

## CORRESPONDENCE

Items of Interest Contributed by the Democrat's Busy Corps of Correspondents

### Steele

All but three of the schools of this township closed last Friday.

An oil well which was shot on the Sims farm last week proved to be quite a good well.

John Tinkham has quite working for Philip Martz for whom he has been working for the last few years.

Lloyd Campbell and Miss Lanta Baughman have returned from Angola where they have been attending college.

Quite a number of the relatives and friends of the Mrs. Rachel Baughman gathered Tuesday where a big dinner was served in honor of her fifty-first birthday.

E. R. Merriman and Wm. Campbell completed the roofing of the Salem school house last week and also built a belfry on the same which adds greatly to the appearance of the building.

### Pleasant Mills.

There will be an Easter social at the hall Saturday evening.

Samuel Steele is building an addition to his dwelling house.

James Boyd is improving his residence by erecting a new porch.

Born to Ira Steele and wife—a baby girl, Thursday evening of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Roe were attending to business affairs at Decatur, Tuesday.

Miss Sadie Wood of Convoy, Ohio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Smith of this place.

Oran Fortney is adding a new porch to his dwelling, which will be quite an improvement.

Mrs. Chas. Peterson and baby returned to their home at Decatur Monday after several days visit here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Fuller.

Miss Ethel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Winans, living west of town is very ill. Her physician, Dr. Vizard reports her suffering from softening of the brain, which has caused mental derangements, and she is in a very critical condition at this time. The family have our sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

The many friends here of Sylvester Hill are sorry to hear that he is worse. For the past ten weeks he has been a critical condition but at times he was thought to be improving, and hopes were then entertained for his recovery. But now there seems but little hope extended. All that kind hearts and loving hands can do are being done to restore him to health and strength again. The family and friends are nearly heart broken over his sad affliction and hope there will be a turn for the better soon in his condition.

### Linn Grove.

William Stahley of Boundary City spent a few days with friends here last week.

Arnold Ashleman has purchased a new traction water well drilling machine.

Lawrence Beither of north French township was entertained by friends the first of last week.

A force of workmen are engaged in the construction of the Stucky and Trempe meat market.

Mrs. Charles Pontus of Hartford township died Wednesday of last week, aged about twenty five years.

David Meschberger has bought a new stone crusher. It has a greater capacity than the machine used last year.

Harvey Opliger who has been attending the Tri-state Normal at Angola for the past year returned home the last of the past week.

Sterling P. Hoffman, Merlin Dunbar, Arthur Scanpp and Lawrence Opliger left here early Monday morning to take two or more terms at Marion and later at Angola.

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### Court Notes.

Court did not adjourn this Friday noon to allow attorneys and parties in the Taylor Studabaker case to attend the funeral of Mr. Plessinger at Bluffton as it will require every moment of time to finish the case within the present term which closes Saturday April 2.

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In the partnership matter of John Busenbark and Joseph Osborne the receiver filed final report. Distribution of funds on and was ordered as prayed for.

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Merryman & Sutton as attorneys for plaintiff filed a new case entitled, The Berne Lumber Company vs Reuben Clark, et al, suit to foreclose mechanics lien, demand \$60.

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George W. Brown was appointed administrator for the Ivy Roebuck estate and filed his bond which was approved.

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This is the last week of the February term of court and the Taylor-Studabaker case will occupy most of the time. The April term will open April 7.

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Receiver Bouserman has settled up all matters pertaining to the partnership of John Busenbark and Joseph Osborne and has been discharged.

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The case of Wayne Ireland vs the Fort Wayne Traction Company, a \$1000 damage suit brought here on change of venue from Allen county has been dismissed, costs having been paid.

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Tuesday evening in circuit court Attorney Moran filed an ex parte petition for naturalization papers for Jacob Loser a well known citizen of Monroe township who expects to soon visit Switzerland and other foreign countries. The papers are in regular form and show that Jacob has lived in this country for twenty one years and first declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States February 13, 1880.

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Frank Gilbert, through his attorney Schafer Peterson and J. C. Moran have filed suit against Peter E. Fugate, Mary E. Fugate his wife and David F. Fugate, his brother to set aside the fraudulent conveyance of land. It will be remembered that about two years ago Gilbert sued Fugate of alienating his wife's affections, demanding \$5000. The case was bitterly fought and Gilbert obtained judgement against Fugate for \$15,000 the same being rendered June 9, 1902. Prior to that date however on February 22, 1902, Fugate had deeded his property to his brother Dave, who in turn executed a mortgage of \$1000 payable to Mrs. Peter Fugate. Gilbert no claims that the conveyance was fraudulent and was made to defraud him out of his judgment.

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Another new case filed is entitled Gerhart Hessler vs Mortimer L. Whitbridge et al suit to quiet title, the property in question being the northeast corner lot or rather half lot at Monroe and Fourth streets in this city. The lot is recorded on the plot as number 225 and the title on same was obtained by the city of Decatur by judgment in 1865. It was sold at sheriff sale by Jacob Stultz and bought by Gerhart Kessler for seventy dollars. When the time required by law for redemption was up, Hessler demanded a deed to his property but instead of securing a deed for all the lot he was given but one half, but being unable to read English did not know of the mistake. Afterwards one Lottie Humphreys claimed to own a one eighth interest in the property and Hessler bought that in 1867. Since that time he has sold the east half for which the title is clear to Joseph Smith and his suit now is to quiet title to the west half for which he holds no deed. Hessler lives in Minnesota and the case was filed by Attorneys Moran and Peterson.

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A dispatch from Millersburg Ohio says: "Mrs. Sarah Daggon Parcell the oldest resident of Holmes County, died yesterday at her home near Glenmont. She was a remarkable woman and was survived by four children, 22 grand children, 65 great grand children, and four great great grandchildren, and had she lived 12 days longer would have been 100 years old. Mrs. Parcell was known by several residents of this county."

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Charles Brumfield, of Mansfield, Ohio, was in town Monday on important business and will be in town again next Monday to be present at the meeting of the town council Monday evening. Mr. Brumfield offers the town a proposition and agrees an electric light plant and also water works and offers to furnish the town with light and water at a reasonable price. His plan is to erect the necessary buildings about midway between Berne and Geneva and will make the offer to both towns. The water is to be furnished from artesian wells and piped into town.—Berne News.

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The flood loss in the city of Portland is very heavy, being estimated at from \$50,000 to \$75,000. There are so many small losses which become surprisingly large in the aggregate. Buildings are wrecked, some twisted on their foundations, household goods destroyed, live stock drowned and innumerable other small losses besides the several that count up rapidly.

Armfield & Cartwright's loss on stone quarry and lime kiln is \$5000 Cartwright & Headington, dry goods, \$500, Merchants hotel \$1500, Fulton Hardware Company \$200, Hoods Wholesale grocery \$1000, Rime & Wilt lumber yards \$3000, Adair Bros, drug store \$300, while dozens of other people lost heavily by having stocks, houses, household goods or buildings damaged.

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William E. Smith on Tuesday afternoon received a letter from Frank E. France at Muskogee, Indian Territory in which he requested Will to send to his address a dozen copies of the "High School Belles"

the piece of music that Will had published some time ago. Frank stated that he had placed a copy of this famous piece of music in Chicago on his way to Muskogee and also one at Parsons, Kansas and that both of the people whom he had given the music to were high in the compliments of the same, and in fact were stuck on it, and since arriving at Muskogee several people hearing the same played, he had many requests for the piece. This certainly speaks very highly for Will's ability and also shows that people who know music undoubtedly appreciate a good thing when they hear it. Will promptly mailed to Frank not only a dozen copies but three dozen, telling him to supply all who desired a copy of the music. Will also reports a fine sale in the surrounding counties.

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That it is necessary to throw picture of drunkards on the canvass with the stereopticon in order to give an idea of the baleful effect of strong drink, when the real thing—the leering drunkard himself—can be seen in every city.

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Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the German Building Loan Fund & Savings Association of Decatur, Indiana will be held at the office of the secretary of said association in the city of Decatur Indiana on Monday evening April 11, 1904 for the election of eleven directors and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before said meeting.

F. M. Schirmeyer, Secretary.

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Notice to the Public.

Cataract and all diseases of the eyes cured without an operation by Dr. G. Thain. It makes no difference how long you have been blind or how sore your eyes are you can be cured, also deafness or hard of hearing can be restored. Consultation and examination free. I will be at the Murray House Thursday, March 31. 51t—

Clover Leaf Excursions.

Very low rates to the Pacific coast every day till April 30, 1904, via the Clover Leaf route. Write for full information to George H. Ross, Gen'l Traffic Mgr., Toledo, Ohio.

Another cheap excursion to Kansas, Indian Territory and Oklahoma points via the Clover Leaf route, Tuesday, April 5, 1904. Write for full information to George H. Ross, Gen'l Traffic Mgr., Toledo, Ohio.

### Farm for Sale.

An 80-acre farm, good land, all cleared, well improved, located one mile north and one-half miles west of Steele. Inquire of D. Mattox, Berne, Ind., Rural Route, No. 3. M2tf

House in the City of Decatur commencing on Monday, the 11th day of April, A. D. 1904, and plead by answer or demur to said complaint, or the same will be heard and determined in their absence.

WITNESS my name and the Seal of said (SEAL) Court hereto affixed, this 29th day of March, 1904.

DAVID GERBER, Clerk  
4-3 By Paul Baumgartner, Deputy  
Shaffer Peterson and John C. Moran,  
Attorneys for Plaintiff.

### ...Legal Advertising...

#### NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS.

The State of Indiana, county of Adams, ss:

In the Adams circuit court, February term, 1904,

Bessie O. Reynolds vs.  
Oliver D. Reynolds

No. 6719

It appearing from affidavit filed in the above entitled cause that Oliver D. Reynolds, the above named defendant is a non-resident of the state of Indiana.

Notice is therefore hereby given that Oliver D. Reynolds that he be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Adams circuit court on the 2nd day of May, 1904, the same being the 51st Judicial Day of the next regular term thereof, to be helden at the court house in the city of Decatur, commencing on Monday, the 11th day of April, A. D. 1904, and plead by answer or demur to said complaint, or the same will be heard and determined in his absence.

Witness my name and seal of said court hereto affixed this 29th day of March, 1904.

DAVID GERBER, Clerk  
By Paul Baumgartner, Deputy  
Emil Franz, Attorney for plaintiff.

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## TWO DAYS.

## DO IT NOW.

DR. CANADA, OPHTHALMOLOGIST,  
WILL BE AT DR. COVERDALE'S  
OFFICE, DECATUR, INDIANA,

Monday and Tuesday, April 4 and 5

I have been at Dr. Coverdale's office the first Tuesday of each month for more than two years, and in that time I have fitted hundreds of pairs of spectacles and I do not hesitate to say that more than 90 per cent. of those fitted will unqualifiedly recommend me to their friends.

IF THE readers know as much regarding Spectacles and their relation to the eye as the writer does, you would certainly not put off getting them if you have an eye defect and you would also insist on precision in the fitting of the lenses that it may be necessary for you to wear.

Precision, the quality of being just right is a quality that you want to look for in your spectacles. It is a necessity in glass prescriptions else they will not relieve your error of refraction or its effects. The word quality alone means nothing ordinarily, that is, it may designate good, bad or indifferent, but we use the word in a specific sense only mean that what we dispense is just what it should be in every case.

Our training and knowledge of the technical part of refraction and lens fitting, is of the sort that enables us to say this with considerable confidence. This means you get some thing more than the mere purpose of spectacles—the absolute certainty, all indications after a careful examination being what they seem, that what you get will do what it is prescribed to do.

Consult me if you find it necessary, when reading to place the book near to or farther from the face than 12 or 14 inches. When things "swim" or become dim after being looked at for some time. When you involuntarily frown or partly close the eyes when looking at an object. When your eyes tire and when you cannot continue for any length of time to regard small objects, as in reading. When you have headache in the temples, forehead or just back of the ears. When they ache, smart or water, when the eyelids get inflamed often, or when you have pain in the eyeballs. When you have any nervous derangement that you cannot account for otherwise. While defects of the vision manifest themselves, as a rule, in one or the other of the symptoms above mentioned, or in combination of them, yet there are many cases where the patient may be as yet unconscious of any defect, and yet have an error. Physicians generally realize the importance of stopping these "nervous leaks" that comes through the eye and their relation to the general health, and when they suspect that this is probably one of your ailments they will advise you to see if spectacles are needed; then come straight to me. Those needing spectacles and desiring to avail themselves of the benefit of my experience and skill knowledge of the technical part of spectacle fitting will do well to call. There is no guess work in my method. I am prepared for accuracy, measuring and examining the eye for defects

Glasses give rest to the overworked eye and save up the nerve energy that was wasted before, this is the reason so many get relief from headache, eyes, nervousness, indigestion, etc. They should be procured as far as possible, because they will be of great value in a corrective rather than a relief. If children were properly instructed and fitted with glasses while young they would develop better and avoid the bad effects of the deformity. A hyperope at twelve is a hyperope always, as the size and shape of the eyes determine the size and shape of the brain. The deficiency is incurable, the only relief from its bad effects is properly fitted glasses to be worn at all times, because they adjust the rays of light to the deformity thus placing the nerves in harmony with each other and in this way we relieve the bad effects of the deficiency.

The foundation of morality and right doing is a peaceful, contented mind due to a healthy body and proper surroundings. The foundation of immorality and wrong doing is a disturbed mind, caused by a distorted or crippled body, especially the brain organs, which latter determine the development of the body to a great extent. No one can have a pliable mind while under the influence of nerve strain, because he cannot rest. He who is suffering from nerve strain and fails to have his eyes examined is dull indeed. Those who have their eyes examined and if they need glasses—do not follow the directions—those are stubborn and deserve to suffer—it is their own fault—that's all.

DR. CANADA, Ophthalmic Specialist

AT DR. COVERDALE'S OFFICE

Monday and Tuesday, April 4 and 5

DECATUR, INDIANA.