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Mrs. Norval Blackburn who fell and injured herself a few days ago is reported as resting comfortably and getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

Misses Irene Schirmeyer and Georgia Miller arrived today from Glendale where they have been attending school and will spend their vacation here with their respective parents.

George W. Robbins of Winchester, was in the city today looking after business for the Ohio Rake Company, with whom he has been connected for several years. He was recently nominated for treasurer of Randolph county, and may retire from the road at an early period.

The attorneys and parties in the Taylor vs Studabaker case came home for an over Sunday visit today at noon. The defense is now well through with its case and will likely finish the early part of the next week. Most people expected the case to be tried this time in a shorter period than at the trials before, but it is proving otherwise.—Bluffton Banner.

Last night at eight o'clock at the Eliza Fowler hall at Lafayette will occur the graduating exercises of the pharmacy department of Purdue University. The class consists of thirty four students, including Louis Marion Rice of this city who has completed the three years work in two. Invitations, which, by the way, are very beautiful, have been received here and the program will be very interesting. Lou Rice is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rice of this city, and is a bright and clever young man. He has had considerable experience in the drug business, having worked for some time at the Holthouse Drug store. He will no doubt be successful in his chosen profession.

Last Friday the creditors of A. S. Elzey Co., and Abner S. Elzey, met at this place to try and effect a settlement. The above action was brought about by a judgment against the stock of the company by an Indianapolis firm who were about to foreclose. Fort Wayne local creditors being aware of the proceedings, decided to hold a meeting and make a compromise settlement if possible. A 40 per cent settlement was proposed by Mr. Elzey which was favorably considered by those present, but owing to the fact that the Indianapolis firm was represented by an attorney he was unable to consent until he had consulted his clients. It was then decided to defer the matter a short time and it is probable that another meeting will be held next Monday when an adjustment of some kind will be made. N. K. Todd of Bluffton, is attorney for A. S. Elzey Co.—Ossian News.

Rev. E. A. Allen is in receipt of a letter from Andrew Carnegie, offering Decatur the sum of \$10,000 with which to build a library building for use of the public. The offer is several thousand less than was expected but he only requires a guarantee of \$1000 per year to keep it up. Rev. Allen has written asking for a reconsideration and showing that a tax amounting to \$10,000 annually has already been authorized here, this being a sufficient amount to sustain an \$18,000 building. However Mr. Carnegie is now enroute to Scotland and it will possibly be some time before an answer can be obtained to this appeal. The library committee will meet tonight to consider the proposition and decide upon the best plan for everyone concerned. Rev. Allen says the amount offered would have been most satisfactory had we not expected more.

A new little butcher made its appearance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hazel Andrews of Monroe Monday. Both mother and babe are doing well.

The German Fire Insurance company will give a banquet at the Columbia Club, Indianapolis, at seven o'clock Friday evening April 15 in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the company. All agents of the company and their wives have been invited, the announcements being handsome engraved cards. L. A. Graham represents the company here and will attend the celebration.

H. P. Streicker arrived this morning from Toledo and is today surveying the streets and to see if they need any repairing and if so he stands ready to make them right as he desires to have the streets as near perfect as can be possible and to the entire satisfaction of everyone concerned. He speaks very highly of the treatment that he received at the hands of the people here and will do everything possible to return the same. He also states that he had received a contract at Toledo to put in an \$18,000 sewer which will be ten foot in diameter.

Harvey Hart, proprietor of the City Lumber Yards, informs us that he has now opened up his place of business near the Grand Rapids railroad on West Monroe street and is in position to furnish any one who is contemplating building anything in the lumber line that they may desire and is also desirous of figuring on the lumber with prospective builders. He informs us that he is doing a very nice business, having already captured several nice contracts to furnish lumber for building purposes. From what we could see of his stock Mr. Hart certainly carries a heavy line and at present is very much crowded for room, and keeps him busy building sheds to cover his stock. There is no doubt but that he is in the business to stay and he solicits a share of your patronage if you are figuring on building or need any thing in his line.

Dr. Landfair of Bluffton had a very narrow escape from drowning at that place yesterday afternoon. He had made a professional call early Sunday morning to see a patient north of the city and on his return attempted to cross the lowland between the Clover Leaf railroad and the river bridge, this place being at present overflowed with water nearly four foot deep. The doctor had not proceeded very far when an under current overturned his buggy throwing him into the icy water, and Doe not being an expert swimmer and becoming excited went down. A young fellow by the name of Harry Reed, seeing the accident hastened to the doctor's assistance and as he was going down for the last time, grabbed him and carried him to safety. His horse was drowned. Doctor Landfair is well known in this city as being the owner of the famous running horse, "Bluffton Boy."

All Portland mourned Tuesday. The sun shone out brightly but it was the sunshine of sadness. Thoughts of business were swept aside. There was not a person in the city but what joined in condolence with the widows of the men who sacrificed their lives on Saturday morning in a vain effort to offer aid to another of their kind. It was the sentiment that is poured out over the grave of a soldier who has risked his life on the battlefield for a noble cause and died fighting. It was a sentiment which if not expressed itself painfully in the lines of every countenance. City and country turned out to mourn at the bier of two of their bravest sons. The funerals of John W. Lally and Ottis Downing were held from the Methodist church at 10 o'clock and were doubtless the most impressive obsequies in the history of the city. The big church was thrown completely open with a seating capacity of two thousand and with the exception of the space reserved for the family and friends and members of the secret orders, all seats were occupied at shortly after 9 o'clock. The funeral sermon was delivered by the Rev. Aaron Worth of Bryant who had known both the drowned men from boyhood. His sermon was listened to and was filled with touching references to the occasion of the sorrowful gathering.—Portland Commercial Review.

Theodore Kennedy has received a letter from Elmer E. Friedline of Jonesboro, division commander of the Sons of Veterans, that the charter for the camp will arrive soon. W. C. Campbell of Geneva, will have charge of instituting the camp, and will select the time when the same will be done. Any new recruits taken in within thirty day after mustering in will be known as charter members. The new camp already has a large membership, all done through the efforts of Theodore Kennedy.

All hopes of the much talked of Trolley League in which Bluffton was asked to take a berth have vanished and the sports of that city will again be pushed into the background with no amusements. Everything was done in the way of talking to make this league a success but when it came to the time to raise the money all present at meeting were short and the league went up in smoke. We feel sorry for Bluffton and can only extend this invitation to them. "If you desire to be amused and enjoy yourselves come to Decatur this summer," as we will be able to entertain you in any old line you want.

The Scheiman meat market in the Allison Studbaker block is to be one of the finest business rooms in Decatur and a credit to the city. Niblick & Co., under the direct supervision of Mr. Dan Niblick have completed the work of carpeting the floor with inlaid linoleum and the rooms have already taken a most presentable appearance. Inlaid linoleum, while rather expensive is cheapest in the end as it wears and looks like new for many years, the pattern running through to the back. It required nearly a hundred yards to carpet the room back to the partition, a distance of forty two feet. Niblick & Co., have already secured contracts for several similar patterns. The Scheiman room has been nicely papered and when the new and modern furniture arrives Fred will show you a real business room of the 1904 style and pattern.

Postmaster Albert Britton received a letter Thursday from Congressman George Cromer stating the postoffice department at Washington had completed arrangements for beginning the free mail delivery in this city on May 1st instead of June 1st as previously ordered by the department. This will be good news to Decatur people as it makes the change come a month earlier than has been expected. The examination for carrier will be on the date previously arranged, Saturday April 9th and the successful candidates will be notified a week or two afterwards. Mr. Sowers expects fifty people to take the examination as the number is now near that. Mr. Britton says the schedule of mail delivery will be as follows: Business deliveries at seven a. m., one thirty p. m. and three thirty o'clock p. m., and city deliveries at eight thirty a. m. and two thirty p. m.

At a meeting of the school board Superintendent H. A. Hartman was tendered and has accepted the superintendency of the Decatur public schools, the time of contract being for two years. This ends this some times aggravating and uncertain question, the fate of which is determined by the members of the school board. There being no other applicants shows the unanimity and good feeling existing in the schools and among the patrons of the schools. Mr. Hartman has been here for five years and in that time has been successful in every detail of school work, the schools never being better managed or better disciplined. He is exceptionally proficient in every department, has every grade in every ward building under control, and in fact knows school work in all its variations. The action of the school board was in hearty accord with every one who has the good of our public schools at heart. In making the contract for two years instead of one it better enables Mr. Hartman to become a permanent fixture, and it assures the schools of his services for that length of time. Mr. Hartman came here five years ago from Boulder, Colorado, where he was similarly engaged. Previous to that time he taught in the Van Wert high school. He has an excellent record and during the next two years will continue the work in the Decatur public schools, that has proven so proficient and satisfactory in the past.

Dyonis Schmitt returned Tuesday evening from Germany where he has been for the past three months visiting with relatives and looking up former friends. He states that he found every body well and was entertained royally by all. He also reports a fine voyage without any exciting experiences.

Word has been received from Tom Railing who is at Dallas Texas stating that he is in the best of shape and rounding into form fast. He states he has been pitching some pretty hard games, such as against Chicago and Cincinnati and of course expected what he got a hard beating, as these teams generally hit any thing that they strike at. Texas League season starts soon and Tom says that Dallas expects to win the pennant in a walk this season, as they have a very fast team. He expects to stay the remainder of the season with Dallas and will then undoubtedly be drafted by some major league team for next season. This will certainly be a wise move on Tom's part as experience is what he now needs mostly.

President Shantz, of the Clover Leaf has announced the appointment of Robert Williams of Cedar Rapids, Ia., as general superintendent, mechanical, maintenance of way and structures. The appointment becomes effective on March 31. Mr. Williams will have his headquarters in this city. Mr. Williams has for many years been connected with the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Iowa railroad as vice president and general manager, and in that capacity made quite a reputation for himself. The circular which is being printed this afternoon indicates that the headquarters of the transportation department, which have been located at Frankfort Ind., for the past couple of years, will be removed to this city.—Toledo News-Bee.

Curly Edwards, the balloon man who has been here at different times for the past several years, was arrested by Marshal George Friend on notice received from the Marion police. Marshal Friend saw his man drive up to the interurban station in a buggy. Mr. Friend told him he wanted to see him a minute but Edwards jumped from the opposite side of the buggy and ran east on Huntington street. He ran down the alley at the rear of Cy Jones' property where he was captured. A private detective was here from Marion and took the prisoner to that city this morning. A woman claiming to be his wife was taken from a resort over the Kentucky saloon and will have to answer to a charge of receiving stolen goods. Curly and four companions have been giving the Marion police all kinds of trouble the past six weeks.

The regular session of the city council was held Tuesday evening, Mayor Coffee presiding and all members present but Weaver. One of the principal objects of the meetings was to hear objections on Monroe street, Fourth street, South Tenth, Elm, East Elm and Niblick streets. George Mayor and the Chicago & Erie railway Company objected to their assessments. Upon motion it was decided to take off a portion of the assessments and same paid by the city. Those people relieved from the tax are W. H. Niblick, E. D. Johnson, Ira P. Lake, Tobias Meyers, Ida Whitwright, George Mayer, Caroline Zerkle, Eli Crist, Jacob Freang heirs, Mary Bryan, W. J. Myers, Nathan Arnold. The city commissioners report as to South Tenth and East Elm streets were accepted. As was also report for Monroe street, Peterson, Teeple and Stetler voting aye and Corbett and Fordyce nay. Assessment of Charles Omlar on Fourth street was taken off and added to the assessment of H. F. Callow. Mayor Coffee appointed a committee including Fordyce, Stetler and Weaver who were authorized to rent the Gregory building to be used as offices for the mayor, council, city superintendents and a general city hall. Unless, arrangements are made with Peoples & Holthouse the fire department will also have headquarters in this building. It was decided to propose to the county commissioners to pay half the expense for putting down a new well in the court yard. The salaries of electric light and water works employees were allowed to April 1st. The city clerk was instructed to advertise for bids for putting in the new boilers at the water works plant.

Unclaimed letters at the postoffice can be had by Olivena Carpenter, Miss Effie Buckley, Mrs. J. B. Hough, Lily Hounner, Chas. Palmer, R. S. Moore, B. Yarbrough, John Cook, Peter Waughay.

Charles B. Yost, the plumber was on yesterday afternoon awarded the contract to completely overhaul the old Meibers homestead in the north part of the city and put in a bath tub and all other water appliances necessary for household use, making an up-to-date house. When completed "Poodle" Meibers will occupy it.

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Two oil tanks . . . . .	5.00
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One mare with foal, 10 years old.

One colt, 2 years old.

One 60-gal. tank for coal oil.

One buggy.

A credit of six months, with approved note.

One pair platform scales, 1 grindstone and frame.

One carpenters' mitre box, \$8.00

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Madison St., Decatur, Ind.

A small wreck on the Detroit Southern near Holgate yesterday delayed number three on the Clover Leaf nearly four hours, it arriving here at nine o'clock instead of five twenty five.

Rev. S. A. Stewart went to Decatur Monday morning where he preached for Rev. E. A. Allen at the Presbyterian church Monday and Tuesday evenings. Mrs. Stewart and son Glen, went to Bluffton on the same train for a couple of days visit with Rev. Mr. Miller and family.—Portland Sun.