

The condition of Mrs. Norval Blackburn who fell and injured herself last week is somewhat better today and she is resting much better.

E. L. Carroll, the grain man was out on the streets Monday exercising his new electric automobile. This is the first time he had had a chance to test it, having bought it late last fall, but she is a daisy, nevertheless.

Mrs. Noah Merica of Rural Route No. 2 was taken with an attack of heart trouble Wednesday evening and for a time her life was despaired of. It is, however, reported that she is resting somewhat easier today.

The Jefferson Club of Fort Wayne, extends an invitation to the Adams county democracy to attend their banquet, which will take place Wednesday evening at their club rooms. The invitation is extended through Mr. D. C. Stout, known by many of the local democrats of this city.

The leap year girl had reached the point where an interview with the young man's mother was necessary. "If you will only say that I can have your son," pleaded the fair applicant. "I'm willing to wait for him forever." "Very well," replied the maternal parent, "just come around when the time is up and you can have him."

All the business men are now working on the dusty condition of second and Monroe streets and in a few more days we will again see the familiar old water wagon putting in its daily work of keeping the streets damp so as to lay the dust. Both of these streets received a cleaning by the new street sweeper Alex Barnett and now put on a clean aspect.

The town's new fire engine was unloaded here yesterday. Two men from Indianapolis representing the firm from whom it was bought, were here to put it in good running order and to give it a test. The engine was tested last night with one, two and three streams and it seems to do all that is claimed of it. Any were out on the streets to see it work. It may be given another trial today.—Berne Witness.

Postmaster Britton states that out of the forty five applications that were taken out by people who desired to become a member of the staff of free mail carriers for the only nineteen had been returned and as it was necessary to send applications in today these nineteen will be the only ones who can pass the examination which starts next Saturday at the central post building.

Fred Scheiman's new meat market is fast nearing completion and the course of a few days more will be ready for occupancy. Electric lights are being placed in place and as nearly all the other work is completed it will not take long to move. This is certainly a handsome place of business with the modern conveniences for a meat market and one that cannot be excelled by any in the northern part of this state.

E. Moser the photographer, is attracting considerable attention around with his many art lines, orders coming to him from a distance. The number of them is surprisingly large. In order to take care of them as well as the large volume of business at home, he has in mind many changes and improvements which will enable this studio to keep with the orders that are coming upon them. The Moser studio has long had an enviable reputation for high class work, and the operations now under way for the purpose of taking a dvantage of the trade that his skill warrants.

A Boston paper mentions a minister in that city who "made the finest prayer ever addressed to a Boston audience." It has been suspected for a long time that some preachers were addressing their prayers to the audience instead of to the Almighty God. Whether consciously or not, that Boston reporter was bitterly sarcastic.

A fight occurred Thursday near the Fashion stables between several farmer boys, and was a very bloody affair while it lasted. Neither one of the contestants having the best of it when the police alarm rang, thus breaking up the fight. They both escaped. The police nevertheless, know who the violators were and warrants were immediately issued for their arrest which will occur as soon as they can be caught.

A decision has just been rendered in the Warren circuit court, which holds the act passed by the last legislature extending the terms of county officers as unconstitutional. In Warren county the treasurer, is serving his second term, and the point raised was that the present official could serve but the constitutional limit of four years. Another suit has been filed in Hendricks county where the treasurer is serving his first term.

Friday morning at one o'clock occurred the death of Miss Ora Winans the nineteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Winans who live four miles south of this city. The direct cause of this young lady's death being cerebral meningitis. The funeral services will be held Sunday morning at eleven o'clock at the Methodist church at Pleasant Mills and interment will be made in the Pleasant Mills cemetery.

The 1904 catalogues for the J. W. Place Company are being mailed to the trade this week. The new book is the handsomest piece of catalogue work ever issued by a Decatur firm, it containing one hundred pages of cuts and price lists and will certainly do the work for this very progressive firm. The J. W. Place Company are branching out and are now one of the largest houses of its kind in the middle west. This promises to be their banner year for business, and will no doubt far exceed that of any former year of the twenty-seven, in which the firm has been in business.

John Baker, the well known Blue Creek township farmer presented a rather queer looking sight at noon Friday when he came down street hitched to a spring wagon with a big draft horse. John says his experience was far from pleasant. He started to town with a team hitched to a spring wagon. His horses ran away, tore up the harness and slightly disabled the rig. John got the team stopped, hitched one horse behind the wagon and took a place in the tugs, coming to town, where he had his outfit repaired.

A man giving his name as John Casey and who claims he is an employee on the interurban line was arrested Thursday by Marshal Cordua and Night Policeman Fisher on a charge of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. He was placed in jail where he rested over night and this morning was brought up before Mayor Coffee when he related his troubles and made a pitiful plea for his dismissal, never at any time denying his guilt. Mayor Coffee upon hearing all the evidence decided that he had been guilty as charged and fined him one dollar and costs which amounted to nine dollars and eighty cents. Mr. Casey stated he could not pay his fine and was at once hustled to the jail where he will reside with Sheriff Butler for ten days.

Few social questions are asked more frequently than, "what is the increase of crime?" The national Census Bureau is seeking an answer to this inquiry. It is undertaking to secure a record of all persons who are sentenced to the various jails, penitentiaries, and other prisons in the United States during the year 1904. The various wardens of the state prisons and the sheriffs of the counties are being requested to act as special agents to report certain facts concerning every person delivered into their custody.

There is a great deal of resemblance between the code of playing rules for playing baseball for 1903 and 1904, and the new rules, which are now being issued and which are being sent out in advance copies of Reach's Official American League Guide. These rules will attract considerable attention for a number of reasons, one of which is the fact that there was a great deal of dissatisfaction in the American league because of the foul strike rule, which that league has tried hard to have rejected. The National league delegates have stood solid however, for its retention and it appears in the new code of rules and will be observed this year by all the teams. The only change made in the whole playing rule, this year is the coaching rule, two coaches now being permitted on the lines instead of one. When men are on bases, they are not to incite the spectators to demonstrations and shall not use language which will in any manner refer to or reflect upon a player of the opposite side, the umpire or the spectators.

O. J. Bayes who received the contract some time ago from the city council to measure off the city and give to each residence and lot its correct number so as to fill all of the city's requirements of the government preparatory to getting free city mail delivery which will start May the first, informs us that his mission is almost completed and all that is left for him now to do is to measure two short streets and his work is complete in as far as he can go. He further informs us that he desires to thank the citizens of the city for so kindly assisting him in the way of being ready to accept their numbers and says that when the free delivery starts here that almost every house in the city will be numbered and in readiness. The method used by Mr. Bayes is one that is used by all the larger cities in the United States, being the old Philadelphia plan and the one that is most successful, every twenty foot constituting a number, and will not only be easy for the mail carrier but will also be beneficial to all of our business men who use delivery wagons for the benefit of their patrons. Mr. Bayes is certainly to be congratulated upon his work and the pleasing manner in which it has been done, as every inch of ground in the city has been gone over and the numbering is correct in every instance. His work undoubtedly will be accepted by the city council and Mr. Bayes complimented upon his work. L. H. Corbin also informs us that the lettering of the streets is almost completed.

As though the supply would never be exhausted Rev. Hicks has fixed up a batch of disagreeable weather for April. As the month comes in cold, northerly winds, with frosts and freezing northward, will follow about the 1st to 3rd. About the 4th to the 6th falls a reactionary storm period, during which time change to warmer, with more rain and storminess will be probable. Hail storms will be most natural at all April disturbances and sudden drops of temperature should not surprise any one after all well defined storm movements. The next storm period, central on the 10th, will bring a series of pronounced storms. The culmination of these storms will fall about Sunday the 10th, to Wednesday the 13th. Look for high temperature, with rain, hail and thunder on the 11th, 12th, and 13th. From the 14th to 17th it will become very warm and decided storms of rain, hail and thunder will occur and tornado disturbances are likely occur. From the 19th to the 23rd the barometer will drop low and the temperature rise very high as this period progresses, resulting in many vicious thunder and hail storms on and touching the 21st, 22nd and 23rd. The normal tendency to April thunder showers will grow into decided and far reaching rain storms, with dangerous winds and possible tornadoes during the progress of these sudden changes.

A Peity Hill young lady was caught kissing her sweetheart a few night ago. Her mother took her to task for such actions, but the girl silenced her by this quotation: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them." The old lady wilted.

Dr. C. L. Landfair buried his horse, Bluffton Boy, yesterday afternoon and the animal which was the pride of the doctor's heart, got as good a funeral as many people. He was lowered into a grave by ten pall bearers, and his remains repose in a hemlock coffin which is buried on the Abe Heshner farm. When the burial was going on the doctor preached a short sermon on the fine qualities of the beast and consigned his four footed friend to the ground with a few tears.—Bluffton News.

On Decoration day, May 30, the handsome granite monument designed and made by John Powell, a Logansport man, will be unveiled at the site of the terrible wreck of the Wallace circus train at Durand, Mich. It is being erected by means of a fund of \$1,500 which was subscribed by showmen and others all over the country through the suggestion and under the control of the Billboard, the theatrical and circus weekly published at Cincinnati. Subscriptions were limited to \$1 each in order to give all an opportunity of being represented in the good work of supplying a memorial for the unknown dead in the disaster. The wreck occurred at Durand Aug. 6, 1903, the second section of the train crashing into the rear of the first section. The record of the affair says twenty-eight were killed and twenty-one injured. Many of the dead were mangled beyond recognition and it is to their memory that the showmen have provided this monument. The shaft is of gray granite, thirteen feet high, with a base four feet square. It is being prepared at Flint, Mich.

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Notice.
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.
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New York has for many years received numbers of destitute aliens of the animal world from the holds of the banana ships. The trade in bananas is an enormous one, and many of them come from sources at no great distance, whence the fruit can be brought without cold storage. The big clusters of bananas are peculiarly adapted for harboring "stowaways." Among these are enumerated numbers of small, harmless snakes, lizards of various kinds, occasionally, it is said, a young iguana and large and particularly venomous spiders. But real pests which survive and increase in a new country are fortunately rarely transported accidentally. The one serious instance is the chigo, or "jigger." It is said to have been transported from Central America to the East Indies.

The Colorado beetle has never succeeded in making a home in England, though mosquitoes of a peculiarly ferocious though nonmalaria kind are said to have appeared in English hotels. Several corn beetles, a very destructive type of insect and among the greatest enemies of those who would like to create an "emergency" store of corn, have been "dumped" in England with foreign grain and have established themselves.

Bird "stowaways" on ships are very numerous in the narrow parts of the Mediterranean during the migration. They also frequently alight on ships when they are near the coast, being then very much exhausted and glad to find "a rest for the soles of their feet." Golden crested wrens sometimes descend in a storm on some North sea smack on a migration night and even alight on steamers by day. It was confidently stated that a golden crested wren was seen to fly from off the back of a short eared owl when the latter came in from the sea and alighted near a jetty on the east coast.

The belief that some little birds come as "stowaways" on the backs of larger ones was held in reference to the Canada geese by the North American Indians and by the Turks of Cyprus, who alleged the same of the crane and stork. That some birds must travel great distances on ships crossing the Atlantic seems probable. The American bittern and two American cuckoos have been found in England, the first rather frequently. It is conjectured that they can only have crossed the ocean by traveling on the masts and yards of ships, probably steamers, as otherwise they must have died of starvation.—London Spectator.

PITH AND POINT.

A wound in the purse is not mortal. Don't growl—that's the brute's business.

Those we think are weakest are often stronger than us all.

Every man has at times in his mind the ideal of what he should be, but is not.

Don't misjudge the man with a quick temper—they are the best hearts in Christendom.

Rather prefer to provoke a smile than to provoke a man. There is no harm done by provoking a smile.

Don't try to escape the battle of life. Life is not life without conflict, and death is not death without victory. And the battleground is the man, and the victory is the soul.—Schoolmaster.

True to His Friends.

An answer to an advertisement for a school assistant "capable of teaching the classics as far as Homer and Vergil" makes one of the best stories in the dean of Bristol's book, "Odds and Ends."

"Sir," the answer ran, "with reference to the advertisement which were in the Times respecting a school assistant, I beg to state that I should be happy to fill that situation, but as most of my friends reside in London and not knowing how far Homer and Vergil is from town, I beg to state that I should not like to engage to teach the classics farther than Hammer-smith or Farnham Green, or, at the very utmost distance, farther than Brentford."

He Understood the People.

One of Jay Gould's campaigns as a dealer in railways was with the Wash system of railroads. He got control and after effecting a reorganization which increased the capital stock and also the bonded debt sold them out. It is related of him at this time that an associate said to him, "Mr. Gould, don't you think you are bonding this much higher than the property will stand?" "That may be," answered he, "but the American people are mighty partial to bonds."

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Mr. Staylate—I was going to call last evening, but I understood you were out. Miss Patience—The idea! I wish you had called. Mr. Staylate—Ah, you were really at home, then? Miss Patience—No.—Philadelphia Press.

An Example.

Jimmy—Ma, what is an archangel? Mother—An archangel, Jimmy, is a man who never finds fault with his coffee.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

A man of business may talk of philosophy; a man who has none may practice it.—Pope.

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