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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 or derailed.

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

John W. McLean 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, appraise-ment 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, re-plevin, rule to answer absolute with in 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. Bold et al to Charles Reicheldeffer, four acres Wabash township, \$250; George E. Speake 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 Racket 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 moves 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 Bev-eridge 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 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 Bev-eridge'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.

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 at 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 everyone 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.

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. Gelmer, Herbert H. Ellinger, Edward F. Kleinhans, Joseph F. Kortenbrer, Phillip H. Wagner, Leo J. Weber, Leo P. Meyer, John C. Harmon, Thomas Malley, John C. Monahan and Roland G. Wible 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 Lancers 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.

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 construction 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 losers to the extent of many thousand dollars. Besides 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 from 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.

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.

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.

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 a 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.

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 broken wrist and broken hip in a fall last week, is rather a co-incident.

THE RESTING PLACE

Body of Late Abraham

Meyer Taken from Tem-

porary Vault

TO FAMILY VAULT

Where Remains of Husband

and Wife Will Lie

Side by Side

After lying for some time in a tem-

porary 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, and John and Eli Meyer of Ge-

neva, left this morning for Bluffton, Ind.,

from there to Vera Cruz, where they

will be present at the burial

services.

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 gen-

erally and we will appreciate any

news favor shown her.

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the

Children's Guardians tomorrow even-

ing at the library hall. The meet-

ing will take place at seven p. m. and

all the members are earnestly re-

quested to be present.

NOTICE

Ed Berling, who is working at Fort

Wayne, was in the city over Sunday,

and spent Sunday with his mother,

Mrs. H. Berling.