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TO COME MONDAY

Judge Macy Will Be Here to Decide the Gallmyer Land Case

OTHER COURT NEWS

Judge LaFollette Coming Thursday—Peterson & Moran File New Case

Judge Macy of Winchester will be here next Monday to give his decision in the Gallmyer case which was tried early last spring. It will be remembered that shortly after the case was heard the judge became ill and was unable to attend to the affairs of court, consequently this very important matter has been postponed until this time. There are many parties in this county who are interested in the outcome and will be on hand Monday to hear the decision.

On Thursday of next week, Judge LaFollette will be in Decatur to take up initial steps in the cases of F. M. Schirmeyer trustee, against various parties who refused to pay the assessments on their lots, in which a change of judge was taken. Judge LaFollette also has some other cases here which he will look after.

On the same day, Thursday, Judge Merryman will go to Bluffton to hear evidence regarding the injunction asked by D. D. Studabaker vs. the Faylor heirs and in which he has granted a temporary restraining order.

Attorneys Peterson & Moran are attorneys for the plaintiffs The First National Bank of Decatur in a case filed against George M. Tyndall, it being a suit on a note in which the demand is \$500. The summons was made returnable September 17th.

A marriage license has been issued to John Taylor, aged fifty-two, a farmer from near Geneva, to Mary Nevil, aged sixty-two, also of Geneva. (Continued on page 2.)

A SUDDEN DEATH

Mrs. Lucinda McConnell Succumbed to a Stroke of Apoplexy

RIPE OLD AGE

One of Adams County's Most Respected Women and Pioneers

While recovering from the effects of a fall sustained two weeks ago, and apparently enjoying good health, Mrs. Lucinda McConnell succumbed to a stroke of apoplexy and died a few minutes past two o'clock this afternoon. She seemed better today than since the accident mentioned, and joked with the family of Frank McConnell, at whose home she has lived for many years. She was a most devoted mother and has lived a long and useful life, the most of it in Adams county, where she was widely known and always highly respected. Her maiden name was Lucinda McDermott, being born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, September 28, 1822. In 1838 she came with her parents to this county, they settling in Monroe township, she later marrying John McConnell, then a prominent citizen, he having served the county in many prominent positions, being county commissioner, auditor, clerk of the courts, township trustee and a member of the legislature, being elected to the latter position in 1872. He died some thirty years ago. Six children were born to them, they being Mark, Margaret, Joseph, George, Mary and Frank. Mrs. McConnell has for many years made her home with her son Frank, at whose home she died this afternoon, and where she has always received the attention and care of a son to a mother. She is (Continued on page 4.)

ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE

J. A. Sprunger Tried on Serious Charge at Elyria, Ohio, Recently.

J. A. Sprunger, who was for several years connected with the orphans' home at Berne, is under arrest at Elyria, Ohio, on a rather ugly charge, that of mistreatment of children. The trial was set for yesterday but the results have not been reported. The news of his arrest was sent to Judge Merryman, who is guardian for one of the children in the home. Mr. Sprunger has many friends in this county who are loath to believe the reports, and hope he will be able to clear his good name.

PROGRAM IS READY

For the Annual Celebration of Chickamauga Battle Association

MEETS AT MARION

On Twentieth of this Month—President Fulton Issues a Statement

The annual reunion of the Chickamauga Battle association will be held at Marion, September 20th and a number of the veterans from this county will attend. The program as issued will be as follows:

Music by Marion National Soldiers' Home Band—Capt. John Pitt Stack, leader.

Called to order at 10 a. m. by the President, Capt. J. C. Fulton, of Bluffton.

Prayer—By Rev. David E. Myers, Chaplain of Marion Soldiers' Home.

Music—By the G. A. R. Quartet, of Logansport, Col. H. C. Cushman, leader. Miss Sallie Horne, pianist.

Reading of the minutes of last meeting by the secretary—R. A. Love, Marion.

Music—G. A. R. Quartet. Address—By Department Commander, Col. O. A. Somers, of Kokomo.

Adjournment for dinner. Assembling at 1:30 p. m.

Music—By the Soldiers' Home Band. Call to order by the President.

Music—G. A. R. Quartet. Address—By Judge D. B. McConnell, of Logansport.

Music—G. A. R. Quartet. Recitation—By Miss Minnie Harsh, Bluffton.

Music—G. A. R. Quartet. Recitation—By Miss Vernie Miller, of Bluffton.

Five minute talks by the comrades. Dr. Fulton, of Bluffton, the president of the association, has issued a statement in which he says: I believe the history of the war will show that Indiana had more men engaged in the Battle of Chickamauga than in any other great battle of the war; and Wells, Allen, Adams, Grant, and Huntington counties lost more men on that battlefield than on any other during the war. So let the survivors of that bloody battle, their friends and families, and all comrades and ladies of the Relief Corps of the various counties join with us on that day in perpetuating to the coming generations, the great sacrifices we made in defense of the stars and stripes, the emblem of the greatest nation on earth.

SOMETHING MAY BE STARTED

Anti-Saloon Workers at Bluffton Are Getting Busy.

There may be something started soon in the matter of the evidence secured or reported to have been secured by Detective C. C. Clark, the anti-saloon worker who was here several weeks ago. Since that time Rev. A. H. Brand, president of the Civic League has been out of the city most of the time and nobody else took the initiative to push proceedings against anybody. It has been stated right along, however, by Civic League workers that prosecutions will be made. Today Rev. Brand called upon Prosecuting Attorney Dailey and they were in consultation for some time. Mr. Dailey said this afternoon that he had nothing new to tell in the matter. —Bluffton News.

THE DELINQUENTS

Comes Under Supervision of the Public Accounting Board

BETTER PAY UP

It Will Prove Cheaper to Pay Up and Square the Account

The delinquent taxpayer will not appreciate the fact that the public accounting board considers that delinquent taxes are part and parcel of the accounts of county officials and that the board will investigate them the same as all other accounts coming under their supervision. It thus behooves the delinquent to pay and thus save an added expense of collection. While the payment of these taxes have been a little slow yet every day there are several accounts of this kind paid in this county, and it is probable that the most of it will be cleaned up and paid. The following letter from the public accounting board may be of interest to many in the county:

Dear Sir:—The public accounting law, passed by the last legislature requires this board to examine all public accounts. Taxes being considered public accounts, it will be our duty to see that they are collected as provided for under Sections 7,332, 7,333, 7,334, 10,324 and 10,325 Burns' Revised Statutes of 1908. We request that you enforce the provisions of said sections by making proper efforts to collect your delinquent taxes. It is our desire to cause officials no unnecessary work and trouble, but being our duty to see that the law is properly followed, we therefore ask that you make every effort possible to collect said taxes, making the necessary returns to the county auditor as provided by law, that you may obtain the proper credit for all unpaid taxes. Trusting this matter will be given your prompt attention and assuring you of our hearty co-operation, we remain, very truly yours,

W. A. DEHORITY,
State Examiner.

LIBERATED HER

Mrs. Katie Harke Was Last Evening Released from Jail

THE COSTS REMITTED

And She Was Permitted to Return to Her Humble Home

Mrs. Katie Harke, the unfortunate woman who yesterday, subsequent to a plea of guilty to the charge of provocation, was remanded to jail by Squire Smith to await the expiration of a nine days' sentence, was liberated last evening by order of the court after the various officials had remitted the costs accruing as a consequence of her arrest. The woman returned to her humble home to administer a mother's cares and caresses to her offspring with a stain upon her character which will for many months be held fast in the minds of at least her antagonists. It is indeed awful to contemplate the incarceration of a woman with circumstances such as are those of Mrs. Harke. Bereft of the support she deserves as a wife, destitute as only the most unfortunate are, and with several little tots dependent upon her in most part for their livelihood, Mrs. Harke certainly merits the sympathy of the people and had she provoked a hundred people and been arrested as many times for the mere satisfaction of a vengeance fostered by another. A fine of one dollar was imposed and this Mrs. Harke served in the Adams county jail. She has satisfied the law and if that bit of humiliation which falls to her serves to impart complete satisfaction to the interested parties, let us hope that a similar occurrence is never again recorded in the annals of Adams county history. —Bluffton Banner.

"A PAIR OF COUNTRY KIDS"

Among the many high class attractions Manager Bosse has booked at the Bosse opera house for the coming season none gives better promise of being a distinct novelty than "A Pair of Country Kids" that will appear for one night only, Friday, Sept. 3. This new rural comedy drama has been built on entirely new lines and as true to nature as stagecraft will permit and as this is the day of the scenic artist and the stage artisan, we can expect to spend one jolly night in the country and laugh and romp with the kids and their merry company among whom are numbered the best of the later day artists, each selected for a particular part and which enables the management to a perfect production.

IT IS NEXT WEEK

The State Fair Will Open Monday for a Week

GOOD THIS YEAR

Many Improvements in the Grounds Were Made

Indianapolis, Sept. 2.—The Indiana fair grounds will be open to exhibitors beginning with this morning. The sixteen members of the state board of agriculture are to report to President Oscar Hadley for duty and they will be on the grounds in the capacity of superintendents of departments until the fair closes on Sept. 10. The exhibitors are expected to begin moving in and setting up their exhibits tomorrow and they will have until 9 o'clock on Monday morning to get the exposition ready, for it is to be open to visitors at that hour. Several thousand dollars have been spent in improvements about the grounds during the summer. The most notable improvements that visitors will see are the long stretches of cement walks along the drives and about the street car loading station, in the oiled drives the improved facilities for handling crowds at the gates and amphitheater and in the increased supply of water for the drinking fountains. All over the grounds little improvements have been made—barns painted, swine pens enlarged, ticket offices constructed, plans made for keeping the grounds in a sanitary condition. The grounds yesterday were looking as clean and trim as a city park and it is doubtful if they were ever in as good condition for an exposition. Another change that has been made for the comfort of visitors and one that is not yet visible to the eye is the plan of selling of tickets for the amphitheater during the races and in the Coliseum for the night shows. In neither of these places will the seating capacity be oversold. For the night shows every visitor will, with the admission ticket, receive a coupon calling for a seat, and when the tickets with coupons attached, are gone the sale for that night will cease. The Coliseum will seat 5,000 people, and when that number has been admitted the doors will be closed.

DR. BLACKMAN TO MARRY

He Will Marry a Young Lady from Jersey City.

Dr. C. J. Blackman will leave Monday for New York City where he will meet his cousin Dr. Wilbur Blackman, who is now in the east and will be married the 7th of this month to a young lady from Jersey City. The approaching wedding has previously been announced here, although the date was not made public at that time. Dr. Charles Blackman will act as best man during the ceremony, and will accompany the groom-elect from New York to Jersey City. Dr. Wilbur Blackman is very well known to Bluffton residents, having resided here with the local Dr. Blackman, who is his cousin. They were partners here for several years prior to Dr. Wilbur Blackman's leaving for Florida. It was in this state that he made the acquaintance of his future bride. —Bluffton Banner.

BOARD MET TODAY

Managers of the Fair Association Are Busy Allowing Bills, for Fair

GIVE OUT FIGURES

Premiums and Purses Paid Total Over Three Thousand Dollars

The managing board of the Great Northern Indiana Fair association are in session today at the office of the secretary, Earl B. Adams, the principal duty being the allowing of bills and the checking up of premiums and moneys paid out, preparatory to making a report to the association. The board is composed of Charles Dunn of this city, E. E. Zimmerman of Kirkland, and James Foreman of Blue Creek. So far the only totals obtainable are premiums, \$1,654.42 and race purses, \$1,397.75. Besides these, of course, there was a stack of bills so high that Mr. Adams had to raise up to look over them, and no figures could be obtained as to the exact earnings for the association this year. On the first Monday in November the stockholders of the association will meet in annual session, at which time a complete report will be filed and new officers elected for the next year. It is believed that the association made a little money this year, and that they are now on a solid basis from which they can grow rapidly. The fair is a good thing for the county and in many ways, and it is hoped that they will continue to live and prosper. The Great Northern has a clean record for paying its bills and premiums and deserves success.

NO LOTTERY TICKET FROM CUBA

Washington, Sept. 2.—Agreement was reached by American and Cuban postoffice officials by which the sending of lottery tickets from Cuba to the United States through the mails will be prevented absolutely. Reports from Havana state that all tickets for the first drawing were disposed of yesterday.

STRUCK BY A CAR

Ossian Autoists Had Narrow Escape from Frightful Death Yesterday

FOUR PEOPLE IN CAR

When it Was Hit by a I. U. T. Traction Car North of Bluffton

Dr. E. W. Dyer, a physician at Ossian, his little son, Edwin, aged three his uncle William Weirich of Robinson, Ill., and the latter's son Herbert Weirich, an Ossian merchant, had a frightfully close call from death or terrible injuries yesterday when the doctor's automobile, in which all were passengers, was struck by a north bound limited traction car over the I. U. T. and Wabash Valley at a dangerous road crossing at Greenwood, seven miles north of Bluffton. Their escape with hardly a scratch when the machine was hurled off the track is considered little less than miraculous. A house and a corn field obstructed Dr. Dyer's view as he approached the crossing and he was almost upon the track, so that he could not stop his machine when he saw the car approaching at a speed of forty to fifty miles an hour. He put on high speed and got his automobile so far across that the traction car struck only the rear end of it, but enough to knock it into the ditch and demolish the top and body of the machine. Dr. Dyer had a badly sprained back and his uncle was injured slightly across the chest, but the elder Mr. Weirich and the baby escaped injury. Dr. Dyer said that he heard no crossing signals as he approached the interurban track but the crew claimed the usual signals were given.

MAY GET A DISTILLERY

Evansville Looking for Three Tennessee Distilleries.

Evansville, Ind., Sept. 2.—That this city will become a separate internal revenue district is a probability if three large distilleries of Tennessee are forced to leave that state by the Tennessee supreme court's interpretation of the prohibitions law. The distilleries, all of which have representatives in Evansville, have been acquiring options quietly on property here so that in event they are driven out of Tennessee they may move immediately to Evansville. Local revenue officers say the increase in collections will be so large as to necessitate the creation of a new district. Evansville is now a part of the Terre Haute district.

RETURNED TODAY

Governor Marshall Back to His Place at the State House

HAS MUCH TO DO

Many Unimportant Appearances to Make

Indianapolis, Sept. 2.—Governor Marshall will return this morning from Petokey, Mich., arriving on a special train for excursionists from the north-west resort. When he settles again in the chair of state he will practically be hidden by the pile of correspondence and papers that has accumulated during his absence. Aside from the questions arising in the routine run of affairs, the governor must answer seventeen invitations to deliver addresses and will begin a search for delegates to six conventions. On top of the heap on the governor's desk is a summons for him to appear before the supreme court of the United States and show sufficient reason why a judgment against the P. C. C. & St. L. railroad should not be corrected, pursuant to a writ of error. The case is one arising from a decision of the Indiana railroad commission which has reached the supreme court on appeals. The governor will undoubtedly be represented by the attorney general. The Andersonville Monument commission is ready to make its final report as soon as the governor can book an appointment. The report will then be sent to the state printer for publication. One of the matters that will receive the governor's attention is a letter from Ernest P. Bicknell, director of the National Red Cross Society, recommending a reorganization of the Indiana society and outlining plans to be used to bring about uniform results from all the states. Correspondence awaits the governor from the lakes to the gulf deep waterway association, relating to the trip to be taken by President Taft from St. Louis to New Orleans in company with a number of governors, and which Governor Marshall may take. He also is invited to name delegates—one from each congressional district—to the meeting of the association at New Orleans. Almost any one who has qualifications as a delegate ought to be able to secure an appointment with the privilege of course of paying his own expenses—if the conventions asking for Indiana representatives are satisfied. The list includes: The fifteenth international congress on hygiene and demography at Washington, Sept. 26 to Oct. 1. The national farmland congress, at Chicago, the third week in November. The governor is requested to allow the use of his name as a member of the general advisory committee. The second national good roads convention at Cleveland, O., Sept. 21 to 23. At least five Hoosiers are wanted. The Association of Military Surgeons of the United States in its eighteenth annual meeting at Washington Oct. 5, at which members of the profession connected with the state militia are desired. The fifth annual conference on weights and measures, under the auspices of the bureau of standards of the department of commerce and labor, at Washington, in December. The third International Tax association in conference at Louisville, Ky., Sept. 21 to 24. The governor will attend this meeting, which takes up the subject of state and local taxation.

NEWS IS COLORED

The Condition of E. H. Harriman is Serious

ARE SHIFTING

Care of Railroad Interests Given to Subordinates

New York, Sept. 2.—There is a lull in the news from Tower hill, the summer home of E. H. Harriman. New York papers, known to be friendly to Harriman and the Harriman interests, are "playing up" carefully censored statements of his rapid convalescence, and in some cases have even gone so far as to print detailed descriptions of "stunts" being indulged in by the invalid, who only a week ago today was virtually carried ashore from the steamer on which he had returned from his vain health seeking trip to Europe. Despite all this, the fact remains, obtained from sources necessarily confidential, that E. H. Harriman is a desperately sick man, whose days as a wizard of finance are numbered. So elaborate are the precautions to prevent real news of the stricken man's condition from getting to the general public, and so great is the power being exerted by the big interests to create a false impression in order that those on the inside may profit by any actual change, that it is going to be exceedingly difficult, if not actually impossible, to obtain uncolored information, unless a change so marked as to make further concealment impossible takes place. This is not regarded as a possibility of the immediate future. To date there has been no reliable statement of the real nature of Harriman's trouble given out by the family, and the cancer diagnosis of the Viennese specialist, Professor Struempel, contained in a recent dispatch, remains unshaken. It is practically settled that Harriman is retiring from the active work in his big railroad interests. The word has gone forth to subordinates that it will be necessary for other shoulders to carry the weighty burden of the Harriman railway policies.

CHASED OFF FARM

Elmer Neuenschwander of Berne, Had a Rather Exciting Experience

FARMER WAS ANGRY

Drove Him Away With a Hammer—Refused to Allow Papers Served

Elmer J. Neuenschwander, of Berne, son of the Berne merchant, had an exciting time Tuesday afternoon when he went with Charles Pierce, deputy sheriff, to serve an execution. He made a getaway from the farm where he went, with Frank Myers after him with a hammer. Deputy Sheriff Pierce had the execution to serve and went to the Frank Myers farm to levy on a threshing outfit. Myers said that the outfit did not belong to him and refused to say who it did belong to. As a result there were no papers served. In the meantime, however, Myers got angry and started after Neuenschwander with a hammer, running him toward Pierce at a 2:40 pace. Myers told the deputy sheriff that if he did not get Neuenschwander off the farm he would hurt him, so the two returned to this city. After coming here Neuenschwander interviewed Prosecutor Dailey in reference to filing a charge of drawing deadly weapons against Myers, but later in the evening the two men with William McCullick, who owns the threshing outfit, met and settled the matter. —Bluffton Banner.

A BABY BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dowling of Madison street are the proud parents of a big baby boy which made its appearance at their home night before last.