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The city hall project advanced another step forward Friday evening, when the city council named the committee and did what they could to further the movement. The building will probably be under way within a very short time and it shows what a few fellows can do if they just will. It was a necessary improvement for our thriving city, and we're going to have it.

The supreme court of the United States has smashed the Indiana two-cent fare law so far as regards the crossing of the state. In other words the law is now only good so far as it effects travel within the borders of the state. The railroads will likely take immediate advantage of the opportunity to raise the edge since the petition filed to secure same was signed by forty-nine railroads, including the Chicago & Erie, Toledo, St. Louis & Western and the Grand Rapids & Indiana.

We wish to call attention to the fact again that scientists say this will be an unusual year for hydrophobia, and that it is the duty of our people to keep the dogs off the streets. The Indianapolis Star today contained a lengthy editorial on the subject and closed with the following:

"Sentimentalists may object to muzzling 'man's best friend,' but certainly there can be no valid reasons for opposing the impounding of homeless dogs. They should be cleared off the streets and it ought to be taken as prima facie evidence that a dog is without owner when not provided with a license tag. The 'dog-snatcher' thus performs a valuable function in every well-ordered community. He not only is a revenue-producer to the



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city by enforcing the dog-license ordinance, but is an agent for the prevention of one of the most terrible diseases known to mankind, for it seems that it is the homeless, uncared-for, unwatched dog that is likely to work the most mischief in the spread of the hydrophobia."

POLICE COURT NEWS.

In the two cases filed Friday by members of the Musical Girls' company against two Kiefer on assault and battery charges, two pleas of guilty were entered by the defendant and the mayor assessed a fine of \$1.00 and costs, amounting to \$12.05 in each case.

In the matter of the attachment proceedings filed by George DeBolt the other day a settlement was effected late Friday night by the payment of \$27.75, being the amount first asked for, plus \$8.50 additional board and the costs. Two trunks remain in the mayor's office as security for a loan made by some unknown party.

For the third time Gertrude Trimble was brought before the mayor on a plain drunk charge, the arrest having been made by Marshal Peterson and Deputy Sheriff Merica Friday afternoon somewhere near the Erie railroad bridge. Some one called the attention of the officials to the party and they investigated, finding the woman, Trimble, laying along the river bank in an intoxicated condition, and a short distance away, a party of others, who were not liable to arrest, however. The woman was at once brought before the mayor, where an investigation was made and a trial held. Evidence was offered by two officials, which, coupled with a nearly empty quart whiskey bottle, convinced the mayor, who assessed a fine of \$1.00 and costs, amounting to \$11.00, and released the defendant on her own bond until next Wednesday, when she claimed she would make a settlement. As this woman has been before the court three times on the same charge the mayor thought himself justified in informing the woman that the next offense would merit a jail sentence and that it would probably be enforced if she was brought before the court again.

John Evans, a character about town, was arrested this morning on a public intoxication charge and will be tried some time this afternoon in Mayor Teeple's court.

WILL STAND TRIAL

Lester Cook Alias "Shirk" Pleads "Not Guilty" to Serious Charge.

ARRAIGNED TODAY

In Court--Trial Friday--
Man Has Been in Decatur Before.

The affidavit against the man, Lester Cook, alias "Shirk," the follower of Gollmar Bros' show, who has been in jail since Thursday evening for a brutal assault upon twelve-year-old Floyd Monday, was filed this morning in the Adams circuit court by Prosecutor R. C. Parrish. The affidavit, which is in two counts, was made by Jesse J. Hurst, one of the first of the many who were attracted to the scene of the attempted crime by the cries of the boy. The first count charges the man, Cook, with assault and battery, and violent injury, with intent to commit sodomy upon Floyd Monday, and the second with beating and striking him in an insolent and angry manner, the offenses occurring Thursday, May 18th. A warrant was issued about 10 o'clock this morning, returnable forthwith, the man's bond being fixed at \$1,000. He was brought into court at once, heavily hand-cuffed, and a motion made by his to quash the affidavit as to each count. Upon arraignment he pleaded not guilty to each count and A. P. Beatty was appointed by the court to defend him as a poor person, the case being set for trial, Friday, May 26th. He was kept heavily hand-cuffed during his appearance in court, except for a few minutes, when Judge Merryman talked to him. The man gave his name today as Lester Cook, though he is said to be the same man, who about three years ago conducted the scenic railway at the fair grounds here, having taken out the privilege under the name of "Shirk." He gave his home as Baraboo, Wis., this being the name of the city where the Gollmar Brothers' show spends its winters.

The man stated to the court this

morning that if he committed the crime of which he is accused, he surely did it when under the influence of intoxicating liquor, as no man in his right senses would commit so detectable a crime.

WAS DOWN STREET.

Henry Thomas, the popular cigar manufacturer, who a week ago last Thursday figured in a runaway, in which his knee was dislocated, was able to be down street today with the aid of crutches. This was his first trip down town, and he is still unable to put his weight upon the injured member, it being very sore and painful.

SOCIAL DOINGS

Mrs. T. M. Reed Hostess to Friday Night Club--Miss Beery

ENTERTAINS CLUB

Miss Agnes Meibers Has Week-end Guests--Other Social Mention.

Life Lines.

Taking things for granted is a leap in the dark; you generally hit something hard before you land.—John Emery White.

The Needlecraft club girls, with the Misses Ruby Artman, Martha Gotsch and Vivian Dawson as guests, were entertained at a porch party Friday evening by Miss Dessa Beery at her home on North Third street.

Music was provided by the Misses Etta Mallonee, Ruby Artman and Vernon Smith, and during the course of the evening an elaborate luncheon in two courses, was served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Dawson. On account of the commencement festivities next week, the club has postponed its meeting until the week after, when Miss Mamie Kitson will be hostess on Thursday evening.

Mrs. J. C. Patterson was hostess to the Presbyterian Ladies' Aid society Friday afternoon, the attendance being quite good, and the collection amounting to the sum of \$420. The ladies will continue their meetings during June and will adjourn during July and August.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stephenson of Hoagland will arrive Sunday evening and be the guests of Miss Etta Mallonee. Mr. Stephenson, who is an assistant in the bank at Hoagland, will leave later in the evening on a business trip and Mrs. Stephenson will remain until Monday at the Mallonee home.

J. R. Porter and family will be guests of the L. T. Brokaw family at dinner tomorrow.

Miss Laura Lindemann of Delphos, Ohio, will arrive this evening to be the guest until tomorrow evening of Miss Agnes Meibers.

The Friday Night club met with Mrs. T. M. Reid last evening, guests besides club members being Mrs. C. A. Dugan and Mrs. Freda Patterson. In a series of games prizes were won by Mrs. Freda Patterson and Miss Minta Acker. Refreshments concluded a very pleasant evening.

BRILLIANT AFFAIR

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1.
Del Smith, Clara B. Williams, Bess Schrock, Messrs. D. A. Baumgartner, Martin E. Worthman, Jonas C. Tritch, Prof. and Mrs. E. E. Rice; the members of the school board, with their wives—A. H. Sellemyer, F. V. Mills and O. L. Vance; and the juniors—Helen Fanner, Ruth Baltzell, Frances Cole, Naomi Dugan, Margaret Mills, Velma Lenhart, Blanche McOrory, Orpha Sheets, Zelma Snitz, Roe Green, Jennie Long, Gladys Kern, Neva Brandyberry, Lillian Rice, Vergil Krick, William Bowers, Edgar Vancil, Sherman Beery, Sim Burke, Delbert Elzey, Paul Meyers, Gregg Yager.

Neptune, Charles Brodbeck, Milton

REGULAR SCHOOL WORK ENDS.

Today is the last day of the regular school work of the season for the city public schools, the final tests to be given next week, that closing the last of the school year.

Bob Garard made a business trip to Fort Wayne this afternoon.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Absolute Divorce Granted William and Charlotte Lehman After

ONE YEAR'S TRIAL

Eva Etta Reed Recommended For Feeble Minded School--Court Notes.

The two state cases against John W. Melbers and Frank Schumaker, one a charge of keeping a gaming house and the other, keeping a gaming booth, which were set for trial May 23rd, have been continued by agreement, the bonds also being continued.

The two state cases against James Hancock, set for trial May 23rd, were also continued as were the bonds.

Real estate transfers: John M. Frisinger et al. to James C. Moses et al., 137.11 acres, Root tp., \$17,000; Frederick Scheiman to Schafer Hardware Co., lots 910 and 43, Decatur, \$465.

The case of Susan Eury vs. Sheriff Durkin and John Sovine, for possession and \$1200 damages, which was set for trial Friday, May 26th, was ordered left off the trial calendar.

The Ft. Wayne Rolling Mill Co. vs. Albert A. Buttler and Dallas Buttler, answer filed by defendants.

Lulu B. Burris vs. Charles N. Burris, divorce, appearance by Peterson & Moran for defendant.

Eva Etta Reed, aged 37, was adjudged of feeble mind and recommended for admission to the school for feeble minded at Fort Wayne. The application was filed by Della Thomas, Miss Reed's sister.

The divorce case of William Lehman vs. Charlotte Lehman was disposed of this morning, A. P. Beatty entering appearance for the defendant. The plaintiff was granted the absolute divorce prayed for and the costs were adjudged against him. It will be remembered that a divorce for one year was given them some time ago, and the evidence in the former case between these parties was also introduced in this one.

MISS TERVEER IS VER. BAD.

The condition of Miss Emma Terveer is certainly a baffling one to the physicians and those in charge, owing to the various changes which take place constantly. Friday night her condition was still very serious, and the report given out by the doctor was not very encouraging, while this morning she changed to the better, and appeared brighter than at any time previous, her fever going down to below a hundred and her pulse was quite regular. The statement this morning from the doctor was that he was more than satisfied with her condition, and now extends more hope for her recovery.

Later—After being much relieved over the good news which they received this morning the Terveer family this noon received a second message that their daughter had taken a sudden turn for the worse, her fever rising to 105 degrees. Her condition is causing great anxiety, and a very

careful watch is being kept at all times.

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RETURN FROM RICHMOND.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. John Mallotte and Ezra Cutting returned this morning from Richmond, where they have been attending the state encampment of the G. A. R. and auxiliaries. They report a most excellent time. The representatives of the local W. R. C. came home happy in the fact that for the first time in its history, the Decatur corps had been honored with state office, Mrs. Vinnie Lyons having been named state inspector of the W. R. C.

Patron's Notice

Until October first our dental offices will be closed each Wednesday at noon for the remainder of day and evening.

Dr. Roy Archbold
Dr. Fred Patterson
Dr. J. Q. Neptune
Dr. Bert Mangold

The Prime of every money earner should be to lay up something for the future; to reach middle life with something substantial to show for the labor of years; to have a home and property.

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