed Up for the Late Ones

Court Reporter DeVoss is busy on a transcript in the Amacher ditch case. This court case has had so many triangular turns that we have long ago given up keeping in touch with the correct legal status of the case. At any rate this transcript is one that Amacher is having made to appeal a ruling in the circuit court of Allen county, on his prayer for a new trial which was overruled. Johnson secured a new trial on the ground of a faulty record in the case, and now Mr. Amacher wants a new trial on his own motion. The Amacher ditch case has been on the trial dockets or in the minds of those spending any time around the court house for the past several years, and its settlement would seem unreal.

The delinquents are beginning to take notice and pay that arrearage due on taxes at the treasurer's office. There is quite a number to yet make good their spring payment, all on personal property, and a campaign for the payment will be started that will bring something, is due in a short time. Some are coming in now and it is thought that not much trouble will be experienced in getting in the amounts due.

ANOTHER HOTEL FOR WAYNE

C. F. Centlivre Will Build a Seventy-Five Roomed Hotel.

Charles F. Centlivre is planning the erection of a new European hotel on Baker street, almost directly opposite the entrance of the new passenger station to be erected in Fort Wayne by the Pennsylvania company. While details have not yet been worked out in their entirety, Mr. Centlivre said today that he would start work upon the building as quickly as the Pennsylvania company begins the erection of its new station. The site purchased by Mr. Centlivre is on the north side of Baker street, between Calhoun and Harrison, and immediately west of the alley between the latter streets. It is 72x130 feet in size and tentative plans already drawn provide for a 75-room house, about three stories in height. Mr. Centlivre said, however, that the height of the building has not yet been determined upon, much depending upon the facilities and desires of the lessee of the property.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

AMERICAN WONDER

A Ten-Year-Old Five-Legged Horse is in the City

A GREAT FREAK

Has Been Leased by J. B. Stoneburner—A Curiosity

We have all seen five legged pigs in alcohol, dead sheep with two heads and other such curiosities, but to behold a ten-year-old living and hearty horse with the fifth leg protruding from the forehead between the ears is a curiosity which but few people have ever witnessed. Such a freak is now quartered at the Fashion livery stables and is owned by W. H. Wood of Shirley, Indiana. The horse is ten years of age and is a beauty, were it not for the awkward appearing leg attached to its head. The leg has every joint and the joints are movable; the hoof is there as are all other normal features of a normal hind horse leg. The leg protruding from the horse's head is two and one half feet in length and is really a curiosity. Mr. Wood will remain in the city for a few days and those who see the animal during that time will see the greatest freak ever shown in this section. The horse has been leased by J. B. Stoneburner, who will exhibit it at his air dome tonight.

GREEN EYED JEALOUSY THERE

The Cuban Government Not All Smiles.

Indianapolis, Aug. 9.—That it will be necessary for the United States government within the next few years to intervene again in the political affairs of Cuba is the belief of A. T. Davis, who came to Indianapolis Saturday after an extensive trip through that country. Mr. Davis, who has been traveling for an Indiana firm also visited other countries in the tropics, and has returned with a trunk full of curios. "In my judgment it will only be a matter of a short time until the United States will have to intervene in Cuban affairs again," said Mr. Davis. "The country is full of politicians, who have to have all sorts of jobs, and whenever a new politician springs up a new office is created for him. They have consuls in every country on the globe, it seems, in places where Cuban products will never be sent, and these offices are made just to give the politicians a job. They are almost continually quarreling among themselves, and it doesn't look to me that at the present rate they will ever be able to govern themselves properly."

William Luger, a resident of Liberty township, was arrested this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Charles Pierce on charges of bootlegging and intoxication. Luger claims that the whiskey he was drinking and selling to his friends about the city, was purchased at a local drug store which he named. Affidavits may also be filed against the proprietor.—Bluffton Banner.

THEY CAME HOME

A. M. Fisher and G. W. Rupright Came Home from the West

THEY BOUGHT FARMS

Purchased Improved Farms in Pawnee County, Kansas

A. M. Fisher and G. W. Rupright came home yesterday, having been gone just thirty-two days, and in that time saw the greatest part of Kansas and Oklahoma. It was two days after they left here that they were caught in the floods and had a hair raising escape with their lives, the details of which were given the public at the time. It was even more than a thrilling experience and hardly one of the vast number of excursionists ever expected to get out with their lives. Both of the Adams county men were fortunate, although for a time it was thought here that Mr. Fisher had met the worst fate imaginable. After recovering from that nerve racking experience they went on their way, and saw most of the good country in that region, and after investigation they both purchased Kansas farms in Pawnee county, nine miles from market. Mr. Fisher now owns a half section, and Mr. Rupright a whole section. The country there is well improved, being properly drained and having the best buildings that a farm could have. The land there is rich and fertile and every acre is adapted for either farming or grazing and it is all adopted for either. The purchases were both made for an investment. Perhaps some of Mr. Rupright's family will go there and take charge of the Pawnee county realty, and Mr. Fisher will farm by proxy. Whatever happens the boys say they double their money within the next ten years, and we guess that is going some. The farms are located just a short distance southwest from the center of the state, and we have no doubt that the boys got their money's worth.

HAVING TROUBLE

An Injunction Against Portland Officers Filed Saturday

SEEK TO ENJOIN

Them from Buying an Electric Lighting Plant

A petition for permanent injunction was filed Saturday afternoon by Lee S. Burkett against the city of Portland, the city mayor, city treasurer, city clerk, city engineer, superintendent of the light plant, each member of the city council and the Ames Iron company, to enjoin the city and the Ames Iron company, a Pennsylvania corporation, from entering into or carrying out the proposed \$12,000 contract for the purchase of a light and power plant by the city of the iron company. The complaint is lengthy and recites that the plaintiff is a resident taxpayer of the city and that the total taxables of the city amount to \$2,139,145. That the civil city already has an outstanding indebtedness of \$71,000 and the school city additional indebtedness amounting to \$18,000. That the percentage of indebtedness is more than three and one-half per cent. of the taxable property, for the civil city alone and far in excess of the constitutional limitation of two per cent. The prayer is for an injunction against the city and each of its officers against entering into the contract or taking any step toward carrying it out and against the city treasurer paying out any money on the contract.—Portland Sun.

MAY GET THE REWARD

Patrick O'Reilly Claims Reward in Billy Whittla Case.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 9.—Patrick O'Reilly's claim for reward offered by the state of Pennsylvania for the capture of the kidnappers of Billy Whittla was materially strengthened today at the investigation here to determine to whom the money shall be paid. Captain Shattuck, who, with Detective Wood, arrested James Boyle and his wife admitted on the witness stand the description of the kidnappers furnished him at the police station did not help him find the Boyles. O'Reilly's description of the couple led to the arrest he said. Captain Shattuck testified that O'Reilly showed him where the kidnappers were sitting in a room in his saloon, but requested that the arrest be made outside of his place of business. The arrest was effected on the street.

THE WAR IS RAGING

Both Parties in this State Compelled to Stand for Tariff Reform

TARIFF STRUGGLE

Governor Marshall Talks About Parties and Politics

Indianapolis, Ind., August 8.—Philosophy and leader of the Democracy of Indiana, Governor Thomas R. Marshall believes that the Republican party in this state is standing on a precipice and is liable to be destroyed by an internecine war that is now being waged by the opposing elements in the tariff debate. That a majority of the people of Indiana are for tariff reform is the expressed view of the governor, who has been following the discussion of the Alldrich bill with deep interest. He declares that both parties in this state will be compelled to stand for tariff reform in the coming campaign, but he thinks that there are two irreconcilable elements on the Republican side that will fight each other until both are defeated at the polls. Admitting that he is unable to look far enough into the future to say with certainty what will happen, Governor Marshall asserts positively that the struggle between the "interests," represented at Washington by what is generally known in Indiana as the Aldrich-Hale-Cannon combination, and the "progressives," of which Senator Albert Jeremiah Beveridge is a leader, is just starting. He predicts that the struggle will be a feature of the next campaign in Indiana. He feels that the Aldrich-Hale-Cannon element is in control of the situation in Washington, and that it would rather have a Democratic senator from Indiana would be opposed to them for party reasons than to have a member of their own party like Senator Beveridge to defeat their plans. Under the circumstances the governor regards it as almost a certainty that the Republicans who are followers of the "system" will use their influence against Senator Beveridge, either quietly or openly, when he begins his campaign for re-election next year. The governor is keeping his ear close to the ground, as they say among Hoosier politicians. He is trying to keep close tab on the situation and to read in advance the wishes of the masses. He is forming some very positive ideas as to how the next campaign should be conducted by the Democrats, and within the next three months he may express them publicly. He is not attempting to dictate to the Democrats, but it is said that he will make some forcible suggestions. The Democrats, he thinks, will be able to take advantage of the difference among the Republicans over the tariff, and he feels very hopeful of a victory for his party if it doesn't get off on the wrong foot when it reorganizes and makes its platform.

WANT HIS ADDRESS

Well Known Periodical Would Engage Bert Segur

AS A WRITER

From the Philippines—They Want His Address

Impressed with the tone of his letters descriptive of the Philippine Islands and the industrial advancement thereof, the management of "The Contractor," a periodical published in Chicago, has written the Democrat for the address of Bert Segur, that they may be able to engage his services as a writer for their laws: Dear Sir—I have a clipping from your issue of July twenty-seventh giving a letter from Mr. Bert Segur, from the Philippines. Will you be kind enough to advise us the address of this young man? I imagine that he would be able to write some interesting matter for our paper. Thanking you for your kindness, I am Yours truly, E. S. Hawson.

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LUTHERAN SYNOD

Name Officers of Various Kinds for Their Church

A GOOD MEETING

Rev. Lange of Fort Wayne, on Relief Fund Board

Laporte, Ind., Aug. 19.—At Saturday's session of the Ohio Kentucky and Indiana German Lutheran church synod, the following board of managers of the relief fund was named: Rev. A. Lange, Fort Wayne; Prof. Goeke, Cleveland and F. Schuerman Lafayette. The synod elected William Melchior of Cleveland, trustee of the Schoenewald fund and directed that in the future the income be used for the support of students who are studying for the ministry. The election of officers was completed as follows: Rev. A. Lange, Fort Wayne, first vice president; Rev. S. Wmabsganss, Columbus, Ind., second vice president; Rev. J. Keller, Cleveland, secretary; Rev. H. A. Bentrup, Holgate, Ohio, assistant secretary; Prof. C. A. Kampf Cleveland, treasurer. The following representatives to the national meeting of the synodical conference were named: Rev. Wm. Moll, Fort Wayne; Rev. G. Schurdel and Rev. Paul Eickstadt, Laporte. The following official visitors were named for the six conference districts: Evansville district, Rev. C. A. Frank; Lafayette, Rev. G. Schumm; Northwest Indiana, Rev. T. Thieme; Northwestern Ohio, Rev. L. W. Fischer; Cleveland, Rev. A. S. Schmidt; Central Ohio, Rev. A. Kaumeyer; Cincinnati, Rev. C. Fischer.

ADJUSTED THE FIRE LOSS

E. E. Gant of Greenfield, Indiana, was here today and adjusted the Lower fire loss, which succeeded in burning Homer Lower's barn and doing considerable other damage. The insurance of \$350 was allowed in full, in about three minutes after the arrival of the adjuster. The insurance was carried in the Home company, and a draft for the amount will likely be along within the next few days.

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BRINGS SUIT FOR DAMAGES

Perry Alexander Wants \$2,500 from Dick Humphrey.

This morning through his attorneys Mock & Sons, Perry Alexander, of Redkey, filed complaint against Richard Humphrey for \$2,500 damages for injuries received by Alexander in an accident that occurred here last spring. He alleges that on the 16th of April while attempting to board a south bound car, he was knocked down by Humphrey's automobile and sustained injuries from which he has never recovered. Mr. Alexander was stepping from the curb to the car when Dick Humphrey, in his machine, darted between a south bound car and a north bound car striking Mr. Alexander and knocking him down. His foot and limb were so severely injured that he has never regained the free use of them, and has been unable to follow his work. He states he is a horse buyer and traveled extensively throughout the state in the pursuit of his business. Mr. Alexander is a brother of Marcellus Alexander of this city.—Bluffton Banner.

STAD THE DOCKET

Pat Kennedy Draws Fifteen Dollar Fine for Intoxication

FOUND SATURDAY

He Was Beastly Drunk—Not Much Doing in Police Circles

A man named Pat Kennedy, who last Saturday evening was picked up by Policeman Fisher and lodged in jail upon the charge of public intoxication, was given a hearing this morning before Mayor France, where after entering a plea of guilty he was assessed a fine of five dollars and costs amounting in all to fifteen dollars. The mayor is determined to break up the practice of public intoxication in Decatur and the first offense plea will not be given ear hereafter. The number of public drunks has greatly diminished during the past few months. The habituals have a horror for that fifteen plunk fine and they are particular how freely they partake of the flowing bowl. Kennedy staid the docket this morning and was released from the officer's custody.

There is not much doing at present in police circles, but the officers are on the look out for a number of violators of the law. An effort is being laid to make Decatur an ideal law abiding place.

YESTERDAY WAS A HOT ONE

Rain is Badly Needed But it Cometh Not.

The weather today is a little more decent, as a fine air is in circulation. Yesterday was about the hottest of the year, ranging around the ninety mark, never changing from early in the day until late in the evening. Not a cloud helped to block the hot array of the sun. Rain is badly needed and if it does not come within a few days everything, including humankind, will greatly suffer.

MARRIAGE BANS ARE PUBLISHED

Frank Faurot and Miss Mary Appleman Are to Wed.

Rev. H. Theo. Wilken, published the bans that will later be followed by a marriage ceremony that will unite Mr. Will Faurot and Miss Mary Appleman as husband and wife. Mr. Faurot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Faurot and Miss Appleman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Appleman. Both are estimable people, well known by every one in this locality and with a host of friends who will wish them all the happiness possible.

John H. Miller was appointed superintendent of the county poor farm this afternoon at a salary of \$700 per year, \$100 less than the salary of John R. Ditzler, who filled the position for the past twelve years. Other bidders were John R. Ditzler, \$800; M. L. Wrightman \$700; Lewis A. Pence \$600; W. M. Sawyer, \$600; George Shepherd, \$750 and M. N. Suddeth \$625.—Bluffton News.

THE TRUSTEES MET

Steam Heating Plant to Be Paced in the Methodist Church

FRESCOING IS DONE

The Ladies' Aid Show Their Hand at Financiering the Frescoing

The trustees of the Methodist church held a meeting this morning and reported progress in the way of making improvements spoken of being made on the church property. The parsonage was painted and now a steam heating plant will be put into the church, the tower to be rebuilt and the Ladies' Aid Society of the church proposed and it was accepted to pay for the frescoing of the building, and this work will be done by Mr. Kover of Fort Wayne, and will cost about four hundred dollars. The trustees have been divided against themselves as to a rebuilding project. Some of the members want an entire new building, one that will cost forty thousand dollars, and the old church torn down, and this may eventually be done. It will be a few years yet before such a project is undertaken, as the present building is not yet in the stages of being entirely obliterated and besides the congregation is hardly able to undertake the load of debt that would be necessary to carry out such a project.

Rev. Wade, the presiding elder was present at a quarterly meeting of the congregation, in which reports of the church and the work done was reported. The first quarter since the coming of Rev. Powell finds the congregation meeting all expenses incurred, their finances being all that could be desired.

Mr. J. E. Snider, of Willshire, passed through the city this morning on his way to Plainwell, Mich., where he will arrange things for the moving of his family. Mr. Snider has disposed of his property at Willshire and will now locate in Michigan.

MAY NOT RECOVER

Samuel Beavers Has Suffered Violent Hemorrhages

SINCE SATURDAY

He is Very Ill at this Time—He Has Bowel Trouble

Samuel D. Beavers, father of Dr. S. D. and Emerson Beavers, of Decatur, and one of Adams county's most known and widely beloved pioneers is confined to his bed at the home of Mrs. Dick Buckmaster, a daughter suffering intensely from bowel trouble which threatens to usher his spirit into the eternal world. Last Saturday morning Mr. Beavers became quite ill and subsequently he was the victim of violent hemorrhages of the bowels. These continued for some time and his condition gradually grew weaker until this morning, when he was very sick man. While all hopes have not been abandoned it is said that recovery would be nothing short of miraculous in consideration of his advanced age. Mr. Beavers is well known in this county. He has contributed to its advancement liberally and his every acquaintance will deplore the fact that he has been overtaken by the illness.

Misses Alta and Zoa Dibble spent Sunday with their sister and brother at Detroit. Harry Dibble has only one more year in the medical school at Detroit, and has already passed the examinations given by the state board. At present he is employed with a steamship company.