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COURT HOUSE NEWS

Passon vs. Passon Divorce
Case is Filed in the Circuit Court.

OTHER NEWS SCARCE

It is a Real Vacation Time
Around the Temple of Justice.

LEAVE FOR EAST.
Mr. and Mrs. Lynch Leave on an Extended Trip.

After Esquire Ault had exerted his influence as a peacemaker without effect, a suit for divorce was filed in the Adams circuit court by Attorney D. E. Smith, the title of the suit being Mary C. Passon vs. John A. Passon, they living in Jefferson township. The complaint dates their marriage at October 20, 1890, and their separation at July 18, 1910. The defendant is charged with adultery, cruel and inhuman treatment, in which her life has apparently been given to abuse and cruelty. They have five children—James, nine years old; William, seven years old; Edna, five years old; Edith, three, and Roy, one. The plaintiff seeks a divorce, custody of the children named, and alimony in the sum of seven hundred dollars.

The employees of the treasurer's office are making out tax receipts, getting ready for the fall's collection, and at that time their work will be greatly facilitated. The system in vogue in this office is a good one.

A transcript in the case vs. John Durbin and Benjamin Lett was filed in the Adams circuit court. Bond was fixed in the sum of five hundred dollars for their appearance the first day of the September term.

MUSICAL PROGRAM

Reformed Ladies Arrange
For a Delightful Evening
at Library Hall.

ON FRIDAY EVENING

Best Musical Talent of City
Will Contribute to the
Program.

Next Friday evening a musical program will be rendered at the library hall, which will be given under the auspices of the fourth section of the German Reformed Ladies' Aid society. The program is one that will prove of much interest, it being made up from the best musical talent in the city, and will be well worth your while to attend. It will open promptly at 8 o'clock and the following program has been prepared:

Piano Solo—Miss Flora Peters.
Vocal Solo—Miss Lucy Fruchte.
Song—Audience.

Piano Solo—Miss Florence Sprung.
Chorus—By Girls.

Vocal Solo—Miss Hulda Mutchler.
Vocal Duet—Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Sellemyer.

Cornet and Trombone Duet—Albert and Jesse Dailey.

Vocal Solo—Miss Florence Sprung.
Piano Duet—Misses Emma and Ella Mutchler.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Fred Fruchte.

BABE DIES SUDDENLY.

Mrs. Oliver Johnson and children, formerly of this city, passed through the city this morning on their way to their home at Fort Wayne. They had been at Waukegan, Ohio, where they were called by the sudden death of Robert Lowell, ten-months-old son of Mrs. Johnson's brother, Harry Brown. The babe had been ill but four hours, death being caused by acute indigestion.

Mrs. Samuel Chronister of east of the city was a business visitor here today.

COUNCIL TONIGHT

A Petition to be Presented
For Better Lighting the
Business Section.

MANY SIGN PETITION

Lights Fifty Feet Apart in
the Business Sections is
What They Want.

Several of the business men of the city have been busy circulating a petition which will be presented to the common council at their session to be held this evening, asking that body to improve the lighting system in the business section of the city. While the petition does not ask for any particular system of such a nature, yet it has been the talk of many that the arches should be used, placing the lights on the electric light poles, which would mean a light about every fifty feet apart in this section of the city. The exact territory desired covered in this way is Second street, from Winchester to Marshall, and Monroe Madison and Jefferson streets from First to Third streets. Nearly one hundred business men of the city have signed the petitions and many of them are enthusiastic about the proposed improvement. It is said that new street lights are needed and that the city intends to replace them, so if this is true, or whether true or not, it would be an improvement that would add much to the appearance, to say nothing of the convenience and comfort of everybody who traverses the downtown district in the evening.

OPENING OF MILL

Wheels of VanCamp Flour
Mill, Purchased by Gillig
& Sons Will

BE SET IN MOTION

Wednesday, July 20th—
Many Repairs Made—
In Good Condition.

Everything is in readiness for the opening of the VanCamp flour mill on First street, which has long since been closed and, tomorrow morning, bright and early, the wheels which have been idle many months during the settling of the VanCamp estate, will be set in operation by the new firm, Gillig & Sons, of this valuable property, one of the finest mills in this part of the country. Herman and Frank Gillig, sons of Conrad Gillig, who will operate the mill, came into possession of the mill July 1st, and since that time have given every attention to the improving of the same and getting it ready for the opening. Several new part of machinery for improvement or repair have been gotten, and many other things added to the convenience of the mill. Herman Gillig, a miller of many years' experience, will act as manager, and with the assistance of his brother and competent helpers, expects to operate the mill with unprecedented success. The new mill will be open for business Wednesday and they will no doubt enjoy the liberal patronage which they deserve.

CONCORD SOCIAL.

The social to be given at the C. D. Kunkel lawn near Monmouth Wednesday evening by the Concord Lutheran Aid promises to be a very enjoyable one. Public is given a invitation to come and enjoy the good time, including refreshments of ice cream and cake.

DIDN'T LIKE PROFESSION.

Mrs. Frances Rademaker, who went to Fort Wayne to enter the nurse's training school at Hope hospital, after a week's trial, decided that she would not like the profession and has returned to Decatur, resuming her work as telephone operator Monday morning.

EXTRA

IS IT MURDER?

An unknown man, about twenty-five years of age, was found dead at Steele's park this afternoon about 3:30, shot through the head. A revolver was found lying near him and in his hand he held a photograph of a girl. It is evidently a case of suicide.

The body was first seen by John Scheiman, who was working near the place and he immediately summoned Charles Lose, James Colchin and others, who were bathing in the lagoon. They immediately drove to this city, reaching here about 4 o'clock to summon the marshal and other officials. The young man was a stranger to those who found him. He is of dark complexion and wore his hair rather long. The body lay near the lower island of the lagoon.

A SPREAD WANTED

By Decatur Clerks of the
Movement Agitated by
Cities' Societies.

FOR EARLY CLOSING

Of Stores on Saturday Night
—Will be in Better Spirit
to Attend Church.

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The cities, especially Toledo, are agitating the Saturday night early closing of stores and considerable attention has been paid the efforts of those concerned in this movement. So much so that the clerks of Decatur, who have long been wise to the advantage of such an innovation, are wishing that the movement might spread here also. The movement originated from an organization of church societies and "To permit and to cause a better observance of the Sabbath day" are given as the prime reason for such a move. The closing of all stores is recommended by the leaders of the movement, and the committee of the Toledo federation was surprised to learn that nearly all the merchants would welcome the change nearly all declaring that they would close if others would. The committee declares that the habit of Saturday night shopping is unnecessary, because experience had shown that a large percentage of purchases on Saturday evening were of small importance. The exchange goes on to say:

"It is not fair, according to the committee, for those industrial and office workers, who do not have to work Saturday afternoons and evenings, to require shop girls to work in the evenings. To those who say that this evening work is not as hard as manual labor the committee answers that the nervous tension connected with the evening work is a greater strain than the mere muscular exertion.

"The thousands who can dispose as they please, of Saturday afternoons and evenings should not interfere with the enjoyment of Sunday by those less fortunate, according to the committee, because those who work Saturday afternoon and evening have to rest the greater portion of Sunday.

"The habit of Saturday evening shopping, the committee says, is to a great extent merely incidental to the Saturday evening promenade. Every effort is to be made to bring relief to the workers concerned, at least, for the hot summer months.

"We suggest that it might be urged upon employers of labor in general to show their good will toward the movement by affording their employees an opportunity to shop during the day.

"The shopping public should again be requested and urged to discourage evening shopping by members of their families and to use their influence toward the same end," says the committee.

SELECT TEACHER

Miss Clara B. Williams is
Chosen by School Board
For High School.

ENGLISH INSTRUCTOR

Graduate Indiana University
—Has Had Three
Years' Experience.

THE CITY SCHOOL BOARD HAS SELECTED

Miss Clara B. Williams as teacher of English in the Decatur high school for the ensuing year, succeeding Miss Annette Johnson, resigned. The notice of their selection was sent Miss Williams and she wired her acceptance at once. Miss Williams is a young lady of refinement, a graduate of Indiana university, and is at present at the university taking a postgraduate course. She has had three years' experience in her profession and comes highly recommended by the faculty of the university and by the schools where she has taught. She is also known to Superintendent Rice, who speaks in the highest terms of her ability as a teacher of English. Two other applicants were considered, but had already accepted positions elsewhere before the decision of the board here. They were favored by the board here, not because they were better teachers, but because their salary demand was more within the limits of the school treasury here. Miss Mitchell of Salem, one of the applicants, sent word here yesterday that she had accepted a position elsewhere. The board considers itself most fortunate in being able to secure Miss Williams for this position.

MONEY RETURNED

John Yager, Innocent Purchaser of Stolen Horses, Recovers Money.

FULL AMOUNT PAID

Amount of Deficiency in
Sum of \$23.20, Made Up
By Lett's Father.

JOHN YAGER

John Yager of north of Fort Wayne,

the innocent purchaser of the horses

stolen from John Schwartz, the farmer

of near Monroe, was in the city

Monday with an employee of the Berne

tte sales stables, where the horses

were sold. The men identified the

boys, John Durbin and Ben Lett, who

are under arrest, charged with the

theft, as the ones from whom Yager

urchased the horses, and the entire

sum of money, \$235, which he paid

for the team, was turned over to him.

Of this \$23.20 was found on the persons

of the sons of the boys, and the amount of

\$23.20, which they had spent, was

made up by George Lett, of near Bo

bo, the father of one of the accused

boys. As the horses have been re

turned to the owner, and the pur

chase price returned to the innocent

buyer, everything has been straightened out satisfactorily to all concerned.

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BUYS HOLIDAY CANDY.

One Store Expects to Sell Four Tons
of the Sweet.

George C. Steele of the racket store was at Fort Wayne Monday, where he placed his order for his holiday candy stock. He ordered four tons of candy for the Decatur store and two tons for their store at Union City. Between three and four tons were received last holiday season for the trade and as the business is much heavier now, it was thought that more would be needed this year.

IT OPENED MONDAY

The Geneva Chautauqua is
Making the Hit of the
Season.

MANY ATTENDING

Richard Pearson Hobson on
the Program For Wed-
nesday Evening.

Geneva, Ind., July 19—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Geneva chautauqua is a grand success. It opened Monday afternoon and everything was done as formerly announced. The big tent was up on time and at 2:15 the audience was entertained for one hour by the Lyric Glee club, after which A. E. Gringle, editor of the Lyric World, delivered his famous lecture, "Life is Worth Living." He held the audience spellbound for one hour and forty-five minutes, and a part of the time his audience was in tears and the next instant in laughter. Rev. Gringle left with the best wishes of all, going to Spencerville, Ohio, where he fills an engagement on Tuesday evening. The chautauqua entertainment last evening was given by the Lyric Glee club, rendering fine music, interspersed with readings and songs and concluding with that side-splitting farce, "The Hoosier School Master." They made the hit of the evening, and also left for Spencerville, where they have an engagement Tuesday evening.

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The Geneva Chautauqua will be on Wednesday evening, when, at 8 o'clock, Richard Pearson Hobson will appear in his famous lecture, "Our Country's Destiny." Everybody should avail themselves of hearing this world-renowned man, as it was he who made it possible during the Spanish-American war for our navy to capture Cervera's fleet by sinking our boat, "Merrimac."

Clark Fink, who but recently retired from the deputy postmaster of the Geneva postoffice, has purchased the candy kitchen from Elmer Kuntz and took immediate possession. The acquaintance Mr. Fink possesses with the people of this place insures him a pleasant and profitable trade. Here is to his success.

Forest Deitsch, the eight years old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Deitsch, is the proud possessor of a pony which he purchased Monday, having saved the money himself. He is now enjoying the pleasures of this possession as only a boy can.

A great number of people from neighboring towns were in attendance at the chautauqua Monday afternoon and evening, and it is expected that during the week Geneva will greet many new faces.

MRS. TRITCH BETTER.

Cannot Leave Hospital, However, For
Several Weeks.

A letter received by F. V. Mills from Jonas C. Tritch at Bloomington, brings the news that Mrs. Tritch is somewhat better, but that she will probably be obliged to remain in the hospital there two or three weeks longer.

BAPTISMAL SERVICE.

A beautiful and impressive baptismal service was held Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church, the babes of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Steele and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Friesinger being thus consecrated to the Lord.

HE DEFENDS TAFT

Former Vice President Fairbanks Speaks at Omaha, Nebraska.

THE MUCKRAKER

He Says It is Reprehensible to Impeach Motives of Public Men.

(United Press Service.)

Omaha, Neb., July 19—(Special