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Miss Bertha Fronfield, of Van Wert, Ohio, is visiting in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fronfield.

The Young Matrons club will meet Friday afternoon with Mrs. J. S. Peterson, on Winchester street. A good attendance is desired.

A letter received from Mrs. A. R. Bell states that Irene is recovering fine, being now able to sit up most of the day and states that she will be restored to her former health in a short time.

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The Grand Rapids depot was the scene of a little amusement Tuesday evening as the 4:31 train pulled in when two young people stepped off with all the ear marks of being just freshly and newly married. Their actions were amusing and when it came to passing the phalanx of hotel hustlers the groom gave it up and asked the young lady which hotel she preferred. Their trunk was beautifully and artistically decorated with old shoes some nailed on and other shied. Beautiful verses, especially manufactured for the occasion, large and ornamental signs and a large poster warning the conductor where to put them off. It certainly was amusing to the small audience there but on looking at the groom you could notice that he did not enjoy the scene very much but the bride didn't seem to mind it at all and tried to help her young husband out as much as possible. For their appearance there is no doubt in our mind but that the young lady had taken advantage of her leap year rights and proposed to him as she seemed to entirely lack that one great element, nerve.

The reputation of Decatur as a base ball town is certainly still before the public as would seem by the number of letters that Dee De Vinney is receiving each day from teams desiring an early date in this city for this coming season. Among some of these are Celina, Fort Wayne and Lima and which three teams played against Decatur last season and all of them losing by small scores, but in the letters received it states that owing to the fine treatment afforded them they desire a return game for this season. The earliest date asked for is by the Celina team, they desiring March 27th. This in all probability will be a little too early for the management here as the season will not open here until some time in April at which time all teams desiring dates will be accommodated. A meeting will be called some time during the latter part of this month and a team will be organized and arrangements made to get good teams to come here during the coming season and from the records made last year and the material developed, Decatur should have an awful strong team for amateurs. It will be the intention of the team to play only Sunday ball, and the majority of the games to be played here. The grounds will be put in first class condition and moved back closer to the grand stand, thus affording a better view from this point. As soon as possible we will give to our readers the line up of the team for the coming season.

The law office of R. S. Peterson and insurance office of John S. Peterson are being removed today into the Niblick block, in rooms over the Winnes shoe store where they are ready to greet their friends and clients. The rooms formerly occupied by them over Everett & Hite's grocery will in a few days be the home of Schurter & Smith, attorneys and abstractors. Both firms extend a hearty greeting in their new quarters.

Uncle John Rupright, of Adams county was in the city today. He says that the republicans in the ninth precinct of Preble township Adams county are in a terrible state of mind over the prospect that they will be disfranchised from voting at the coming district primary. There are only two republicans in the precinct—not enough to fill the places on the election board—so that they can't hold an election in the precinct. The two voters cannot vote in another precinct and cannot import voters to help them fill out the election board.—Bluffton News.

James Madison Fisher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fisher of near this city, died Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock at his home at Bluffton after an illness of a week with pneumonia. He lived here until a few years ago and learned the barber trade at Lose & Shranks shop. He leaves a wife and two children, the youngest of whom is very ill and it is feared can not recover.

Other relatives are the mother and father and four sisters, Mrs. Joseph Beery, Mrs. Jacob Eady, Misses Alice and Bessie Fisher, all of this city. James was popular here where he was reared and the family has many friends who extend sympathy. The funeral services will be held from the M. E. church at Bluffton Friday afternoon at 2:30.

A change in the time table of the Grand Rapids railway will take effect February 14th, and will be as follows: No. 4 due here now at 2:19 a.m. will be discontinued being replaced by No. 6 leaving Grand Rapids about 8:00 p.m. No. 7 the Sunday north bound train will be discontinued north of Fort Wayne, it will however run as usual on Sunday between Richmond and Fort Wayne. No. 3 which now leaves Cincinnati at 11:30 a.m. will make them just about on the old schedule of 3:17 at Decatur. This train has been arriving here at 4:31 p.m. Other trains passing Decatur will continue about the same as usual. All the traveling passenger public are requested to take notice of the same or the result will be that you cannot reach your destination when you desire.

The city of Decatur is about to lose one of its best citizens in the very near future, as James K. Niblick is contemplating very seriously moving on his farm three miles east of town. As we understand the work of getting ready to depart for their new home is now progressing and by the fifteenth of this month everything will be in readiness to start the transfer of the household goods. Although the city is looser one of its most reliable citizens he will still be practically among us, as he will reside in this county, and still make Decatur his trading headquarters. James has a very good farm and he feels that he is better able to work the same and get better results than he could realize out of a tenant. We regret very much to see Mr. Niblick make this move, but we join with his numerous friends here in wishing him a successful farmer life.

The state board of agriculture yesterday voted to hold the state fair this year. With the assistance of the commercial interests of Indianapolis have offered, the board felt that the fair would be a success notwithstanding the competition of the St. Louis fair. The fair will be held from September 12 to 17, the week assigned to the Indiana board by the managers of the circuit of the state affairs. The members of the board were of the opinion after the fair was decided upon that they could get the best fair in the history of the organization. As large premiums will be offered this year as ever before. The board, however, has contracted the premiums in some lines and increased them in others—policy which, it is thought, will enhance the popularity of the fair. The board will offer in premiums \$18,000. Secretary Doding will immediately begin arranging the preliminary work of the fair.

Several people have informed us that they are already putting away two or three dollars a week to provide a fund with which to see the St. Louis world's fair.

Charles Detro has been running about town several days with a smile all over his face, all on account of a seven pounds girl baby making its arrival at his home. Both mother and babe are well.

The annual state jubilee of the Knights of Pythias lodge is scheduled for this week. The convention will be held at Tomlinson hall Thursday, February 11. This meeting will be one of the largest, if not the largest and most important of state lodge gatherings for the year and the attendance will be bigger than at any previous K. of P. state jubilee. One thousand candidates will be initiated at the meeting, the work to be performed by the crack Dayton, Ohio team. Each lodge in the state has been requested to send a candidate. Among the features of the jubilee will be a huge spectacular parade in which all the uniform ranks of the state will take part. Many thousands will be in the procession and to the company presenting the best appearance, both in numbers and in neatness and exactness of drill a valuable prize will be given. Many prominent men of the order will be present at the convention including grand state officers and national officials.

Warner Cutting of Bluffton was in the city Friday looking for Bart France whom he wishes to sign as a pitcher for the Bluffton for the coming season. Bluffton as you will remember is in this new Indiana League which was recently organized, and which is allowed only two salaried men and desire Bart as one of them. The ball fans became infatuated with his good work last season when he pitched against Bluffton for Decatur and at a meeting of the stockholders of the team recently Cutting was authorized to sign Bart for Bluffton and in case they are able to land him will use him to pitch nothing but Sunday games. Bart is a coming pitcher and last season won many games for Decatur by his cool and ready pitching and if Bluffton is able to secure him they will capture a good man, and a coming pitcher. Cutting stated before he left that he would probably go to Huntington where Bart is attending school and have a talk with him.

Arthur Beery figured in an exciting runaway accident yesterday and required the services of a physician to dress his wounds. He was driving a team hitched to a sample wagon. The horses became frightened when near the Adams County Bank corner and plunged along about a square and a half before they stopped. The distance was short but great enough in which to wreck the wagon several dollars worth. When near the W. H. Niblick home, Arthur was thrown out, his head striking the frozen street; he was run over and dragged a short distance. He was taken to the Beery & Holthouse barn and Dr. Clark summoned who dressed the wounds. Arthur received three severe cuts, each one inch long, on top of his head and his face was bruised some and his right foot was badly fractured. People who saw the accident feared would be a fatal one. Arthur showed his nerve while handling the maddened horses.

It has been learned that the Panhandle and Clover Leaf railway companies have come to an understanding concerning the liability for the wreck that occurred at the intersection of their tracks in Kokomo on Christmas morning, last, in which five Marion people were injured. The Panhandle company is held wholly responsible and will adjust the claims of the seven persons who were injured and who have laid in claims for damages. It appears that the conclusion has been reached that the accident was due to the fact that the Panhandle switch crew was using a defective locomotive, one that leaked steam so badly that the right of way was obscured from the engineer's view most of the time and that he ran onto the crossing of the two tracks fully supposing that the Clover Leaf train had cleared.—Marion Leader.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lutz and daughter of this city were in this week and Mrs. Lutz has not yet recovered from injuries received at that time.

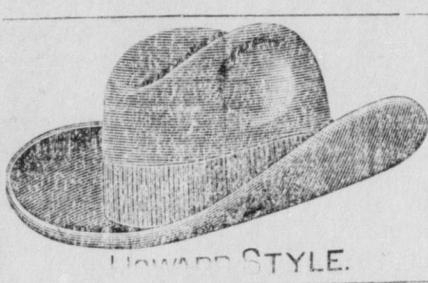
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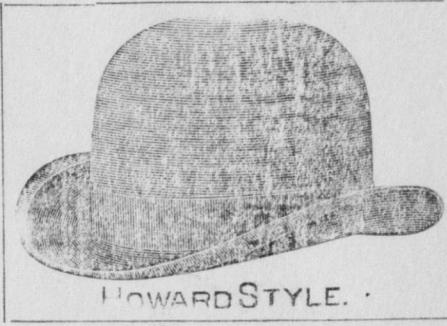
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Decatur, Indiana.

A dispatch from Wapakoneta, Ohio says: The factory of the Findlay Nitro glycerine company, ten miles north of here, blew up at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening, but no one was injured. Wapakoneta was badly shaken by the explosion. The shock was felt at Dayton and Fremont, sixty miles distant, and at Lima 1,000 window panes were broken. The loss will be \$1000.

The explosion was plainly heard and felt in this city and many people hurried from their homes to ascertain the cause expecting to hear of some terrible and horrible accident. Within twenty minutes, the Democrat had the news displayed in their bulletin window.

The Murray Hotel parlors were jammed chuck full of republicans Friday night in answer to an invitation to give Hon. Morley N. Dunlap a reception, and to bid him God speed in his race for the nomination for congress against the Hon. George W. Cromer. The double parlors were lined thick and fast and the majority of those present were old line leaders of high standing with their party. They remained there enthusiastic to the last, the guest of honor not arriving until after nine o'clock, he having missed connection for an earlier train. When he came they gave him the glad hand in a way that would make any candidate for any office feel that it was good to be there. He was well received and brought encouraging news to his hosts of the party who are anxious for a change in congressmen. He is evidently bearing up under a canvass that is already becoming warm and which during the next few weeks will get down to a boiling heat. Mr. Frank Snyder and Editor Braden of Portland, mingled with the people, the former indulging in one of his characteristic and flowery speeches in which the congressional situation was thoroughly canvassed. In all it was a pleasant evening and they claim lent great encouragement to the anti-Cromer cause in Adams county.

Had Mr. Dunlap been on duty earlier he would have had the pleasure of shaking hands with at least 200 people, the most of them personally interested in his success.

Luther Collins was released from jail yesterday, having filed a bond to the entire satisfaction of the Adams circuit court. The bond is in the sum of \$1000 and provides for his appearance in court at the proper time. It was signed by the defendant and eight good freeholders, including John Smiley father of the dead girl. Others who signed the bond are W. F. Johnson, J. M. Foreman, P. W. Dietsch, P. T. Waters, H. Rutledge, C. F. Wagner and W. A. Thompson. Collins was in consultation with his attorney C. J. Lutz several hours this morning and left on the noon train for his home at Chatanooga. He still claims his innocence and says he can prove it. The case is certainly a strange one, the affidavit against Collins having been filed by George Smiley accusing him of having caused the death of Malissa Smiley and now the bond which releases him is first signed by the dead girl's father. Perhaps the future will clear the mystery, at present we shall not attempt to do so.

John W. Terrel, who is under conviction for the murder of his son in law, Melvin Wolfe, last July, paces the corridor of his cell in the county jail, at Bluffton a raving, frantic maniac. For some time those who have been intimately acquainted with him and who have frequently visited him at the jail, have noticed that he was not the same man, mentally that he was during the progress of the famous trial. However, Monday night was the first evidence he gave of being entirely unbalanced. During the night he arose from his cot, went to his safe and took there from a number of papers. These he piled on the floor and applied a match, with the result that they were entirely consumed. During his confinement in the jail, Terrel has been looking after his own business affairs and has had his safe right in the cell with him. What the exact contents of this safe were no one knows, but it is certain that it contained papers of great value and a considerable amount of money. It is thought that a portion of his money was also burned up by the man during his period of violence.

H. H. Harruff has received a box of opals and other jewels, a dozen in number, from his son Russell, now employed on a newspaper in Mexico City. The jewels are beauties and are highly valued by Mr. Harruff. Russ writes that he is getting along nicely, has a good position, and is busy in his efforts to master the Spanish language, without which one is almost at sea in that country.

An affidavit was filed yesterday against O. J. Bayes, charging him with embezzlement, and if captured the young man will possibly serve a term for the state. The papers will be filed in circuit court by Prosecuting Attorney John C. Moran upon information given by a former employer, L. A. Graham. Bayes came here fifteen months ago from Garret, Indiana. His home is at Wauseon, Ohio. After arriving here he was idle for several months when he was finally employed by Mr. Graham as an insurance solicitor. He proved a clever fellow and for a year worked faithfully. His services were appreciated and he was almost a member of the Graham family with whom he lived. However it seems he did not appreciate the opportunity given him to make a man of himself, for last September Mr. Graham discovered that he had misplaced his confidence and that Bayes had collected notes and premiums on insurance policies for a considerable amount and appropriated same for his own use. Even then Mr. Graham was loath to make any trouble for the young man and gave him an opportunity to work out the amount thus stolen from him and to help him in any other way possible. Bayes has acted independent and has made no effort to replace the money. Recently he has been engaged in putting out a directory at Berne. He completed his work there last Friday it is said and has left the county. If he comes back it will no doubt be in charge of an officer. He was quite popular among young people here and his actions were those of a gentleman consequently this charge comes as a surprise.