

DECATUR, INDIANA, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1900.

W. A. Lower, assistant superintendent of public instructions, of Indianapolis, came home rather unexpectedly Tuesday. Business unknown, but very probably of a political nature.

William Miller, one of the aged residents of Monroe townships, died Friday. He had passed the three score and ten years mark and was one of the best known men of the community.

New cases recorded this week are as follows: John Tague vs Curtis Campbell, possession of real estate; John W. Cowens ex parte, admission to bar; John R. Hankey vs Martha Bailey, account, demand \$300, summons returnable November 5; Ida Holcombe ex parte, adoption of child.

A happy crowd composed of the proprietors and clerks of the Boston store left Sunday morning in a comfortable rig for the beautiful country home of Fred Schinnerer, situated two miles southeast of Willshire, in Van Wert county, Ohio. There they spent the day and a merry and social one it was. The dinner was immense and the day was a high class holiday for all participants.

It is a positive fact that a number of young men from this city are hunting each day and it is said they are killing off the young quail at such a rate that when the law expires there will not be much use for those who have obeyed the law to go out hunting at all. We were told this week that a young man brought in fifty-four quail, the result of an afternoon's hunting. There is no sport in hunting the birds now and each law-breaker should be arrested and made to pay for his game.

Rev. David Martz, of the Evangelical church, of this city, was at Berne, last Sunday, where he attended and took a prominent part in the dedication exercises of the handsome new Evangelical church which were held at that time. Rev. H. Mantill, of Cleveland, Ohio, had charge of affairs assisted by Rev. Martz and Rev. Evans, of Fort Wayne. The services were appropriate and impressive and the large crowds present were significant of the future success of the edifice. The structure is a model one and does credit to the town as well as to the members of the church.

Will Wertzberger of this city and Lloyd Dalrymple of Bluffton were at Bellefontaine, Ohio, last Friday and closed a deal whereby they became owners of a large bakery and confectionery store. They took control of the same yesterday and expect to henceforth be residents of that enterprising city. The stand is one of the best in the city, employing three bread bakers and two cake men, besides two clerks in the retail department, and the boys have a promising outlook before them. Both are thoroughly acquainted with the business and are not entering upon anything new, and although we regret the removal from Decatur of Mr. and Mrs. Wertzberger, we wish them the most genuine success possible.

About an hour's time was all that was required by the jury in the State vs. Harrison case last Saturday to acquit the defendants. The case was first tried about two weeks ago and resulted in a disagreement of the jury, when Judge Heller immediately set the case for the seventh Friday. The principal witnesses for the state were Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Myers, proprietors of the Park hotel, who alleged that the defendants had attempted to defraud them of a board bill for an amount something less than fifty dollars. Much interest was manifested in the case by friends of both sides, and the verdict has been much talked about. The trial occupied all of Friday and closed Saturday morning, when the jury retired. On the first ballot Mrs. Harrison was acquitted, and the vote stood nine for acquittal of Mr. Harrison and three for conviction. After about an hour, as above stated, all the jurymen were convinced of the innocence of the defendants, and they returned their verdict accordingly.

Miss Effie Battenburg, of this city, was united in marriage Monday afternoon at St. Louis, to Mr. G. T. Ralls, of Atoka, Indian Territory. Miss Effie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Battenburg, and has been one of our most highly respected young ladies. She completed the course at our city schools several years ago, and then went to the tri-state normal at Angola, where she stood very high in her grades and was afterwards made an instructor. About two years ago she was given a splendid position in the college at Waco, Texas, and while there met Mr. Ralls, United States Commissioner and Federal Judge of the central district Indian Territory. Miss Battenburg came north about a month ago and has been in this city with her parents during the past two weeks, leaving Sunday night for St. Louis where she met her affianced and they were united in marriage. They left at once for Atoka where they will reside at least until Mr. Ralls' term of office expires. The wedding was a surprise to the popular young bride's many Decatur friends but all join us in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Ralls prosperity and happiness.

A four-foot squash is a new style freak on exhibition in the grocery department of the Big Store, having been raised by Wash Kern, of St. Mary's township.

Rudolph Schugg, candidate for trustee of French township, has been very ill for several weeks past, and unable to do any work either toward his own election or that of the party ticket. He is improving slowly but is still unable to be on duty.

J. S. Bowers & Co. have the entire front of their mammoth hardware store beautifully and tastefully decorated this week in honor of the opening of the stove season. Red, white and blue drapery forms the background and the display is one of the best we have seen for some time. Miles Pillars, one of the clerks of the establishment, is credited with the work, and deserves great praise for the unique idea.

An official of the Erie says the time is not far distant when the Erie railroad will be double tracked between Chicago and New York. Results demonstrate the wisdom of the policy adopted by President Thomas. The report for the last fiscal year shows that in every way the Erie system, which was the first great trunk line in the country, is now in better condition than ever before. President Thomas is accumulating working capital to carry out great plans for the betterment of the property.

No races were held by the Decatur racing association Friday, owing to the extensive arrangements for Saturday's program which closes the season. Upon that occasion, fine weather permitting, you will have an opportunity of attending the best amusement of the season, when the following events will be given: 2:40 pace, 7 entries, mile heats, three out of five; 2:30 pace, 4 entries, mile heats, three out of five; free-for-all pace, 4 entries, mile heats, three out of five; running race, 6 entries, half mile heats, best two out of three. This program will be given exactly as advertised as a fine will be imposed on each owner who fails to start his horse.

Dr. J. W. Young spoke for Bryan at Celina, Ohio, last Saturday night. He replied to McKinley's "Better open the mills than the mint." He asked Mr. McKinley the question: "What are the mills opened for?" The answer is, "to get that which the mint makes." Then, if the mints are not opened how can we get that which they make. Supposing mints and mills were both shut, which would we have to open first? The answer is the mint, because men would not work in the mills unless they would get what the mint make—money. Men will not work in mills for fun, love or their health. They want money and it is only the mints that can make it.

Governor Mount Monday issued the following proclamation regarding arbor and bird day, Friday, October 26: "It is earnestly recommended that the trustees of the various state institutions, faculties and students of colleges, superintendents and teachers of the public schools, as well as the teachers of the state generally, take immediate action for the proper observance of the day, by the planting of trees, shrubs, and vines, and the study of the best methods for the protection of birds. The planting of trees in public school grounds is especially recommended, and homes should receive the same consideration. The result will be to add to the beauty of surroundings and confer a blessing upon succeeding generations. The protection of birds should likewise receive earnest consideration, and teachers are requested to impress upon pupils the importance of preserving our native songsters. If these recommendations are generally carried out in the proper spirit, much will have been accomplished to the pleasure and profit of the people."

For the first time in several months an alarm of fire was turned in Friday night at 10:30 o'clock. The people who turned out had no difficulty in locating the blaze for the entire north end of the city seemed to be burning, so bright were the illuminations therefrom. The conflagration was in the old Gregory dwelling on Marshall street, and originated under the stairway from some unknown cause. The house has been occupied for several weeks by George Bailey and family, who moved here from Bluffton. Mr. Bailey is a traveling salesman and was at Toledo securing his samples, while his wife was at the home of a relative in the city. How long the fire had been gathering fury cannot be told but Barney Kalver, who resides next door, saw a light in the window a half hour before the blaze broke out; and supposed the family had returned home. About 10:30, however, the flames broke out and although the fire companies were soon on the scene they could do nothing but save adjoining buildings which they did with practically no loss whatever. The building is a total loss as are also the contents, not a single piece of furniture being saved. The loss on building is \$1,500 with \$1,000 insurance while on the furniture the loss is about \$800 with \$500 insurance.

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The races at Steele's park Saturday afternoon close a most successful season for the association, and they will continue next year with an outlook of even better entertainment. Saturday's program will be well worth your time and money and is to be the banner day of the year. Don't miss it.

"Little Dick," the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Vantilburgh at Geneva, was severely burned last Saturday afternoon. While playing with fire with two other little boys one of them threw a burning paper on him, catching his clothes on fire and burning the back of his neck until the cords are exposed, and one ear is burned. Had not a couple of men caught him as he was running and extinguished the fire his clothing would have burned off of him and he would have been burned to death. The boy is well known here, being a brother of Mrs. J. D. Reiter.

Kentucky justice may be slow, but it is none the less certain. Nobody is better acquainted with this fact than W. S. Taylor and Chas. Finley, who are skulking around Jay county to avoid their installment of justice, instead of going back to their own state and helping out of trouble their friends who jeopardized their lives and liberties for them. On Saturday the jury that tried Henry Yontsey, the third one of the Goebel assassins to be arraigned before the bar of justice, brought in a verdict of guilty and fixed his punishment at life imprisonment. This disposes of three of the assassins, and it is but a question of a short time until Taylor and Finley will be arraigned before the law and receive their installment of justice.—Portland Sun.

A fight occurred upon Union street Tuesday evening about 10 o'clock which resulted rather seriously for the two principal actors, James Worden and Chauncey Steele. The boys had been having a good time all evening participating in the horn-toting affair and both had been imbibing pretty freely, according to reports. Finally they got personal and Steele struck Worden on the nose, bringing first blood in good quantities. The storm seemed to settle somewhat then, and friends of both sides thought the event closed; but it seems the more Jim thought over the matter the more angry he became, and finally gathering up a piece of brick he hunted up his opponent and proceeded to plaster said brick just under Chauncey's nose, with the result that two teeth were knocked out and his face badly cut. Steele was stunned into unconsciousness, and while the crowd paid attention to him Worden proceeded home, and when the boys began to look for him with the intention, so they said, of doing something fierce, he was easily out of reach. Steele was taken to the office of Dr. J. M. Miller, who dressed his wounds, after which he was conveyed home. No arrests have been made.

Circuit court business has been transacted since our last issue as follows: State vs. A. J. and Nudy Harrison, defrauding hotel; jury impaneled, case tried and defendants acquitted and discharged. Ola Brown, Alonzo Brown vs. Grier F. Gemmell, motion filed plaintiff for service of notice on defendant Gemmell, and on Joseph H. Sells to show cause why credit of \$600 should not be vacated and set aside, and said motion sustained. William H. Thorn vs. Samuel Durlinger et al., motion amended for new trial; appeal prayed to the supreme court of Indiana and granted. State vs. Perry Robison et al., special finding of facts filed by the court and the defendants and each of them excepts to the special finding of facts so filed by the court; court states and files exceptions of law; defendants except. Berton Steele vs. John Drew, act. \$200; offer filed by defendant to allow judgment in the sum of \$47.67 with costs; case now being tried. Christian Beery vs. Malinda Baker et al., partition; disclaimer by Samuel Weldy filed to amended complaint. Rosa J. Ray vs. H. O. Silvers and Godfrey Burry, replevin; affidavit and motion by defendants for continuance. Emma F. Gilbert vs. C. & E. railway, damages, \$10,000; change of venue granted to Wells county and fifteen days granted to perfect change. Ezra Lister vs. city of Decatur, damages, \$2,000; change of venue granted to Jay county and fifteen days granted to perfect change. Wm. H. Niblick vs. John M. Blossom et al., note \$60.00, default; judgment \$52.33 without relief. George Tricker vs. Lewis P. Swartz, finding and judgment of insanity and that guardian should be appointed. Wm. Christen vs. Perry Robison, note \$200, default; judgment for \$185.11. Mont McCain vs. Emma McCain, annulment of marriage; summons ordered to sheriff of Blackford county, returnable November 2. John W. Cowens, ex parte; admitted to bar.

Five marriage licenses have been issued from Clerk Johnson's office this week to the following people: Orto Buuck and Mary Decker, Martin Koenneman and Mary Berning, Arthur Hoobs and Maggie Yahn, Ernest A. Premer and Minnie A. Lambert, Frank A. Loew and Elizabeth A. Myers.

When you go into the election booth November 6th, you will be handed a state ticket as big as a page of a newspaper. There will be six tickets printed on it, or six columns of candidates, each headed with the design of the party. The rooster comes first. He has the pole, and you can bet your boots he's going to keep it this year from start to finish and will come under the wire ahead of the bunch.

Members of the Reformed church of this city are just now feeling rather badly over the resignation of their pastor, Rev. E. W. Kruse, which has been announced to take effect December 1st. During his three years service among us Rev. Kruse, although still a young man, has proven himself a worthy citizen, a Christian gentleman, and a man who has chosen his calling in this world. He is a forcible talker and an earnest worker, and his charge here will miss him greatly. However, it is pleasing to note that his abilities have been recognized and that he has been called to a larger field and one where his useful and willing hands and heart are more needed. He will upon leaving here enter the work at Orrville, Ohio, and the citizens of that town irrespective of their religious views will soon know his worth.

Under date of October 22 Gen. MacArthur has cabled the loss of life in the Philippines to the war department at Washington and in the long list is the name of another young man who enlisted from this city. The name of the patriot is Schuyler Weimer, a young man whose home is near Wren, Ohio, and was very popular there as well as here. He was a member of Co. B, 160th regiment, which went from this city, and was admired and beloved by all who knew him. His comrades say he was the life of the company, always having a happy word and a cheery smile. After his regiment returned home he concluded to try his fortunes in the regular army and enlisted in the 39th regiment, being assigned to Company F. He was a good soldier and his services were soon acknowledged by his promotion to a corporalship. The dispatch to headquarters gives no particulars of his death, except that it occurred on October 13th, and after giving a list of boys who died from dysentery and typhoid includes his name among those "from other causes." Word will probably be received from some of his friends giving a full account.

Abraham G. Poling, a pioneer citizen of Decatur and Adams county, died at his home in this city about 3 o'clock Saturday morning, being sixty-eight years of age. He was apparently in fairly good health until about ten days ago when he was attacked with pneumonia, which gradually grew into the acute form. His sufferings were severe and several days before death came friends and dear ones felt that the days of his companionship among them were but few. He was a good citizen, one of those honest pioneers who assisted to make Indiana the great state she is and his presence upon our streets will be greatly missed by many. In his home he was a kind and indulgent father and there will his vacant place be felt most keenly. The funeral services were held from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Rev. Hudson officiating. Abraham G. Poling was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, Jan. 24, 1832, and died in the city of Decatur on the morning of Oct. 20, 1900, aged 68 years, 8 months and 26 days. His father was a farmer, and on the farm where he was born and in Hocking county, Ohio, he was brought up. There were ten children in his father's family, five brothers and five sisters. Of these, three are now dead. In 1861 he removed to Indiana and settled in Adams county, southwest of Decatur, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits until about seven years ago, when he took up his residence in Decatur. He was married to Sarah Jane Moffit Nov. 27, 1856. Nine years ago his wife died, and now he has gone to rejoin her. Four sons and three daughters were given to our brother. The youngest daughter has preceded her father to the other life. In his family he was kind and tender. While he was not a man of many and useless words, yet he was of a kind and an affectionate heart. The church has sustained a great loss, and the hearts of many are filled with sadness as they think of the past, his counsels and his usefulness, and miss him from his accustomed place.

"Bucker" Hall, an old Decatur boy, now residing at Peru, Indiana, was in the city this week visiting friends and attending to business. "Bucker" has been drilling for oil several years, and hearing of the prospective work in this vicinity came here to try and secure a share of the work. When the proper time comes he may be given the job, as he has been unusually successful in the work.

Capt. M. R. Peterson, who died a few days ago of yellow fever while stationed at Los Americas, Cuba, will be remembered by the boys of the 160th. He had charge of the commissary department at Camp Mount and was an able, pleasant and efficient officer. He was a major in the 161st regiment and afterwards made a commissary assistant of Cuba with the rank of captain. His young wife became insane over his death and obtaining a revolver killed herself. Both were popular in Lafayette society where they resided several years, and their sad fate has caused a shock to Indiana acquaintances.

The Bluffton Banner of Monday evening said: The Clover Leaf managers are very anxious to get as much of the track rebalanced as possible before bad weather sets in. Yesterday a special was sent out from Delphos and one from Frankfort to gather up all the section men between those places and Van Buren. East of Van Buren and in that vicinity these hands numbering several hundred were put to work on the track, and a large portion of it was put in first class condition. The Clover Leaf managers have left the Western Freight Combine and are now hustling for their own interests and fix their own schedule. They found it did not pay to be associated with those big trunk lines, because too much work that they could secure was assigned to these big lines by the commission. It is the intention to make the Clover Leaf a strictly first class road.

Cal Kunkle of Monmouth is short about fifty dollars on account of a worthless "gent" who has been working for him some two weeks. The fellow was a nice looking young man and a splendid worker. He had been employed for several weeks by George Martin, west of the city, and came to Cal bearing a good reputation, although practically a stranger in this part of the country. He and Cal got along splendidly together, and each seemed to be congratulating himself upon his luck until Sunday afternoon, when the Kunkle family went to church. It was not customary for any money to be left about the house, but it so happened that about fifty dollars had been received too late to bring to town, and Cal hid it away very carefully in what he believed a secure place. When the folks came home from Concord the hired man was gone, and a careful investigation showed that the hidden funds were also gone. About forty-seven dollars in cash and a gold ring were taken and there seems to be no chance of their recovery. However, Cal is making a sort of quiet hunt for the long-fingered gentleman, and if successful there are chances of a term at Jeffersonville.

Fully 3000 people of every political faith crowded into the court room Tuesday afternoon and listened to the ablest orators who have appeared here this season, at that time the famous pitchfork senator, Benjamin Tillman, of North Carolina, and Hon. Charles P. Drummond of Plymouth, democratic candidate for attorney-general of Indiana addressed the citizens of the county upon the issues. Hundreds of people from all over the county came in about noon and it could be easily ascertained that something of importance was going on. Perhaps every voter of the county had heard of senator Tillman and his fiery eloquence held the large audience spell bound for over an hour. He is in no way a partisan, but is indeed firm in his convictions and his mode of expressing his ideas is fascinating and interesting. His talk was confined for the most part to imperialism, and certainly he made his views plain to every one. He was followed by Mr. Drummond who in a half-hour's speech showed that he too was an orator of no mean ability and thoroughly acquainted with the vital issues of the day. At the close of the afternoon's program Senator Tillman was escorted to Bluffton and Attorney-general Drummond to Geneva, where they appeared as the principal orators at enthusiastic meetings. The day here was a success in every way and the democrats are highly pleased. Senator Tillman arrived over the Clover Leaf at noon and Mr. Drummond on the G. R. & I. Each were met by the reception committee. The Preble union band and Falk's Juveniles helped to enliven the occasion and formed a part of the escort to conduct the speakers from the depots. Judge David Studabaker presided at the meeting in his brilliant manner, and everything transpired in a way to make the democrats feel joyous and the republicans sick at heart. The Bluffton glee club were present and entertained the audience with several of their famous campaign songs. The day was a victorious one for Adams county and our noted visitors were highly pleased with their reception.

STEVENSON COMING.

The Vice Presidential Candidate to Be Here November 3.

It Will Be the Greatest Rally Ever Given by the Democracy of Old Adams.

Saturday, November 3, will be a gala day for the democracy of Adams county. Hon. Adlai E. Stevenson, candidate for the vice-presidency and the great leader of democracy in the west, will positively be here, as will also an additional array of oratorical talent. Efforts are being made to make it the greatest political demonstration ever held in the county. Three beautiful flags will be presented to the three largest township delegations. At a meeting held the following committees were selected and are now at work:

Marshal of the Day—Henry McLain.

Arrangements—Horace Porter, T. M. Gallogly, Henry McLain, J. W. Tyndall and D. N. Erwin.

Speakers—A. P. Beatty, Horace Porter and L. G. Ellingham.

Finance—A. A. Boch, D. D. Coffee and T. M. Gallogly.

Advertising—D. N. Erwin, Clem McLain, A. A. Boch, Samuel Doak, G. E. McKean, Elmer Johnson, Charles Voglewede, J. C. Moran, H. S. Michaud, T. H. Ernst and Henry McLain.

Reception—Mayor A. P. Beatty, Judge D. D. Heller, David Studabaker, J. T. Merryman, C. J. Lutz, C. M. France, R. K. Erwin, J. R. Bobo, D. E. Smith, C. O. France, D. B. Erwin, J. F. Snow, L. C. DeVoss, J. P. Haefling, E. Burt Lenhart, N. Blackburn, H. S. Porter, L. C. Miller, D. D. Coffee, A. A. Boch, D. N. Erwin, L. G. Ellingham, G. Christen, W. A. Kuebler, P. Holthouse, Charles Ernst, Henry Lankenau, Charles Meyers, E. P. Miller, C. M. King, J. D. Haie, A. R. Bell, C. C. Stuckey, James Willey, C. Neuenchwander, Jesse Steele, J. P. Spooler, William Hulley, L. W. Lewton, Lewis Bocknecht, Mart Miller, Henry Dirksen, William Breiner, David Crum, G. M. T. Houck, Joseph Donner, E. Bowman, David Mauler, Ed Neuenchwander, William Shoemaker, J. K. Mann, Ed Green, Thomas Baker, Henry Chronister, Fred W. Mills, Charles Bussick, William Conrad, Dan Beberick, William Scheerer, Daniel Urick, E. H. Haefling, Elzy Jackson, Charley Morrison, James Foreman, J. K. Martz, Joe Wintererg, Emil Franz, J. W. Cowan, Joseph Chronister, A. J. Byrd, J. H. Heller, Abe Bebout, William Kerr, T. H. Ernst, William Baker, Samuel Doak, Fred Reppert, J. E. Mann, Willard Suttles, John Buhler, George Chronister, M. Jackson, E. A. Mann, E. H. LeBrun, J. W. Place, G. M. Haefling, J. K. Niblick Dan Donovan, R. D. Patterson, H. F. Linn, George Wemhoff, George Roop, Barney Meibers, James Middleton, S. W. Hale, George H. Kelley, J. H. Runyon, Samuel Simson, A. Gottschalk, J. C. Moran, Jacob Butcher, Peter Solder, H. S. Michaud, G. A. Martz, J. W. Craig, C. E. Albaugh, J. W. Hendricks, J. J. Soldner, Henry Eiting, John Steele, J. R. Parrish, L. N. Grandstaff, P. J. Bryan, Henry Myers, J. W. Voglewede, D. N. Niblick, F. M. Schirmeyer, J. S. Bowers, J. H. Lenhart, M. Kirsch, Elmer Johnson, Henry Krick, Peter Frank, C. W. Myers, John Schurger, J. S. Colchin, J. R. Coffee, Perry Robison, Jacob Martin, J. W. Kleinhenz, John Lose, John H. Mougey, Eli Meyers, H. H. Bremerkamp, E. X. Ehinger, A. VanCamp, Charles Spencer, B. J. Smith, John Yager, H. A. Fristoe, J. B. Holthouse, J. H. Voglewede, Noah Mangold, Dee Lewton, Jonas Neuenchwander, Paul Baumgartner, T. M. Gallogly, Irwin Brandyberry, W. E. Fulk, G. E. McKean, George Patterson.

The parade will form on First street, going south to Adams street, west on Adams to Third street, north on Third to Marshall street, west on Marshall to Fourth street, south on Fourth to Adams street, west on Adams to Fifth street, north on Fifth to Marshall street, east on Marshall to Second street, south on Second past the reviewing stand on the court-house square. Delegations coming from east of the river will go south on First street to Adams street and report from there to the marshal of the day. The delegations coming from Willshire on the mud pike will stop at Market street and report. Those coming on the Willshire road and Chestnut avenue will stop near the Presbyterian church and report from there. Delegations from the west will cross the Grand Rapids railroad, then north on Seventh street and report from there. From the north, stop on North Second street and from there report.

Committees are now hard at work, yesterday large flaming posters being scattered in all parts of the county, and probably by this time nearly every man, woman and child in Adams county is familiar with the fact that on Saturday, November 3, this great event will take place. The prize flags have arrived and are beauties, and in the meantime can be seen on display some place in the city. Remember the date and come to town.