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The written motion of the at-
torneys for John Schoonover alias
H. B. Gordon, to quash all five
paragraphs of the affidavit and in-
formaton was argued before Judge
Smith in the circuit court Monday
morning. After the arguments
had been heard the court overruled
the motion. The attorneys for the
defense then excepted. No steps
been taken in the case of Robert J.
Knox, the alleged head of the notor-
ious gang of forgers, on account of
the illness of O. H. Adair, who is
one of his attorneys. It appears
that some of Knox's friends are
coming to his assistance from the
stubborn resistance which he is
putting up against the charges
under which he is held. Two of
the leading law firms of the city
are employed and it is plain that
every effort is to be put forth to
save him from a prison sentence.—
Portland Review.

Rev. Cain will hold his last ser-
vice for the year at the M. E.
church in this city next Sunday and
and the Geneva Herald says it
marks the close of his ministerial
work in Geneva. He has been pas-
tor of the church there now for four
years, during which time the church
has always been in the ascendancy.
Among the many things that the
church has accomplished while Rev.
Cain has been in charge has been
the wiping out a large church debt.
Rev. Cam has most of his household
goods crated ready to move to
wherever the Conference appoints
him to go. Let all who can, attend
next Sunday's service and thus
show your appreciation and kind
regards to the reverend pastor on
his retiring from a four years' work
in our midst, during which time he
has labored faithfully for the up-
building of the church.

Grandpa Carl Witwer died at the
home of his son John in Hartford
township at 3:30 Sunday morning
after an illness of about four days.
Pneumonia and old age were the
causes of his death. Carl Witwer
was born in Kt. Berne, Switzer-
land, June 14, 1818. He was married
three times, first August 20, 1844,
to Barbara Zruh, who died Feb. 5,
1865. To this union eight children
were born, and all but one, Rosina,
survive their father. He married
his second wife, Louisianna Bruen-
nerin, October 18, 1866, who died
April 28, 1889. His last wife, Katy
R. Sprunger, whom he married Octo-
ber 13, 1891, died Sept. 23, of last
year. The children who mourn his
demise are John, S olomon, Mary,
Anna, Christian C., Elizabeth and
Dina. He was a faithful member of
the Mennonite church where the
funeral services were held at 10
o'clock this forenoon. Interment
will be made at the M. R. E. ceme-
tery.—Berne Witness.

The trenton rock oil fields of
Ohio and Indana as destined to be
the leader in new operations this
summer. While quite a number
of the local operators of the two
states will go to Kansas, many
from the east will stop in the sure
producing fields of Indiana and
Ohio. Already this spring much
eastern capital s drifting into this
field. In California and Texas
salt water is interfering with the
new work. In Indiana last week
there were 85 wells completed
which started off with a new pro-
duction of 2,479 barrels daily.
Thirteen wells were either drilling
dry or gas wells. The Grant county
field leads in wells completed and
new production. Wells county is
second in new wells while Black-
ford is second in production. In
Ohio there were 88 wells completed
with a new production of 2,076 bar-
rels. Seven were dry.

Attorneys John C. Moran and
Shaffer Peterson filed a petition
Tuesday afternoon asking the
board of commissioners to dismiss
G. L. Wason and W. F. Charters,
the two tax ferrets who have been
looking up omitted property for
taxaton. The petition was signed
by Elias Crist, county assessor, and
set out that many features were
unjust, and that it was unnecessary
to have additional help in the plac-
ing of property on tax duplicates.
The petition brought out some very
heated discussion and ended in
their dismissal by the board. Their
work is about completed, however,
the amount of money already turned
in amounting to several thousand
dollars. Proceedings will likely be
instituted compelling the auditor
to place on the tax duplicate the
names of those who have not yet
paid in the amount of omitted
taxes against them.

A deal was consumated Tuesday
whereby Frank Dibble formerly,
part owner of the bus line and Enos
Peoples of the Fashion stables have
agreed to trade their respective prop-
erties. Enos becoming the owner
of the Dibble property on First
street and Mr. Dibble becoming
the owner of the farm three miles
east of this city, the deal to take
effect at once and possession to be
given immediately after Mr. Peoples
can hold his sale which will occur
on the 20th of this month, at which
sale he will dispose of all his farm-
ing implements. Ever since buy-
ing in the Fashion Stables Mr.
Peoples has been forced to drive to
and from his farm every day which
was very inconvenient and for this
reason he has been endeavoring to
trade his farm for town property.
Mr. Dibble has ever since selling out
his bus business been trying to get
into active business and has made
several offers, on business places in
this city being unsuccessful in his
attempt and at last concluded to
trade his city property for a farm
if such a thing were possible, thus
going back to his first vocation.

Passenger train No. 7 on the G.
R. & I., which leaves here at 8:00 a.
m., was wrecked in the yard at
Grand Rapids, Mich., Wednesday
afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the engine
and a number of the cars leaving
the track. The engine was turned
over on its side, but neither the
fireman nor the engineer was hurt.
No one was killed or any of the
passengers injured, but Bag-
gageman George Hoateling, whose
home is in Grand Rapids; Mail
Clerks Fortner and Sweeney and
Expressman McIntosh were all hurt.
None of them received serious
injuries except Baggageman Hoat-
eling, who was bruised about the
limbs and sustained internal
injuries. His hurts however, are
not considered dangerous. The
exact cause of the wreck is not
known, but as it occurred at a
switch as the train was entering the
yards, it is presumed that it was
caused by a defect or by the switch
having been misplaced. The wreck
occurring in the yards, traffic was
not seriously interferred with. The
track was cleared as soon as a
wrecking force could be gotten to
the scene.

William Stillwell of Bagoon, Ohio
was here yesterday trying to get
some trace of his father, Daniel
Stillwell whom he has not seen for
thirty four years. It seems that
when William was a babe only two
months old his mother died thus
leaving him to the care of his
father who placed him in the hands
of his great aunt for her to rear
and care for and ever since that
day he has neither seen or heard
tell of his father. A few days ago
however, he learned that he had
been born somewhere between this
city and Fort Wayne but the exact
location he was unable to learn. He
also learned that his father now
resided here and it was upon this
mission that he was here today, but
as on all former occasions he could
not find him. Mr. Stillwell has
been searching for his father for
the past fifteen years and always
with the above results. He stated
to a representative of this paper
that he was not yet discouraged but
would keep on with his search
until he at last found him. He
left in the afternoon for Fort Wayne
where he thinks he can derive some
valuable information as he has rela-
tives there named Kilme with
whom he is not acquainted. He
also stated that any information
any old settler might be able to
furnish him he would be thankful
for. He will return to this city
again in a few days.

Last night at Bluffton occurred
the opening of the Grand opera
house, just completed a few days
ago. "Our New Minister" com-
pany are billed and Bluffton people
are all excited over this new event
and the ope a house will undoubtedly
be taxed to its utmost seating
capacity. This will be quite a
novelty for Bluffton as the ma-
jority of her people have never at-
tended a real live play and will go
for curoosity sake. Had it not have
been for poor old John Terrell,
Bluffton would never known what
an opera house was and it is an
even wager that this poor old crazy
man will never once be thought of
by a soul who attends the play to-
night. Such is Bluffton's apprecia-
tion of a good thing. "

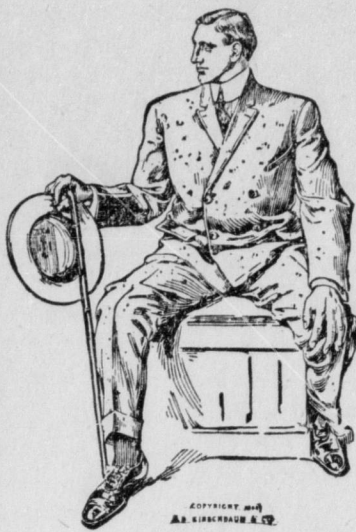
The Kansas oil men have all sorts
of troubles. Last fall at one time
the dealers couldn't get casing as
fast as wanted, and then there were
not enough drilling outfits. Later
on the water supply was short, and
then the Standard's pipe line could
not be completed on time. Finally
all these wants were supplied and
there was happiness among farm
owners, producers and the public.
Later a new difficulty has been
encountered. The Kansas oil field
is larger and more productive than
anyone imagined, and the Standard
Oil Co. can't build storage tanks
fast enough to take the oil, and in
those building the oil is emptied
as the tanks are built up in section.
The company has recently purchas-
ed a 160 acre farm near Caney for
a tank farm, where great steel tanks
holding 35,000 barrels will be erected
as soon as possible but that can't
be soon enough and producers will
have to store production in wooden
tanks holding 250 barrels near the
wells.

The Indianapolis superior court
dissolved the injunction against
the state board of education brought
about at the instance of Silver,
Burdette & Co., to prevent the
board of education from making a
contract for school arithmetics
to D. C. Heath & Company. Silver
Burdette & Co., are the publishers
of the Indiana arithmetics that
have been in use in the schools
under the old contract. The books
were very unsatisfactory and gen-
erally described by educators as
little less than an abomination. At
the expiration of the contract the
publishers revised the books, but
they are still unsatisfactory and
the contract for arithmetics was let
to D. C. Heath & Co. Hence the
injunction which today was dis-
solved. The effect of this decision
as interpreted by well informed
educators, is to put the students in
possession of a much superior text
book, for the Heath arithmetic,
which is known in this state as the
Indiana arithmetic is said to be one
of the best text books published.
In addition to this the primary books
will be sold about one third cheaper
than the old ones. At any rate this
is the statement of D. C. Heath &
Co., who say that the primary
book will cost but 22 cents instead
of the old price of 35 cents. In as
much as every pupil must have one
of these books, this reduction,
taken on the whole means an im-
mense saving.

MUNCIE, Ind., April 6—Steps
preparatory to the opening of the
sixty first session of the North
Indiana conference of the Methodist
Episcopal church at the High street
M. E. church Tuesday, assures the
600 delegates, ministers and lay-
men of a most successful gathering
The conference does not open
until today. Tuesday was spent
mostly in assigning the delegates
who came in on every passenger
train and interurban car to homes,
where they will remain while here.
About thirty young men candidates
for the ministry were examined by
a committee composed of Rev. L. J.
Naftzger and F. G. Browne. The
results of the examination are not
as yet known. In the evening
evangelistic services were held at
the church. They were conducted
by the Rev. Chestine Smith. The
Revs. Hart and Magan who were
scheduled to take charge of the
services, telegraphed that they
would not arrive until Wednesday.
Wednesday marks practically the
opening of the conference, and will
be the first big day. Bishop C. C.
McCabe will arrive today, as will
also many additional delegates.
Bishop McCabe will administer the
sacrament of the Lord's Supper,
assisted by the presiding elders, at
the church at 8:30 o'clock. An
hour later the first business session
will be begun. From that time on
until next Monday night the con-
ference will be in session.

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The Square Man, Decatur, Indiana

The regular session of the city
council was held Tuesday Mayor
Coffee and every member being
present. The minutes of the meet-
ing of March 15 and March 29 were
read and approved. A controversy
concerning the [water rental of
David Studabaker was referred to
the water works committee. The
street committee filed their report
and same was approved. The city
engineer was ordered to make
specifications for a side walk for L.
B. Brokaw, for side walks along
Monroe street from the river bridge
to the railroad. The petition of
Flora DeVinney for a side walk
was referred to the street commis-
sioner. A petition for a sewer by E.
Woods and others was referred to
the sewer committee. A report
that Monroe street is low in front
of John Brock's residence was re-
ferred to the street committee who
were ordered to investigate. Bills
were allowed as follows:

Harry Cordua, expense	\$ 5 00
Jacob Mangold, salary,	45 00
Amos Fisher, salary,	45 00
W. J. Archbold, interest	14 74
W. J. Archbold, express	1 95
Amos Gillig, labor	45 63
John Coffee salary	45 83
L. G. Ellingham, printing,	4 50
D. F. Teeple, drayage	6 50
Alex Barnett, labor	12 30
W. J. Archbold, express	83 06
John Coffee, pay roll	6 50
Brittson, Myers & Co., goods	203 00
E. B. Adams, labor	2 44
Grand Rapids, freight	9 39
Krick & Tyndall coal	129 06
C. & E., freight	68 91
John Thomas, labor	62 18
C. M. Kenyon, printing	15 80
C. & E., freight	201 48
W. E. Smith, coal	46 65
A. VanCamp, goods	223 85
J. W. Robinson, rent	6 00
H. R. Duckwall, supplies	50 00
J. Loudenslager, goods	29 10
Weaver Coal Co.,	35 65
Standard Oil Co, oil	21 97
Fort Wayne Oil Co.,supplies	51 60
Fort Wayne Electric Co,	9 56
Ervin Pyle, labor	6 75
Bert Colchin, labor	6 00
Geo. McKean, salary	40 00
Geo. E. Steele, W.W. pay roll	9 15
J. T. Archbold, salary	81 60

O. J. Bayes made a proposition to
furnish the city three plats of
city as laid out under the new num-
bering system for \$87.50, each plat
to be 30x40 inches. The proposi-
tion was referred to the purchasing
comittee. A motion to adjourn
carried unanimously.

Beginning last Friday night
all stores in Decatur including dry
goods, clothing, and shoe stores in
fact all of them will remain open
until eight o'clock. The hardware
stores remain open as long as busi-
ness demands. Since January
first, proprietors and clerks have
been enjoying life and becoming
acquainted with their families.
During the winter evenings and
especially after holidays it is al-
most useless to keep the stores open
after supper as but little buying
would be done anyway. Conse-
quently the plan of closing at six

o'clock was inaugurated two years
ago and has met with entire satis-
faction especially among the store
people. But this enjoyable feature
is over and from now on until next
New Years day down town forces
will be busy until eight o'clock each
evening. Decatur merchants have
adhered strictly to the rule and no
word of complaint is heard about
competitors selling on the sly to
customers after the hour agreed
upon to close.

Old papers for sale at this office.

Prices Punctured

Paint of all kinds	75c-\$1.15
One show-case	5.00
One paper trimmer	6.00
One barrel crude oil and tank	4.00
Step-ladders	\$1.00-1.50
Oils	.25
Varnish at cost	90c - 2.50
Two oil tanks	5.00
Barn paint	per lb 12½c
Other articles of all kinds.	

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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