

CHILD ATE RAT POISON

Ervin Kaehr, Monroe Township, Died in Terrible Agony Tuesday Night.

SUFFERED TEN HOURS

After Eating Cookie Spread With Rough on Rats Swept From Shed.

Ervin Kaehr, aged three years and two months, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kaehr of Monroe township, died about 11 o'clock Tuesday night as a result of eating rat poison. The parents and relatives of the child are grief stricken over the terrible event and can scarcely believe that the babe who Tuesday was a bright ray of sunshine about the home, is today dead, his happy childish voice stilled forever. Some time ago, cookies, on which rough on rats was spread, were distributed through some of the out-buildings on the Kaehr farm. Tuesday an adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kaehr swept several of the cookies out into the yard. Little Ervin noticed them and, child-like, ate one of them. Soon afterward he fell asleep and the family did not think of him being ill for several hours, when they noticed he was suffering. Antidotes were given him and a physician summoned from Berne, but death had relieved the child before the doctor arrived. The boy ate the cookie at noon and towards evening was in convulsions, dying between 11 and 12 o'clock. The physician stated that in his opinion the lad ate three times as much of the poison as was necessary to kill him and that this fact prevented him from suffering as he would have done had the dose been less. The funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Nuemenese church near Ver Cruz.

IS FLAME SWEEP

Radius of Five Hundred Miles in North Michigan is Threatened.

ALSTON IS CUT OFF

Several Other Towns Are on Fire—Railroads Lose—Boats Are in Danger.

(United Press Service.) Houghton, Mich., May 11—(Special to Daily Democrat)—New forest fires in the Copper country today are threatening the towns of L'Anse, Pilgrim River, Algonquin and Abmeek in the upper peninsula of Michigan. Railroads have suffered heavily from the flames. One hundred more fire fighters were today distributed throughout the burning districts surrounding Alston. That town is cut off from communication. Inmates of the orphan's home and county poor have been removed to a place of safety.

(United Press Service.) Superior, Wis., May 11—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Vessel captains and train crews arriving here today say the disastrous forest fires are sweeping an area of 500 miles. Many villages are threatened and valuable timber crops are ruined. A dense pall of smoke hangs over Lake Superior and vessels out of port are in constant peril.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Fred Scheimann to John M. Ray, inlot 534, Decatur, \$775; Mary Ellen Hanna to Martin Beery, 120 acres, St. Marys tp., \$8400; Grover Baumgartner et al. to Oswell Sprunger et al., 1/2 acre, Monroe tp., \$300; Trustees of M. R. E. churches to Amos Kirchhofer, lot 218, \$15.00; George W. Pyle to Harry R. Fisher, lot 53, West Lawn cemetery, \$25.00.

TEACHERS WERE NOT SELECTED

School Board Met Tuesday Evening But the List is Not Completed.

The school trustees held a meeting Tuesday evening at which time they discussed the selection of teachers for the next year. However, a full list was not decided upon and they will therefore not be given to the public for about a week. It was rumored that the selection might be made at the Tuesday evening meeting, but the officials say they are not as yet ready to state just whom the teachers will be. There will be but very few changes from the present efficient corps.

IN THE CAMPAIGN

Washington Talking About the Coming Indiana Campaign.

MUCH ORATORY

Senator Beveridge Will be His Own Star Attraction.

Washington, May 11—Indiana is likely to witness this year two diametrically opposite varieties of speaking campaigns. The democratic leaders are preparing to turn loose an army of spellbinders in Indiana. There will be an inundation of democratic oratory, such as perhaps Indiana, memorable as have been the Hoosier campaigns of the past, never has witnessed. Arrangements will be made in due time to blanket Indiana with democratic oratory, speakers of national reputation from many states, from William J. Bryan down, being assigned to this work. The minority membership of both houses of congress will be drawn upon heavily for speaking talent for use in the Indiana democratic state campaign. Senator Gore already has volunteered his services. The blind Oklahoma senator is a great drawing card among democrats and makes an effective "whoop-em-up" speech that never fails to arouse party enthusiasm. Senator Shively intends to take seven or eight weeks of solid rest after congress adjourns and then he will get in the campaign. He will speak for John W. Kern as well as the democratic state ticket, notwithstanding Mr. Kern's now famous bribery charges. The democratic congressional committee will contribute to the democratic oratorical hullabaloo in Indiana by sending a big force of speakers to storm the electorate. Champ Clark probably will invade the state with his inimitable brand of oratory. There is one thing, however, that several of the Indiana congressmen will not stand for, and that is the importation of typical, radical southern congressmen to "spellbind" their Indiana audiences. They have made out a list of southerners who are to be tabooed, under the theory that the exploitation of their peculiar southern ideas of the race problem and other public questions in Indiana would do them more harm than good.

The republican campaign on the other hand, is likely to be without frills. Senator Beveridge's idea is that there shall be a plain, unostentatious presentation of the issues from the republican standpoint, without any efforts to thrill and "spellbind" the electorate. It will be a campaign, if he has his way, based on argument and reason, and not on the graces and emotionalism of oratory. Although there is no dearth of volunteers from other states, the senator's present plan does not contemplate that there shall be a great influx of orators to Indiana to tell the Hoosier folk whom they shall elect to fill their state offices and to represent them in the senate of the United States. The probability is that he will wage the campaign in Indiana alone, assisted by the local speakers of the various counties which he visits. And it may be stated in this connection that he will visit every county. Recently a story went the rounds of several newspapers that Former President Roosevelt had promised to deliver speeches in behalf of Senator Beveridge, one of which will be a big feature. (Continued on page 2.)

OFFER TO TEACH

Miss Pearl Burd G. Finishes Course at Indianapolis Kindergarten Training

OF TWO YEARS

Will Teach in College and Study Third Year Course—Another Good Offer.

The friends of Miss Pearl Burd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Burd, will be pleased to hear of her success in the Indianapolis kindergarten and primary training school in which she has been a student for the past two years. Miss Pearl will graduate June 23rd from the two years' course and has been so successful in the work for which she seems adapted by nature that the president of the school has invited her to become teacher of the free kindergarten department of the college for the next year at a salary. Miss Pearl has accepted this and during the year while teaching will also take the third year course. The completion of the two years' course carries with it a three years' license to teach, and Miss Burd has also an offer to teach in the Oklahoma City kindergarten school, but has accepted the offer made by the Indianapolis school, because it carries with it the privilege of studying in the third year while gaining experience in teaching, thus giving her the advantage of furthering herself in the work. She will return to this city after graduation and will spend the summer months of July and August at her home here and return to Indianapolis in time for the opening of school the first Monday in September. All her friends here are pleased to learn of her success and her enjoyment of the work.

A LAND OF BEAUTY

Scenes in California and Enroute Thereto as Viewed by Mr. Snow.

SIGNS OF HUSTLING

Are Also Apparent—Sunshine is Plentiful and Storms Are Unknown.

(Continued from Tuesday's Issue.)

For a distance of more than a hundred miles, to Grand Valley, there is a gradual decline in elevation. To the west of Tennessee Pass the train passed through a rain and thunder storm, right in the clouds, and across to the south the tops of the mountain were hidden in a snow storm. At Soldier's Summit, several hundred miles westward, was the highest point reached before descending into the Salt Lake region. This is an elevation of about 7,500 feet and is near eighty miles from Salt Lake. We now descend into a valley made fertile by irrigation, much from artesian or flowing wells. The buildings in the country seem old and not modern. The city of Salt Lake does not impress me with an idea of beauty as mentioned by some writers. It has broad streets, but they are not in good repair. It has some very fine business buildings, but throughout the greater part of the city, even on the principal streets and best business locations, are "shackies" single-story frame buildings and old two-story brick buildings that greatly mar the appearance of the city.

The great Salt Lake has no visible outlet and its waters are six times saltier than ocean water. It is a nice looking body of water, more than one hundred miles in length and from thirty to fifty miles in width. Fish and fowls have no place in its waters. Its waves are as waves of lead and it has no ships or boats. At Ogden the Denver & Rio Grande is left for the Union Pacific on toward San Francisco. When Collis P. Huntington said: "I will be one of eight or ten who will appropriate funds for a survey from St. Louis to the Pacific coast," a thirty-six mile bridge across great

Lake would have been considered as impractical as a flying machine trip to the moon would now seem to us. But Huntington found a man who said, "It can be built," and at a cost of \$6,000,000 it was built and is now in use. It is said that Huntington's greatest pride was this wonderful feat of engineering. At an elevation of about four or five thousand feet we pass on westward from Ogden, for hundreds of miles over desert country. Near Battle Mountain ranch life shows some indication of an existence. At Hazen, two hundred miles further west, the railroad shops are located. Reno, which is about five hundred miles west of Ogden, is near the California state line, and shows more thrift and business activity than (Continued on page four.)

NUGGETS OF GOLD

Were Used to Construct the Necklace Which Fred Martin Gave Fiance.

AS CHRISTMAS GIFT

Cleveland Paper Tells Story of the Romance—Love at First Sight.

A recent copy of a Cleveland paper contained a cabinet size photo engraving of Miss Lillian Gross of that city, a young lady whose wedding to Mr. Fred Martin, formerly of this city, but now of Fairbanks, Alaska, occurred this week. The paper also published the following interesting story of the romance of this couple:

Miss Lillian Gross of No. 2230 81st street doesn't even remember what she was playing on that March day a year ago. It might have been "When the Sunlight Turns the Ocean's Blue to Gold." A customer entered the music store at the Arcade, where she dispensed melody and sweet smiles. He bought some sheet music, but didn't hurry at all about going away. The next day he came back with a young woman. She was his cousin, whom he was visiting in Cleveland, and she introduced him to Miss Gross as Mr. Martin of Fairbanks, Alaska, and invited Miss Gross to spend the evening at her home. What could Miss Gross do but accept.

That was the beginning, and as every romance must start somewhere, we believe in telling Miss Gross' chronologically, despite some authorities on how to write a news story. Mr. Martin was stopping off in Cleveland for a day or two on his way to Europe. He was one of the first to reach the Klondike in the famous rush twelve years ago, and struck it rich, as the saying is. But there aren't many girls in Alaska, not like Cleveland girls, anyhow. Mr. Martin lingered longer in Cleveland than he had intended. All the time he was in Europe he sent letters and presents to Miss Gross, and then he hastened back to Cleveland without giving New York half the attention lots of people think it merits.

He wanted to take Miss Gross back to Alaska with him, but she wouldn't think of such a thing. Not on so short acquaintance, anyhow, and she wasn't quite sure she wanted to go to Alaska, anyhow. Cleveland is a pretty good old town, and her sister and grandmother couldn't bear to lose her. So Mr. Martin went back alone, the distance seeming a hundred times farther on the return trip than when coming eastward. The continued to hope, though, and to send presents and urgent renewals of his proposal. A necklace of nuggets of pure gold was a Christmas present. Another nugget makes a charming hat pin. So what could Miss Gross do but accept?

Mr. Martin is expected to reach Cleveland today or tomorrow and the wedding will be held shortly after his arrival. He left the trail at Valdez over a week ago, taking the steamer to Seattle. He stopped off in Butte, Montana, to see Miss Gross' father, who is a department superintendent of a railroad there.

They will reside in Fairbanks for the present.

AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH TONIGHT.

The members of the Christian church are urged to be present this evening, when the matter of the calling of the Rev. J. M. Dawson of Indianapolis to the pastorate of the church will be considered.

JOINS ORCHESTRA

Miss Gertrude Moses to Play With Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra.

AT KOKOMO TONIGHT

The Musical Company With Eighty Members Transferred Here Today.

The Minneapolis Symphony orchestra, an organization of eighty of the best musicians in America, with Prof. Emil Oberhoffer as conductor and Mr. Wendell Heighon of Chicago as manager, transferred here this morning from the G. R. & I. to the Clover Leaf railroad. They are enroute from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Kokomo and will give a performance in the latter city this afternoon and evening. Arriving here this morning Mr. Wendell immediately called on Miss Gertrude Moses, the well known pianist of this city, and invited her to join the orchestra. She accepted for the performance at Kokomo and left with the company. She would have proceeded with the company but for the fact that she has been afflicted with rheumatism for some time and will go from that place to Attica, where she will take treatment with the hopes of recovery, as the disease has not yet acquired an acute form. The Minneapolis orchestra is a famous one and it is greatly to the credit of Miss Moses that she was offered the position. She has played with them before and Mr. Heighon was most anxious to secure her services. The company travels in three special coaches.

HAVE A MOCK TRIAL

Commercial Students of the High School Will Play at Holding Court

ON THURSDAY P. M.

Judge Frisinger Will Hear Trial of Lawrence Biggs on Mock Charge.

The commercial department of the Decatur high school, under the management of Prof. J. C. Tritch, will hold a mock trial tomorrow, finishing Friday with the pleadings, that promises to be one of the most unique and interesting events of the school. As previously announced this has been planned for some time, but only recently was the exact date set. Lawrence Biggs, one of the students, will be the one to be tried, and he will be obliged to answer to the mock charge of grand larceny, that of "mock" stealing of "mock" money from the "mock" commercial bank of the school. Biggs has already pleaded "not guilty" in order that the trial may go on and is "out" on \$5000 bond. Working upon this preliminary basis, the trial will take place Thursday in the sixth room at the Central building, beginning at 1 o'clock. Bruce Patterson will serve as prosecuting attorney and will endeavor to convict the one who has mockingly transgressed against the laws of the state. He will be assisted by Clem Steigmeyer. The defendant has also engaged "legal" help, and will be defended by such legal lights as Fred Meyer and Howard Wischaupt, who will endeavor to clear him of this grave charge. The part of the judge will be played by Fremont Frisinger, will be played by Free Frisinger, while the jury will be twelve "tried and true men, freeholders or householders," selected from the student body. The evidence will be heard Thursday and Friday is reserved for pleadings. The trial will be an interesting one, and will be admirable practice for those taking part.

INSTALLS NEW SODA FOUNTAIN.

The new soda fountain, with show cases and other fixtures ordered by J. S. Colchin for his candy, fruit and ice cream parlor, which he recently moved to the Boknecht building, have arrived and are installed. The fountain is a very fine one of marble and silver, with handsome counter lamp. The fountain is the counter arrangement and combines all the beauty and convenience of the most modern invention. Though Mr. Colchin moved to his new quarters some time ago, he has been delayed in becoming settled because of the delay in the arrival of the new goods. This is now in place and his is one of the most beautiful and convenient stores of this kind in the city.

A SUDDEN DEATH

Came to John L. Faylor One of Parties in Faylor-Studebaker Case.

DROPPED TO STREET

Died in Fort Wayne—Chas. Elzey Helped Carry Him Into Store.

John L. Faylor, fifty-four years of age, a resident of Fort Wayne, formerly of near Bluffton, and one of the plaintiffs in the big Faylor-Studebaker case, which consumed so much attention in the Adams circuit court died suddenly at Fort Wayne Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock from pulmonary hemorrhage while walking in front of the Prass & Reid shoe store on Calhoun street. For some time after he fell to the sidewalk his identity was unknown and the body was covered with blankets and guarded by policemen until the coroner arrived and identified him by a letter found in his pocket addressed to his son, Charles Elzey, of this city, who was in Fort Wayne, happened to be near at the time of his death and helped carry the unfortunate man to a store. Mr. Faylor had lived in Fort Wayne about a year, going there from Bluffton.

JUDGE MERRYMAN AT BLUFFTON

Manson Reiff Plead Guilty to One Charge—Other Cases Continued.

Bluffton, Ind., May 11—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Judge Merryman of Decatur was here today to hear the cases against Manson Reiff on indictments for selling liquor without a license, to minors, conducting a gambling room, etc. There were about a dozen cases in all. By agreement Reiff was allowed to plead guilty to a charge of visiting a gambling room, for which he was fined \$10 and costs and given a ten days jail sentence, the latter being suspended. The other cases were continued during the good behavior of Mr. Reiff.

DEATH IN CALIFORNIA.

Relatives this morning received a message from Mrs. Ella Mereness from near King, California, of the death of her grandson, Marcel, two-year-old son of Mrs. Mamie White, formerly Miss Mamie Kellison of this city. Mrs. Mereness had been living at Milwaukee, Wis., but hurried to California when she heard of the child's illness. Death was due to stomach trouble. The deceased was the youngest of the two sons of Mrs. White.

SEARCH WARRANT CASE TODAY.

The blind tiger case against C. D. Murray on the search warrant issued about ten days ago, is on today before Squire Smith. On account of the crowd the case was heard in the circuit court room, which was nearly filled with spectators. This case is only as to whether or not the liquor was kept unlawfully by Mr. Murray and whether or not it should be destroyed. At 3 o'clock the case was still in progress.

Dr. J. S. Coverdale and family have leased the north part of the Hattie Studabaker apartment house on Third street, two doors north of the library, and will tomorrow move into the same, which has just been vacated by Mr. and Mrs. Ned Steele. The Coverdale residence will be leased.

HIT BY A CABOOSE

Louis Neaderhouser of Berne Performed a Sensational Stunt Free.

HE ESCAPED UNHURT

Caught Beneath Car and Pushed Along Track For About Eight Feet.

An accident, sensational in detail, far exceeding any loop the loop act ever performed in any circus arena, and in which Louis Neaderhouser of Berne had a miraculous escape from death, occurred at the Main street crossing of the G. R. & I. railroad at Berne Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock. Mr. Neaderhouser is the mail carrier on Route 4 out of Berne and at the time mentioned was returning from his regular trip. A freight train was switching in the yards and as Louis reached Main street with his wagon, a caboose and one box car were thrown down the track in what is known as a flying switch. The mail carrier was on the track before he noticed the approaching car, then just upon him, traveling about four miles an hour. Louis realized his danger and made a desperate effort to get out of the way, but just then the horse whirled towards the depot and the mail wagon was caught by the rear of the caboose. Instantly the driver reached back and caught a bar along the rear of the caboose with one hand, while with the other he braced himself on the buggy. The rig and horse were pushed along for a distance of eight feet, when the trainmen by a desperate effort brought the car to a stop by applying the brake. A number of people witnessed the accident and rushed forward expecting to assist in extricating the mangled body of the man. The buggy was crushed beneath the caboose, and when Neaderhouser was pulled from his perilous position, strange to say he was not injured in the least, excepting a scratch on the hand. The rig was demolished, but the horse was unhurt and Louis is congratulating himself on his narrow escape.

THE HOMING CLUB

Pigeon Fanciers Organize a Novel Club For Training of Birds For

FLYING PURPOSES

John Joseph President—Adams County Association—Twelve Members.

A new association has been born in Adams county, known as the Adams County Homing club, with the following officers: President, John Joseph; vice president, Sam Shamp; secretary, Clyde Rice; treasurer, Henry Fuhrman.

The club is composed of those interested in the breeding and training of homing pigeons, and is for the purpose of encouraging and promoting the industry that the birds may be raised with the best results for flying purposes, commanding fancy prices on the market. There are at present but eleven members, but others who are interested therein will be taken in from time to time. The membership includes the following: John Joseph, Lloyd Magley, Clyde M. Rice, Ben Lang, Sam Shamp, Charles Weber, Kenneth Vancil, Henry Fuhrman, Otto Rice, Arthur Holthouse, Don Vancil and Francis Schmitt.

The birds will be trained to send messages and a number of contests in which prizes will be offered for the ones making the best time will be held. The first will probably be held about July first.

TO ATTEND FUNERAL.

Washington, D. C., May 11—(Special to Daily Democrat)—President Taft today appointed Theodore Roosevelt special ambassador to attend the funeral of King Edward. Roosevelt accepted by cable.