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IN MANY CHURCHES

Was the Children's Day Observed Yesterday—With Special Services.

A PRETTY CUSTOM

Decatur and Washington M. E. Churches Among the Number—Others.

GOOD PROGRAM.
Children's Day Observed at Union Chapel Sunday.

Sunday was a happy day for the members of Union Chapel just east of the city, when Children's Day was observed by the members of the parish. A very interesting program was prepared for Sunday evening, which was carried out in a very pleasing way. A large attendance was present and the services were most beautiful. Rev. Imler, pastor of the United Brethren church in this city, is also pastor there, and had charge of the program Sunday evening.

FATAL ACCIDENT

Death Soon Followed Injuries Received Saturday by John McMullen.

WELL KNOWN HERE

Fell Through Trap Door at His Place of Business—Skull Was Fractured.

John McMullen, aged sixty-six, over thirty years engaged in the contract business in Fort Wayne, who as stated in Saturday evening's issue of this paper, was seriously injured there, died shortly before 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from his injuries. Mr. McMullen was well known here, being related to Mesdames Mary Wemhoff, John Colchin, Catherine McLean, and others. He is also known in a business capacity, he being the contractor who did the carpenter work on the new Bowers building this year. The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette says regarding the unfortunate accident:

"Mr. McMullen had climbed to the second floor of his shop just south of his home, to look after some lumber. In some unknown manner he lost his balance and fell through a trap door to the floor below, a distance of about eleven feet. He fell on his head and neck, fracturing his skull, and never regained consciousness after the accident. His sons were in the shop when the accident occurred and Dr. Miles F. Porter and Dr. A. J. Kesler were called. The direct cause of death was concussion of the brain. The injured man was removed to his home following the accident, where death occurred shortly before 3 o'clock.

"Mr. McMullen was born in County Antrim, Ireland, April 10, 1844. He came to America in 1867 and after a brief stay in New York City he came to Fort Wayne. Here he obtained employment in the carpenter shops of the Pennsylvania railroad. He remained with the Pennsylvania company for a number of years and then engaged in the contracting business. He opened his first shop thirty-four years ago and since that time he had been very successful.

"In 1891 he was united in marriage to Miss Little Haiber, of this city. The ceremony was solemnized at the Cathedral, the Rev. Father Brammer officiating. Surviving he leaves the widow and three children—James F., John H. and Adah Irene McMullen, all residing at home. There are two sisters and one brother—Mrs. Frank McBennett and Mrs. John Daley, of this city, and Mr. Dennis McMullen, residing in Australia. One brother, James, was killed seven years ago on the Pennsylvania railroad, by which company he was employed as an engineer."

"Funeral services for John McMullen will be held Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the residence on Masterson avenue and at 9 o'clock at St. Patrick's Catholic church. The pallbearers will be Mr. William Kaough, Capt. Michael Connors, Dr. E. J. Oscar, Michael Shea, Emmet Martin and P. A. Randall.

"The requiem mass at St. Patrick's church will be said by the Rev. J. F. Delaney, who prepared Mr. McMullen for death. He was summoned to the bedside immediately after the accident which ended the well-known contractor's life."

The German Reformed Aid society has chartered two special interurban cars which will leave the station at 7:30 tomorrow evening for Monmouth, this being one of the features of the "Trip around the world" social by the society, and a good time is assured those who attend.

Real estate transfers: D. E. Studabaker to John Studabaker, 2 acres, Hartford tp., \$800; Samuel Wittwer to Ossian Sprunger, tract in Monroe tp., \$150; Levi A. Sprunger to J. F. Sprunger, undivided half of out lots 19 and 20, Berne, \$300.

BUY A BUILDING

Citizens & Merchants' Bank at Geneva Will Have Their Own Home.

AFTER JULY 15TH

Surveying on East Division of B. G. & C. to Begin This Week.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

A number of young boys in the west part of the city are going to get themselves into trouble one of these days if they keep up the work they have been doing for some time past. The residents of that part of the city are complaining of boys breaking into their barns, taking different tools and molesting other things on premises where they have no business. Several of the lads have been seen and their names are known, and if they wish to avoid trouble, all that is necessary for them to do is to cease the practice.

INDIANA FAVERED

The Omnibus Building Bill is Completed by Congress.

TWELVE FOR INDIANA

Congressman Adair Gets a Site and Building For Portland.

Washington, D. C. June 13—The state of Indiana draws a full share of prizes in the omnibus public building bill, which was completed Saturday. The bill, upon which a great deal of effort has been expended, will be introduced in the house of representatives on next Monday, and will be rushed through to passage. It is being held back, as is usually the case, in order that it may be used as a club, if necessary, in getting through legislation at the eleventh hour which the organization may wish to put through. The amount provided for Indiana is \$604,000. The civil bill carries a total appropriation of very close to \$21,000,000. This is more by \$6,000,000 than the president suggested as the maximum size of the bill which he would sign, but those who are close to him and who have been most instrumental in drafting the omnibus bill say the president will not exercise his veto power. The senate is expected to add several millions more, so that the bill when it reaches the president is likely to carry a total of close to \$30,000,000. The bill will start in the legislative grind with about 500 projects included. The senate is expected to add about 100 projects. The state of Indiana gets twelve appropriations, which are distributed among the districts as follows:

Representative Boehne, First District—An appropriation for \$7,500 for a site at Mt. Vernon.

Representative Cullop, Second District—An appropriation of \$20,000 additional for building at Bloomington.

Representative Cox, Third District—An appropriation of \$35,000 for the enlargement and remodeling of the postoffice building at New Albany.

Representative Dixon, Fourth District—An appropriation of \$65,000 for a site and building at Seymour.

Representative Moss, Fifth District—An appropriation of \$27,000 additional for building at Brazil.

Representative Barnard, Sixth District—An appropriation of \$70,000 for a site and building at Newcastle.

Representative Adair, Eighth District—An appropriation of \$60,000 for a site and building at Portland.

Representative Morrison, Ninth District—An appropriation of \$70,000 for a building at Frankfort.

Representative Crumpacker, Tenth District—An appropriation of \$100,000 for a site and building at Gary.

Representative Rauch, Eleventh District—An appropriation of \$20,000 for a site at Huntington; also an appropriation of \$15,000 additional for the building at Wabash.

Representative Barnhart, Thirteenth District—An appropriation of \$65,000 for a site and building at Mishawaka.

Representative Adair is allowed an appropriation covering both site and building in his home town of Portland, this favor being shown him because he was "frozen out" when the last omnibus' appropriation bill was framed. He has asked also for an additional appropriation for Elwood and will try to get that inserted in the senate.

William Moran of Auburn, Maine, was in the city this morning on business. He also called on a number of friends while here.

ON WEDDING TRIP

Mr and Mrs. Robert Beery of North Dakota Arrived Sunday Night.

MARRIED JUNE 8TH

Bride is From Fargo, N. D. Bob is Making Good in Many Ways.

WILL GIVE EXCURSION.

Annual Picnic Trip For M. E. Sunday School to Robinson Park.

The Methodist Sunday school has decided to again give the excursion picnic to Robinson park, Fort Wayne, which has been with them an annual custom for some time, and a committee was appointed to look after the details—setting the date, etc., which will be announced later. Special cars on the interurban are chartered and the trip is given free to Methodist Sunday school scholars, but others are invited to go with them also, a small fee being charged others.

IRRIGATED LANDS

Modern Mode of Making Rich Farm Lands Out of Deserts Discussed.

BY R. INSINGER

At a Meeting Held in Chicago Recently—Some Facts of Interest.

Chicago, Ill., June 11, 1910.

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"Colorado has a larger acreage under canals and ditches than any of the western state, and, as practically every method of distributing water is in use, there will be opportunities to study the various plans employed to supply moisture by artificial means to the land.

"In the states from the Pacific ocean to the Missouri river, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, there are fully 3,000,000 acres under irrigation or to be watered in the not far distant future. Allowing an average of twenty acres to a family and five persons to a family, this acreage would support 750,000 persons. It is not unfair to add to this number 750,000 more, representing the number of persons needed to supply the wants of those tillers of the soil and to transport their products.

"Many irrigationists claim that an average of ten acres to the family is high enough; but, to be conservative, an acreage of twenty is used. On that basis the 3,000,000 acres in the northwestern states would furnish a living directly or indirectly, to at least 1,500,000 people, or one person to each acre.

"There are 2,305,915,600 acres of land in the United States, and if all of this could be made as useful as irrigated land, this country would support a population of 1,152,956,000. This statement illustrates the importance of making the best use of the productive land of the country.

"Planted to wheat, producing an average of thirty bushels to the acre, the irrigated area of 3,000,000 acres would yield 90,000,000 bushels, or 24,000,000 tons of hay, if planted to alfalfa, while if in apples, as grown in the northwestern states, the yield would be 30,000,000 tons. The latter figures are based upon eighty trees to the acre, each tree yielding five boxes of fruit, an ultra-conservative estimate. This enormous tonnage would call for more railroads from the lakes to the Pacific coast, millions of dollars worth of new equipment and the employment of hundreds of thousands of skilled mechanics and laborers in mills and factories all over the country. It would mean more business for the bankers, merchants and manufacturers and have the effect of reducing the cost of living to a same basis.

"One hundred and fifty million dollars has been invested in irrigation canals in sixteen arid western states and territories and a harvest, valued at \$250,000, in the former desert's respond annually to the intelligent application of water to the sun-scorched valleys. The possibilities of reclamation and its bearing on the future welfare of the nation can better be realized when we consider that fully 25,000,000 acres of arid or semi-arid land can be reclaimed by irrigation in addition to the acreage now irrigated, and approximately 75,000,000 acres of swamp land saved by drainage. Between ten million and eleven million persons are now engaged in agriculture in the United States and practically all of the arid land in the humid regions is embraced in the 6,000,000 farms under cultivation. The average size of these farms is 146 acres.

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WRECK ON G. R. & I.

Delayed Traffic Eight Hours Sunday Morning—Engine Derailed.

PASSENGER TRAIN

Due Here at 1:28—Misunderstanding About Re-pair of Switch.

A wreck that resulted in very little damage, and no injury or loss of life to humans, but which delayed traffic on the G. R. & I. railroad eight hours Sunday morning, occurred here early Sunday morning, when the engine and tender of northbound passenger train, No. 5, were derailed just south of the interlocking switch in the south part of the city. The train was running slowly as it approached the switch, and this accounts for the miraculous escape of the coaches. The engine and tender were damaged somewhat, but more damage was done in getting them back on the track. They were damaged to such an extent that the engine could not be used to pull the coaches on to Fort Wayne, and these waited here until the arrival of train No. 7, due here at 8 o'clock Sunday morning.

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THE COURT NEWS

The Summer Vacation Began Today and Will Continue For Ten Weeks.

A WILL PROBATED

The Neptune-Steele CaseAppealed—Real Estate Transfers Filed.

The case of J. Q. Neptune vs. Eli W. and Mary Steele, demand \$25,000, for work done on a set of teeth for Mrs. Steele, and in which a finding for \$10,000 was rendered by Squire J. H. Stone, has been appealed to circuit court, the papers having reached the clerk's office.

The will of Mathias Striker was probated. He gives all his property, real and personal, to his wife, Lucinda Striker, during her life, with right to sell property, if necessary. She is to be advised by Dennis Striker, a son. At her death the property is to be divided equally among the legal heirs. The will was written July 20, 1909, and witnessed by W. H. Parr and John Mutter.

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