

Agnes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Coffee, who was not expected to live, is rapidly improving.

Officers about the court house are busy this week getting things ready for the opening of court, which commences next Monday. The usual number of new cases are on the docket.

A delightful picnic was given Tuesday evening at the home of Samuel Lutz, near Hoagland. A jolly party from this city enjoyed the ride and helped dispose of the delicacies and edibles which had been prepared for the occasion. Those who attended from here were, C. J. Lutz, C. F. True, J. C. Patterson and families and Misses Kittie Christen, Emma Jackson, Rose Christen and Allie Peterson.

A petition asking Governor Mount to use his influence in getting the members of Company B either circulated or given furloughs, was circulated yesterday afternoon by Shafer Peterson and Ezra Cutting. In a very short time nearly five hundred citizens had signed the paper and it has been started on its mission. It is to be hoped that the petition will have its effect and that ere long our boys will be allowed to come home.

Alma Englehart vs Michael Englehart, divorce, is the title of a case filed with Clerk Lenhart, Tuesday by Attorney Peterson. The complaint alleges that the parties were married at Payne, Ohio, July 3, 1889, and lived together as husband and wife until August 28, 1898. Cruel and inhuman treatment and public intoxication are alleged and a divorce and \$1200 alimony asked for. An order has been issued by Judge Heller, restraining the defendant from disposing of his property in this city.

The large stave and heading factory owned by L. D. Adams of this city, and located at Uniondale, Ind., was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday morning. The fire broke out about ten o'clock and by noon the entire plant was in ruins. The building and contents, together with a large amount of timber, which was on the yards, was destroyed. Mr. Adams estimates the loss at \$1,500 with no insurance. The factory will not be rebuilt on account of the scarcity of timber in this part of the country. The loss is a severe one, not only to Mr. Adams but also to the town of Uniondale as about fifty men are thrown out of employment.

S. M. Wolf, who lives between Magley and Toesin, was in town Tuesday evening looking for his sixteen year old son, Omer, who had left home that morning after having had a few words with his father. Mr. Wolf was unable to get any further clue to his whereabouts except that he had been seen in this city about noon. Upon going home, however, Mr. Wolf found that the prodigal had returned. Boys who leave good homes soon discover that making a living for themselves is not as glorious as many novels describe it to be. There seems to be a certain age, however, in the life of every boy at which time it is just as essential for him to run away from home as it is to smoke a cigar in order to be a full grown man.

New cases have been filed during the past week with Clerk Lenhart as follows: Jacob Miller vs Wm. Burk et al., foreclosure, \$400. Peterson & Lutz vs Jane Strubey, account, demand \$1,500; German Building, Loan Fund and Saving Association vs The National Supply Co., a corporation, et al., foreclosure, \$1,000. German Building Loan Fund and Saving Association a corporation, vs C. H. Bell, et al., foreclosure, \$2,000. S. W. Peterson and Robert Peterson vs Samues Barger, brought up from justice court. Alma Englehart vs Michael Englehart, divorce and alimony. The Old Adams County Bank vs John Brown, jr., et al., note, demand \$125. Joseph W. Stoneburner vs Abbie Stoneburner, divorce. State ex rel. Noah Mangold, auditor vs Perry Robinson, et al., suit on bond, demand \$5,000.

No doubt the largest crowd which ever attended a Sunday picnic in this county was the one which gathered last Sabbath at Turtle's Camp, between Berne and Geneva, on the banks of the Wabash. Fully 5,000 people were there and the attractions were numerous. The event of the day, no doubt, was the grand balloon ascension by Prof. Reed and his famous parachute drop. The balloon for some reason or other only went up about three hundred feet in the air and when the professor cut the parachute loose he fell nearly to the ground before the umbrella opened. Of course the usual number of ladies fainted. The grounds were covered with amusements, such as merry-go-rounds, cane racks and refreshments stands and everybody seemed to have a good time. The day was an ideal one for a picnic and Mr. Sheets realized a good thing from his week's work. There was nearly a thousand people from this city in attendance. In fact every conceivable rig from a dog cart to the finest turnout in the city were there. No accidents marred the day and everything passed off nicely. An interesting ball game was played between Keystone and Geneva, which resulted in a victory for the former by a score of two to one.

J. D. Hendricks, of Monroe, was in the city last Monday and made this office a business call. Date was on his way to Jonesborough, Ind., where he is attending the annual convention of the Junior Order of United Workmen as a delegate from his lodge.

Clark Chidister a former resident of this city, died at his home at Bluffton, Ohio, last Tuesday of cancer of the stomach. He was fifty-one years of age and was quite wealthy. It will be remembered that Clark was for several years a leading stock dealer of this county. He has many friends here who will regret to hear of his death.

A pretty good story comes from Rome City about some of our fellow townsmen. D. M. Henley called over to Charles Murray who was fishing some little distance from him. "Hello, what bait are you fishing with?" "I can't get a bite." "One minute," answered Charley. "A whopper is nibbling at my hook and I'm fishing with 'bated breath' just now. Yes, I smell it now. Be over in a minute."

The gentleman tramp, Jule Walters who for seven years has been one of the most successful stars on the road in his peculiar line, will portray his life like creation of Horatio the tramp in his side-splitting comedy, the new "Side Tracked" at the opera house Sept. 6. The company Mr. Walters is said to carry this season ranks far above the average seen in plays of a like character. The beautiful scenery and phenomenal mechanical features added to the play this season will, no doubt, serve to make "Side Tracked" and Jule Walters popular here.

Comes now Joseph W. Stoneburner and asks that he be granted a divorce from Abbie Stoneburner. The complaint which has been duly filed with the county clerk says that they were married April 22, 1888, that they lived together until January 9, 1896, at which time said Abbie Stoneburner left the home of the plaintiff and has remained away ever since and now refuses to cohabit with him. Whereupon the plaintiff prays the court that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between said plaintiff and defendant be dissolved, and that the plaintiff be granted a divorce and all further relief.

Rev. W. H. Shepherd, pastor of the United Brethren church of this city, delivered his farewell sermon for the year last Sunday evening. He left Tuesday morning for Rossville, Ohio, where the annual conference for the district of Eastern Indiana and Western Ohio is now being held. Rev. Shepherd has been with us for several years, and the citizens of Decatur unite with the members of the church in hoping that the conference will see fit to return him. He is a good, earnest Christian worker as well as an excellent citizen and he has made a whole army of friends in this county since his residence here. On Monday evening a farewell social was given at the parsonage at which nearly all of the members of the church and many others were present.

Steele's park will again be open to the public next Sunday. New attractions will be secured and a large crowd will no doubt attend. Arrangements are being made already to make Sunday, September 18, the banner day of the year. The services of Prof. Reed have been secured, who will make a grand balloon ascension and parachute drop. Besides this there will be a long list of other amusements, including good music, merry-go-rounds, swings, bathing and boat riding, ball games and in fact everything which goes to make up a first-class entertainment in a first-class park. Make arrangements to go and help the boys along. Messrs. Martin & Smith deserve much credit for their efforts to entertain our citizens, and they should be patronized accordingly. Refreshments of all kinds will be served on the grounds each Sunday. Go and enjoy yourself.

Charles Niblick, of the Old Adams County Bank, received a letter Tuesday last from James Waldron, who arrived in the United States a few days ago from Santiago. Jim is now in the hospital at Boston from whence the letter was written. He has been a victim of the terrible fever of the south but is now on a fair way to recovery. He was in the hospital in Santiago for more than six weeks and the sufferings he tells of, during that time, are horrible beyond description. But worse than all was the trip of the poor sick soldiers to this country in the fever stricken boats. He says that himself as well as hundreds of others almost died and in fact suffered all the tortures of death during the time. Nothing but Jim's iron constitution bore him through. The sick men, however, no sooner reached the United States, where they could get good clean food and fresh air, than they began to get better and Jim can now sit up for the first time in many days. He says that if he keeps on improving as he has he will be released from the hospital next week. He is then entitled to a thirty days furlough and he will visit his sister and other friends. Jim is a hero in every sense of the word and will no doubt be welcomed here as such.

WE again want to extend our thanks to the many subscribers who have so promptly complied with our request for a subscription settlement. To the many who have so far failed to properly arrange same, we want to candidly say that we expect and insist upon a settlement now. It is a matter of business with us as well as yourselves. Notice the date on your paper and if in arrears call in and settle.

In a recent address at Winona Sam Small said: "Give me a fast horse that can trot in 2:40 time; but Good Lord, give me a slow girl." As Sam's daughter has taken to the stage and asserts that she will wear tights if she wants to, Sam's wishes have not been respected in the past at least.

While selling some bananas to a customer Tuesday morning Fred Mills almost caught hold of a large tarantula, which was sitting serenely among the bananas. The bunch of fruit had been about the store for more than a week and the poisonous insect had no doubt been there all the time. It was the largest ever seen in the city and we have not the least desire to mix things up with him. Fred will have it put in alcohol and it will then be on exhibition at Mills & Meyer's grocery.

Michael Englehart, the asheryman, who lives in the south part of town was on another bad drunk last Sunday. He went home in the evening and beat his wife in a terrible manner. Neighbors went over to see that he let her alone, when Mike betook himself to the woods where he remained until Monday evening. He then returned and asked his wife to forgive him. That lady, however, stoutly refused and has already secured the services of an attorney and will sue for a divorce at the next term of court. Such a brute as Mike has shown himself to be deserves to be eternally banished from a civilized community.

John Webber's house on North Fourth street was broken into last Saturday evening about eight o'clock and quite a number of articles stolen, besides several dollars in money. The loss amounts to about twenty-five dollars in all, including ten dollars worth of old coins. The family were all away from the house at the time having come down street to do some shopping. Two young boys were seen coming from the yard about 8:30 o'clock and suspicion points strongly toward them as being the guilty parties. The boys have often been in trouble and have been caught stealing a number of times. If they are found guilty this time they should be given the full benefit of the law. A few years in the reformatory at Plainfield may make better men of them.

The largest load of hay ever brought to this city was delivered here last Friday morning. The load weighed 6700 pounds, including the wagon, making two and three quarters tons of hay. The hay was taken from the Perry Robinson farm, north of town, and was brought in by Nathan Wyant. Mr. Wyant could hardly get through town on account of the telephone and electric wires. He finally succeeded in reaching Hale's warehouse, corner Second and Jefferson streets, and had the load weighed with above results. Just as they started to pull the wagon from the scales, however, it began to topple and finally fell over. Wyant, who was on top, jumped and received a badly sprained ankle. He was taken to a physician at once who dressed the foot, and he is now getting along nicely. The only advantage that could have been secured by bringing in such an immense load was the saving of fifteen cents for weighing, the regular schedule of prices being fifteen cents per load. The extra expense caused by its falling over will be many times that amount and the attempt will probably not be made again.

At six o'clock last Monday at the St. Mary's Catholic church occurred the wedding of Mr. John Nix and Miss Anna E. Miller. The ceremony was a beautiful one, occurring as it did just as the sun was rising over the eastern horizon, which if possible added solemnity to the affair. Both the bride and groom have been for a number of years among the most popular of Decatur's young people. The former is the highly accomplished daughter of Jacob C. Miller, the Monroe street grocer. Mr. Nix is a member of the only profession on earth, being at the present connected with the mechanical department of the Journal. He was for many years a type in this office and during that time proved himself to be an exemplary young man as well as a good printer. Mr. and Mrs. Nix will be at home after Monday, September 5th at their cozy little home on Elm street. In commemoration of the fact that John had joined the long line of Benedicts, the martial band of the Democrat office, made up of boys who had worked for years with the newly made groom, serenaded him on Monday evening. John treated the boys royally and they are not the kind to forget it. The Democrat joins with the thousands of friends of Mr. and Mrs. Nix in offering congratulations and in wishing them much joy and happiness.

The following marriage licenses have been issued this week: Fred Myers to Della Engle, John Draper to Lillie O. Baxter, Carry D. Evans to Berth Pease, Alvin M. Aspy to Mattie Kidwell, John W. Nix to Emma E. Miller, Albert Hudson to Susan Richards, Oscar T. Shaw to Luetta Wicks.

Andy Krunnemacher was quite badly, though it is thought, not seriously injured Tuesday afternoon. He was posting up bills for the Side-Tracked Company and although it was pretty hot and Andy was not feeling very well he kept right on at work. He was posting up a large bill on the boards east of the Burt House when he was overcome by the heat and fell from the ladder on which he had been working. He was picked up and it was found that he had received a badly sprained ankle. It was at first thought he had broken his leg and one of the bones is probably fractured. He was taken home and at the last report was getting along as well as could be expected.

The G. R. & I. depot was broken into last Sunday morning and robbed of \$1.14. Although the amount is small the boldness of the act is almost appalling. The operator stepped out a few minutes and when he returned found that the door to the office had been pried open and the office cleaned of what money was not locked in the safe. This occurred between ten and eleven o'clock Sunday morning. Surely when people become this bold it is time for our citizens to be doing something. It will soon be necessary to have a regular army force sent here to protect us. This is the second time within a month that the G. R. & I. depot has been robbed. About four weeks ago at about the same time of day and under the same circumstances they were relieved of twenty-five dollars.

Henry Krick came down street last Saturday morning in a terrible "stew" and said that he had again been "gone through" and that another big chunk of money which he had stored away to be used as a sinking fund for campaign purposes this fall had been stolen. It will be remembered that Henry lost about \$100 last spring by having the safe in the factory of Krick & Tyndall blown open. Since then Henry has not allowed over sixty-three cents to accumulate there at one time. On Friday evening he went home tired and sleepy with about \$25 in his pocket. He usually puts his pocket-book under the pillow, so when he awakened Saturday morning and found nothing there he thought of course he had been robbed. He remained under this impression until noon, when one of his daughters presented him with the purse and its contents. Henry had been too tired to know just what he was doing and had slipped the pocket-book into the pillow instead of under it. Henry has spent twice the amount that he had that evening in trying to hush the matter up, but we refuse to be "bought". Hence the unraveling of the awful mystery.

The correspondent from the 160th regiment, now at Lexington, to the Marion Chronicle, has the following to say in this week's letter, which will no doubt be of interest to our readers: "It seems possible that a hitch may occur in the matter of promotions. A vacancy occurred in B company, S. C. Edgington, first lieutenant resigning. The senior second lieutenant was Clapham of Co. G. He passed an examination and was recommended for the governor's commission to fill the opening. His papers have not been received, though he was tested and suggested a fortnight or more since. The second lieutenant of Co. B, I understand, was not resigned to the situation, and the first sergeant and all under him were displeased. I am told that the company asked Governor Mount to commission no one outside of the line. He refused. The test was opened to first sergeants and sergeant-majors. The trial of military ability came off Thursday. There were eight entries. There was a similar case in the 158th regiment, and the governor refused to combat the desires of the men in the Kokomo company, where the vacancy occurred. There is much interest in the outcome of this rather complicated affair. In this matter the ruling idea has been to secure efficiency of the highest order in the line. The competitive examination is the best method to pursue to that end, but the plan is, unmistakably, unpopular with the men.

The street carnival at Fort Wayne promises to be the grandest event in the history of that city. The carnival ball at which time the Queen will be crowned will be attended by a number from this city.

The porters at the Hotel Burt are this week adorned with handsome new jackets which are to be worn while on duty. The boys are all quite proud of their uniforms and all look handsome. Dick is certainly a hustling, up-to-date hotel man.

Niblick & Murray, who for several months have been running the Madison street barber shop, back of Murray's saloon, have moved into new quarters and this morning finds them nicely located on Second street in the Allison block just north of the post office. The boys are very popular and their immense trade has induced them to secure more convenient rooms. They will put in a first-class bath room, a cigar stand and in fact will have quite a metropolitan shop. Clem Knoff, the well known tonsorial artist, has been employed and will look after the customers of the third chair. We are glad to see the boys prospering and wish them a large amount of success in their new home.

Tuesday's Ft. Wayne Journal said: "The largest mortgage ever filed in Allen county was placed on record yesterday in the recorder's office. It was the last action in the deal whereby the property of the Bass Foundry and Machine works was transferred to the new company. The mortgage was filed by John H. Bass and John I. White, in favor of the Colonial Trust company, of New York. The face of the mortgage is for \$1,200,000. The Colonial Trust company is to be trustee of the bond issued by the Bass Foundry and Machine company, \$100,000 of which are to be sold immediately and \$200,000 in the future, if necessary. The document covers forty type-written pages and affixed to it are \$600 worth of war revenue stamps. The mortgage must be filed in four states and six counties.

Below we give the names of DEMOCRAT readers who have paid their subscriptions this week: Mrs. Cordelia Bley, Henry Alshoen, D. Werling, W. J. Selby, John A. Anderson, W. J. Foreman, Sam Simison, D. M. Kerr, Ira Waggoner, M. F. Parrish, William Adler, John Brickner, Nicholas Waggoner, J. W. Knapp, Chas. Leimenstall, J. D. Miller, F. F. Frech, Fred Kruckenberg, W. P. Hendricks, C. F. Neuen-schwander, Lizzie Schirmer, Norman Lenhart, Chas. Sether, E. Fritzinger, Coffee & Baker, Ed Ehinger, Ike Rosenthal, C. P. Ehinger, Henry Hite, Henry Cranz, Wm. Fulk, F. M. Schirmeyer, Geo. Woodward, F. W. Dibble, Kirsch & Sellemeyer, L. Yager, Ed Luttmann, Paul Baumgartner, Elijah Walters, John Everett, Chris Bocknecht, Henry Grote, Wm. Bohnke, S. E. Beavers, Isaac Brown, Jacob Koose, John P. Baker, Geo. Roudenbush, A. M. Amspaugh, Mathias Thomas, H. McElhaney, J. E. Johnson, Jos. S. Smith, Mrs. S. J. Cross, D. D. Heller, D. F. Fugate, J. H. Smith, Peter Forbinger, Bender, Andrew Woolpert, C. E. Bollinger, Peter Meschberger, W. P. Hendricks, L. W. A. Luckey, W. D. Huffman, John Leimenstall, J. E. Rice, Harry Cordua, Henry Hart, H. Tettman, J. M. Archbold, Mrs. Ira Blossom and C. E. Linn.

Council met in extra session last Tuesday evening pursuant to a call issued by Mayor Quinn. Those present were Miller, Chronister, Haeding, Suttles and Niblick. Mann of the Third ward and Mayor Quinn were absent. L. C. Miller was chosen as chairman protem of the meeting in the absence of the mayor and the council proceeded to business. City Engineer Harry B. Knoff filed his final estimate of the Gay alley sewer which showed that there was still due the contractor \$80.77. The committee on streets and alleys was ordered to examine the sewer and report the same at the meeting on Wednesday evening. The street committee then offered the contract and bond of E. Merryman & Co., which was approved. Upon motion it was ordered that the two dollars paid to the city by Jack Burke for water taps be remitted and the point revoked. The following bill were read and upon motion approved and allowed: M. Englehart, \$8. Ezra Cutting, balance due for salary as street commissioner, \$63.37; Ralph Knoff, \$3.15; J. W. Franks, \$5; R. Foreman, \$6.60; Decatur Journal 90c; W. Suttles, \$73.50. The rules to govern the Mayor, city treasurer and city clerk were read and approved. The rules apply principally to the system of the keeping of the city books and records. They provide that an entire new set of books shall be given each officer and also gives directions as to the system to be followed in keeping them. The rules were adopted by the council by a unanimous vote. This concluded the business for the evening and council adjourned to meet again in special session Wednesday evening. This meeting was called for the purpose of determining the depth, width etc. of the Thirteenth street sewer. There seems to be quite a good deal of trouble in the construction of this sewer and the meeting was for the purpose of determining any questions which might arise in regard to it.

There are unclaimed letters in the Decatur postoffice for Frank Ross, Mrs. Leney Beom, Mr. Amos Frenick, Cora Mower, John H. Trace, Elizabeth Jones, Wm. H. Krick, Miss Ida Ludie, Jacob Grim, Chester Lewton, Mrs. Maggie Grant, Miss Ida Foreman, W. W. Riley, Mrs. Tom Glass, Mrs. Jane Hoffman, Mrs. D. M. Durr, Mrs. Emma Hartsman, Mrs. Routha Workinger.

A blank marriage license was issued by Clerk Lenhart during the past week. The marriage was not so much a secret as the parties tried to make it, as everybody knows just who it is meant. We know of no young people in the city who would rather make an announcement for, but as the license record is marked "blank" we refrain from doing so for awhile. It is said the young man gets very angry when asked why he was away from his work Monday, and this may be another reason for us not mentioning any names. At any rate "at home" cards will soon be out and then we can give further details.

Hog cholera is again making its appearance in portions of Adams and adjoining counties and those having hogs afflicted with this fatal disease cannot exercise too much care in the matter of preventing it from spreading over the country. It will be well for swine owners to note carefully the law touching on this particular case. An act of the state legislature makes it unlawful to allow diseased swine to have access to any stream of running water so that the disease may be carried from the infected to lands of others. It is also unlawful to permit diseased hogs upon the public highways. It is the duty of all owners and breeders of hogs which die of any disease to burn each carcass within ten hours from the time of death. The penalty for violating the provisions of this act is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500.

We are happy to inform our many readers that Adams county will have a fair this fall. It will be held Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16, at Beatty's grove, two miles southwest of Steele. It seems that the farmers of Blue Creek township have tired of every county about us having fairs and old Adams not, and have, therefore, decided to be in the push. Scores of all kinds, exhibition of stock, grains and fruits, and in fact everything which goes to make up a county fair will be there. For many years the citizens of Decatur have endeavored to give fairs and have always failed. This has simply been on account of a lack of energy. The proprietors of the new fair organization are good honest, hustling farmers who will do just exactly what they advertise and say they will do. Every farmer in the county should prepare to have on exhibition some production, and there is not a business man in the county who can afford to be without an exhibit at the fair. Besides the features announced there will be many more, including brass bands, ball games and many other modes of amusing one's self. A further account of the fair will be found in another column. For further information address the secretary, G. M. Tyndall, or see posters.

S. C. Edgington, who left here four months ago as second lieutenant of Company B, and who was afterwards promoted to the first-lieutenancy is at home, having received an honorable discharge. He arrived last Thursday afternoon, having left Newport News on Sunday evening. He came as far as Lexington, Kentucky, with Company B, where he arrived on Tuesday morning. He remained in camp with the boys for a day or so and then left for home. Chat is looking well and in his official uniform looks every inch a soldier. He says it is almost impossible to get along with Colonel Gunder and that he stood his abuse as long as he could. He said the men and officers were very poorly fed after they reached Newport News and that after they stood the hunger as long as they could, he in company with several companions left camp and went to the city where they proceeded to gratify the cravings of the inner man by getting a good square meal. They did not get back to camp until after roll call. Colonel Gunder was enraged and acted accordingly. Lieut. Edgington not caring to serve under him any longer, then sent in his resignation which was duly accepted and when he arrived home he bore with him in his inside vest pocket an honorable discharge, which completely removes any fear that his friends may have had that the discharge was dishonorable. During his four months career as a volunteer Chat was a model soldier, was always ready to do his duty and the people of Decatur uphold him in resigning his position. He says that ninety per cent. of the boys wish to come home instead of doing police duty in a foreign land. There was only one member of Company B in the hospital when Chat left and he was on a fair road to recovery. There were five other commissioned officers who sent in their resignation at the same time that Edgington did but it happened that only one reached headquarters before Gen. Grant sailed for Porto Rico, hence his was the only one accepted. Chat says the boys will no doubt be home within a month.