

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Grand Jury Probably Continue at Work for Several Days Yet

MANY WITNESSES

Some Business in Court—Real Estate Transfers—Hunters' Licenses

It has been a good while since so many witnesses have appeared before the grand jury as has been the case this session. Today a large number are here from Geneva, Bluffton and Pleasant Mills and there is so far no signs of an adjournment. However, it is likely that the testimony will be in by tomorrow, then a trip to the jail and county infirmary and they will be ready to report about Thursday.

M. F. Rice, guardian for Newell B. Rice filed on inventory and a petition to sell real estate. John F. Sprunger and E. M. Ray appointed appraisers. \$800 additional bond ordered.

Sarah Hendricks vs. Eli Meyer, sheriff of Adams county, habeas corpus, cause dismissed and costs paid.

John W. McKean vs. Mary A. Loch, et al, foreclosure of mortgage; motion filed by Indiana Harvester Company for order that Mary A. Loch separate her second paragraph of answer into paragraphs and motion sustained; appearance by Norman G. Lenhart for John A. Fuhrman, a defendant; rule against all parties to answer; complaint filed by Fuhrman.

May Lancaster vs. Persa R. Bell, suit on note, set for trial Tuesday, November 30.

Jesse A. Swartz vs. Jesse A. Swartz administrator, partition suit, appraisal filed.

Charles and Hubert VanCamp vs. Laura VanCamp et al, contest of will, rule against Laura VanCamp to answer absolute within five days.

Litta Thomas vs. Elsie Thomas, replevin, rule to answer absolute within five days.

J. J. Magley has been appointed court bailiff for the November term of court and began his duties this morning.

Real estate transfers: G. W. Bolds et al to Charles Reichelderfer, four acres Wabash township, \$250; George E. Spake to Paul Koehler, tract in Union township, \$12,600.

Hunters' licenses have been issued to Aaron Baker, Albert Acker, Eugene Runyon, Vernon Pontius, Charles Burke, Ivan Johnson, Dick McDaniel, Leo Sprunger, John W. Kraner, John A. Cline, William Ralston, Albert Runyon, Joseph V. Smith and Perry Johnson.

CONDITION REMAINS THE SAME

Mrs. Michael Touhey's Condition is Still Serious.

J. H. Voglewede has returned from Lima, Ohio, where he spent several days with his sister, Mrs. Michael Touhey, who is at the point of death. He reports that her condition still remains unchanged and that there is no hope for her ultimate recovery. Mrs. Voglewede has been in failing health for several years and bedfast for two months. Her sisters, Mrs. Anthony Voglewede and Miss Elizabeth Voglewede of this city are also at her bedside.

OPENED STORE AT UNION CITY

George Steele, of the firm of Steele & Weaver, returned Saturday night from Union City, where he had been the past week assisting in getting the new Rackett store in order, which his firm had purchased at that place. The store opened Saturday morning and if the rush at that time is any criterion of success the future will certainly be bright. M. G. Welker, of this city, a brother-in-law of Mr. Steele, will have charge of the store at that place, and has already moved his household goods to that city, where he and his wife will make their home.

TO ERECT NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

Bluffton Will Erect New Central Building.

At a meeting of the board of public education at the offices of Abram Simmons, Friday evening, steps were taken which will give the city of Bluffton a permanent and durable public improvement, at once beautiful and useful. The first legal move toward issuing a series of school bonds to finance the erection of a new school building was ordered and the structure will be ready for use on the site of the Central school by the time the term of 1910-11 opens next September. For several years the members of the board have been aware that the crowded condition in the schools, would eventually force the erection of a new building. When the large enrollment for this term became apparent last fall it was definitely decided that such a step would be necessary before the beginning of another term. The special meeting at which the project was set in motion last night was planned for in advance.—Bluffton News.

EXPECTS LITTLE

Not Much Legislation to be Expected by the Coming Congress

INDIANA DEMOCRATIC

Predicts a Victory for the Democrats in this State

Congressman Adair was in Fort Wayne yesterday and in afternoon addressed the Men's Club of the First Methodist church. Last evening he submitted to an interview on the political situation in congress during the coming session, as well as to the outlook in Indiana. When it was suggested to Congressman Adair that the approaching session of the national legislators would probably be more productive of good than the last and special session, he replied in a negative manner. "The approaching session of congress," he said, "will be devoted very probably to more wrangling and rag-chewing than ever. When President Taft attempts to read Beveridge and Cullom, and La Follette, and Clapp and Bell out of the party, as he threatens to do for their opposition to his tariff bill, the trouble will start. It promises to be a continual fight from beginning to end of the session. There will be a determined effort to get rid of Speaker Cannon and Aldrich. They are not liked and stand in the way of legislation. The indications are that neither of these two men, who have become detested by so many of the legislators and the common people, will have the power and following which they have had in the past. Speaker Cannon, of course, will hold the reins in the house for the remainder of the congress. It must be said he is one of the most powerful, the shrewdest and keenest politician in the country. His rise to his present position is one proof of this." Speaking of the effect of the tariff bill upon the country, and particularly upon Indiana, Congressman Adair predicted the election of the democratic ticket at the next Indiana state election. "Indiana will go democratic next year without a doubt. The republican party in Indiana will be up against the endorsement of President Taft's administration and Senator Beveridge's attitude against that administration, and this will place the party in a serious predicament, which will be felt in the state campaign and election." In Congressman Adair's district, the eighth, the announcement of his name for re-election to congress promises to arouse a fight between the congressman and Cannonism. Congressman Adair had occasion to deliver a ringing condemnation against Aldrich in the house last January. Later, Aldrich told some friends that Adair would never come back to congress, inferring that he would fight his re-election. On the other hand there is a movement which is evidencing itself throughout the country and is especially noticeable in the Eighth Indiana, to only elect men to congress who are pledged to defeat Cannon for re-election as speaker of the house if he is successful in re-election next year to congress.

TOOK LODGE WORK

Fifteen Candidates Furnished by Decatur Lodge at Sunday Initiation

ONE HUNDRED WENT

Big Knights of Columbus Event Occurred at Huntington—Was a Success

Decatur lodge, Number 864, Knights of Columbus, furnished fifteen candidates at the big joint initiation, held at Huntington Sunday, when sixty-eight men were taken into the order, from Huntington, Lafayette and Decatur. This lodge furnished the following: Joseph C. Colchin, Thomas D. Dowling, F. C. Geimer, Herbert H. Ehinger, Edward F. Kleinhenz, Joseph F. Kortner, Phillip H. Wagner, Leo J. Weber, Leo P. Meyer, John C. Harmon, Thomas Malley, John C. Monahan and Roland G. White of Decatur, James H. Kelley of Geneva, and Frank Banville of Bluffton. In all one hundred tickets were sold from here, most of the boys leaving here on the special train which left over the Erie at six o'clock in the morning, the rest going on the noon train. They returned at twelve o'clock last evening, a tired but happy bunch of fellows. The day was all that could have been hoped for in a social way, though the weather was anything but perfect. The Elks opened their hall for the visitors and this with the big K. of C. hall accommodated the crowd nicely. A special train was also run from Fort Wayne and visitors were present from all over the north part of the state. The team from Decatur exemplified the first degree which was given at eight o'clock. At 10:30 the lodge members attended divine services in a body and at 1:30 the Lo-transport team gave the second degree. At three o'clock District Deputy McLaughlin and the Fort Wayne team gave the third degree. At seven o'clock in the evening a buffet lunch was served at the Elks hall.

IT WAS A HUMMER

Presbyterian Ladies Clear Over Two Hundred Dollars in Ten Days

AT A RUMMAGE SALE

Mrs. Robert Blackburn Proved Her Ability as a Saleslady of Merit

The rummage sale given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church closed Saturday night, and the record made by them is perhaps the best ever made by a similar sale in the history of such events in this locality. The total proceeds reached slightly over two hundred dollars. The biggest day was a week ago Saturday when the sales totaled seventy dollars. The last day was also an extra good one reaching nearly fifty dollars. The ladies are highly pleased over the success and wish to thank the public for their patronage and for the many favors shown them in various ways. The success of the enterprise is due perhaps to all the women who devoted nearly all their time for two weeks. Mrs. W. A. Lower, the president, proved herself again as a hustler, while Mrs. Robert Blackburn excelled all the others as a saleslady, her record alone being over eighty dollars in sales. A large amount of goods were sold and many people secured excellent bargains, so every one is happy and satisfied. The ladies paid the debt off and are now to the good. They expect to hold sales annually from this time on.

The supper given by the Pythian Sister in the Ellis building Saturday evening, was well patronized, and was a success financially.

TOCSIN WANTS RURAL ROUTE

Petition for One Which Will Reach Into Adams County.

The Bluffton News says: A petition has been circulated signed by residents along a stretch of 27 miles encircling the little town of Tocsin in every direction, and it has been forwarded to postoffice department at Washington, D. C., asking for a new rural route, to start from the Tocsin postoffice, from which there is no route running at the present time. The new route would cover five miles over which at present there is no rural route and the News is informed would serve sixteen families which under the present system are not receiving mail by free delivery. The granting of this route probably would result in slight changes in some of the other routes traversing that section and these changes probably could be made to give service to still more people not now served in this or the adjoining county of Adams. The town of Tocsin is a good mail point, on the main line of the C. & E. The postmaster there is A. P. Kelley, owner of a general store.

BONDS ARE GOOD

A Member of the Supreme Court Says the Bonds Will be Protected

BUILD NO MORE

The Object Was to Stop the Building of These Roads Under this Law

Indianapolis, Nov. 22.—Bond issues aggregating from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000 already outstanding, are not affected by the recent decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana declaring the three-mile gravel road law unconstitutional, according to the statement made by one of the supreme judges. The decision merely stops the present construction of highways under that particular statute and prohibits the future issue of bonds on such improvements, he declared. Different principles govern the validity of the bonds authorized on roads completed, while the law was in force, the judge maintained. "The question decided by the Supreme Court did not touch the bonds issued," the judge declared. "We decided the problem given us by declaring the law unconstitutional, but went no further. The decision holds only as far as the specific question it solves goes and should not be construed to invalidate the gravel road bonds. That is governed by different principles of law and we will give our decision on it in the course of time when that phase of the question comes to our consideration. Bankers throughout the state and business men holding the bonds issued on improvements under the three-mile gravel road law were somewhat disturbed by rumors that the decision invalidated the immense amount of paper.

The above differs from the opinion of most lawyers, who claim that an illegal act might be legalized, but that an unconstitutional act could not be made constitutional, no matter what curative process would be used. In many counties in the state consternation is rampant not alone among the bondholders, but among contractors who have roads and contracts in an uncompleted stage, and if they are compelled to quit they would be the loser to the extent of many thousand dollars. Besides this many roads are in an uncompleted stage, and to leave them thus all winter would be outrageous treatment of those who travel these uncompleted highways all during the winter season. In many counties the officials have been notified by the bondholders not to pay out any money on hand for uncompleted roads, they being under the impression that they would save a little for the wreck. This was the situation in Wells county, where among the contractors were William Reppert, who is building a road near Tocsin, and Brown, Bears & Co., who also have a contract in that county. It is quite likely that the bondholders will be protected by the supreme court, but further road building under this law is doubtless at an end.

MEETINGS CLOSED

Revival at the Church of Christ Closed Last Evening

DID MUCH GOOD

The Meetings Were Well Attended and Much Good Was Accomplished

The revival at the Church of Christ, which has been in progress for the past few weeks, came to a close last night. The services yesterday were well attended and very inspiring. Those who have been in regular attendance regret that they do not continue longer. Evangelist Thompson preached two great sermons yesterday, the morning discourse being directed mostly to church members, while the one at night to those out of the church. The evangelist is a preacher of exceptional ability and has grown in favor with the people of our city as being a talented speaker and true minister of the gospel. It is needless to say that he would be welcomed back at any time. There will be a reception and love feast given at the church tonight, a large attendance is expected. Arrangements will be made to take the pictures of the chorus and the new converts.

The church and the congregation have been much benefited by the meetings, and the good effects will last for a long time. This church and congregation is one of the small ones of the city, but they are also one of the most faithful, and deserve the congratulations of all the good people of the city in their labors for the cause of Christ. Both the pastor and the evangelist have labored hard and their work in these revival meetings has not been in vain.

WENT TO REDKEY

Rev. Powell left for Redkey this morning, where he was called to conduct the funeral of Miss Madge Cramer. Miss Cramer was a member of the parish, which Rev. Powell was pastor before coming to this place. Interment was made at that place.

THE RESTING PLACE

Body of Late Abraham Meyer Taken from Temporary Vault

TO FAMILY VAULT

Where Remains of Husband and Wife Will Lie Side by Side

After lying for some time in a temporary resting place in the Shoemaker vault at the Six Mile cemetery near Vera Cruz, the body of the late Abraham Meyer, was taken this morning and tenderly laid in its last resting place in the Meyer vault in the Vera Cruz cemetery. At the time of his death, which occurred a short time ago at the home of his daughter in Vera Cruz, the body was placed temporarily in the Shoemaker vault, until his could be built for the Meyer family. This has now been finished and the bodies of both Mr. Meyer and his wife, whose death occurred some time ago, will be placed side by side. His children, Mrs. Emma Glancey, John and Eli Meyer of this city, and Mrs. Lydia Wegmille, of Geneva, left this morning for Bluffton, Ind., from there to Vera Cruz, where they will be present at the burial services.

Clark Montgomery and family who for the past two years have made this city their home, left this morning for Fort Wayne, where they will live, Mr. Montgomery having secured a position there with Lawrence & Hartshorn. During their residence here, Mr. Montgomery was employed with the Decatur Packing plant. The many friends they have made during their residence here will regret their departure.

THE JABERGS LEAVE TOMORROW

Will Go to Keams Canyon, Ariz., 85 Miles from a Postoffice.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jaberg, will leave this city at three o'clock tomorrow morning over the Chicago & Erie for Chicago, where they will visit with Frank Annen and wife for a day or two and then proceed to the wilds of Arizona, where they will begin work in an Indian school. From Chicago they will proceed to Gallup, New Mexico, and from there begin a 110-mile journey by stage to Keams Canyon, Arizona, where is located the Chimpov Indian school, maintained by the government. Mr. Jaberg will teach, while his wife will look after the Indian maidens, teaching them the lessons needed in the household. The nearest postoffice to the station is Holbrook, which is only a little run of eighty-five miles, with no connection either by stage line or railroad. Talk about your quiet and simple life. The Jabergs surely ought to have it.

A BROKEN WRIST

And Other Painful Injuries Received by Mrs. Samantha Dorwin

HORSE FRIGHTENED

And Ladies Were Thrown from Carriage—Miss Dugan Uninjured

Mrs. Samantha Dorwin, one of the well known ladies of the city, sustained painful injury Saturday evening the worst injury being to her left arm, which was broken at the wrist. Mrs. Dorwin, in company with her sister, Mrs. Rona Patterson and her granddaughter, Dorothy Dugan, were riding Saturday afternoon about four o'clock, and when in front of the Dr. Beavers' office on First street, the horse they were driving became frightened at an automobile. The horse shied and in some manner Mrs. Dorwin and her granddaughter were thrown from the buggy. Mrs. Dorwin sustained the fracture of the wrist both bones of the forearm being broken, a bad cut in the forehead and other severe cuts and bruises on her face and nose. The strange part of the accident is that Miss Dorothy, who was also thrown out, was in no way hurt. Mrs. Dorwin, though suffering quite much at the time, is now getting well and it is thought that there will be no permanently ill results. Her many friends hope for the best and extend to her their sympathy in her misfortune. The accident following so closely that of Mrs. R. B. Allison, who received a broken wrist and broken hip in a fall last week, is rather a co-incidence.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Union Services at United Brethren Church Thursday Morning.

The ministerial association has arranged to hold the union Thanksgiving services this year at the United Brethren church, the sermon to be delivered Thursday morning by the Rev. D. O. Wise, pastor of the Evangelical church. Nearly all of the churches in the city will join in this service as usual. The German Reformed church however will conduct services in German at its church at that hour, the sermon being delivered by the pastor the Rev. L. C. Hessert.

ACCEPTS NEW POSITION

Miss Jessie Magley, who has been engaged in newspaper work for a number of years, and whose ability in this field of labor is well known, this morning assumed a position with this office and began her duties forthwith. She will look after the local news generally and we will appreciate any news favor shown her.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Children's Guardians tomorrow evening at the library hall. The meeting will take place at seven p. m. and all the members are earnestly requested to be present.

Ed Berling, who is working at Fort Wayne, was in the city over Sunday, and spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. H. Berling.

LOST RIGHT HAND

Jesse Nelson of Near Geneva Victim of Corn Shredder Accident Friday

A BIRTHDAY SUPPER

Unique Affair—a Surprise on H. E. Carter—Traction Line Nears Completion

Geneva, Nov. 22.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—This community has been shocked by another corn shredder accident, as a result of which Jesse Nelson, aged twenty years, and a son of Charles Nelson, lost his right hand. The accident occurred Friday afternoon, while a force of men were operating a shredder on the Charles Armstrong farm, two and one-half miles east of this place. The young man was taken to a physician at once and there is hope that the thumb and little finger may be saved though this is doubtful.

Sunday morning, when the G. R. & I. train from the south arrived here a crowd of about thirty happy men and women unloaded and inquired the direction to the home of H. E. Carter. It developed that the crowd was composed of old neighbors and friends of Mr. Carter, from Winchester, where he formerly lived, and they came here for the purpose of surprising him which they certainly did to a queen's taste. Mr. Carter is the new manager of the Cincinnati store here.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the United Brethren church gave a unique affair Saturday evening. It was a birthday supper and was a success, both socially and financially. During the day, cards were distributed over town, to each of which was attached a little red bag. Each person was asked to bring the bag with them to the Masonic hall, where the affair took place and to enclose in the bag as many pennies as they were years old. While it came a little high for the older people it was a bargain for the young folks and the affair was all that it was hoped to be, much merriment resulting.

William Pratt and John P. Shoemaker arrived home Saturday evening from Decatur, where they have been serving for a week past as members of the grand jury. They returned to their duties this morning.

Work is progressing rapidly on the Bluffton, Geneva and Celina traction line. They have decided on the overhead trolley. At present they are having difficulty in securing teams to finish the grade, though they are paying forty cents an hour. The grade and the laying of steel has been completed to within a few miles of here and if a sufficient number of teams can be secured the work will be finished within ten days. At present forty teams are at work. It is hoped to have cars running between here and Bluffton January 1st.

W. D. Cross who last spring disposed of his machine shop to Arnold Brothers, has again assumed the control of same, the change taking place Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Fristoe and daughter were over Sunday visitors with relatives and friends at Decatur.

AFTER EIGHT YEARS ABSENCE

Bub Sheline Called Here from Denver Because of Illness of Mother.

Mr. Austin Sheline, better known here as Bub Sheline, arrived here Sunday morning from Denver, having been summoned on account of the serious illness of his mother, Mrs. Kohne. While here he will be the guest of his sister, Mrs. Will Parent. Mr. Sheline left here eight years ago and has since lived in the great west. He says there have been some decided and wonderful changes and improvements in this city. Denver has been enjoying some real winter during the past week or two and Bub was surprised to find the weather so warm here.