

A day or two of rain just now means the worst floods ever known in Indiana and the clouds open up as they now threaten to do it will be well for people everywhere to keep their eyes open most of the time.

Charles Adlesberger has returned from Bloomington where he is attending school, and will spend his vacation here with his mother. He also informs us that he has been elected as president of the Bloomington Hearst Club and that they have a very flourishing organization and all pulling hard for Hearst's nomination for President.

The case of the State against Joseph Wood was tried Monday before Mayor Coffee on a charge of assault and battery on Sam Smith to which charge he plead not guilty. The case was bitterly fought by both sides, the State using five witnesses and the defense two. The court after hearing all of the evidence and well knowing the law governing such a case found that the defendant guilty as charged and fined him one dollar and costs, amounting in all to nineteen dollars and seventy five cents. He stayed the docket.

Monday marked the beginning of the end of Lent, and the penitential season will close next Saturday. The most solemn ceremonies of the entire Lenten time were held during this week in the Catholic, Episcopal and Lutheran churches. The Catholics observed Palm Sunday last Sunday, the distinguishing feature being the ceremony of blessing and distributing the palms, in commemoration of the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem before His crucifixion when the multitudes, bearing palms in their hands, met and acclaimed Him.

A large number of fine rugs and other articles have been taken from stores and it is said disposed of in this city. Only two weeks ago Edwards and his companion stole a barrel of whiskey from the cellar of a Marion saloon. It is also thought that Curley was implicated in blowing up the safe of the Amboy bank a few days ago. A Marion junk dealer, a member of the band, was arrested near Marion last evening, while on his way to this city with a load of stolen plunder. Edwards is the third member of the notorious gang to be taken in and the Marion police are now confident that they have been going on there for the past few months. Edwards is a bad character and had made threats that he would shoot the man who attempted his capture.—Saturday morning just twenty hours after his arrest, Edwards was arraigned in the Grant county court plead guilty to grand larceny and was sentenced to Jeffersonville from one to fourteen years.

The Delphos people believe Decatur is to be a Clover Leaf division is evidenced from the following from the Delphos Herald: The many things in regard to the Decatur move are peculiar and, when investigated, are very hard to overcome. The train service has been changed many times, but invariably returned. For economical operation of the road the present plans have proven the best therefore the company is using Delphos as a division point. Of course, if the Erie railroad and the Clover Leaf are to be linked into one system, then it is useless for Delphos to waste money and effort, or grieve over the prospective move because it is only logic for the management to make the improvement as is undoubtedly outlined. Delphos has done much for the Clover Leaf and feels elated over the success of the road, but deplore the anticipated removal of their employees and the change of the division point. It is conservatively estimated there are in the neighborhood of 175 families dependent on the Clover Leaf for sustenance residing in Delphos. The pay roll amounts to nearly \$12,000 each month. The loss of these valuable people and volume of money will surely be felt by the merchants of our town. We can say, too, that the railroad employees residing here would regret to leave Delphos.

Manager Hively received a letter Tuesday from the Marion Owls stating that they desired to play in this city this summer and asked for a date here on April 24, which date is on Sunday. This date will in all probability be given to this team which is a strong one and should give the ball fans here a good run for their money.

Charles Sims, proprietor of the Glass block barber shop narrowly escaped serious injury this morning. One of the large knobs made of galvanized sheet iron which hang around the edge of the roof of the Glass block broke off and fell to the sidewalk, five stories below Mr Sims was standing on the sidewalk and the iron knob missed his head by but a few inches. Mr Sims was given a fright by the close proximity of the knob to his head as it made its descent, but luckily he escaped injury. The knobs are soldered on to the cornice work about the edge of the roof and it was supposed they were all secure and that there was no danger of any of them pulling off—Marion Leader Mr Sims has a number of acquaintances here.

Samuel Acker Monday sold his interest in the clothing store of Acker, Elzey & Vance to the other two members of the firm, Messrs Elzey and Vance taking immediate possession. The boys have been together about a year and have done a splendid business. The present change was a perfectly harmonious and satisfactory one made by Mr. Acker for personal reasons and he has asked us to state that any favor shown the new firm by his friends will be fully appreciated by him. He has not fully decided as to future business. Elzey & Vance will continue in the clothing business at the old stand in the Stone block. They will handle a larger stock than ever and expect to increase their patronage of the past year. The store has a record for doing business under business methods, selling good goods at a fair profit to themselves and guaranteeing value received for money spent with them. They join Mr. Acker in thanking the public for their patronage and asking for a continuation of same. The invoice was taken this morning, Ed Ehinger assisting and the new firm began business today noon.

The Commercial Club committee consisting of John W. Tyndall, Clark J. Lutz, H. R. Moltz, with French Quinn came home from their visit to Toledo chuck full of enthusiasm over the project of locating the Clover Leaf terminal division at this place. They spent two and one half hours with President Shonts, who reiterated his former statements and made it clear to them that he was a man of large business resources. Owing to the fact that the civil engineers sent here week before last failed to complete their work so that any calculation could be made, will necessitate the work to be done over. Until this is completed any tangible proposition will be impossible. The company expect to have other men here in a few days, at which time a careful and complete survey will be made of the different sites, and from these President Shonts will tell with accuracy just what the company will locate here, and also what the company expects from the citizens of this city and Washington township. He made it clear however that he was sincere and in earnest and that every statement previously made, will hold good. The committee were high in their praise of the way in which President Shonts received them, as well as with the interest he manifested in the pending change. The only thing for us to do is to keep cool until the railroad officials have time to lay the proposition before us in black and white, and then to take it up in a business way and proceed to make Decatur a railroad town that you read about. Enough is known to guarantee good faith on the part of the railroad and when it comes up to the citizens of this place, let nothing but good business sense, guide us, and the benefits to be accrued will be many and of a satisfactory character.

Many Decatur people and especially the fair association will remember Curly Edwards, a crippled aeronaut who attended the fair here two years ago and during his weeks stay proved himself a thorough crook. It is therefore no great surprise that he has been arrested at Montpelier for stealing goods at Marion. The Montpelier Call tells of it thus:

This is holy week and the St. Marys Catholic church will celebrate the event with appropriate services which begin on Thursday, known as Holy Thursday, services will be held morning and evening, at the latter hours, Lamentations will be sung. Good Friday, anniversary of the death of our Lord, will be duly celebrated as will Holy Saturday, on which day the water is made holy by blessing. On Easter Sunday Solemn high mass will be held at ten o'clock sun time, Father Gardner will assist in the services. The Catholic observance of these holy days are most beautiful, interesting and appropriate and the lessons taught are of benefit to the many who always attend.

In the course of several weeks, W. H. Nachtrieb will commence work to remodel and build to his drug store which when completed will give him a business room extending from Second street to the alley. His plan is to first build in a vestibule and stair way so as to give him direct access to his rooms up stairs which will be remodeled and put into shape for a photograph gallery which will be occupied by the Ernberger Brothers, who are contemplating putting in a first class and up to date gallery. Both of these gentlemen are well versed in this line, having been engaged in this business for several years. As soon as this work is completed Mr. Nachtrieb will at once proceed to put in a two story brick building which will be occupied by himself downstairs for drug store purposes and a store room and the the upstairs will be occupied by the above named men to be used for the purpose stated. This will certainly add materially to the building and will also give to Mr. Nachtrieb a much needed building as the room he now has is not large enough to comfortably handle the heavy stock of drug supplies that he carries.

Over 100 county officers, representing every county in the State were present at the meeting at the Denison Thursday discussing plans for the legal fight to uphold the lengthening the terms of auditors and treasurers. A committee of five was appointed to take the matter in charge and employ attorneys to represent the county officers. This committee consists of W. E. Beach of Lafayette, chairman; O. P. Ensley of Indianapolis, secretary and treasurer; C. S. McClung, of Laporte; William Clark of Terre Haute and Cyrus J. Clark of Indianapolis. Hawkins & Smith and Merrell Moores of this city have been retained and they will be assisted by William E. Christian of Noblesville. Another test case in addition to that pending in Warren County will probably be started today. It will be brought in Hendricks county by the attorneys for the county officers. A Republican was recently nominated for Treasurer to succeed the present official. The suit will be brought against the chairman of the Republican committee to restrain him from placing the name of the candidate on the ticket. Several speakers at the meeting attacked Chairman Goodrich and Senator Fairbanks, as they allege that the attack on the law originated at a meeting held between Addison C. Harris, Chairman Goodrich and Senator Fairbanks at the home of the latter in Washington. The speakers said they did not desire to attack the methods of Fairbanks and Goodrich but they thought the action to declare the law unconstitutional was started because of the lack of campaign funds. Chairman Goodrich was especially criticised for going to Washington for advice when he should have consulted those interested here in Indiana.—Indianapolis Sentinel.

The rural carrier provision as it stands in the bill has passed the House is as follows: "Letter carries of the rural free delivery service shall receive a salary not exceeding \$720 per annum, and no other or further allowance or salary shall be made to said carriers, and on and after date said carriers shall not solicit business or receive orders of any kind from any person or corporation and shall not during their hours of employment, carry any merchandise for hire. 'Provided, that said carriers may carry merchandise for hire for and upon the request of patrons residing upon their respective routes, whenever the same shall not interfere with proper discharge of their official duties and under such regulations as the postmaster general may prescribe.'"

Rev. W. C. Helt and Rev. John C. Lewis, of Indianapolis were in the city yesterday and lectured at the various churches. They represent the Lincoln Legion of the American Anti-saloon league and their purpose is as their title indicates to fight the saloons, that is so far as they violate the laws of Indiana. They have no fault to find with the saloon keeper who runs according to law, for he has a bought-in privilege to sell liquor. They fight law breaking saloon keepers and endeavor by remonstrances to take away the privilege of operation saloons by preventing him from securing a license. Rev. Helt conducted services at the Presbyterian church in the morning and at the Methodist church in the evening; Rev. Lewis addressed the people at the Methodist church in morning and at the United Brethren at the evening hour. All services were well attended and the meetings interested. Rev. Helt who is the leader of the Anti-saloon force informed us this morning that he had completed arrangements to return to Decatur Monday April 25th when he will conduct meetings one week in an effort to secure pledge signers. He will be assisted by Rev. Pontius of this city. The league uses a pledge originated by Abraham Lincoln when a young man, hence the name, Lincoln League.

A \$10,000 damage suit was filed in circuit court here Thursday on change of venue from the Superior court of Allen county and entitled Mary Patten vs John, William and Edward Ferrai and John Lewis. The complaint shows that the Ferrai Bros. are owners and John Lewis manager of an entertainment known as Gondolas runaround or Sea Wave as they called it, being a contrivance, similar to a merry-go-round, consisting of cars in which the public for the sum of ten cents each are invited to sit in and are carried up and down at great speed for the purpose of pleasure and entertainment. This outfit exhibited in Fort Wayne a week or so during last June. Among those who accepted the invitation, paid her dime and made herself comfortable in one of the chariots was Mary Patton. It was however, far from a pleasure ride for her, for the machine had started but a moment when the car in which she was seated jumped the track and the lady was hurled to the ground with terrific force. She was picked up unconscious and carried to a hospital where for weeks she lingered between life and death, her head and body having been badly injured. According to the complaint her injuries were such that she will never fully recover and as it was caused by the run around being poorly constructed. She wants \$10,000 to pay for her pain, her inability to perform labor, to settle for doctors and nurse fees, etc. It is said her doctor fees alone were \$1000. The accident happened June 27 last and the complaint was filed the same day. The papers further allege that immediately afterward the owners of the Sea Wave took the machinery apart and shipped it to Ohio, thus preventing an examination. The complaint is in two paragraphs, the last one being filed January 22. Attorney Robert B. Drebelbiss and H. I. Smith appear for the plaintiff.

Elmer Johnson left Sunday morning for Pittsburg with twenty three head of the finest horses that has been shipped out of this city for many years. The average weight of the bunch being 1300 pounds and the horses averaging him a price of \$175 each. Elmer is certainly becoming famous as a horse buyer and is known as one who will pay the top price for a good animal. This makes the tenth load of horses that he has shipped since December and he stated that he expected to ship a great number more before the hot months set in. His sale at Pittsburg will take place Friday and he expects to realize some fancy prices on the bunch of stock he took away this time.

The entertainment given by No. 5 of French township under the management of Fred Bentz, teacher was a decided success. Songs, recitations and dialogues were well rendered by the pupils and they deserve special praise as it was their first appearance for some of them in public. The parents were especially well pleased with the work of the teacher and greatly surprised at the aptness of the scholars. And on Thursday March 24th they showed their high appreciation of the winter's work by dropping in on them with well filled baskets and at 12 o'clock the teacher announced the hour for dinner and four long tables were arranged and filled with everything the good mothers and daughters knew how to prepare and over 100 partook of the feast. The afternoon was spent by listening to the program arranged for the occasion and a phonograph. One of the pleasing features was that of the teacher presenting a nice souvenir to each of his scholars and the presentation of a beautiful present to the teacher by the pupils. Also Mrs. Frank Robison offered a lovely present to the best behaved scholar of which the school was judge and voted it to Miss Cora Klickman. On account of bad weather and sickness there was but one roll of Honor and that was presented to Miss Lavinta Beitler.

Another chapter of troubles in the famous Oliver D. Reynolds story has been written in the records of the Adams circuit court. Attorney Emil Franz Tuesday filed a suit for Mrs. Reynolds asking for a divorce from her unfaithful husband. The complaint alleges that Bessie O. and Oliver D. Reynolds were married February 29, 1896. Until two years ago they seemed to live happily and were prosperous. Then Oliver began abusing his wife and has often struck her about the head and face and has choked her. Finally he deserted her on January 19th last and has since failed in any way to provide for her or the family. Four children have been born whose ages are as follows: Laro aged seven, Milo aged six, Justus aged four and Ruth, a babe but one year old. Mrs. Reynolds asks for the custody of her children and alleges that the defendant is an unfit person to care for them. The sum of fifty dollars per year for each child as a maintenance income is also asked. The complaint is short and not a word is said concerning the time a year ago when Oliver eloped with a sixteen year old girl and was absent for four months. Even after such an unpardonable act and after using the money which belonged to his wife and family he was forgiven and allowed to return home after promising to be good. He worked in this city several months last summer and returned home in the fall and remained there until January 19, when after beating his wife shamefully he again deserted and has not been heard of since. Mrs. Reynolds is an excellent woman and has proven herself in all instances a perfect lady. Her former reconciliations with her husband was no doubt done for her children's sake. She has the sympathy of all who know her troubles and will very probably have little trouble in securing a divorce decree when the case is called at the next term of court.

Tuesday morning's Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette said: Mrs. Caroline L. Nuttman, nearly eighty four years of age, and one of the best known ladies of Fort Wayne, died Monday morning at 434 West Berry street, where she resided with her son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hanna. Mrs. Nuttman's death was due to the infirmities of age and to an attack of paralysis. She had been declining health for some time, and a fortnight ago she was stricken by paralysis. She had been confined to her bed for a week. She remained thoroughly conscious until a short time before her death, which was exceedingly peaceful. Mrs. Nuttman, who was the widow of the late Joseph D. Nuttman was born in Elizabethtown N. J. April 23, 1820. Mr. Nuttman was also reared there but came to Fort Wayne in 1839, embarking later in business at Decatur. The couple were married at Elizabethtown, Aug. 27, 1844, the Rev. Dr. Murray of the Presbyterian church, performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Nuttman at once went to Decatur, where they resided until 1860 when they came to this city to remain permanently. After coming here, Mr. Nuttman opened a banking house and he helped organize the First National bank. Later with his son in law, Mr. Oliver S. Hanna, he established the banking house of Nuttman & Co. Mr. Nuttman's death occurred Sept. 6, 1890. The decedent was a most excellent woman, intelligent, kindly and of noble character. She had been a member of the Presbyterian church here since 1860. She is survived by but one child, a daughter, Mrs. Hanna. Her other children, Mrs. Caroline D. Pettat, and Julia B. and James D. Nuttman are dead. The funeral will be held Tuesday.

Friday morning's Fort Wayne Journal gave the story of the death of James McMullen as follows: As the train entered the yards at Crestline a freight engine of the eastern division of the road attempted to use a pass over track, and just as the freight engine got into the track the passenger engine crashed into it. Mr. McMullen was thrown against the boiler head and pinioned there by the coal from the tank. Escaping steam from bursted steam pipe poured onto his body until the flesh was completely cooked. He was rescued as soon as it was possible to get him out, but his injuries were such that he died at 9:45. As soon as the announcement of the accident was made in this city arrangements were made to send Mrs. McMullen to her husband as fast as possible. A coach was attached to the second section of train No. 6, one of the fast trains east bound, for her accomodation. Accompanying Mrs. McMullen were John McMullen, a brother of the injured engineer, and two sisters, Mrs. John Daley and Mrs. Frank Mc Bennett. The train reached Crestline on schedule time, but the wife was too late to see her husband alive, death having claimed him only a short time before she arrived. The body was brought to this city last night on train No. 35, which arrives here at 7:15 p. m., and removed to the family home at 301 West DeWald street. The hour of the funeral has not been announced. In addition to the wife and relatives mentioned above Mr. McMullen is survived by three sons and a daughter, as follows: Marie, aged twelve; Michael nine; Leonard, seven; John, four. James McMullen, the dead engineer, was one of the best known men in the employ of the Pennsylvania here and on account of his genial disposition was universally liked. He possessed the element of popularity and the faculty to a very marked degree of making friends and retaining them. He was born May 28, 1848 and began work for the Pennsylvania company in July 1872 in the capacity of fireman. In 1893 he was promoted from the freight service to the position of passenger engineer. He was considered one of the most reliable men in the service and had one of the best runs—a run that requires a cool head and careful attention to business.