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Eastern Dispatch.

The new iron bridge at the Strickler crossing is in.

Easter will be celebrated by the people of the surrounding community to the utmost.

Walter and Hael Hakes visited James Hakes and family near Wren, Ohio, last Sunday.

Rev. Peters preached his farewell sermon at the M. E. church at Pleasant Mills last Sunday.

The funeral of Gus Steavely took place at the M. E. church at Pleasant Mills last Sunday, and of William Winans at the Baptist church last Monday. They both were fine young men, one 28 years of age and the other 35 years of age. They always lived an open and upright life making friends with all whom they became acquainted, and their life has been one which it is safe for us who remain to make an effort to imitate. They were true to themselves and their God, and have gone to reap the reward that is promised to all who lived as they did. In their death the community has lost two good men, and the church two grand and noble men.

Western Spy.

William Elzey and wife Sundayed with their daughter at Decatur.

Mrs. W. D. Rinehart and Grandmother Rinehart are sick with the grip.

Mrs. Henry Westenberger of Ft. Jennings, Ohio, is the guest of W. D. Rinehart.

Miss Mae Lybin who has been visiting at Fort Wayne returned home last Saturday.

We are wondering who our fellow itemizer "Western Spy" is, says the West Root itemizer. It is just me, and I go right straight ahead and stop for no one. Now tell who it is.

Preble.

Mrs. Bert Harruff Sundayed at Decatur.

Supt. Miller gave the pipeline men a pleasant call.

Mrs. C. H. Carpenter is quite sick at this writing.

Dave Werling is running his saw mill in full blast this week.

Dave Werling has his force of 13 men cutting cord wood for his tile mill.

C. H. Carpenter, Bert Harruff and Wm. Laughner were at Decatur Saturday.

Mrs. L. Sickafus gave a supper in honor of Miss Mammie Kellison last Sunday.

Tom Stoneburner made C. H. Carpenter and family a pleasant call last Sunday.

Miss Mammie Kellison and mother will go to Lima, Ohio, to live in the near future.

C. H. Carpenter moved Tuesday into the house formerly occupied by Chas. Hoepner.

Amos Bowman bought the John Kiefer farm for \$2,600, and moved to it last Tuesday.

Ray Carpenter will go to Hicksville, Ohio, to study telegraphy. We wish him success.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann and Mr. and Mrs. Grandstaff paid Dr. Grandstaff and wife a visit Sunday.

Chas. Hoepner will put in his time this summer on a farm raising rabbits, chickens, quail and pigeons.

Chas. Hoepner moved to the Wilson place one and a half miles from here, but he will still continue to run his shop at this place.

Telegraph operators at the oil station have to do their own gauging as the gaugers are laying the steam line to tanks 18, 26, 27.

Peck Werling built a picket fence around his lot and is running his picket saw this week, and is now ready to supply any one in the picket line.

Pleasant Mills.

The high school conducted by Prof. Smith, closed last Friday.

Rev. Sherick filled the pulpit at the Baptist church last Sunday.

Mrs. Joseph Comer is improving some from her recent sickness.

Dr. Vizard was called to Dixon last Tuesday on professional business.

Mrs. D. B. Erwin of Decatur, called on friends here the first of the week.

Miss Artie Archer of Decatur, Sundayed here with relatives and friends.

W. J. Cowan of Decatur, attended the funeral of Will Winans here Monday.

Born, to Dick Boyd and wife—a ten pound boy, last Saturday. All are doing well.

D. E. Morris transacted business at Decatur Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

The funeral services of Augustus Stevely occurred at the M. E. church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Peters and assisted by Rev. Kohn.

Falk's Juvenile Orchestra will give a grand concert at Fuller's Hall, Pleasant Mills, on Friday evening, April 5. Two hour program. Admission 15c. Money back if not satisfactory.

The funeral of William Winans of Fort Wayne, occurred at the Baptist church Monday morning. The funeral services were conducted by a minister of Fort Wayne, assisted by Rev. Sherick, and was very largely attended. Interment in Pleasant Mills cemetery.

Monroe.

Charles Ward left here Monday.

Mr. Bailly is dangerously ill at this writing.

Mr. Reaffy is some better at this writing.

Our stores will soon start out their huckster wagons.

Peter Rich has been running his saw mill lately.

Miss Daisy Gilbert is again at school after a short absence.

Frank Smith came near dying from the effects of over-eating and indigestion.

Sunday school will commence at Smith's Chapel next Sunday. All come.

Floyd Brandyberry had the pleasure of shooting at a wild duck last Saturday.

A new man from Salem has taken the place of B. M. Smith at the blacksmith shop.

Monroe citizens say they will do all

they can to keep the coming saloon from locating there.

Rev. Peters preached his farewell sermon Sunday, and leaves for the annual conference at Elwood, Monday.

Well drilling was commenced on the Wm. Schug place last week. They were down over one hundred feet last Sunday.

We notice that our neighbor itemizer of Linn Grove, is getting pretty strong lines about spring. Hit 'er again, brother.

Boys, don't scare me so. I hear that some boys know me. Probably you do, but don't let on, as I am used to the business and can take a little fun.

Bobo

Wm. Faulk started his hay baler Monday.

John Thatcher started his junk wagon this week.

Some of our farmers are sowing oats between snow storms.

Ida Shaffer commenced her school at Bobo last Monday.

The anti-cigarette movement is growing somewhat in Bobo.

Joseph Johnson moved his goods from Lima, Ohio, to Bobo last week.

Zach Shell and E. H. Hilyard were at Decatur Monday afternoon on business.

Kit Cowan has quit firing on the railroad and will be a brakeman hereafter.

Elzey Jackson moved to his farm last week on the former E. H. Cowan place.

Ben Colter has built himself a work shop at Bobo, where he can be found at all times.

Wilson Gulick was here last week and contracted for a bill of lumber of H. Colter.

G. Chronister will commence the brick work on the M. E. church this week at Bobo.

A large crowd gathered Monday afternoon at the new church building to see the corner stone laid.

Chauncey Samples was elected last Sunday as superintendent of the Brethren Sunday school at Bobo.

Rev. E. H. Peters will attend conference next week. We hope he will be sent back to stay with us another year.

Gus Steavely who lived near Van Wert, Ohio, and was visiting friends at Pleasant Mills, died last week and was buried last Sunday. Rev. E. H. Peters conducted the funeral services.

Magley.

Rufus Franks has moved on the Mankey farm.

G. C. Steele and Earl Kitson drove to Pleasant Dale Sunday night.

William Myers of Honduras, was seen in our vicinity last Sunday.

Rev. Curry of Curryville, preached at the Little Vine church Sunday.

April is here and the people got fooled, for spring is not here yet.

Our farmers are busy building wire fence and getting ready to sow oats.

Archie Shady has left for parts unknown by the people of this community.

Eli Burkhead and family of near Honduras, visited William Barger and family last Sunday.

Ed Ammen was in our neighborhood selling buggies for Atz & Stuckey of Decatur.

John Fencler and family have moved to their future home in Ohio. Welven Smith will go later in the spring.

Quite a crowd got fooled last Wednesday night at the Barger school house by the professor turning the keys on the audience.

Next Friday will be the last day of school at the Barger school. The teacher and the scholars are preparing for a good program in the afternoon.

Cleve Anderson and Frank Myers who left home last January for the wild west, have landed safely in Missouri. The boys are but 15 years old and were reported frozen to death in Michigan last winter.

Another page should be added to Magley's history of society, and Miss Lizzie Conrade shall receive the honor. Last Saturday night about 65 of her friends gathered at her beautiful home in the east part of town for a good old fashioned time, and indeed they had it. After the guests finished a delicious supper they passed into the parlor which was decorated with beautiful flowers. All kinds of amusements were the order of the evening. John Linker furnished the music. Beautiful red carnations were given as souvenirs. The guest of honor was Mr. Bert Anderson of Craigville.

Geneva.

Indiana oil 87 cts.

Plenty of April foolishness and mud last Monday.

Good Friday next, but what to do with it on account of the miserable weather.

The G. R. & I. are putting new balast on this hoo-dooed part of their track this week.

Rev. B. F. Aspy of Eaton, Ind., is in our midst visiting relatives in town and country.

The farmers in this portion of Adams county report the wheat in excellent condition.

J. G. Brenner, one of our deserving old soldiers, was allowed a pension of \$6 per month last week.

Albert Harlow went to work last Monday morning for the Geneva Lumber Co., as foreman.

John Miller left for Indianapolis last Friday, where he will take up his studies in the Voorhees business college.

The city waterworks after a long rest through the winter months, has again been put in operation. Let's drink.

Larry Shell is building a new dwelling house on his lot on R. R. street, recently purchased of Burley Waite.

Jake Zehr went to New Corydon Monday and purchased a fine horse which he will use in his business excursions.

It is rumored that Pete Burke will retire from the restaurant business, and open up a boot and shoe emporium somewhere in town.

The front of the Hotel Shamrock is being brightened up with a coat of paint, a rearrangement of the furniture in the lobby has also been made.

The ladies (God bless them) are hoping for fine weather next Sunday, in order that they may display their Easter millinery to the best advantage.

Notwithstanding the numerous attempts to destroy Hank Finkbone's soup foundry, the plant is still in the ring with Henry dishing it up at five cents per.

S. F. Biteman, formerly of this place but now a prominent merchant at Ceylon, and Mrs. Sarah E. Blythe of Eau Claire, Pa., were married March 26 at Fort Wayne. The happy couple will make their future home at Ceylon.

Linn Grove.

Fred Hoffman left for Mooreland, Ind., Saturday on business.

John Wanner moved from town to the M. L. Kizer farm Wednesday last.

M. J. O'Harra and son Ephraim, of Jay county, made us a social call last Thursday.

Rev. Harry Reynolds and Oscar Hoffman made a business trip to Bluffton Friday.

Prof. B. A. Winans and E. M. Ray, of Berne, and Rev. Lester, of Bluffton, attended the commencement here Friday evening.

We extend our obligations to Judge-elect Erwin for his social call after the conclusion of the commencement exercises.

J. H. Rizer, of Van Wert, Ohio, and Eli Bierie, of Bluffton, Ind., were here representing the Deering harvesting machinery last Friday.

Lawrence Oplinger and Oscar Hoffman left Monday morning to take a college course, the former at Angola and the latter at Bloomington, Ind.

Mrs. J. H. Bryan and children, of Marion, and Mrs. Wm. Seckler, of Montpelier, are visiting their mother, Mrs. Ensley, and other relatives here.

A. W. Merriman and family, of Bluffton, were visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Reynolds, and family over the Sabbath. Her sister, Miss Marna, will remain during the week and assist them in moving from West Linn Grove to the town proper. They will occupy the house vacated by Ed Hugman.

Commencement of the class of 1901 here last Friday evening was an all around success. The speaker, Hon. R. K. Erwin, although indisposed, gave his hearers a rare treat in oratory. His subject, "The Golden Age," which was methodical and very instructive, was a treasure for the mind of the audience as well as of the class and his effort inspired the occasion. The small fee for admission produced some \$24. A residue of \$5 goes to the library fund after the expenses of the class are adjusted.

A reign of joy was supreme in the household of the Ensley Monday evening on receipt of a letter from William, a son and brother, who left for the far west 26 years ago, and from whom they had not heard for more than eleven years, and all had joined in the belief that he was dead. His letter was dated at Anaconda, Montana, March 29, where he has been engaged in labor in the mines. He says after this season he is done reaping his crop of wild oats on the desert and is in the matrimonial market, when he will locate in Jackson county Oregon, where he has already taken up a homestead. His many friends join the family in these joyful tidings.

MARKETS.

CORRECTED BY J. D. HALE, GRAIN MERCHANT, DECATUR, IND.

Wheat, new	70
Corn, per cwt, yellow (new)	55
Corn, per cwt. (new) mixed	54
Oats, new	22 @ 25
Rye	45
Barley	40 @ 46
Clover seed	5 @ 6 00
Timothy	1 50 @ 2 40
Potatoes, per bu.	40
Eggs, fresh	10
Butter	14
Chickens	06
Ducks	06
Turkeys	06
Geese	05
Wool, unwashed	15 to 18
Wool, washed	20 and 25
Hogs	5 00
TOLEDO MARKETS APRIL 3, 1:30 P. M.	
Wheat, new No. 2 red, cash	74
May wheat	75
Cash corn No. 2 mixed, cash	42
May corn	42
Prime clover	6 50

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"In cleverness, address and adaptability the secret service spotter is easily at the head of his profession and even ranks with the trained experts of the European diplomatic corps. It is essential that he should be a man of the world, for he must associate with all kinds of people on equal terms. He has no fixed abode, but lives in various European capitals when he is not on shipboard, where he is much of the time. He must never let himself be in the slightest degree suspected.

"There is always a number of these agents in Paris, because of the great American trade there. They live at the fashionable hotels and live the life apparently of flaneurs and boulevardiers. In all lines of trade that concern dutiable goods they are experts, and no large purchase by an American in Paris is unknown to them. Their circle of acquaintance is enormous, but nobody knows them for what they are. In one way or another they contrive to make the acquaintance of any person whom they suspect and unostentatiously but unrelentingly trail him.

"Many a time some man who has made a heavy purchase of diamonds or furs and so disposed them that he felt sure of being able to get them through the port undiscovered has been passed on the dock by a chance acquaintance of the voyage over who, unseen, presses a little note into the hand of the customs inspector. That note tells all the while the smuggler would wish to keep secret, and his baggage is mercilessly ransacked until the hidden articles are brought to light. He has been followed over by the spotter. Men employed in this line get good pay—as high as \$10 a day—but it costs them much to live in the manner in which they must maintain themselves."

was burned to death. His clothes caught fire from a brush heap which his father was burning.

**Fend Terminates Fatally.**  
Louis, Ky., Feb. 25.—Dick Vinson shot and killed William Thompson Saturday night. On meeting they renewed an old quarrel and Vinson opened the firing.

**Pretty Children**

"We have three children. Before the birth of the last one my wife used four bottles of MOTHER'S FRIEND. If you had the pictures of our children, you could see at a glance that the last one is healthiest, prettiest and finest-looking of them all. My wife thinks Mother's Friend is the greatest and grandest remedy in the world for expectant mothers."—Written by a Kentucky Attorney-at-Law.

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