

The tanners are busily engaged today in putting on some of the fancy work on the Studabaker-Alison block. The masonry work is fast nearing completion and in a few weeks more the building will be ready for occupancy.

The Portland Sun put out an extra Saturday giving a full account of the terrible floods in that community. The sheet was a credit to any office and Editor McKay proved his ability to meet with adverse circumstances. Issuing a paper under the conditions that existed at Portland Saturday certainly proves the calibre of any office.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Wertzberger of Elwood are in the city the guests of his parents on Third street. They left the first of this week for Tecumseh, Oklahoma Territory where he will take up the management of a large fruit farm owned by his father in law. He will also keep himself posted concerning the run of affairs here by receiving the Democrat.

James McClary of VanWert was in the city Friday making all final arrangements whereby he will go into the hay business here. For several weeks this gentleman has had Miles Tindall going over the county and buying up hay for him, which will be delivered at a date when he is able to take care of it. It is also rumored that Mr. McClary is at this time trying to buy the outfit formerly owned and operated by L. A. Henning near the Grand Rapids tracks, and to go into the grain and hay business there on a large scale. Mr. McClary is now getting ready to move his family to this place and make this his future home. He comes well recommended and should do a thriving business.

L. A. Henning, ex-hay and coal merchant went back to Auburn at 1:30 Thursday being accompanied by Sheriff Weeks, who arrested him at the Henning office at four o'clock Friday afternoon on a charge of grand larceny and obtained money under false pretenses. The arrest is the result of a grand jury indictment. Mr. Henning's business transactions in Decatur were straight forward and honest and the community can scarcely believe him guilty of wrong doing. However the officer took him says the feeling against the prisoner is very strong among Dekalb county farmers who claim he bought their hay and refuses to pay for it after same had been shipped, going into bankruptcy to avoid them. They have organized against him and employed two of the best lawyers in the state to assist the prosecutor. It is said the evidence against the defendant is very strong and the farmers will make a determined effort to punish him to the fullest extent.

H. F. Hise, a special agent of the department of commerce and labor, the new government bureau recently created of which George B. Cortelyou is at the head is in the gas belt collecting statistics relative to the number of foreigners who are confined in the penal and charitable institutions. Mr. Hise is connected with the immigration bureau of the department of commerce and labor, and it is believed that his present trip over the country is to gather material to be used in legislating against the wholesale admission of undesirable classes of foreigners. Mr. Hise called on several people and was able to secure much valuable information. The records as now kept show a man's birthplace and other information. While the agent is securing any information possible it is his purpose to also make arrangements for the keeping of the records, as the government may want them. They ask that all prisoner's birthplaces be given, and if a foreigner whether or not he is naturalized. He paid a visit to all the institutions while here. The government agent will visit the jails and prisons in the state and report will show just the percentage of foreigners among the prisoners. According to Hise, the deporting of immigrants into this country at New York is something alarming. While some of them will be good citizens the majority are lowest type of men and women. Ninety out of every hundred men are laborers. Hise does not say what the purpose of a report is, but it is strongly intimated that on the figures returned himself and other special agents attempt will be made to frame w and better immigration laws.

The price of wheat is again steadily increasing and in a few more days will sell again at one dollar. Wheat today at Chicago sold for 96 cents and at Toledo for \$1.03. This steady increase in the past week will undoubtedly mean dollar wheat and farmers who were so lucky as to retain their wheat may in a few days get a handsome price for the same.

The old St. Marys river at this time is the highest that it has been for the last twenty five years and seems to be at present at a stand still. The lowlands surrounding are all overflowed and water has backed up as far as Steele's Park and part of this place is under water. In all probability the water will commence to recede in a few days and all future danger will be over. Reports are coming in from along the line concerning the damage that the water has done and farmers will be greatly relieved when the river once more assumes its natural course.

On Easter Monday evening April 4th, the C. Y. M. S. Club of this city will hold their third annual Easter ball at their club rooms in the New Studabaker block and from the program prepared it will be one of the swellest society events that has ever been given in this city by any local organization. The boys have so far issued over one hundred invitations and contemplating a fine crowd and a good time. The music will be furnished by True Frisette's rag time orchestra and this alone should offer some inducements. The boys of this club have a reputation of being fine entertainers and always doing things up in style, but on this occasion they will endeavor to out do all former and like occasions and are not sparing any time or money to make it a success. Should you prove to be among the lucky number in receiving an invitation you should not fail to accept it, and give yourself one evening's enjoyment and be royally entertained.

Two large new engines passed through here Thursday on the Clover Leaf enroute to St. Louis where they will be put in use. The engines are of a large and modern type and will have a capacity of pulling a very heavy train of vestibule and baggage coaches. The Clover Leaf company have gone to the expense of buying ten of the monsters to be used on their road this summer for the main purpose of hauling their fast trains with through passengers to the St. Louis World's Fair, which commences in May and with the Clover Leaf having a direct line into the World's Fair city their passenger traffic will be unusually heavy. Hence the need of buying new engines for their special service. The Clover Leaf officials have come to the conclusion that they will not be out done by any other road running into St. Louis this summer and it is their purpose and intent to have the finest passenger service that is available and everything modern will be used to make up the conveniences on these trains. A special time card will be issued by the road directing how these trains shall run and giving them the right of way over every other passenger on the road, thus insuring the traveling public fast time from any point along their line into St. Louis.

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No. 12—Leaves Decatur.....	7:14 a.m.
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No. 2—Leaves Decatur.....	1:15 p.m.
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No. 4. Day express, daily. 6:43 p.m.  
No. 22. Local freight. 1:10 a.m.

**WEST.**  
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No. 13—Mail, Fargo Express except Monday. 5:43 p.m.  
No. 21—Marion-Huntington Accommodation. 10:10 a.m.

**EAST.**  
No. 8—Vestibule Limited for N.Y. 2:43 a.m.  
No. 22—Marion and Columbus except Sunday. 6:58 a.m.  
No. 4—New York and Boston Limited through coaches Columbus and Chicago. 3:21 p.m.  
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No. 41 runs through to Indianapolis without change, arriving 10:30 a.m.  
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