

A traveling preacher held short meetings in front of the court house yesterday, but his doctrine was not taken hold of readily and he was unable to hold a crowd.

A mechanical show in the John Smith building has been boing quite a business this week and is really a curiosity in its line. The company will remain through the week.

A beautiful piece of Battenberg work is being disposed of at Niblick's store. The article is a thirty inch center piece, made by a well known Decatur lady and is valued at twenty-five dollars. If you are an admirer of fancy work look at this and inquire for particulars.

County Superintendent Brandyberry is utilizing the fair weather and good roads in visiting the schools of the county, he being compelled to at least once a year visit every school in the county. So far this fall the weather has been in his favor, and he has been making good use of it.

D. M. Hensley, C. K. Bell, Charles Colter and several other Decaturites will go to Rome City Saturday, for a several days hunt and fish. Game of all kinds is plentiful at that place just now and the boys will get their share. Get ready for your share of the distribution if you are listed among their friends.

The circuit court has been occupied this week in hearing the case of Evelyn Eckert vs E. Fritzinger and it looks now as though the case would take up the rest of this week. Attorneys L. C. DeVoss and C. J. Lutz are appearing for the plaintiff and D. E. Smith and A. P. Beatty for the defendant.

The Studabaker block is fast reaching completion and bids fair to be as handsome a block as the city affords, and that is saying much. It is three stories, two business rooms on the ground floor, the second for office rooms and perhaps the third for lodges or other similar use. It is complete in modern architecture and as handsome as they make them.

Word has been received from the crowd of hunters who left ten days ago for Idaho, saying that they arrived at Priest River safe and sound last Saturday after a pleasant trip. Game of nearly every kind is plentiful and the boys are enjoying life as only possible on an excursion of this sort. They will be home in about three weeks with all kinds of tales and tails.

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The Bobo Methodist Episcopal church has been duly and truly dedicated to the service of God. The services were held last Sunday in charge of Rev. T. M. Guild, of Huntington, and that gentleman did his duty well. The sum of \$2200 which was the indebtedness on the building was raised and nearly a hundred dollars more. Almost \$1900 of the amount was raised at the morning services and the rest at the evening meeting. Rev. Guild was assisted by Rev. N. P. Borton, of Hamilton, Rev. Kohn, of Willshire, Rev. Cremin of Collett, Rev. Bunner of Woodburn and by the local minister Rev. E. H. Peters to whose untiring efforts the edifice will ever stand as a monument. Through that gentleman's earnestness the membership of the church has been added to, and the members already belonging strengthened, much good work has been done and a \$5000 house of worship has been erected. Rev. Peters is certainly to be congratulated and admired. Sunday crowds were very large and the new commodius building was too small for the many who wished to attend.

Rev. J. T. Leeper of Fort Wayne conducted services at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening. Large congregations were present at both hours and Rev. Leeper was attentively and earnestly listened to.

An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Selking who live north of the city died Sunday evening of cholera infantum, age about six weeks. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon from the St. Paul Lutheran church.

We feel sorry for the man that does not read his home paper. He is no better than the man without a country. He is like a homeless cow, without pasture, grazing promiscuously on weeds and thistles. No matter what other papers he may read, the solid straightforward citizen insists upon having the home paper.

Judge-elect Erwin sticks pretty close to his farm these days, with a view of taking on all the fresh air possible prior to taking his seat as judge of the twenty-sixth judicial circuit, succeeding Judge Heller, who for the past twelve years has earned laurels as a jurist. The change will take place November 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Meyers have received the glad announcement that they are again grand papa and mamma. The tidings come from Bellefontaine, Ohio, and the new arrival who is a ten pound young lady has been named Anna Harding Pifer. Everyone concerned are doing nicely and the grand parents are proud as you can imagine.

Miss Lucile Bryson leaves today for Denver, Colorado, where she will remain during the winter. Her health has been excellent since her return home and her friends believe she will continue so. However, her physician advised her to spend the cold months in a warmer climate, and thus take no chances on a relapse which might prove serious.

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Our city has been in darkness for a week past so far as street lights are concerned, on account of one of the machines at the electric power house burning out. The machine was sent to Fort Wayne at once and will be returned in time to turn on the light by Saturday night.

The following is the list of Democrat readers who have paid their subscriptions this week: W. L. Mattox, C. W. Yager, D. P. Bolds, George W. Bolds, J. W. Hendricks, Jacob Keifer, Norman Lotzenhizer, Marion Andrews, J. E. Mann, Gay & Zwick, Joseph Stegmeier, J. Lotzenhizer, J. E. Ellsworth, John F. Snow, J. Bevington, Henry Hilderbrant and J. H. Helm.

The commissioners were in session Saturday during which time they made a temporary loan for \$6,200, to take up outstanding gravel road orders, the work being done under order of the road supervisors in 1900. The bonds draw five per cent, and were divided between the Old Adams County and the Decatur National Banks, their bids being the same.

The soon-to-be Judge Macy, of Winchester, was in the city Monday looking after a little business in the Adams circuit court. He will succeed Judge Marsh on the bench in the Randolph circuit court as soon as the latter assumes the duties of pension agent for Indiana, a federal administrative appointment with a \$400 salary attached.

A merry crowd of young people were nicely entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Bryson on Fifth street Saturday evening, the occasion being given in honor of their daughter, Miss Lucile, who leaves today for Denver, Colorado. Dancing and games together with refreshments made the evening delightful and one which will long be remembered by the guests and hosts.

Have you ever thought what it takes to make a good first-class citizen. If not, permit us to inform you that a good citizen is a man who takes pride in his town, pays his honest debts, speaks well of his neighbors and friends takes his home paper and pays for it, patronizes home merchants and enterprises; who doesn't squeeze every twenty-five cent piece until the agonized screams of the eagle can be heard a mile away; who will bathe and change his shirt at least once a week, and will see that the woman he loves doesn't have to use a fence for a clothes line or break up old barrels and dry good boxes for fuel.

Quite a number of Decatur people were at Fort Wayne Monday and Tuesday evening and witnessed the famous drama "Mistress Nell," as played by one of the leading actresses of America, Miss Henrietta Crossman. The play is certainly all that is claimed for it, and the players the best on the road. The company played seven continuous months to crowded houses in New York City and the managers of the Temple at Fort Wayne had to put up a guarantee of \$1,800 to get them. Miss Crossman became famous by appearing for several years as the star in "As you like it," and she is said to be the equal if not the peer to Julia Marlowe.

Last weeks Bluffton Banner tells of an application for divorce in the Wells Circuit court of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woods well known here as follows: Ada Z. Woods wants a divorce from Joseph L. Woods the blacksmith, and she also asks the court to give her the custody of their two children and for an order to compel Joe to support the three. She makes the allegations that Joe has been eternally drunk ever since they were married and that for the last week he has not been sober at any time but has stayed about the house abusing her. His drinking is always coupled with trouble for her and she is no longer able to bear his assaults and infidelity, curses and assaults and left for her home in Wren, Ohio, today. They were married on the 21st of November, 1889, at Van Wert Ohio, and since that time have lived in Decatur and Bluffton and on a farm near Wren, Ohio.

The jury in the case of Rosella Boone against James M. McCarty and his bondsman, Charles Van Gorder, Victor Roehm and Adam Rosignat, complaint for damages, demand \$2000, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$1,750. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant sold intoxicating liquors to her husband and while in an intoxicated condition he fell into a vault in the rear of defendant's saloon and was suffocated. Boone disappeared last November and 11 days after his disappearance his dead body was found in the vault. Mrs. Boone has eight fatherless children and she brought suit to recover damages for the death of the father as they depended on his earnings for maintenance. Boone was employed on the construction of a building at the soldiers' home and soon after receiving his wages went to McCarty's saloon and became intoxicated and was about the saloon during the day and night. Mrs. Boone stated on the witness stand that her husband did not return home the night of November 30, and on the following morning a search was made for him. Eleven days later the body was found by Sheriff Bradford.—Marion Chronicle.

An official of the C. B. & Q. was asked recently why his road took such an interest in the International Live Stock exhibit which is to be held in Chicago, November 30 to December 7? "It is very simple," was the answer. "During 1900 our line brought into Chicago 612,000 head of cattle, and their estimated weight was 734,000,000 pounds. Now suppose by interesting the farmers from all over our 8,000 miles of road, they come to the live stock show, see the splendid exhibits—the largest and finest in the world—realize the difference between high grades and scrubs, see the extravagance of putting good feed into poor stock, and so by encouraging them to breed better animals, which when fat would weigh 10 per cent more than the old sort, it is plain that our tonnage on this class of freight would be increased to the extent of 73,440,000 pounds. An item of considerable importance. The annual live stock exhibition at Chicago is a big thing for the country, the farmers and the railroads. Don't forget that for a minute."

Two more tramps have discovered that Decatur is not a comfortable stamping ground for men of their character. They were arrested last Thursday and taken before Mayor Beatty the following day. That officer listened attentively to their tale of woe, then promptly ordered them to try the bread and water diet at the county jail for three weeks.

The Adams county record of marriages has been decorated this week by the filing of licenses which have been issued to the following parties: Otto H. Oberline and Matilda Hoffman, J. E. Briggs and Zoe L. Pelham F. S. Peterson and Lizzie Leyse, Paul Baumgartner and Kate Jackson, J. H. Gentis and Fruy Neusbaum.

J. E. Mann an old Adams countyite now living at Hugoton, Kansas, remits for an advance subscription to the Democrat, which paper he compares favorably with the St. Louis Republic. He says that black leg has still sold a car load of yearlings at \$25 a head, and will have another car for sale in a few weeks.

Miss Sophia Mangold one of the popular central girls for the telephone company is doing special work this week. She is at Geneva instructing the young lady who is to take charge of the office at that place. Mrs. Bothkins who has attended to the telephone business at Geneva since its inauguration has disposed of her restaurant and a new manager for the phone become necessary.

Miss Mary C. Stetler, of Pleasant Mills, died at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stetler, Monday evening about five o'clock. Only a few days ago her health broke down completely and a stroke of paralysis made recovery impossible. Her illness, however, had been threatened for some time and for several years her physical condition has been quite poorly. She was about thirty years of age and was well known here where she lived for a number of years. The funeral services will be conducted from the St. Marys Catholic church in this city this morning. Interment at the St. Joseph cemetery.

Dr. J. W. Vizard, of Pleasant Mills, attended the Lexington, Ky., races last week and by the way purchased two fine blooded horses. The one, Cuprite, by Expedition, a three year old pacer with a trial record of 2:31, and the other, Edna Simmons, by Simmons, a trotter with no mark, but who has a colt with a record of 2:18. Among those prominent in the bidding was Senator Bailey, of Texas, and who owns a large stock ranch not far from Lexington. It was a great week and we expect Dr. Vizard to soon be taking us down the line at a clip that will make the hair stand up straight.

Hilty Bros., of Berne, were in town last Friday and purchased of Friesinger & Co. a handsome three-year-old stallion colt, which is as fine a piece of horseflesh as was ever displayed in this country. The colt is a full blooded Belgian, weighing 2,020 pounds. He is a beautiful brown and bears the French name Monieau. When landed at New York he was picked as the favorite out of the entire ship load and the New York Herald said of him. "Monieau is the best colt ever shipped from Belgium to the United States." Not every community can boast of such a horse and Hilty Bros., who are hustling, energetic young men may well feel proud of their possession. They paid the very neat sum of \$3,000 for the animal and he is certainly worth it. Hilty Bros. own another fine stallion and bears the French name Monieau. When landed at New York he was picked as the favorite out of the entire ship load and the New York Herald said of him. "Monieau is the best colt ever shipped from Belgium to the United States." Not every community can boast of such a horse and Hilty Bros., who are hustling, energetic young men may well feel proud of their possession. They paid the very neat sum of \$3,000 for the animal and he is certainly worth it. Hilty Bros. own another fine stallion and bears the French name Monieau.

Scarcely a day passes that the sheriff or marshal does not receive communications from some place in the state describing lost horses and soliciting their assistance in locating them and capturing the thieves who seem to be operating all over Indiana. They receive more inquiries for stolen horses than for all other matters combined. In most cases but very little attempt is made on the part of the officials throughout Indiana to capture horse thieves and that is one reason why the illegal industry is thriving as it is. The reason for it is lack of interest on the part of the officers. It is plain, however, and they are not to blame for the condition of matters in this respect. They are offered no inducements to spend their time in hunting for horse thieves and no funds are in sight to recompense them for the outlay to which they would be subjected in their efforts to capture the thieves. No funds have been set apart to be devoted to the use of the officers in chasing this class of thieves to earth. To correct this existing evil and rid Indiana of horse thieves a concerted movement has been started to have boards of county commissioners in the different counties in the state petition the county councils to make appropriations and have a fund set apart to be devoted to the use of the officers in chasing this kind of criminals out of the state. The expense of officers will be met and they will be compensated for the captures made. By doing this the officers will take an interest in tracing and capturing horse thieves.

Herman L. Conter assumed the duties as manager of the Burt House yesterday morning, succeeding E. E. Risen who has been with the house for the past few months. The Burt is one of the most popular hotels in Indiana and with Mr. Conter as manager will increase in favor and prestige among the traveling public. He has all the elements contained in a successful landlord and some time we expect to see him in sole possession of a popular competitor of the famous Waldorf Astoria.

New cases filed this week are entitled as follows: State ex rel Edward B. Haefling vs. Joseph Rumschlaugh. Road supervisor of district No. 4, Washington township, petition for alternative writ. Frank E. Extie vs. William Swigart, et al., partition. State ex rel Drucilla Urick vs. Henry Albertson, paternity. William P. Mallonee vs. James M. Blossom, et al., suit to quiet title. Charles E. Passwater vs. Barnabas Everett, acct. and foreclosure of mechanics lien. Mary F. Brandyberry vs. Jesse Brandyberry, divorce. German Building and Loan Association vs. Charles and Estella Haviland, foreclosure of mortgage, demand \$250. Charles Adams vs. Charles Hotaling, et al., mechanics lien, demand \$125.

Indianians who have been to Washington recently, bring back the information that President Roosevelt will put the rural mail delivery under civil service rules about the first of next year. To some of the Indianians he made the positive declaration that it must be put under such regulations. From his conversation his callers gathered the impression that he will touch on the subject in his message to congress. The rural mail delivery department has been something of a refuge for spoilsman ever since it was established, and the information that the president proposes to take the advanced steps has not met with favor from all the politicians who have heard of the intended move. Indiana, is interested, since the state is regarded as the birth place of rural mail delivery. More territory is now covered in Indiana than in any other state, and plans are just being made to extend the service to many places in the state.

Charles Dunn, charged with the murder of little Alice Cothrell, at Wallen, Allen county, is on trial for his life this week. The case is being heard by Judge O'Rouke, of the Allen circuit court and a jury of twelve good and tried men. The case began Tuesday morning and will probably conclude some time the latter part of next week. Henry Colerick is leading counsel for the defense and E. V. Emerick, prosecuting attorney is conducting the case for the state. The trial is creating intense interest not only at Ft. Wayne but all over northern Indiana. The crime is well known to most of our readers, having been committed it is supposed July 2, last, but the girl's body was not recovered until five days later. To sum up the whole case in a word, Charles Dunn is charged with having committed or attempted to commit, in lustful passion, a nameless assault on little Alice Cothrell, and that to seal her lips he choked from her frail and already outraged body her young life and sought to bury in his cistern from the sight of men the twin crimes with which he had stained his soul. The evidence against the man is circumstantial, but said to be very strong.

Civil and criminal cases have been disposed of in the Adams circuit court this week as follows: State vs Henry Steid, defendant arraigned, pleads guilty and fined \$10 and costs. W. S. Hughes et al vs Susanah Acker et al, motion by defendant to tax certain costs to plaintiffs sustained and ordered. Evelyn Eckert vs Erastus Fritsinger, all depositions on file in this case ordered published. Motion by defendant to suppress questions and answers in depositions. Jury impaneled and case now being tried. Town of Geneva vs George W. Hamma, change of venue granted to Jay county; same entry in the three other cases against Hamma. Patrick K. Kinney vs John Depew, set for ninth Thursday to hear motion for new trial. Harmon Thomas and Hannah Erhart vs Frederick Thomas et al; report of sale and final reports filed and approved. Mary E. Johnson vs John S. Johnson, divorce granted and \$200 alimony, plaintiff to have custody of two youngest children. Peter Holthouse vs Jonas Neuenschwander, treasurer Adams county, demurred overruled and answer filed. Lillian Gates vs John H. Gates, divorce granted and plaintiff's former name of Lillian Smith restored, plaintiff prohibited from marrying for two years. Wm. J. Meyers vs James N. Fristoe, reset for tenth Tuesday. Francis Kizer et al vs Silas Kizer et al, report of sale and of payment to \$1,600 purchase money filed, commissioner ordered to make distribution of amount in his hands less costs and expenses. City of Decatur vs Frank Schumacher, judgement of fifty cents and costs. Fannie D. Morgan vs Orvaldo Morgan, support, judgement for defendant. National Cycle Co. vs Schafer, Son & Loch, demurred by defendants overruled. Williams & Flickinger vs C. L. Ayres et al, motion by defendants to have complaint made more specific. Frank France vs James W. Place, demurred by plaintiff to answer to complaint, answer filed to second paragraph of complaint. Lewis C. Miller vs Peter Rich, dismissed at cost of plaintiff. V. T. Shimp vs Constance O. Shimp, appearance of D. B. Erwin as attorney withdrawn. William Ward vs Elizabeth France, demurred overruled to each paragraph of answer. W. P. Mallonee vs James M. Blossom et al, affidavit and motion for publication as to four of the defendants.