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The prohibitionists of this congressional district will meet at Muncie March 3, to hold their district convention.

Henry Bussick and family of Do-wagiac, Mich., are here, the death of the former's mother occurring about a week ago. They will return home next week.

The Berne Lumber Company are branching out with a number of substantial improvements in their business. They have been successful and the future looks even more so.

Among those who attended the funeral services of Frank Railing were the following from Lima, Ohio: Mrs. Meyers and son, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Bennett and family, Ed Railing Mrs. Martha Woods, Jack and Dick Hubbard.

The Jeffersonian Club a political organization of state reputation, will have a meeting of its officers this evening to make arrangements for their annual banquet. These feasts are world wide for their social qualities and oratorical efforts.

According to Attorney Addison C. Harr is of Indianapolis the law extending the terms of certain county officers is unconstitutional. A suit to test same will be instituted. This being the case county treasurer will have to be nominated in this county.

There will be no news of consequence about the congressional primary before February 12, as by that date every precinct committeeman will have reported to Chairman Fry-singer, and designated to him the places of holding this election and the names of the inspector in charge of same.

The stockholders of the Willshire Canning Factory have perfected a permanent organization, Henry Althone being made president, F. G. Schinnerer vice president, August Brown treasurer, E. Brown secretary. Five directors were also elected. The erection of the factory building will be taken up at once.

Mosie Krohn, a Decatur gentleman of leisure, accompanied by a couple of boon companions, drove to Willshire, Tuesday. While in town Mr. Krohn was initiated into the secret mysteries of several new fangled jokes—such as the "dog story" and the "referee's decision." Mr. Krohn was an apt and willing candidate.—Willshire Herald.

The Yager family are in receipt of a letter from Charles B. Harris, expressing sympathy with them for the death of their father, Leopold Yager and his old friend. Mr. Harris formerly lived at Goshen and traveled for a furniture house. He is now and has been for many years in the Consular service, U. S. A. at Yagaski, Japan. He is at the very center of interest in the Russia-Japan war.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the People's State Bank of Berne held Tuesday afternoon the following officers were elected: Directors: P. W. Smith, R. R. Schug, Samuel Egley, J. P. Habegger, E. D. Engeler, J. C. Schug and Abe Sprunger; officers: J. C. Schug, President; J. P. Habegger, Vice President; R. R. Schug, cashier and E. D. Engeler assistant cashier. Other private business was transacted.—Berne Witness.

B. Michaud, of Van Buren, passed through here today enroute to Berne, at which place he will attend a meeting of the Berne Hay & Grain company and assist in electing officers.

Word was received here Monday giving the sad news of the death of Miss Fannie Stone of Albion, Indiana after a short illness. She was known to a number of Decatur people.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Finch have arrived home from several months honeymoon trip to Harman, Tennessee and will make their future home. Mrs. Finch was formerly Miss Maggie Wyant.

It is figured out by some one that the average traveling man, preacher or teacher talks 12000 words a day. Has anybody computed the speed of the jawsmith "knocker" who wags his chin all day in saying nothing.

Hiram Slabaugh, of Columbus, O., who was called here on account of the sudden death of his father, was compelled to return home this afternoon, a little son being very sick with typhoid fever. Columbus is undergoing a terrible seige of typhoid at present, 854 cases being reported.

It is thought that the champion hog raiser of Monroe township, Godleab Christner, can beat the Union township man. He marketed thirty-two hogs weighing 310 a peice, netting him \$473.96. They were all young, smooth hogs. How is that for the township where the corn grows tall and green?

The delinquent tax sale this Monday was not attended by a very large multitude, and the bulk of the few sales made were taken in by B. W. Sholtz, W. H. Niblick, D. S. Weikell, and Sam Simison. The number of sales made were hardly worth sticking in your eye, it being about the smallest imitation of a delinquent tax sale that could possibly be recorded.

A sled load of young people of this city, consisting of Milton and Luther Hower, Frank Earns, E. Steele, Forest Elzey and Harry Dibble, and the Misses Alta Dibble, Iva and Lillia Steele, Cecil and Grace Harbs, Lillia Tucker, Myrtal Claim and Georgie Ferral drove to the home of James Steele seven miles west of the city Thursday night. The evening was pleasantly spent till a late hour when the guests returned for their homes, wishing Mr. Steele and family many more such occasions.

Garret Voglewede, a farmer living about four miles west of the city, had an accident, last Thursday, that is surprising that it did not result in death. He went into the hay mow of his large bank barn to throw down hay to do his evening's feeding, and from what we can learn, he slipped in some mysterious manner and fell to the barn floor below, striking same with considerable force, alighting squarely on his head and shoulders. We were unable to learn how serious he was hurt, but did ascertain that no doctor has yet been called, however, there is no doubt but that he was considerably bruise and jarred up.

Attorneys J. T. Merryman and D. D. Heller returned Thursday from Portland, where they have been engaged all week in the trial of the case of Wheeler et al vs Walker et al, a suit taken to Jay county from here. The case was one brought to contest the will of Eliza Wheeler, deceased and was filed a year ago. The plaintiff was represented by Jacob Butcher, Geneva D. D. Heller of this city and Denny of Portland and the defense by J. T. Merryman of Decatur and LaFollette & Adair of Portland. The case was tried by a jury and was a hard fought battle throughout. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant after about three hours deliberation, the first ballot standing eight to four for the defendant.

A bunch of keys was found Saturday by Peter Conter at the corner of Fifth and Nuttman streets, which the looser can have by calling at this office.

What is the world coming to. Now comes Editor Keefer of the Ossian News, as the owner of a real automobile. When newspaper people get so reckless what may be expected from the common herd.

Plans for Dell Locke's new Bliss Hotel is now under way, and before long work upon the construction of the hotel beauty will begin. When completed the Claypool at Indianapolis will have a rival.

The promoters of the Cincinnati, Bluffton & Chicago railroad want to extend their road, and have asked Huntington county for a subsidy of \$125,000. The matter will be settled by a vote of that county on March 22.

Mrs. Mary LeBrun, the mother of Alex. and E. H. LeBrun, is very sick with la grippe. She is eighty-seven years of age and will be hardly able to pull through. She came to this country sixty-two years ago and has always lived in Adams county.

Louis C. Zwick, of Stalehorst, Nebraska, who has been visiting relatives in this locality for several weeks made us a pleasant call today. He has lived in Nebraska about five years, owns a good farm and is well pleased with his location. He will return in about two weeks.

Garret Voglewede who fell from his hay-mow Friday night and was so badly bruised is reported as being a little better this morning. He would have undoubtedly have been killed outright had not he fell in some filled grain sacks that lay on the barn floor.

Esq. J. H. Smith put on his ministerial garb and Saturday night united in marriage Clyde Wolfe and Ida Durbin, of Jefferson township, and last evening he performed a like service that made Charles A. Townsend and Ethel M. Barkalou husband and wife.

The Methodist Year book for 1903 is a book of over 500 pages of information in regard to the progress of the church membership this year is estimated at 302,800 an increase of 29,2655 over 1902. There are at present 28,212 church buildings, representing an aggregative value of \$131,203,120.

J. A. Blossom, a former resident of Monroe, but for some time located at New Castle, has moved to Loantsville, Randolph county, where he has accepted the management of the Indiana Novelty Works. He is son of J. M. Blossom, and a son in law of George H. Martz and is otherwise well known here.

Bert Wolfe returned from Fort Wayne yesterday afternoon, where he was attending the Poultry Show, and at which place he had on exhibition his finest Belgian Hares and in this exhibition he took all the premiums in different classes except first and second on buck and second on doe which prizes were won by Lawrence Reinking of Fort Wayne. Bert states that the show was one of the finest that he ever attended and is highly elated over his success in winning prizes which fact will undoubtedly encourage him to further efforts in raising these fancy hares and to branch out further in this kind of breeding. He also stated that he would attend the Fort Wayne poultry show every year as the treatment afforded him being was of the highest order.

Valentine day is scheduled for the 14th day of February and already the offering to the patron saint of that day is beginning to put in an appearance in Decatur stores. The wholesale dealers throughout the country report an unusually heavy advance order from retailers for valentines, and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of these productions will be disposed of during the season. The general tendency of this year's valentines is more toward art productions than the hideous caricatures and the imsy lace paper affairs with bunches of flowers, cupid and doves gummed on here and there. Arrows and hearts, cupid and his effective poetry are still leaders for the epistles of the matchmaking day, but productions are more artistic some of them being handsome enough for the recipient to want to keep. The smitten swain may blow in from \$10 to \$15 for a valentine if he so chooses. Comics are as funny as ever, but the artistic touch of caricaturists is in evidence. Offensive penny dabs are to be superseded by hitting pictures that are funny but not stinging.

Frank Davis bid in the construction of the Aumiller ditch, the same being sold at the Auditor's office. The bid was \$458.

A nine pound girl baby has appeared to brighten the home of Henry Koenemann, and Dr. J. S. Boyers, attending physician, informs us that everyone is getting along nicely, even Henry.

The delinquent tax sale this morning attracted usual number of buyers of this class of tax titles. As usual the number of sales was small and the choices of profit likewise small.

"Doc" Grandstaff was in the city after just completing a campaign on the public roads which were blockaded several days on account of the snow drifts which stopped traffic for several days.

A letter from Lima, Ohio brings the news of the serious illness of a brother of Harvey Haruff of this city. The illness is of several days duration and much anxiety is being expressed.

Berne's equipments for the fighting of fire has been strengthened by the exchange of their old fire engine for a combined gasoline or hand engine, and is adjustable to either hydrants or cisterns. The purchase is a good one.

Jack Stout of Jay county, has plead guilty to the charge of attempting criminal assault on Ida Garringer, aged thirteen. In preliminary examination he plead guilty and is in jail under a bond of one thousand dollars.

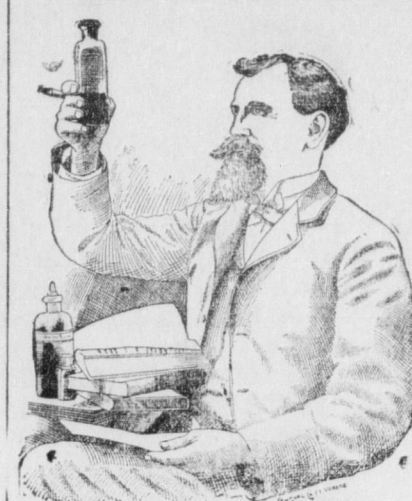
Dr. J. L. Smith, county auditor, celebrated his fifty second birthday yesterday and in honor of the event entertained the members of his official staff, the county commissioners, County Assessor William Eggerman and Sheriff George Stout at the Ohneck cafe. A box of choice cigars was on tap all afternoon in his office and all callers were invited to enjoy a smoke. The doctor says he is beginning to feel old, but his friends all vow he doesn't look it.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Many of the girls employed at the Zero Mitten factory, are leaving this institution and seeking work elsewhere. Some of them have gone to Decatur and all the factories in this vicinity have been reoccupied from the ranks of the Bluffton crowd. The reason given by most of them is for leaving is the new scale. While the factory men claim that the girls can make as much money under the new scale as they could under the old the girls say that they can't and they are not by any means satisfied.—Bluffton Banner.

The council meeting last Tuesday night developed nothing new except that the franchise recently granted for installing an electric light plant was not accepted by the parties to whom it was granted. The gentlemen did not even put in an appearance before that Honorable body to give reasons for remaining silent on this important matter; so it is presumed that the affair is dropped for the present. At least the Board is now considering putting in a sewerage system and expect to take definite action soon.—Geneva Herald.

The election of a county treasurer this fall is causing the local democrats to scratch around among their grey matter, in solution of the matter, in view of the fact that their county ticket is already selected. Many have indicated their belief that a county convention would be the easiest, cheapest and most satisfactory way of squeezing out of the dilemma. They argue that the election of delegates by popular vote of the precincts, giving one delegate for every twenty or twenty five votes, would be an expression of the popular vote, and that it would not take much time or money to make such nomination in this way. The meeting of the county central committee which has been arranged for February 1, will no doubt take the matter up and reach some conclusion for its proper and satisfactory disposition. The committee no doubt, are as much at sea as any one else, and will appreciate any good, sound advice that may be advanced. Wells county democrats are up a tree on a nomination for sheriff, and are not talking of holding a primary election some time next August. There are but few counties effected, and they will simply have to inaugurate a plan of nomination in some way, and complete their ticket.

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Willard B. Suttles as administrator of the estate of Eliza J. McConnehey, will sell at public sale at the east door of the court house on Tuesday, March 15, five lots in the McConnehey sub division of this city.

An organized gang of desperadoes have been trying for several weeks to wreck the Southern Pacific railway trains. Recently a man was discovered tearing up the track near Fresno, California. This is the town where Harry Winnes formerly of this city, lives. Papers have been received here from Arthur Miller giving thrilling accounts of the attempts of the wreckers. The company are doing all in their power to prevent an accident, the track being paroled by 500 armed men. The company have offered a reward of \$10,000 for the arrest of the gang.

Rev. Dr. Sulabee, a native of the Orient, preached at the Presbyterian Church, morning and evening Sunday and was very interesting. He told many of his experiences and the audience last night, after listening attentively for an hour and a half were loath to have him quit talking. He was driven from his native country for having accidentally broken a bottle of wine on the street, it being a believe there that the man who owned the store, the sidewalk in front of which had been defiled by wine would die within three weeks unless the person causing same was put to death. Rev. Sulabee then a boy fled and came to this country. He landed in New York, 7000 miles from home, without a friend and penniless and though the master of seven languages could not speak a word of English. He was a shoemaker by trade, secured a job, and worked his way through school, beginning in the primary grade and completing the high school course. He graduated from a western college and afterwards from the Rush Medical School, winning first honors in surgery. While in Wisconsin he met with a terrible accident his feet being frozen so badly that both had to be amputated though the defect is not noticeable, so advanced has become the art of building artificial limbs.

Bids were received and opened last Saturday by John J. Soldner, Trustee of Monroe township on a one room school house and Fred Huffman of this city proved to be the lucky man, his bid being the lowest and he was consequently awarded the contract. The bidders and bids were as follows: Julius Haugk, \$3,387; Fred Hoffman, \$3,395; Christ Stauffer, \$3,560; Joe Liddy, \$3,575, and Levi Schnapp \$3,690. The school house although small will be modern and up-to-date in every respect, and the awarding of the contract speaks very highly of Mr. Hoffman's ability and close figuring. Oscar Huffman of this city is the architect.

With a smiling countenance and cheerful salutation Rev. William E. Hinshaw Saturday night ended his 60 days of unattended liberty under parole, when at 9.15, the noon train on which he traveled from Indianapolis being delayed, he opened the prison door and briskly walked up to the clerk's window to report his return, says the Michigan City News. Chief Clerk W. A. Garner and the attendants present gave him a cordial reception and congratulated him on his appearance of excellent health. Because of the uncertainty of the belated train neither Warden D. Reid nor Chaplain H. L. Henderson was in the office to greet the returned prisoner, though the former called on him a short time later and chatted with him very pleasantly for a few minutes. From the reception hall Rev. Hinshaw was passed into the iron cage where, after a warm hand shake with each of the half dozen guards on duty there, he was changed from a free man to a convict and sent to his old cell. It was all very simple and exceedingly pathetic. The two months of unhampered freedom were very sweet to him, he said, and it was a heavy cross to leave his aged mother at a time when her life is apparently within a few days of its close; but he bravely bore the long afternoon's journey alone and made his way from the station to the prison unattended, and the confidence reposed in him by the parole board was in no wise violated.

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