

Preaching services will be held at Concord church at three o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Henry C. Roehner will have charge. Everybody invited.

Mrs. Chas. Dicer celebrated her birth anniversary with an elegant five o'clock dinner. The guest of honor was her aunt, Mrs. Mary Woodward of 505 Broadway, Logansport, Ind.

The Queen Esther Band's social and supper last Saturday evening at the Methodist church was a very decided financial success, being well attended and everybody getting their money's worth.

Col. C. P. Ferry, after a weeks visit with his mother and sister here left Saturday evening for Cincinnati where he will visit friends a few days, going from there to St. Louis and from there to his home at Tacoma, Washington.

Miss Anna Forbing left Saturday for New York City where she will join her company, "The Royal Lilliputians." This company will leave for England the first of May and Miss Forbing took this chance to visit with her parents for a short time.

The New York bank statement as furnished us weekly by J. D. Hale who receives same by special. This weeks report shows an increase in every department:

Reserve, increase \$1,583,000.
Loans, increase \$8,944,900.
Specie, increase \$487,500.
Legals, increase \$2,514,500.
Deposits, increase \$11,644,000.
Circulation, increase \$122,200.

General Passenger Agent Moulton Houk of the Ohio Central and Chief Clerk M. A. Chambers, of the Clover Leaf, returned Saturday from Chicago where they attended the regular monthly meeting of the Central Passenger association. One of the most important points discussed was the dates for the coach excursions to the St. Louis fair. These excursions will be run during the months of May and June and the first ones will be run on May 17 and 19 and every Tuesday and Thursday thereafter until the end of June. The Lake lines were given the same privileges on world's fair tickets as they enjoyed during the Buffalo exposition. Tickets sold from any point in the east will be honored by either boat or rail lines.—Toledo Bee.

Robert G. Harbison and Bessie Millette, both hailing from this place, were married at Clerk Gerber's office in Decatur by Judge R. L. Erwin last Monday afternoon. Sooner had the ceremony been performed when upon making their exit through the court corridors they were besieged by a dozen or more of the officials and their assistants and bountifully showered with rice. They left Decatur for Circleville, Ohio, to spend their honeymoon with Mr. Harbison's parents. Mrs. Harbison is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Millette. She was graduate from the Geneva high school last year and is one of the popular young ladies of the town. Mr. Harbison is a driller in the oil field and has been working the Geneva field for three or four years. The couple will reside in the Millette property on High street. They have the best wishes of their friends here for their future happiness.—Geneva Herald.

Mrs. N. Blackburn who was badly injured by a fall Saturday afternoon is some better today. Her hip is badly wrenched and the bone may be fractured, it being impossible to state yet.

The two wash outs on the Grand Rapids are again repaired and trains are again running on their regular schedule after being delayed one to twelve hours on Saturday and Sunday, and all dangers from other complications of this kind are now passed.

Some time Thursday night robbers entered the post office at Markle by forcing a window and took money, stamps and other valuable amounting to between \$250 and \$300. It is understood there is a clue to the burglary and that the marshal, John Gusman, is following it up. Two nights before some one had broken into the Bender store in the same town.

There is certainly something doing at Winona Lake these days. The big hotels and boarding houses are being generally overhauled and put in order for the entertainment of 3,000 teachers of Northern Indiana schools, who meet their Twenty second Annual Convention at Winona Lake, April 7th to 9th. The pretty town of Warsaw will assist in the entertainment of the guests and hotels, homes and boarding houses are fast being filled by the committee in charge. Prof. George W. Worley, chairman of the reception committee, is doing some strenuous work these days as are his helpers at Winona Lake.

Tears stood in the eyes of Samuel Railing, the battle scarred veteran of the Spanish-American war, as he stood before Mayor Coffee Friday afternoon to answer to the charge of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. He put up a most pitiful tale to his honor in his endeavor to keep away from the county bastile, but his pleading were in vain, and poor Sam was fined one dollar and costs. When asked if he could pay the same Sam stated in a strained voice, "No Sir," "Then back to jail for ten days," quoted Mayor Coffee, and Sam was led away with bowed head, and placed where booze will not have any effect on him for a short time at least. Night Police-man Fisher made the arrest and stated that he experienced no trouble.

The date of instituting the Geneva K. of P. lodge is Monday, April 11, and E. Burt Lenhart has been selected as instituting officer, and will have charge of the ceremonies incident to instituting life into this new born fraternal order. It is expected that Kekionag Lodge will turn out from seventy five to one hundred strong, and the Decatur Company Number 70, of the U. R. K. of P. will also lend their presence toward making the occasion a memorable one. Phoenix and Harmony lodges of Fort Wayne will also be there, as will also Red Cross Knights of Portland. The local committee at Geneva are already preparing to entertain the visiting Knights in a royal way, and that they will succeed, goes without saying. Orva C. Fink one of the charter members of the new order, was here last evening conferring with Mr. Lenhart in regard to arrangements for the coming event.

Postmaster Brittson informs us that forty-five applications have been filed for positions as city free mail carriers. Some one will certainly be disappointed as the government is only going to hire three men.

Gus Rosenthal informs us that the base ball uniforms will arrive not later than April 1st which means Friday. The uniforms will not be worn until the opening game which will be April 10th. Celina being the boys first victims and the day when the slaughter will commence

L. C. DeVoss as attorney, has filed a suit for divorce for Charles H. Cook from his wife Edith F. Cook. The complaint shows the parties were married at East Bradford, Pa., on New Years day, of 1885 and lived together until September of 1901, when the wife abandoned her home and has since remained away. Mrs. Cook the complaint says now lives at Coalville, Pa. They have three children aged fourteen, sixteen and eighteen years respectively. Mr. Cook says that he has at various times coaxed and tried to persuade his wife to return but she has absolutely refused.

The New York Journal says: "The project to publish a daily paper on board all great transatlantic steamships while at sea is expected to be in operation next May. News is to be furnished by the Marconi wireless system. The Marconigram says: "The newspaper will be of standard size, and will contain full telegraphic reports for the Associated Press. The combined circulation of this journal on board all steamships will be large enough to warrant its use by advertisers. The same matter will be printed in each edition of the paper, whether issued on board the Lucania, the Kaiser Wilhelm or the Minnehaha. The editorial rooms will be located ashore. There are at times a population of 20,000 to 30,000 people afloat in ocean steamers between the United States and Europe."

A deal was consummated last evening wherein Chauncy Hostler of Fort Wayne bought a half interest in the tailor shop belonging to Chris Myers. Mr. Hostler yesterday returned from a cutting school at St. Louis and is now well versed in cutting all the latest styles that are now worn. He has been in this kind of business for years, having learned the trade when but a boy, and is fully competent to do all manner of tailor work. It was his intention on leaving the cutting school to go into business some place and was looking for a location and thought Decatur a field for a first class and up to date cutter, hence his making the deal here. Mr. Myers needs no introduction to the public as all well know his ability as a tailor. The boys expect to carry a complete and up to date line of goods and to turn out nothing but the best of fits and makes, thus insuring a good trade. They will still occupy the shop that Mr. Myers is in over Brock's tin shop and solicit a share of your patronage if you have anything in their line. The name of the new firm will be Meyer & Hostler.

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Among the curious antique fire arms exhibits that the government will make at the World's Fair is the old percussion rifle carried by Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America, when he was taken prisoner by troops under General Nelson A. Miles in May 1865. The gun was presented to President Davis by a French friend and admirer, P. Devisme, of Paris.

There is now no doubt concerning the sanity or insanity of Sylvester Hill of Pleasant Mills as he was again on Thursday afternoon taken in at the county farm and was in a terrible shape, practically being wild. Superintendent Garber as soon as he was delivered to his care summoned Dr. D. D. Clark of this city to the farm to see if he could not quiet him in some manner, and the doctor informs us that when he arrived there he never in his life saw a man in such a condition, and further stated that he thought that he arrived just in time to save his life. He is broken down not only mentally but is also in a bad condition physically and cannot long stand up under the terrible ravings of his affliction.

Hartford City's fire limit ordinance is unconstitutional, is the decision of Judge Vaughn in the case of the city of Hartford City vs Albert Saxon, who replaced the William building, on west Washington street, in spite of the ordinance which prohibits one from repairing a frame building in the fire limits if it has been damaged by fire to the extent of 50 percent of its value. The ordinance arbitrarily declares that such repairs shall not be made, neglecting the saving clause that the repairs shall not be made if the building is a menace to adjacent buildings or is a nuisance. Layers see that the dudge is right in his conclusions as to the ordinance and the city is not disposed to contest the decision.—Hartford City News.

Three cases were tried before Mayor Coffee Saturday and three men were handed a fine, two going to jail and one staying the docket. The first case called was the State vs William Friday on a charge of public intoxication, to which he promptly plead guilty, and was fined one dollar and costs, making in all nine dollars and thirty cents. He went to jail. The next case was against Charles Detro on a charge of assault and battery on the person of Sam Smith to which he plead guilty being assessed a fine of one dollar and costs amounting to nine thirty. Charles stayed the docket. The last case called was one against Sam Smith, first on a charge of assault and battery and as no evidence was offered that could convict, the charge was withdrawn and a charge of public intoxication substituted. To this charge Smith plead guilty and Mayor Coffee fined him the usual amount, making nine dollars and thirty cents in all. He will board it out with Sheriff Butler. The case of the state against Joe Wood for assault and battery was continued until Monday morning at nine o'clock, Joe having plead not guilty.

Word was received there Thursday announcing the fact that James McMullen, an engineer on the Pennsylvania railway, was severely injured in a wreck at Crestline, Ohio, early this morning. Mr. McMullen has for years been an engineer on this road on one of its finest passenger trains and was always held in high esteem by the officials of the road being a man of fine habits and in connection with this being well versed in machinery, and it was thus while doing his duty to his employers that he was in all probability given his death wounds. When word was received at Fort Wayne announcing that a wreck had occurred, and that Mr. McMullen was injured the road officials at once summoned a special train and his wife was swiftly carried across the country to be at the bedside of her husband to care for him in the best possible manner before death, as the railroad physicians declare he cannot recover as he was scalded and burned in a terrible manner. Our informant could not tell us the full particulars of the wreck or in just what manner it happened as the full particulars had not as yet been received at Fort Wayne. Mr. McMullen is brother in law to Dr. Costello of this city, having married some years ago Miss Emma Costello formerly of this city. A great number of people of this city are acquainted with the above named and were terribly shocked by the sad news.

J. F. France for Mayor.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., March 25.—Attorney J. Fred France, democratic district chairman, was nominated in the democratic primaries here today for mayor of Huntington. The other nominees are as follows: City clerk Joseph Carroll; treasurer, John Fulton; marshal, William Diamond. Six candidates were out for the nomination for mayor and six for city clerk. The contest was spirited but clean, and the winning ticket is considered one of the strongest ever put up by the democrats of this city. The number of votes cast was 833, a slight decrease over the vote of two years ago.

Washington, March 28.—The sundry civil bill has the right-of-way in the house this week and Chairman Hemenway believes that it will require the whole week to dispose of the measure. Should this not be the case two special orders have been set to follow it—pension bills and the omnibus claims bill. The impeachment of Judge Charles Swayne is now properly before the house and is a matter of the highest privilege. Mr. Palmer, in charge of this case, says that he will not press it during consideration of the sundry bill but he will call up the case at the conclusion of that measure. While minority views are to be filed in this suit by Representative Gillett, of California, it is expected that a decision in the house can be reached without prolonged discussion.

In the senate the postoffice appropriation bill received its first attention at the hands of the committee on postoffices today, and there will be an effort to report it by Tuesday or Wednesday. If the District of Columbia bill is passed before the postoffice bill is ready for consideration the conference report on the army appropriation bill or the bill authorizing a new department building in Washington may be made to serve the purpose of holding off the pure food bill. Senator Hepburn announces his intention to call up the food bill, if possible, and says he will use his best efforts to secure its passage.

Flood Broke All Records. Peoria, Ill., March 28.—The Illinois river at this city has touched a point twenty-three feet above low water mark, the highest in the history of the city. In east Peoria and along the bottom lands great damage has been done, many houses having been submerged.

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Morales Gaining Ground. Washington, March 28.—Information received at the navy department from Admiral Wise at Guantanomo indicates that the Morales government is making headway in the revolutionary contest in San Domingo, the admiral reporting that it is now in possession of all the ports of the island except the small one of Monte Cristi on the north coast.

Death in the Bath Room.

Chicago, March 28.—Mrs. Roswell Field, wife of one of Chicago's best known newspaper men and authors, was found dead in the bathroom of her home. She had been accidentally asphyxiated with gas, which had filled the room from a leak in a rubber hose.

NOTICE.

I am doing shoe repairing and am located in Kauffman & Smith's harness shop, next door to Schlegel's blacksmith shop. Bring in your shoes if they need any repairing.

Peter Conter.

Clover Leaf Excursions.

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