

John H. Runyun of Geneva was here the first of the week looking after legal business in the Adams circuit court.

Don Quinn made a flying trip to Van Wert yesterday where he transacted business for the Decatur Egg Case Company.

Clark J. Lutz is at Jonesboro today taking depositions for a law suit that will later come up for judicial solution in Brown county.

Noah Mangold was holding down Dee Lewton's position as deputy auditor, while the latter is at Bluffton as a witness in the Bolds case.

The stockholders of the Decatur National Bank will hold their annual election on Tuesday, January 8. At this time a board of directors will be elected.

Notice is hereby given that the office day of the trustee of Kirkland township will be Monday of each week at his home. Joseph W. Huffman, Trustee.

Miss Mary Baughman, one of the attendants at the Feeble Minded Institute at Fort Wayne, is spending a two weeks' vacation with her parents in this city.

J. W. Place, P. J. Hyland, C. Rodamacher and C. D. Murray were among the Decatur Elks who attended a special meeting of that order at Fort Wayne Sunday.

Fifty ladies and gentlemen enjoyed a good time at the C. B. L. hall Thursday evening as guests of the St. Vincent DePaul. Pedro was the principal amusement.

Portland has a public library and considerable pride is manifested on account of it. During November 1857 books were taken out and read by the library patrons.

Marriage license issued this week to Geo. Ohler and Malinda M. Peoples, James Crozier and Ida Hawk, Peter Moser and Catharine Winteregg, Fred L. Snyder and Zora B. Cook.

The sudden close to the Van Lieu case at Van Wert caused quite a sensation here as elsewhere. The general impression is that her punishment should have been more severe.

Among the many pleasant affairs on Thanksgiving day was a four o'clock dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Beery, in honor of D. E. Hower and wife of Anderson. A number of guests from out of the city were present.

Eva G. Orcutt through the circuit court seeks a divorce from her husband Frank Orcutt, who according to the complaint is guilty of neglect and a failure to support. The plaintiff prays for the custody of a ten months old child and alimony in the sum of \$1,000.

Sherriff Higgins of Bluffton, is after the Clover Leaf, having levied upon some of their real estate there to satisfy a \$90 judgment held by Rev. C. S. Winans of Liberty Center.

Dr. Roy Archbold and wife arrived in the city Sunday evening and are visiting with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Archbold a few days before going to housekeeping.

George Flanders is the best quail hunter in Indiana and we know where of we speak. He was out last Wednesday and the number of birds that made his acquaintance would indeed be startling.

John E. Witschi, of Geneva was in the city Monday morning on his way to Bluffton where he has been attending to business this week. John took time to call at this office and renew his allegiance to the Democrat for another year.

Through the kindness of Bernard Addlesperger we are in receipt of a copy of the Terra Haute Express souvenir edition, one of the handsomest issues of the kind we have ever received. Bernard now holds a splendid position in that city.

Rev. Kruse, who has served as pastor of the Reformed church of this city for three years past, left Monday for Orville, Ohio, where he has accepted a charge from a much larger congregation. He delivered his farewell sermon Sunday morning.

The Berne Witness is authority for the statement that Peter P. Moser of French township, and Mrs. Katherine Winteregg of Hartford township, will marry, and perhaps next Sunday. Both have been there before, and now being plenty old enough to try it again.

The law firm of France & Duncan of Huntington have dissolved. The latter will form a partnership with former Judge Watkins, while the former will go it alone. The firm of France & Duncan has been in existence for many years, and the change will seem mighty queer for some time to come.

The new oil well on the James Tumbleson farm turns out to be a tremendous gusher, even exceeding the one on the Rawley place just 200 feet away. For according to latest reports it has an hourly yield of 38 barrels, or over 900 a day. Adams county is bound to come to the very front as an oil field.—Berne Witness.

Miss Malinda Peoples was united in marriage Thanksgiving day to Mr. George Oler. The ceremony was performed at the bride's home and over a hundred guests participated in the gayeties that followed. They will reside in Root township where the groom controls a valuable farm and where they will be at home to their many friends soon.

Miss Midge Smith entertained the young folks of her set at her hand-giving evening and we have it from some of the guests that 'twas a delightful time. The refreshments were splendid and the entertainment ample.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar in the vacant room north of Schmit's meat market, beginning Tuesday evening, December 11, and continue during the week. Let everyone take advantage of the opportunity in buying Christmas presents.

The Grand Rapids railway now boasts of a magnificent station at Grand Rapids, Michigan, and if the company will now pay some attention to the needs of a similar enterprise in this city, a grateful people will pay their homage in chunks that will repay them for the bank account thus invested.

Charles Jefferies, an old friend of ours, who clerked at the Burt House for several months and who was very popular during his stay there, was in the city over Sunday attending to—well you know the attraction here. Charley is now occupying a very excellent position at the Lahr House, Lafayette, one of the leading hotels of the state. He looks well and happy.

Word reaches us that Mrs Samuel Shaffer of near Bobo, has received word that she is heir to an estate in England that is worth many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Most of the heirs in this country reside in Ohio, and as we understand they with Mrs. Shaffer will take the proper course to fasten the fabulous fortune that awaits them.

The craze for divorcees seem to be epidemic over the state, says the Warsaw Times. A Huntington man who could not abide the ordinary course of the law in such matters went to the judge offering him \$20 if he would grant him a divorce. The judge was astonished at this new form of bribery and called the man into court. He wound up a scathing rebuke by fining the man \$20 for contempt of court and then referred the case to the state's attorney with a recommendation that criminal action be brought against the fellow for bribery.

Miss Bertha Heller was at home to a party of young friends Friday evening and if reports are true the occasion was one of those real enjoyable ones for which her crowd are credited. Miss Griffith of Portland was the honored guest and about thirty Decatur ladies and gentlemen assisted her in enjoying the evening. Dancing and other games made the time pass rapidly and for several hours mirth and happiness held full sway. A dainty, yet refreshing lunch was served and enjoyed equally with the rest of the program.

Sam Henry Post have elected J. H. Smith commander, M. Wertberger vice commander, Geo. Teeple junior vice commander, Ora Moore quartermaster, D. K. Shackley officer of the day, D. Lamar, J. D. Hale and A. E. Gregory trustees, Henry Trim, Elias Coverdale and Jacob Yager delegates to the state encampment.

A mutual week-payment burial association is gaining a big footing near Terre Haute, and as the members are all to be buried by one undertaker the others are shouting "trust!" and will endeavor to have legislation knock out the association, which insures burial in style for 10 cents per week.—Alexandria Press.

In a one sided contest the Decatur foot ball team lambasted their opponents, the Fort Wayne Tigers all over Zimmerman's park Thursday afternoon, winning by a score of 56 to 0. The visitors were a plucky lot but too light and altogether out of their class. Several of the Decatur team played brilliantly and the Tigers were in the game. Another game with a much stronger aggregation is announced for next Saturday when if the weather is fair the boys are expecting the best crowd of the season.

J. W. Tyndall and H. M. Romberg of this city and W. H. Harkins of Portland asked the council at their meeting Tuesday evening for a franchise of the streets of the city, for an electric railroad. The enterprise is one that begins at Fort Wayne, running from there to Portland, and it is presumed by many that it will not terminate there, but be extended to either Richmond or Dayton, Ohio, and perhaps Cincinnati. Capitalists at Dayton and Cincinnati are being interested in the enterprise. The council took no action at their last meeting but referred the matter to the committee on public improvements.

The eleven year old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Fred died at its home in Ossion at an early hour Monday morning. Membraneous croup was the cause of death. Rev. Fred was the former Methodist minister at Geneva and is known by many Decatur Methodists, as well as other residents of our city. From the Bluffton Banner we note the following: Miss Iva had a severe attack of diphtheria while visiting at the home of her grandparents a few weeks ago, and was quarantined for some time. She had entirely recovered from that attack when she took the measles and got along with them very well. Her death from the membraneous croup was most pitiable. She lay in her father's arms for hours preceding her death, fighting for breath. Her agonized parents beheld her sufferings, and although all was done that love could suggest or that lay in the power of medical skill, nothing could loosen the grip of death upon her.

Last Thursday, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bright of Kirkland township, entertained at one of those country Thanksgiving dinners that only such hostesses know so well how to prepare. Those present were: Reuben Beery and family, Joshua Bright and family, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Abbott, Ed Zimmerman and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Parrish, Misses Sadie and Goldie Breiner, Verda Dilling, Cora Martin, Lulu and Letta Cloud, Becca and Dora A. Steele, Messrs Oliver Dilling, Joe Cloud. Every one reported a jolly good time, except Joe, he complained of his appetite failing him. We believe him, the way wild game, cake and other viands disappeared.

The following is a list of the names of the pupils of School District No. 7, Blue Creek township, who have not whispered in school hours at any time during the fall term just past: Advance Grades—Pruda Danner, Velma Porter, Ernest Danner, Fentin Davis, Lloyd Campbell, Lanta Baughman, Irvin Davis, Purl Blossom. Fourth Grade—Clara Neadstine, Gail Baughman, Cora Davies, Sadie Lautzenheiser, For a Danner, Roy Ray, Thurman Porter, Lester Davis, Cora Young, Martha Young, Dollie Wells, Hattie Ritter. Third Grade—Caral Baughman, Lydia Young, Irvin Ray, John Neadstine, Clarence Longenbarger, Guy Danner, Elmer Tricker, Roy Lautzenheiser.

The quarterly reports of the county officers filed at the auditor's office, shows the following collections: Clerk—Civil cases \$227.33, probate \$131.44, criminal \$5.38, marriage licenses \$110, other licenses fifty cents, transcripts \$37.05, certificates \$16.72, insurance \$15, naturalization \$2, miscellaneous \$23.75, total \$569.20. Auditor—Transfers \$13.70, affidavits \$18, licenses \$16, approving bonds \$28, school fund mortgages \$5, miscellaneous \$3.55, total \$84.25. Sheriff—Collections \$28.02, writs \$33.46, received from clerk \$161.70, deeds \$1, miscellaneous \$120.21, total \$344.39. Recorder—Deeds \$180.25, mortgages \$71.37, releases \$42.20, mechanics liens fifty cents, certified copy \$17.50, miscellaneous \$78.10, total \$455.55.

The following from the Albion Democrat will be of interest to Miss Petersons many friends and relatives here: "Miss Nan Peterson resigned her position as teacher of room 4, of the Albion schools, and left for Duluth, Minn., Friday, where she accepted a position in the schools of that city. Miss Peterson has been one of the most efficient teachers in our schools for several years and her resignation is regretted by patrons and pupils alike. She teaches in the sixth grade in Duluth, where she has greater opportunities and a much larger increase of salary. While we regret her departure from this city, we congratulate her upon her advancement of which she is deserving

The Thanksgiving dinner at the Old Hugh Stewart Homestead, near Wren, Ohio, proved to be a grand success, and a delightful time was enjoyed by all present. The following named persons were present to enjoy the dinner: Mrs. Hugh Stewart, Mrs. Caroline Martin, and Frank Dull and wife of Ohio City, O., Mrs. Mattie Martin, W. W. Stewart and wife, Orville Stewart, Russel Stewart, H. D. Stewart, G. F. Stewart Jonas Stewart and Fred Myers of Wren, O., Dr. J. F. Fitzsimmons and Miss Myra Fitzsimmons, of Bucyrus, O., Ed Hudspeth and wife, Miss Clemmie Hudspeth, Lambert Hudspeth, Lee Hudspeth and James Hudspeth, of Convooy, O., A. W. Dull and wife, Myrtle Dull and James Dull, of Willshire, O., J. M. Stewart, Ireta Stewart and Cary Stewart, of Decatur, Ind.

According to returns received at the office of the superintendent of public instruction the democrats have elected from 650 to 700 trustees out of a total of 1,015, making a gain in the state of at least 300. In 1896 the republicans carried nearly all of the townships and much dissatisfaction has resulted. A law which will enable county auditors to loan the school fund more readily will be asked of the coming legislature. Owing to the maintenance of the six per cent, rate of interest and the fees which the borrower must pay the appraisers, recorder, auditor and other county officers there has been a great stagnation in these loans. The new bill will not provide for a reduction of the rate of interest—as several bills previously introduced have—but for taking off the fees.

The county commissioners met in regular session Monday and since then have made the following record: The petition of Lewis Fruchte to accept gravel road continued. Petition of Benjamin Neusbaum to be appointed superintendent of the Monroe central gravel road was continued, as was also the petition of John A. Mumma for a stone arch. The petition for annexing territory to the town of Geneva was granted. The request of Supt. Graber of the county farm, for supplies was approved. Licenses to retail liquor was granted George W. Nichols of Linn Grove, John Hey of Bingen, Jacob Hunzicker and Jacob Brineman of Berne, and C. D. Murray of this city. A remonstrance was filed against Lewis L. Nichols and the same was not granted. Reports of county auditor, clerk and recorder were approved. The board organized as is customary at the December session, by the unanimous election of Samuel Doak as president. December, 22, 1900 was set to receive bids for the supply of stationery for one year. Bonds were ordered sold on the Monroe Township Central, Pleasant Valley and Oak Grove and William Shoemaker gravel roads.



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- A lot Dress Goods that was 25c to 36c, this sale **18c**
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