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GENEVA'S CHAUTAUQUA

Capital of Southern Adams Will Hold Its First Assembly Soon.

OPENS NEXT SUNDAY

Captain Richard P. Hobson and Other Noted People on the Program.

BALL GAME SUNDAY.
Fort Wayne Independents and Shamrocks Will Come Together.

The Shamrocks have booked another interesting game to be pulled off at Maple Grove park on next Sunday, when they will meet the Fort Wayne Independents. The visitors are a bunch of fast players and are coming with the expectation of winning. The locals will be prepared to meet some good players and expect to take their opponents into camp. The usual line-up will be seen in next Sunday's game and with Buffenbarger in the box and Smith to receive him, the game will be swift and fast. Come out and see a good game and show your appreciation of the good playing that the locals are putting up this season. No admission will be charged.

A NAUGHTY MOUSE

Carried Match Under Organ From Which it is Supposed the

FIRE ORIGINATED

That Totally Destroyed the House in Which Jess Burkhead Lived.

Fire at about 9:30 o'clock Monday night destroyed the home of Jess Burkhead, and what was once the happy home of the family is now a mass of charred debris. The origin of the fire is unknown as there was no one at home at the time, and no fire had been in the stove since noon and that in a gasoline stove, but it is thought by some to have been caused by a mouse which carried a match under the organ in the front room, and where it seems that the blaze started. Mrs. Burkhead left on the noon train for Monroe for a visit with relatives and Mr. Burkhead was down the street and was unaware of the fire until notified, and returning found his home in flames. It was discovered by neighbors, who smelled the smoke and soon discovered the blaze, but not until such headway had been gained that very little could be done. All of the household goods were consumed with the exception of but a few articles, and nothing but the side walls remain standing. The house was owned by W. J. Meyers, who also knew nothing of his loss until informed this morning. He carried insurance to the amount of \$400 in the Glen Falls Insurance company, but this will not cover the loss by several hundred dollars. At present he is not able to state whether he will rebuild or not, but it will have to be cleared away and put in shape for building purposes. Mr. Burkhead also carried \$300 insurance on the goods, which will cover a part of his loss.

The program opens Sunday with music by the Crescent Concert company and a lecture sermon by Dr. A. E. Gringle in the afternoon and with vesper service and a sacred concert in the evening. On Monday the attractions include the Lyric Glee club, Dr. Gringle and an evening concert. On Tuesday there will be concerts by the National Chautauqua band and orchestra and a lecture by Dr. Charles F. Sheldon, while on Wednesday the principal events will be a concert and entertainment by the Elizabeth Wedman Concert company and a lecture in the evening by the famous war hero, Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson, entitled "Our Country's Destiny. Thursday's entertainment includes the LaDell Concert company and Ellsworth Plumstead, the great character artist, and on Friday the big attraction is a lecture by Dr. Charles W. Blodgett; subject, "The Handshake of Grant and Lee." Saturday the crowd will hear the Hattie Rood Grace Concert company and be entertained by L. W. Ford, famous cartoonist of the Syracuse, New York Herald. The chautauqua closes Sunday, the 24th, with a good program afternoon and evening, and if you can do so you are most cordially invited to come and enjoy the entire week, as the business men and citizens of Geneva know full well you will be delighted with the program every day.

FUNERAL TOMORROW.

For Late Henry C. Bieberich, Whose Death Occurred at Preble.

The funeral of Henry C. Bieberich of Ft. Wayne, whose death occurred at the home of his brother, C. D. F. Bieberich, at Preble, Sunday, where he had been visiting two weeks, will be held Wednesday afternoon, the procession leaving the home at 2 o'clock for the Emmaus Lutheran church, where services will take place at 2:30, the Rev. Ph. Wambigian officiating.

V. P. A. ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

The Y. P. A. of the Evangelical church will give an ice cream social on the church lawn this evening to which the public is cordially invited.

GOING TO MUNCIE

Congressman Adair Will be Renominated For Congress on That Day.

MANY ARE GOING

Hon. John W. Kern, Chairman Jackson and Others Will be There.

The congressional convention at Muncie Thursday promises to be one of the most pleasant political events of the year. Notwithstanding the fact that Congressman Adair has no opposition, yet each county in the district is preparing to send a large delegation. Besides the presence of Congressman Adair it is probable that Hon. John W. Kern will be there, as will also State Chairman Jackson, Hon. W. H. O'Brien, as well as others. The temporary organization will be perfected at 10:30 in the morning, at which time committees will be named as well as other business done. The convention proper will be held at 1 o'clock and it is the wish that Adams county be well represented. You can leave over the Grand Rapids at 7:06 in the morning, make direct connection at Portland over the interurban, and return home either at 5:15 or 11 o'clock. The Clover Leaf also affords a way to go, leaving here at 7:52 and returning at 7:15 in the evening. Most if not all of the Adams county boys will go by way of Portland, returning either by Portland or Bluffton. Adams county should send a large delegation to this meeting.

At a meeting of the democratic state committee to be held on July 28th, arrangements for their district meeting will be made, and some time between the first and the fifteenth of August the district organization will visit every county in the state and hold a meeting with the county committees, the candidates on the county tickets and other local democrats. Arrangements are under way for a most aggressive campaign on the part of the democrats.

TAKE NEW OFFICES

Pythian Sisters Hold Semi-Annual Installation of Officers.

ON MONDAY EVENING

Rebekahs and Knights of Pythias Also Install This Week.

FAMILY OF SIXTEEN CHILDREN.
Allen County Sheriff Was Surprised at Egley Home.

While in Adams county Saturday in quest of Wade Andrews, wanted for the theft of a watch, Sheriff A. M. Reichelderfer ran across a family which he firmly believes holds the record for this part of the state.

The father, Emil Egley, a German, is forty-nine years of age, and his wife is but forty-five, yet they are parents of sixteen children, all of whom are living. The family is equally divided, there being eight boys and eight girls. The oldest child is a son, twenty-six years of age, and the youngest, a son, four months of age.

Until a few months ago all the members of the family were at home, but during the early spring months Cupid got decidedly busy and the parents have given three of their children in marriage.

The family lives on a farm of 100 acres, two and one-half miles southwest of Decatur and in addition to the home farm have 200 acres additional under cultivation. The father proudly informed the sheriff that the 100 acres was free from debt and that the family is prosperous and happy.

Mr. Egley has little need of employing outside help in the conduct of the big farm, and the frugal German habits of the family result in every penny being made to count for full value.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

The semi-annual installation of the officers of the Pythian Sisters took place Monday evening at the hall, with Mrs. O. L. Vance serving as installing officer. The following new officials took the oath of office and will serve for the ensuing six months:

Past Chief—Mrs. Neva Hower.

Most Excellent Chief—Mrs. Elizabeth Sellemeyer.

Excellent Senior—Miss Nora Ahr.

Excellent Junior—Mrs. Mina Hurst.

Manager—Mrs. Myrtle Fruchte.

Protector—Mrs. Eliza Houser.

Guard—Mrs. Lizzie Davis.

The offices of mistress of records and correspondence and of mistress of finance, held by Mrs. Fred Vaughn and Mrs. Charles Elzey, respectively, are for the year, beginning the first of the year, so there was no change in these two. After the installation the members of the lodge repaired to the John Joseph ice cream parlors, where refreshments were in order.

The Rebekah lodge will have its semi-annual installation of officers this evening and the Knights of Pythias on Thursday evening.

A family on North First street has complained much lately that wood and eggs disappear in alarming quantities and with much frequency from their barn. The family has a good idea as to who the transgressor is and unless the pilfering ceases, complaint will be made to the proper officials.

WANTED TO SEE WORLD.

But Willingly Returned to His Home After Few Days.

William Angell, a young lad of about sixteen summers, was in the city yesterday and later left for his home at Detroit, Mich. On last Friday he conceived the idea that he would like to see some of the world and started on his journey without funds. He headed for St. Louis and got as far as Ven Wert, Ohio, where he found that such a journey was not nearly so nice as he had pictured it, and he was willing to return to his home. He was aided from here by a kind-hearted friend who purchased a ticket to Toledo and told him to return to his home and stay there. A few years ago he tried the same trick and managed to stay away from home about eight months, working at Louisville. He was a machinist by trade, but owing to some bad luck was unable to succeed. This will no doubt be enough travel for him on this plan.

KEPT THE SECRET

Fort Wayne Woman Who Fooled Her Relatives For Nearly Thirty Years.

MARRIED ALL TIME

Husband Died Few Years Ago and She Refused to Accept Property.

A strange romance was revealed after the death of Miss Mary Walters last week, says the Journal-Gazette. Instead of being a maiden for nearly thirty years she had been a wife and kept her secret from even her most intimate friends and relatives. The true facts became known after her death a few days ago.

Miss Walters, as she was known, came here from Norfolk, Va., about thirty years ago or more and here became acquainted with John Murphy, a locomotive engineer. It is said she was a member of an old Virginia family but she had little or no communication with her relatives for many years. She had lived in a number of leading families here and for many years it was known that she and John Murphy, the handsome engineer, were very close friends. When Mr. Murphy died, five or six years ago, he left a will, leaving his life insurance and bank savings to Miss Walters, but she refused to accept them and turned everything over to his relatives.

Six months ago Miss Walters became paralyzed and since then had lived with her friend, Miss Julia O'Conor, on Madison street. Last week she died, and after the funeral, when her effects were examined, there was found among other documents a marriage license showing that she had been made the wife of John Murphy in 1881. For some reason which will probably never be known they never lived together, or if they did it was for a very short period. At any rate they maintained a close friendship until his death.

So far as known the woman's only living relatives are two sisters who are supposed to be living in Norfolk, Va., and they have not been heard from since her death, although notice has been sent to them.

John Murphy, the woman's husband, was an engineer on the Nickel Plate for probably fifteen years prior to his death and before that had been an employee of the Pennsylvania.

AN OLD SETTLERS' MEETING.

Geneva, Ind., July 12—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The second annual old settlers' meeting of Adams and Jay counties will be held in the Long grove near this city, Sunday, August 21st. Prominent speakers are being secured for the occasion. Congressman John A. M. Adair of the Eighth district has already accepted and invitation to address the meeting. Nelson Bricker, the manager, says the program will be completed in a few days and will then be announced in full. The meeting last year, the first of the kind ever held in the county, was well attended, and with favorable weather this year the attendance will be exceptionally large.

Miles Pillars and family of Jonesboro, Ark., are here for a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Dorwin, and other relatives.

Mrs. Charles Ulman and son, Steven, of Rock Island, Ill., who have been the guests of their mother, Mrs. Mary Elzey, left last evening for their home after several weeks' stay here.

PETITION IS FILED

For the Improvement of Big Blue Creek Ditch—Affects Many People.

HAS ONE BRANCH

Petition Signed by 170 Property Owners—Returns Due September 5th.

The famous petition for the improvement of Big Blue Creek ditch was filed at the county clerk's office today. It is easily the largest legal document ever filed here, covering 282 typewritten pages and it means many hours of work for the clerk's force. The cause is entitled George W. Gates et al., ex parte, petition for a drain, in regular form, giving a description of the nearly two thousand properties affected, and asks that an open drain be constructed to follow the channel of Big Blue Creek, commencing near the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 23 in Monroe township, and terminating in the St. Mary's river at a point near the southeast corner of section 20 in St. Mary's township, with a branch commencing at the outlet of the big sewer at Berne and terminating on the George Gates farm. The petition is signed by Julius Haugk and 169 other property owners and residents of the county. The returns will be made on Monday, September 5th, next. The attorneys who prepared the papers are C. J. Lutz, D. B. Erwin, Peterson & Morm and D. E. Smith. The preparation for the papers, the securing of the descriptions and other necessary work has taken many weeks. The improvement will add much to the value of the farms in the south and east part of the county.

Mrs. Robert Case and son, Harold, have returned from Chicago where they enjoyed a pleasant visit with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Annen.

HE GOT SIXTY DAYS

Wade Andrews Who Stole Watch at Nine Mile House Plead Guilty.

AT FORT WAYNE

Was Fined Five Dollars and Sent to Jail For Period of Two Months.

Wade Andrews, son of Perry Andrews of near Monroe, and former marshal of that town, who stole a watch and chain from W. E. Ambacht at the Nine Mile House last Friday evening, got off easily when his case was called at Fort Wayne Monday. He had admitted the theft and had no defense to make, but as this was the first time he had ever been in serious trouble the court was lenient with him, and he was given a fine of five dollars and costs and sentenced to jail for sixty days. The young man had gone to the Nine Mile House to secure refreshments and seems to have taken a little more than he needed, making him reckless and when he saw the watch and chain he nipped them and took the next car for this city. He was arrested here by Night Policeman Melchi and was taken to Fort Wayne Saturday evening by Sheriff Reichelderfer. His friends believe he will profit by the lesson given him at this time and are glad he has escaped with no more severe penalty.

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PINCHOT TAKES TO THE STUMP.

(United Press Service.)

New York, N. Y., July 12—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Following a conference with Roosevelt here today Gifford Pinchot announced that he will leave tomorrow for Los Angeles and will stump the state for Hiram Johnson, who is seeking the nomination for Governor of California with the endorsement of the Lincoln-Roosevelt League.

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DELEGATE TO PRISON CONGRESS

Many Appointments Made by Governor Marshall.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 12—Indiana delegates to the meeting of the American Prison association at Washington, D. C., September 30th, and to the International Prison congress, which merges into the American meeting in October were appointed by Governor Marshall. Those representing institutions of the state will have their expenses paid. Others must pay their own expenses. Among those appointed from this part of the state were Judge Edward O'Rourke and Judge T. E. Ellison of Fort Wayne and Mrs. G. Ellingham of this city.

MILL WILL OPERATE SOON.

Opening Delayed by Order of Parts of Machinery For Repairs.

Herman and Frank Gillig, sons of Conrad Gillig, who recently purchased the A. VanCamp flour mill on First street, are quite busily engaged in getting things in readiness for the opening of the mill. It is necessary to make a number of repairs, for which parts of machinery have been ordered. These have not yet been received, but are expected at any time, and within a day or so after their arrival here the mill will be ready for operation. The mill will operate under the firm name of Gillig & Sons.

COURTHOUSE GRIST

Suit on Note Was Filed Today With the Clerk of the Court.

THE PERRY OGG CASE

Was Completed Yesterday With Finding For Plaintiff—Sale Ordered.

Attorney D. B. Erwin filed a new case entitled The Old Adams County Bank vs. William E. and Winfield J. Russell, complaint on note, demand, \$75.00.

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The case of Charles A. Dugan vs. Perry J. Ogg et al., partition, began before Judge Cook of Huntington on the last day of the April term, was concluded Monday, the finding being that C. A. Dugan is the owner of 12-36 of property, E. X. Ehinger, 5-36; Virgil Andrews, 2-36; Amy Andrews, 2-36; that Lewis M. Andrews has a life estate of \$2,636.50, and that Dugan and Ehinger own same. The land was ordered sold, C. J. Lutz being appointed commissioner, his bond being \$9,000.

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Real estate transfers: Perry J. Ogg to Charles A. Dugan, tract in Washington tp., \$850; Rufus K. Allison to Viola M. Allison, outlet 64, Decatur, \$800.

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BREAKS ARM.

Fred Schultz Meets With Accident While at Work at Ft. Wayne.

Frank Schultz received word this noon from his cousin, Fred Schultz, of Fort Wayne, that he had the misfortune to break his right arm in two places. He is engaged in riveting at the Pennsylvania shops and it was while at work that he met with the accident. He was later taken to the hospital, where the fracture was dressed and it is now thought that he will soon recover, although he will be off duty for some time.

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GREW FOUR INCHES IN DAY.

A wager was made between two Lafayette county farmers as to how much a stalk of corn will grow in a single day. One of them said that a certain healthy stalk of corn, about waist high would grow one inch, while the other wagered that it would grow two inches. A stake was driven in the ground so that its top came even with the top of the highest blade on the stalk. At the same hour the next day and examination was made and it was discovered that the stalk of corn had grown just four inches.

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