

DR. CANADA

Ophthalmic Specialist.

Practice limited to the correction of defects of the eye. Glasses fitted to relieve strain, with its numerous functional symptoms; to improve vision and for loss of accommodation due to age.

REFERENCES THE BEST.

At Dr. Coverdale's office, at Decatur, Ind., First Tuesday each month

The home of Dr. S. D. Beavers was the scene of quite a lot of excitement Monday morning about seven o'clock. On getting up this morning he, as usual started the fire and the pipes leading from the cook stove to the hot water tank became over heated and in connection with the water and pressure and also a flaw in the plumbing caused a terrific explosion, completely demolishing the stove and tearing off the cellar door. Undoubtedly had not the water begun to flow all over the kitchen there would also have been a fire in connection with the explosion. Mrs. Beavers had just been up to the stove and had turned to get some pepper to season the meat she was frying, when the explosion occurred and luckily she was not injured. Had she been next to the stove she would have undoubtedly been killed outright. The jar from the explosion was felt in several of the houses near by and neighbors rushed over to ascertain the cause.

The first regular meeting of the board of commissioners as lately organized was held Monday. In the absence of Commissioner Abnet, Mr. Werling acted as president, and the following business was disposed of. The sale of the extension of the Decatur and Monroe macadam road, known as Thirtieth street road, was ordered sold Tuesday February 2. R. E. Smith and Samuel Soldner as viewers and George E. McLean as engineer, were appointed to make estimate and report on East Washington and Decatur and Monroe macadam roads, and Joseph Hook and Samuel Doak on Oak Grove and Pleasant Valley, Monroe Township Central and Oak Grove and Pleasant Valley extensions. Jonas Neuenschwander and Samuel Doak viewers on Geneva, Ceylon, Wabash township road. The viewers on the E. W. France road petition was filed, which favored vacation, and was approved by the board. Tomorrow will also be a lively day, there being the sale of three macadam roads, and the annual reports of the township trustees.

The Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette says: The law of 1903, extending the terms of certain county officers, will in all probability be attacked in the courts of Allen county. It is claimed that the law is unconstitutional, and if the courts so decide Mr. Jacob Funk will serve but two years as treasurer of Allen county and other officers whose terms were extended will also retire at the end of the periods for which they were elected. The act of February 11, 1903, extended the terms of a number of county officers. This abrogated the election of a county treasurer in Allen county next year and gave Mr. Funk the republican incumbent, three years instead of the two contemplated in the old law, as well as extended the terms of the prosecuting attorney and county assessor. Judge S. M. Hench first raised the question as to the constitutionality of the all, and as a result it is probable the matter will be carried into the courts for a decision. Judge Hench holds that the constitution explicitly provides that the county treasurer for instance shall hold office for two years, and shall not serve more than four years out of any period of six years, and that the legislature has no authority to extend any officer's term over the time fixed by the constitution. According to this theory the democrats of Allen county may elect a treasurer next fall who will take his office on January 11, 1906. Judge Hench says that, while it is true there are no decisions of the supreme court to sustain the law of 1903, the point involved in the question has never been passed by that tribunal.

Will Martin, the young man from Peterson, and who it was feared was a victim of the Iroquois fire at Chicago, was located at Oak Harbor, Ohio. When he left here some two weeks ago he spoke of going to Chicago but changed his mind and went to Ohio. When it was stated that a body had been found upon which was a watch bearing his initials some feared it was he and that he had gone to Chicago after all. Saturday evening Gus Rosenthal who is a good friend of Wills wired to relatives at Oak Harbor and received a reply in a short time that Will is there as safe and sound as ever. This will be good news to the many friends of the family.

Elias Crist went to Indianapolis this week to attend the annual meeting of the county assessors. At this meeting the rate of valuation for the ensuing year will be fixed. All the assessors will be present and from their data and reports, a fair estimate of what property should be valued at can be obtained. There will likely be a number of changes in many of the rates. Each year sees a difference in the values of different products and properties and it is the purpose of these meetings to see that the valuation is always fair for all. Indiana assessors have the reputation of being the best organized body of any in the state. They get along with their work with less friction than any of the other states and much of this is due to the fact that before each assessment, meetings are held, a uniform plan of action decided upon and every assessor carries out his part of the program to the letter.

An inventory of the personal property at the county infirmary was taken Friday by J. H. Hobrook and John H. Meyers. Present also were William Miller, David Werling, Samuel Doak, T. H. Ernst, Henry Schulz, Albert Butler, Vance Buckmaster, S. A. M. Butoher and Clark J. Lutz. The inventory shows a total of nearly \$8,000, divided as follows: Farm implements, \$938.20; farm products, \$277.50; farm products for table use, \$684.31; groceries, \$100; dry goods and clothing, \$250, household goods \$1,346. Cattle \$1539. Hogs, horses and sheep, \$1559, total \$7697.01. The list includes thirty-six head of cattle, eighteen sheep, sixty-eight hogs, two mules, five horses and 200 chickens, all excellent condition. The farming implements are modern and in good shape. The report made shows that Mr. Graber has on hands the following grain raised in 1903: 1500 bushels of corn, 300 bushels of wheat, 500 bushels of oats, 40 bushels of barley, about thirty tons of hay. The report is a splendid one and should meet the approval of every one.

You may talk about inquisitive people but the crowd that was at the Clover Leaf depot today beat them all, when Mr. and Mrs. N. G. W. Winner stepped out of the bus. This couple without doubt, are the smallest married couple now in the United States. Their respective heights being 36 and 35 inches, their age 34 and 25 and their weight 42 and 40 pounds. They were passing through this city enroute to Warren where they will exhibit themselves next week at the Globe Clothing Store. They make this their business and exhibit themselves all over the country, the firm paying them so much a week for telling their history and boosting trade for the store. Mr. Winner stated to a Democrat reporter that he had traveled with numerous shows in his life and while thus engaged he met his present wife at some small town in Ohio and after a year's wooing she consented to become his wife; that was three years ago and they have since that time made their home at Monticello, Iowa, he also stated that they have all kinds of offers for next season as they are a great attraction, being six inches smaller than Tom Thumb and his wife, but he says he is tired of show life and prefers his present way of making a living. He is bright, intelligent and polite young man, and she a brilliant young lady and they will always make their way through the world. They do all their date making and have no advance agent thus saving themselves money. This couple stood for more than the average person and answered each and every question put to them in an easy and polite manner, and looked relieved when the train came in.

An important meeting of the members of the Baptist church was held Sunday Rev. E. J. Beardsley who has served as pastor for several years tendered his resignation owing to his failing health. The resignation was accepted by the members with sincere and earnest regrets. Church officers were elected as follows: Organist, Ota Scott, assistant organist Fanny Rice; clerk, Mrs. Al Fristoe; Chorister, Ima Everett; Financial secretary, M. F. Rice; treasurer, Wilda Watts; Treasurer of the church will be elected two weeks from next Sunday, a three weeks notice being necessary. The following Sunday school officers were chosen: Superintendent, Curtis Campbell; assistant Ota Scott; secretary, Myrtle Watts; treasurer Mrs. John Everett; organist, Ruby Miller; and librarian Inez Coverdale.

The elective and chosen officers for ensuing term of Decatur Court 156, T. B. H., were installed by H. Harruff on New Year's night and are as follows: Past Chief, G. H. Laughrey; Chief, J. L. Gay; Judge, Mrs. G. H. Laughrey; Teacher, Mrs. Martha Hay; Scribe, Mrs. M. V. Dailey; Keeper of Tribune, E. Brushwiller; Captain, Earl Butler; Guide, Adam Weis; Keeper of Inglegate Mrs. W. E. Butler; Keeper of Outer Gate, Wm. B. Teeple; Rabbi Joseph, Jno. P. Spiller; W. H. Sheler, assistant Master of Ceremonies, Jno. Ray; H. M. Daniels, assistant; Harrius, A. Van Camp; Ben Hur, Curtis Barkley, Ernst Steele assistant; Mother of Hur, Mrs. H. Van Camp; Trizah, Gertude Blosser; Hebrew Women, Mrs. L. Cordua, Miss Marsart Hoyer, and Mrs. Katie Burrell; Roman Soldiers, Scott Bixler, Jno. Springer and F. L. Yohn; Auditing Committee, G. H. Laughrey, Mrs. Flo Bain and Mrs. Martha Hay; Relief Committee, J. L. Gay, Mrs. Nora Butler, Mrs. Mary Tester, Mrs. H. Weis and W. M. Worden; Grievance Committee, U. S. Cress, E. M. Peoples and Mrs. H. Shackley; Executive Committee, H. Harruff, Morris Hay and Charles Colter.

After several years of hard study and persistent labor, Harvey Segur the well known millwright and mechanic of this city, has about succeeded in perfecting a machine one of his own invention, which bids fair to make him famous as an inventor and to revolutionize the manufacture of egg case fillers. The machine makes the straw board fillers complete from the raw material, more quickly and with a less waste of material than any machine now on the market. This advantage alone demands for the machine a place in the filler industry, but it has other features that go to make it a winner. It is by far less complicated than the filler machines now in use, contains few breakable parts, and can be erected at a less cost. The machine is a radical departure from those now in use and every idea involved was developed by the inventor. The idea of improving on the machine now in general use, first occurred to Mr. Segur several years ago when he was employed at the Coil Filler Factory, which was moved from this city to Muncie last year. He started to work immediately designing a new machine and at length after overcoming the many difficulties which arise in the doing of such a task he perfected his machine and sent in the designs to Washington to secure a patent. The patent was easily secured and Mr. Segur started to work at once at building a machine for actual use. He made arrangements with the Carroll Machine Company of Bucyrus, Ohio, one of the largest machine builders in the middle west, to do the work. The job was done under the direct supervision of Mr. Segur who worked uninterruptedly at Bucyrus for almost six months. Several weeks was the first working machine ever constructed after the new patent was given a test and it worked admirably. Every advantage claimed for it by the inventor was demonstrated and success was realized. Those who are unacquainted with the filler industry do not realize what such a machine is like but to state that it costs almost \$3000 to build one gives an idea. Mr. Segur has moved the machine to this city where it has been set up in the red mill of the Decatur Egg Case Company on Jefferson street. Mr. Segur is still at work on the machine some minor defects being remedied, after which the mill to manufacture fillers may be put in operation though this fact has not been fully determined.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the estate of Sarah Surang, late of Adams county, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

DANIEL SPRANG, Executor.

Dec. 15, 1903. 41-3

Clark J. Lutz, Attorney.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator with the will annexed, of the estate of Charles H. Fuhrman, late of Adams county, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

CLARK J. LUTZ, Administrator.

Dec. 12, 1903. 41-3

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned is the guardian of the person and estate of Hannah Elzey, a person of unsound mind, will, by order of the Adams circuit court, on and after

Monday, January 18, 1904,

offer for sale at the law office of E. B. Lenthart, room 3 and 4, St. Peter's block, in the city of Decatur, in the county of Adams and state of Indiana, the fee simple of the following described real estate situated in the county of Adams and state of Indiana, to-wit:

The west half of in-lot No. 400, in Nuttman's addition to the town (now city) of Decatur, Indiana, on the following terms and conditions, to-wit:

Terms cash on day of sale. Appraised value \$800. No bids received for less than full appraised value.

E. B. LENTHART, Guardian.

Paul G. Hooper, Attorney. 41-4

Notice to NON-RESIDENTS.

State of Indiana, county of Adams, ss:

In the Adams circuit court, November term, 1903.

Frederick Reffe, vs. No. 6,096
John Clipinger, et al. Complaint to quiet title.

It appearing from affidavit filed in the above entitled cause, that John Clipinger, Mary Clipinger, a true christian name, et al. and numbered 6065 upon the dockets thereof, the plaintiff unknown, whose names and address are to be given by Mary Clipinger, whose names are to be given by the plaintiff unknown, of the above named defendants are non-residents of the state of Indiana.

Notice is therefore hereby given the said

WITNESS, my name, and the Seal of said

SEAL of court hereto affixed, this 29th day of December, 1903.

ELMER JOHNSON, Clerk.

By James P. Haefling, Deputy.

Clark J. Lutz, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Mary Louisa Carrill, et al. vs. No. 6095

Peter Kintz, Jr., et al. Complaint to quiet title.

It appearing from affidavit filed in the above entitled cause, that Amanda O'Connell, Elizabeth Kuhn, David Kuhn, Andrew Kuhn, Sarah Kintz, Matilda Lye, Albert M. Lye, Mary Lye, Franklin Lye, Anna Lye, Richard Haefling, his wife, Ellen Haefling, his wife, that they are to appear before the Hon. Judge of the Adams Circuit Court on the 23rd day of February, 1904, in the same being the 29th Judicial Day of the next regular term thereof, to be held at the building in the City of Decatur, commencing on Monday, the 1st day of February, A. D. 1904, and plead by answer or demur to said complaint, or the same will be heard and determined in their absence.

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By James P. Haefling, Deputy.

Schaefer & Smith, Attys for the Plaintiff.

Notice of COMMISSION'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned, commissioner, by virtue

of an order of the Adams circuit court, made

and entered in a cause to quiet title, et al.

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