

CORRESPONDENCE

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

Route One.

Several wild ducks have been killed on the St. Marys river in this vicinity in the last few days.

Chas. Fuhrman, who is attending the International Business College at Fort Wayne, came home Thursday to spend a few days with his parents.

Chas. Breiberick and Fred Ostermeyer marketed some fat cattle at Decatur Saturday.

Clayton Daily, the mail carrier on this route can only go as far as Poe on account of the high water.

Henry Koeneman and Labor Meibers of Decatur were in this vicinity Friday hunting for wild ducks and so we are informed they succeeded in killing a few.

Steele

Mrs. Philip Martz is quite sick at this writing.

The supervisor was doing some bridge repairing north of Steele Monday.

Rev. Sprague preached his closing sermon for this year at Salem Sunday and left for Conference the first of the week.

Special songs were rendered at the League meeting Sunday night. Lloyd Campbell is leader for next Sunday night.

Edward Lynch who has been troubled much with rheumatism for the past few weeks is now able to be around again.

The Misses Mary and Ida Reif, Iva and Lulu Myers and Orpha Redding took dinner with Miss Pruda Damer last Sunday.

A new barber shop has been started in Salem lately the proprietor being Warren Hambrick who is very well qualified for the business.

The Republicans of Blue Creek township met in mass convention at the Kimsey school house last Saturday and nominated Wm. Rondenbush for trustee and Nelson Mercer for assessor.

Linn Grove.

Mace Haughton visited his people of Geneva last Saturday.

King Edward is well exemplified when Sam, is occupying the drivers seat.

Art Shelden of Bluffton was a guest of relatives here the past week.

Leander Rohn took the Jerico route toward Old fellowship Wednesday evening.

Bev. Leo. J. Earhardt is attending the Evangelical conference at Fort Wayne this week.

The I. O. O. F. building at last is under roof and workmen are progressing with the interior work.

David Fahl has added an outfit for cutting and fitting gas piping. Dave keeps in pace with the wants of his patrons.

By reason of high waters transportation between this place and Berne was cut out in, in the meantime Geneva was substituted.

F. O. Lindsey and family of Phenix and Charles Foustem and family were entertained by F. A. W. Lindsey of this place last Sunday.

Ed Heller and Wilson Banter took Revs. Ehrhart and Stewart to Geneva Monday where they took the train to their respective destinations.

Samuel Opliger showed up on our streets with a new and up to date dray wagon made at the Dunbar carriage works, and is a combination of beauty and durability.

L. L. Baumgartner and his two sisters Mary and Ida Harvey Opliger and James Kizer left early Monday morning on the Schlagenhauk hack for Geneva where they entrained for Angola to enroll as students at the State Normal college.

The Wabash is on her fifth rampage during the past winter and surpassed her record for the past quarter century. It dealt out much damage in her course. M. L. Kizer had his fences and 50 cord of wood swept away, John Hirsch's fences gone, while those of Peter Hoffman were greatly damaged. L. D. Miller's fences and 100 cords of wood, Albert Kindel fences and 200 shocks of corn were the involuntary contribution to the flood.

Magley.

Mrs. Peter Helmeric is on the sick list.

John Linker went to Fort Wayne to work.

Crist Mankey will build a large barn this spring.

Ed Annen of Lima is visiting with his parents.

John Macklin of Curryville is working for Ed Scherry.

J. Smith expects to move to Kingsland in the near future.

Henry Blonker was the guest of Lewis Krutzman last Sunday.

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Mr. Sovine of Honduras was calling on friends in our burg Sunday.

M. E. Smith and Bro. are busy painting and hanging wall paper.

Edward Ruppert was the guest of William Hilgeman last Sunday.

Mrs. E. Clegg returned home last week from Fort Wayne to visit her parents.

Mrs. Cass Shady had the misfortune of breaking her arm a few days ago.

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Jacob Borne will ask that amount from the Clover Leaf railroad for the killing of his dog last Wednesday morning. Jacob seems to be taking it easy and says he can buy another with that amount.

April 1st, was the closing day of school at Dis. No. 2, Kirkland township and was a success in every way. The guess came in at an early hour and by noon the house was full. At noon the patrons gave one of the finest dinners ever sat out before a host of hungry people. After dinner the boys amused themselves by having a game of base ball and, in the afternoon the teacher, Miss Jackson, and her pupils gave a fine programme and was quiet interesting to the audience. Everybody went home saying "all fools day" was pleasantly spent.

Court Notes.

Saturday marked the closing of the February term of court and the present week is vacation time for the Judge and court officials. The April term begins next week from Monday. Business as transacted on the docket as follows:

Attorney J. F. Snow filed a suit in court Saturday entitled Henry A. Fuhrman, Maggie E. Fuhrman, John Tonnellier vs Catherine Gast, suit to quiet title of real estate. Summons was made returnable April 20.

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Thomas Taylor et al vs D. D. Stadabaker, verdict returned in favor of plaintiffs.

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Real Estate Transfers.

Geo. W. Pyle to Walter Cross et all lot 147 Geneva \$1200.

J. C. Moran to J. H. Yager et al lot 29 Decatur \$850.

Henry L. Buuck to Wm. Jaebker lots 6 and 1, Preble \$1000.

Wm. Jaebker to Henry L. Buuck lots 4 and 5 Preble \$1000.

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AN AFRICAN ADVENTURE.

Paul du Chaillu's First Encounter With a Monster Gorilla.

In his "Explorations and Adventures in Equatorial Africa" Paul du Chaillu tells of his first encounter with a gorilla.

"We saw an immense one coming straight toward us out of the woods," he wrote. "As he came he gave vent to terrible howls of rage, as much as to say, 'I am tired of being pursued and will face you.'

"It was lone male, the kind which is always the most ferocious. This fellow made the woods resound with his roar, which is an awful sound, resembling the muttering of distant thunder. He was about twenty yards off when we first saw him. I was about to take aim and bring him down where he stood when my most trusted man, Malaonen, stopped me, saying in a whisper, 'Not time yet.'

"We stood in silence, gun in hand. The gorilla looked at us for a minute or so, then beat his breast with his gigantic arms—and what arms he had!—then gave another howl of defiance and advanced upon us. How horrible he looked!"

"Not yet," whispered Malaonen.

"Again the gorilla made an advance

upon us. Now he was not twelve yards off. His huge teeth were ground against each other so that we could hear the sound. The skin of the forearm was drawn forward and backward rapidly, making his hair move up and down and giving a fiendish expression to his hideous face. Again he roared, a sound which shook the woods like thunder. It seemed as if I could feel the earth trembling under my feet. The beast, looking us in the eye and beating his breast, advanced again.

"Don't fire too soon," said Malaonen.

"If you don't kill him he will kill you."

"This time he came within eight yards of us before he stopped. I was breathing fast with excitement as I watched the huge creature. Malaonen only said, 'Steady!' as the gorilla came up. When he stopped Malaonen said:

"Now."

"And before the beast could utter the roar for which he was opening his mouth three musket balls were in his body. He fell dead almost without a struggle."

PITH AND POINT.

Laugh when a friend tells a joke. It is one of the taxes you must pay.

People who visit the cemetery a good deal gossip about the monuments.

About the only thing a man will allow his wife to have a monopoly of is patience.

It is natural for a man who was once in the harness to imagine he is still a fire horse.

A man may not be able to manage his own affairs, but he will give you advice about yours.

Those riding in carriages are not as happy and comfortable as those on foot think they are.

These things that are cooked in a chafing dish late at night taste terribly like crane on the door.—Atchison Globe.

New fine piano to trade for a horse. Write John Cunningham, dealer, 603 E. Main St., Portland, Ind., for prices and description of pianos and organs.

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