

The circuit court room is deserted this week, the spring vacation being on and a scarcity of news from that usually busy place will be noticeable this week in our columns. The April term begins next Monday.

Bert Heller, leader of the Linn Grove band, was in the city last evening calling on friends. The band of which he is the leader has the reputation of being one of the best in Indiana and negotiations are under way which will result in the organization making a thirty days engagement at the St. Louis world's fair the coming summer. The world's fair management secures bands from all part of the country. —Bluffton News

The remains of Mrs. Jane Minor arrived Monday from Fort Wayne she having died at that place on last Friday night of paralysis. She was seventy years old and was formerly a resident of this county being formerly Mrs. Samuel Rice. The funeral services were held this afternoon at two o'clock at the Alpha church and interment made in the Alpha cemetery. Several of her children are residents of this county and she also has a host of relatives living in this city.

At the meeting of the official board of the Methodist church Friday evening a resolution was passed asking the conference to appoint Rev. C. U. Wade of Muncie presiding elder of this district in place of Rev. Daniels, who will resign. A committee was appointed to present the resolution to the conference next week. The presiding elder of this district generally makes his headquarters at Fort Wayne but the church here wants Mr. Wade to reside in Bluffton. —Bluffton News.

Robbed the Grave.
A startling incident is narrated by John Oliver of Philadelphia, as follows: "I was in an awful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes swollen, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Then was advised to try Electric Bitters; to my great joy, the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents, guaranteed at Blackburn & Christen drug store.

Old timers tell us that the St. Marys river was the highest it has been in twenty five years and the statement as no doubt correct. The waters as they surge beneath the Monroe street bridge are murky and dangerous looking while the current is fierce. Charles H. Colter of the National bank at eight o'clock this morning calculated that 21,125,000 gallons or 681,457 barrels of water passes beneath the bridge each minute. These figures are based upon estimates that at this point the bridge is 125 feet wide and the water twenty five feet deep. This meant 880 square feet of water passed beneath the bridge each minute. We could tell what the volume was for that day but have run out of figures.

Easter day was rather cool for new white gowns, light hats and over coats but nevertheless many were brave enough to wear them. The event was a happy one and was duly celebrated by the young folks hunting rabbit nests and by appropriate services in the various churches. At the St. Marys Catholic church the program was rendered as given Saturday and the services were very beautiful and inspiring. At the Presbyterian Rev. Allen conducted the morning services while Rev. Beardsley preached the services in the evening. A special musical program was given at each service, among the features being solos by Mrs. Dr. Thomas, Will Schrock and others. A class of ten, including eight girls were taken in the church, this part of the service being very beautiful. At the Methodist church Rev. White preached his farewell sermon in the morning, prior to leaving for the North Indiana Conference, which convenes at Muncie this week. Baptismal services were held in the afternoon and at the evening hour Rev. Earl B. Parker delivered an eloquent sermon. A special program was rendered at the German Reformed church, being given by the young people of the church. The entertainment was interesting and appropriate for the joyous occasion. Services were held at the United Brethren, German Lutheran and Evangelical, in fact at nearly every church in the county. All were well attended.

General Traffic Manager Ross, of the Clover Leaf, has faith in the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line. This is the property recently acquired jointly by the Clover Leaf and Grand Trunk, and is operated as a connecting link between the two systems. The entire roadbed is constructed of crushed rock, and the management expect to make it one of the finest roadbeds in the United States. When this shall have been accomplished the fast passenger service will no doubt be inaugurated, and Canadian traffic to the St. Louis fair via Toledo and the Clover Leaf.

Simeon Hain informed us Monday that he had resigned his position as clerk for Dyonis Schmitt in the meat market and that on Tuesday he would leave for the northwest looking over Dakota, Montana and Washington in hopes of finding a desirable place to locate and should he find one will at once go into the meat market business in full swing. Simeon has been in the employ of Mr. Schmitt for the past seven years, being faithful and steady in his work and from which place he goes well recommended for honesty and integrity. We regret very much to see Simeon go as he was considered one of Adams county's young business hustlers, but we wish him all manner of success.

Commencing Saturday the title of 'Squire can no longer be addressed to William Baughman, he having yesterday tendered his resignation to the proper authorities, to take effect this morning. While acting in this capacity Mr. Baughman has given perfect satisfaction. The direct cause of Mr. Baughman's resignation was due to the fact that he was unable to attend to his work in a manner that it should be taken care of owing to his inactivity in getting around and the strain of sitting during the progress of a long case for one of his age. Mr. Baughman will certainly be missed in this line and it will be hard to appoint a man who gave such general satisfaction. By cause of Mr. Baughman's resignation this leaves a clear field now for 'Squire Smith as 'Squire Reynolds resigned some time ago, leaving now only one Squire for Washington township.

Ezra Mallonee, for many years a resident of this city died Tuesday, March 29, at his home at Ovid, Michigan after a most severe illness. The sad news was received this morning by Rev. Allen in a letter from Mrs. Mallonee. The letter fails to state the cause of death but says Mr. Mallonee suffered terribly for ten days during which time the constant services of a trained nurse were necessary. The deceased was about sixty five years old. He and Mrs. Mallonee left here about three years ago, going east where they remained a short time and then removed to Ovid, Michigan where they have since resided. While here Mr. Mallonee conducted a gun smith and repair shop. He was industrious, honest and a good citizen and was well known. He was a brother of Joe Mallonee of this city. The account of his death will be a sad surprise to his many friends in and near Decatur.

Mrs. James Stumps of the north part of the city was quite severely injured in a runaway accident near the Erie depot at noon Monday and how she escaped without being killed is almost a miracle according to those who witnessed the scene. Mrs. Stumps was driving north on Winchester street and a farm wagon belonging to J. M. Frisinger, and to which were hitched a team of heavy horses were immediately behind her. An Erie freight engine was on the crossing and its puffing frightened the Frisinger team, which proceeded to run away. Mrs. Stumps tried to get out of the way and showed her courage by steering her horse safely between several rigs. The big wagon came thundering on behind and finally struck the buggy, overturning it and tearing off the top. Mrs. Stumps was thrown out and the wheels passed over her hip. As she fell she struck the curb and an ugly looking gash was cut in her chin. She was carried into the home of H. A. Fristoe and Dr. Beardsley called who dressed her wounds, a bruised hip and the cut on the chin being the only injuries excepting the nervous shock. The physician stated he believed she would not suffer seriously from the accident. The horses were captured before any further damage was done.

A small wreck occurred Thursday afternoon on the Erie which for a while stopped all freight and passenger traffic between this city and Rivare. The cause of the wreck is laid upon a defective truck on a box car of a heavy loaded freight which broke down just two miles east of this city throwing several cars from the track and piling them up. The wreck train was called from Huntington and after several hours of hard work the wreck was cleared up so as to allow business to resume. The train that is due here at 3:31 was run over the Clover Leaf to Ohio City. The damage will be light.

The jury in the case of Thomas Faylor et al vs D. D. Studabaker, suit to set aside a conveyance returned a sealed verdict at 7:30 o'clock Saturday after twenty hours deliberation. At nine o'clock the following verdict was read in open court: "We, the jury find for the plaintiffs, that they are the owners in fee of the real estate described in the complaint and are entitled to possession of the same and we assess their damages against the defendant in the sum of fifty dollars. Signed L. W. Lewton, foreman." And so ends two years of litigation in which the evidence has been rehearsed four times, two disagreements and two verdicts for plaintiffs being the result. The jury went to their room at two o'clock Friday and on first ballot stood nine to three for plaintiffs. This condition of affairs continued until midnight when a break came and in a few minutes a verdict for the plaintiff had been agreed upon. Then came the assessment of damages, and another long battle ensued, some of the jurymen holding out for from \$600 to \$700, while others believed none should be given. At 7:30 this morning the amount was fixed at \$50. Just three years ago yesterday on April 1, 1901, Aunt Katy Faylor deeded the farm of 127 acres to D. D. Studabaker who agreed to care for her during life. While it was not exactly an April fool joke it was the commencement of trouble for Mr. Studabaker. Early in 1902 Thomas Faylor and other heirs of Aunt Katy filed suit to declare her of unsound mind and thus annul the deed. The jury in this case failed to agree and before the case could be tried again Miss Faylor died July 9, 1902. Immediately suit was brought to set aside the conveyance. It was tried in the Wells circuit court and a verdict returned for plaintiffs. The defendant took a new trial as of right and a change of venue to this county. Tried here last January the jury failed to agree and the present case was necessary. One of the attorneys in the case informed us this morning that the court costs in the four trials will reach \$4000 while the attorney fees for each side are probably \$3,000. The land in question is estimated at \$12,000. Mr. Studabaker when asked if he would appeal the case to the supreme court replied, "I certainly shall, I will never stand such a verdict until I have to." This means several hundred dollars more cost.

A Great Sensation.
There was a big sensation in Leesville, Ind., when W. H. Brown of that place who was expected to die, had his life saved by Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption. He writes: "I endured insufferable agonies from Asthma, but your New Discovery gave me immediate relief and soon thereafter effected a complete cure." Similar cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis and grip are numerous. It's the peerless remedy for all throat and lung troubles. Price 50 cents and \$1.00. Guaranteed by Blackburn & Christen, druggists. Trial bottles free.

A deal in Second street brick buildings was closed up today. Fred Schafer & Son purchased the Voglewede building occupied by Henry Koeneman, the consideration being \$7,000. A few moments afterward they traded the building to Jacob Schafer for the south room on Second street of the block occupied by the Schafer Hardware Company. The deal has been on for several days but terms were not agreed upon until this morning.

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There's nothing like doing a thing thoroughly. Of all the salves you ever heard of Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the best. It sweeps away and cures burns, sores, bruises, cuts, boils, ulcers, skin eruptions and piles. It's only 25 cents, and guaranteed to give satisfaction by Blackburn & Christen, druggists.

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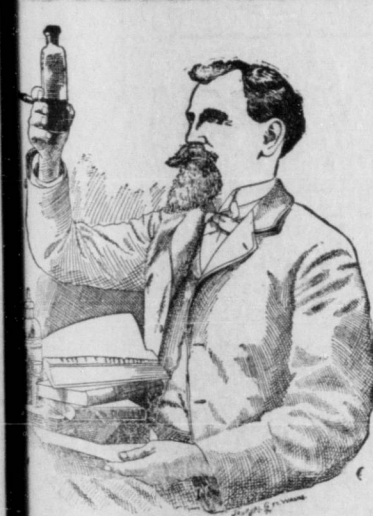
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