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The written motion of the attorneys for John Schoonover alias H. B. Gordon, to quash all five paragraphs of the affidavit and information 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 notorious 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 service for the year at the M. E. church in this city next Sunday and the Geneva Herald says it marks the close of his ministerial work in Geneva. He has been pastor 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. Cain 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, Switzerland, 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, Louisanna Bruenner, October 18, 1866, who died April 28, 1889. His last wife, Katy R. Sprunger, whom he married October 13, 1891, died Sept. 22, 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. cemetery.—Berne Witness.

The trenton rock oil fields of Ohio and Indiana 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 production 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 Blackford is second in production. In Ohio there were 88 wells completed with a new production of 2,076 barrels. 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 placing 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 consummated Tuesday whereby Frank Dibble formerly, part owner of the bus line and Enos Peoples of the Fashion stables have agreed to trade their respective properties. 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 farming implements. Ever since buying 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. & 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 Bagageman George Hoateling, whose home is in Grand Rapids; Mail Clerks Fortner and Sweeny and Expressman McIntosh were all hurt. None of them received serious injuries except Bagageman Hoateling, 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 interfered 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 to day, 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 relatives there named Kihme 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" company are billed and Bluffton people are all excited over this new event and the opera house will undoubtedly be taxed to its utmost seating capacity. This will be quite a novelty for Bluffton as the majority of her people have never attended a real live play and will go for curiosity 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 tonight. Such is Bluffton's appreciation of a good thing.

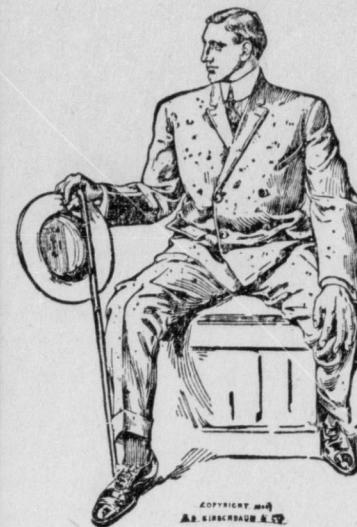
The Kansas oil men have all sorts of troubles. Last fall at one time the dealers couldn't get casing as fast as wanted, and then there were not enough drilling outfits. Later on the water supply was short, and then the Standard's pipe line could not be completed on time. Finally all these wants were 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 purchased 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 generally 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 dissolved. 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 immense 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 laymen 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 conference 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 meeting 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 Flinney for a side walk was referred to the street commissioner. 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 referred 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
Britton, 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 numbering system for \$87.50, each plat to be 30x40 inches. The proposition was referred to the purchasing committee. 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 business 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 almost useless to keep the stores open after supper as but little buying would be done anyway. Consequently the plan of closing at six o'clock was inaugurated two years ago and has met with entire satisfaction 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
Oils25
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.

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