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John Pontius, one of the stardwart young democrats of Hartford township, was here on business, having delivered one of his fine horses which was sold to buyers here. He says his brother, Clinton Pontius, is just recovering from the effects of a few broken ribs, the result of a fall.

The price of oil took another slump yesterday of three cents over making the market price for Indiana pt \$1.23. This is still a very fancy price for oil and the producer hates to see the price fall. This will have no effect whatever upon the work in the field, and oil men again look for oil to take a boom in the course of a few days.

If your uncle has an aunt who has a nephew whose wife has a cousin that is married to an old friend of your wife's sister, whose grandfather used to live in the same town with an old schoolmate of yours, whose son in law is now in St. Louis, you should at once renew the acquaintance with a view of saving hotel bills while attending the Worlds' Fair. This scheme can be worked successfully in many instances.

Judge Erwin yesterday overruled the plea in abatement filed in the criminal suits brought upon grand jury indictments and in which it was alleged that Editor Rohrer had packed the jury. The particular case at bar was the State vs Samuel Sprunger, charged with selling liquor without license. Evidence was heard and the place overruled. The same plea was filed in seven other cases and this decision will apply to each. They will be tried next week.

Jonathan Adair who lives one mile east of Hoagland had a very serious accident last Saturday which resulted in his having his right leg broken and being badly bruised otherwise. The accident happened in the following manner: Mr. Adair was taking a heavy load of wheat to the Monroeville market and while driving slowly along, the wagon slipped from the road way in some some unforeseen manner on the ice completely overturning the wagon, hurling Mr. Adair and his team into the ditch and the wagon on top of them. Relief soon came and Mr. Adair was freed from his precarious position with the above results. The team was also considerably bruised up but it is believed will eventually be all right.

Hon. John W. Tyndall of Decatur, was nominated Thursday afternoon, by acclamation as a candidate for joint senator of Adams and Allen county. The convention met at Fort Wayne at two o'clock and that building was packed with democrats of the counties. Senator Ullery was made chairman of the meeting and P. T. Breslehan of the Journal-Gazette, Secretary. Committees on credentials and resolutions were appointed. On call for nominations Judge R. K. Erwin in a very able manner presented the name of Mr. Tyndall and the convention went wild. The nomination was seconded by W. H. Reed of Fort Wayne and Senator Steve Fleming moved that the nomination be made by acclamation. The motion carried amid the cheers of Tyndall admirers and the nominee was presented and made his maiden speech to Allen county democracy. The honor was modestly received by Mr. Tyndall who is already a popular candidate in this county. Speeches were made by several other prominent democrats and the convention was a genuine love feast.

Mrs. Robert Blackburn recieved a letter from Whittier today stating that the condition of her mother Mrs. Charles Miller was no better, that she was growing weaker ever day and that the end was not far off. All the children who are now residing in the west have been summoned to her bedside.

A deal has been consummated whereby a new firm is in existence in Decatur, their name being Meyer & Scheiman. The members of the concern are Henry Schie-man, the well known stock man and Eli Meyers who for several years has conducted a livery stable here. Mr. Scheiman purchases a half interest in the stables, the consideration being \$2000. They will add some new equipment and make the barn one of the finest in the state. They will also continue in the stock business in which Mr. Scheiman has been engaged and expect to do a flourishing business. Both men are clever, popular and conservative business men and are bound to meet with the success they deserve.

Next Sunday afternoon a meeting will be called by the Decatur base ball players to make and complete all arrangements for the National game to be played here the coming season. The meeting will be held at the Columbian Club rooms and every one who is interested in base ball is requested to be present at this meeting. The boys will at this time elect a captain, manager, secretary and treasurer who will have full charge of the team. New suits will be ordered, the ground fixed up as soon as possible and the season opened up as soon as the weather will permit. Good ball was played here last season and every one who witnessed the same received their money's worth, and it is the intention this season to give the patrons good games as only dates of this kind will be accepted. The opening date and who with will be announced the first of next week.

Tuesday was Al Gerards birthday and seemingly this event slipped from his mind, at least his wife got him away from home on some pretext or other long enough for a number of his friends to assemble and give him cause to keep the same in memory for years to come. To say that he was surprised would hardly express it and it took Al some time to recover from the effects. The evening was enjoyably spent by playing numerous games and a good time in general was had by all present. Mrs. Gerard showed her ability as a hostess by setting before her guests a sumptuous repast, which all freely partook of. Those present that enjoyed themselves were Messrs and Mesdames Campbell, H. Cordua, A. Graber, J. Eady, Geo. Gerard, Mrs. J. Barnett, Mrs. Patten, Mrs. Rose, Mrs. Ramey, Miss Myrtle Watts, Miss Della Everett, Miss Orpha Barnett, James Fristoe, John Spuller, Fred Ashbacher and Cyrus Weaver.

The regular session of the city council was held Tuesday May- or Coffee presiding and every member present. Clerk Dallas M. Hower read the minutes of the meeting of February 16 and the report was duly approved. A resolution was presented by S. W. Peterson providing that suit be instituted against the Toledo, St. Louis & Western railway to force them to provide a flagman at the Line street crossing and to collect from said railway company the sum of two dollars per day as provided in the ordinance adopted January 5. There was no second to the motion and it failed. The purchasing committee was authorized to secure a plat of the city and to arrange for numbering the houses for free delivery, a number for every twenty two feet being the proposed plan. Bills were allowed as follows:

Telephone Co., messages,	\$ 10 00
Brittson, Myers & Co., goods,	3 15
John Thomas, labor	80 93
A. Vancamp, goods	27 35
L C Helm, pay roll	48 00
John Coffee, salary	45 84
D. F. Teeple, drayage	5 16
L. T. Brokaw, city com	17 50
Jacob Mangold, salary	45 00
Amos Fisher, salary	45 00
M. J. Mylott, pay roll	161 50
George Steele, pay roll	219 90
Geo. E. McKean, salary	40 00
Jacob Eady, brush	75

Council adjourned to meet this evening in continued session when the Elm street sewer question is to be discussed.

Congressman Fred Landis has filed charges against A. F. Kinsley postmaster at Hartford City and demands his immediate removal. He charges him with getting too busy in politics, holding political caucuses in his offices and spending time out of the office to attend to political business.

Sylvester Wolf, aged eighty six years, five months and five days, died Tuesday morning at one o'clock at his home in Root township from a complication of diseases. Mr. Wolf had resided in this county for fifty two years and had always been a respected citizen and a worthy neighbor. He was a member of the Baptist church and was a hard and consistent worker for the church and a firm believer in God's truths and the doctrines of Christianity. He leaves six daughters and two sons to mourn their loss, his wife having preceeded him seven years ago. The funeral services will be held Thursday at one thirty o'clock at the Baptist church in this city. Dr. Beardsley and Rev. E. E. H. Pontius officiating. Interment will be made at Maplewood cemetery.

The much advertized hog sale of J. D. Nidlinger occurred yesterday at the Riverside barn and was a big success. Forty three sows all well pedigreed were offered for sale and forty three were sold under the hammer of the auctioneer. The sale started promptly at twelve o'clock and continued until every animal had been disposed of. A number of outside buyers from Montpelier, Indianapolis, Chicago, Fort Wayne, Marion and numerous other places were present and the bidding was spirited throughout and some very handsome prices realized for the stock. The sale was conducted by A. G. Madden of Kingmond, Ind., H. B. Carrell of Hartford City and Col. Fred Reppert of this city, and these three famous auctioneers kept the crowd in good humor throughout, and the best prices possible were obtained by them. Mr. Nidlinger is becoming famous all over this section of the country as a fancy hog raiser and the foreign buyers fully realize that when John advertizes a certain kind of stock for sale that he will keep up to his standard, his methods being thoroughly honest and upright in every respect and he treats all buyers alike. John gives two of his famous sales a year, one in the fall and one in the spring, and makes it his business to put the best he has on the market, thus insuring the buyers a full blooded animal.

Jerry Archer and family will leave within ten days for Sanford, Michigan, where they will make their future home. There are no better people on earth than this estimable family and the fact that they are popular here was fully confirmed Tuesday when more than a hundred of their friends took part in an old fashioned dinner given at the Archer home west of Pleasant Mills. During the day the older people held forth and the evening was in command of the young folks who made good use of their opportunity to enjoy life. Among the guests were Messrs and Mesdames Dayton Winans, Lou Springer, Brown, Smith, Messrs. Fuhrman, Zerkle, Hower, Miller, Steele, David Archer, Earl Archer, Bertie Smith, Martin Beery, Harry Smith, Wilson Miller, Lou Bright, F. Payne, Harold Steele, Warren Payne, Wilda and Harry Fuhrman, James Myers, Charlie Springer, Jess and E. Faust, Charles Mattheson, Charles France, R. Johnson, Charlie Johnson, Carl and Cal Myers, Orval France, Perry and Ray Smith, Will Miller, Tom Fairchild, Lee Shilling, Dick and Ray Winans, Sherman and Carl Archer, Pat Malderick, Henry Graber and Carlos Faust. Mesdames Miller, Zerkle, Johnner, Hower, Fuhrman Alva Hower, Steele, Graber, Payne and Misses Eva and Susie Archer, Anna Miller, Anna and Ella Zerkle, Florence Smith, Dora Hower, Linnie Steele, Della Cowan, Edna Ashbacher, Lillie Payne, Wilda, Ada and Iva Fuhrman, Goldie Shoeff, Jessie, Gladys, Laura and Velma Springer, Nettie Johnson, Pearl Ward, Allie Bender, Minnie Bender, Gussie Smith, Nettie Archer, Ethel Winans, Olive Barnett, Verney and Stella Davis, Mollie Miller, Stella Barber, Martha Fairchild, Mary Shilling, Lizzie Graber, Lula Johns, Rena Bright and Elva Zerkle. The Democrat acknowledges receipt of a box of delicious cake as a souvenir of the happy day.

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### COURT ITEMS.

Ada Emery vs Lawrence Emrey, case set for trial March 7, 1904.

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State vs Jonathan M. Andrews, motion to quash affidavit overruled.

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Citizen Bank of Portland vs Atty. and George Bolds, dismissed and costs paid.

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Abraham Boegly vs John Weger et al, reply filed, defendants answer to complaint.

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Henry Nelson vs John S. Bowers, suit on account, demand \$100 set for trial Monday March 21.

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Mary F. Swartz et al vs Minnie M. Swartz report of commissioner filed and approved in open court.

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Mary Carries et al vs Peter Kintz et al, submitted a finding for plaintiffs, that each is owner of real estate as set out in complaint.

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In estate of Ida Williman, Wm. Frazier administrator filed inventory number two. Petition filed to sell personal property, so ordered.

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In circuit court Tuesday morning Jacob Brenneman filed naturalization papers, Schruger & Smith filing the petition as his attorneys.

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A new case was filed entitled George Aumiller, guardian of Frank Aumiller, a minor vs Mary D. Downey et al complaint for partition.

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Members of the Adams County Bar were smoking real cigars this morning in honor of the recent marriage of one of their worthy brothers, Hon. C. M. France.

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David Wheeler vs Mary E. Glendenning, finding that plaintiff is owner of two fifths of lands described in complaint. Samuel Oplinger and George O. McKean appointed commissioners and ordered to report at present term of court.

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Michael Smith vs George Apple-

man, damages evidence heard by agreement of parties the court finds for plaintiff and assesses damages at ten dollars, defendant restrained from cutting any green growing timber, each party to pay half costs.

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Mary F. Swartz et al vs Mina M. Swartz, D. B. Erwin appointed guardian ad litem for defendant, finding that plaintiff are owner of land as set out in petition. David Mauler, A. R. Wolf and R. A. Drummond appointed commissioners to divide said real estate.

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The case of Abraham Boegly vs John and Maggie Weger, mechanics lein, demand \$250, submitted, evidence heard. The plaintiff is represented by Attorney C. J. Lutz and the defense by Daily, Simmons & Dailey of Bluffton and D. E. Smith and Erwin & Erwin of this city.

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In the estate of Isreal Stoneburner, finding that interest of John B. Stoneburner has been assigned to Larua Marker to amount of \$265.69 and to Daniel Weldy for \$177.61. Clerk ordered to pay Laura Marker and to turn rest of money over to D. E. Smith, assignee.

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Hons. S. Barrett and Judge Vesey of Fort Wayne and C. C. Buell of Chicago and J. T. Merryman appeared in court as lawyers in the case of Alexander Taggart vs Northwestern Virginia Oil Company in which E. X. Ehinger was appointed receiver some time ago. They asked for rulings upon some cross complaints that were filed in the case.

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In the matter of the assignment of John B. Stoneburner a petition was filed to settle and compromise a claim filed and it was so ordered.

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John B. Stoneburner vs estate of Isreal Stoneburner, claim of \$50 allowed by agreement.

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The case of the state vs Ohio Oil Company, maintaining a nuisance and which has been on the docket

for several years was dismissed on motion of Prosecutor Moran.

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Franklin E. Feltz vs William S. Smith, tried before special judge D. D. Heller, judgment rendered on special findings of facts that the plaintiff is the owner in fee simple of certain real estate in Bluffton, and that the defense is perpetually enjoined from claiming said realty, and that he convey said real estate to the plaintiff, and that in default of which a commissioner be appointed to make said conveyance. It is further ordered that the plaintiff have and recover of the defendant the sum of \$1045.51, with interest at six per cent without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve a chicken pot pie supper at the church Friday evening from five to seven o'clock. This supper will certainly be a success and you will come away filled up for the first time in your life. There will be plenty for all so you will not be disappointed should you come a little late. All this sumptuous repast can be had for fifteen cents, so don't fail to miss this chance of your life. Everybody invited.

D. D. Kern arrived yesterday from Sanford, Michigan where he has been for over a month looking over the green pasture lands of that state. He informed us that he had opened up a large real estate office in the above named place and was now a full fledged Michigan real estate dealer. He has formed partnership with a Michigan man. David is to do all the outside work such as appointing representatives and agents in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, who are expected to form parties to go to Michigan and inspect the farm land. He further stated that on last week his firm sold four rich farms realizing a nice commission on them. David is undecided yet as to whether he will move his family at present but he himself expects to devote all his time to this new enterprise.