

The Jay county democrats nominated their county ticket today. Judge Smith being remonstrated for judge by acclamation. The remainder of the nominees are William Garwood for sheriff, Wesley Logan for representative, Charles Ashcraft for treasurer and Dell Dragoo for prosecuting attorney.

Catholic ladies of Decatur and Hesse Cassel will form branches of the Catholic Benevolent league and the prospects are good for a large membership in both places. The work of organizing is in charge of the Messrs. T. J. McLaughlin, Harry Kinnel, Julian Franke, Philip B. Wyss, J. J. Kohrman and Mrs. J. E. Christman.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Workmen are busy stretching wires for the electric day current and Mayor Coffee informs us that two weeks more will find the system in good working order. The boilers are being walled up and will soon be ready for use and customers may within a few days use electricity for light or power in unlimited quantities and at any time of day or night. It is possible that the current may be turned on next week but Mr. Coffee said he thought it better to wait until everything was in readiness and then no shut downs will be necessary.

The mysterious lady in black was seen again Wednesday and her identity is still unsolved, although an effort was made last evening to see her face but at the last minute she easily eluded her pursuers. It was just shortly before the fire whistle blew last night that she was seen on the west side of the court house by the nightmen working at the Murray house, who at once proceeded to investigate but were frightened away before they could distinguish anything. This made the boys mad and they set a big dog on her trail, and the mysterious lady was given a nice chase down third street the dog soon returned and that was the last seen of the woman in black. She was also seen the night before on Winchester street by several reliable parties. She is certainly a mystery.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Ft. Wayne and Springfield interurban railway was held here Wednesday at the interurban office. Not all the members being present but enough to make a quorum. The members got right down to business and elected their board of directors who will hold for the ensuing year they being W. H. Fledderjohann, B. A. Fledderjohann, Edwin Fledderjohann, John H. Koenig, C. Vogt, Willis Armstrong and Charles Dirkson, immediately after this other business of importance was transacted by the stockholders after which the meeting adjourned. Immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders, the newly elected board of directors went into session and elected their officers the same being W. H. Fledderjohann president and general manager, Edwin Fledderjohann first vice president, Willis Armstrong second vice president, B. A. Fledderjohann secretary and John H. Koenig Treasurer and general counsel for the board. After the board had transacted all business under their jurisdiction the meeting adjourned and all stockholders were driven over the proposed route to Ft. Wayne and from there they will depart for their respective homes. The meeting developed that the company was in good standing and that if weather and nature permitted the company would be laying steel by September first.

Attorney Jacob Butcher of Geneva, filed a new suit this morning entitled William Zaggle vs Nancy and Byron Ault, Lillie and John Adams, suit to quiet title. The plaintiff claims possession of lot 180 in Buffalo, an addition to the town of Geneva, but his rights are disputed by the defendants and the matter will be settled in court.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sutton were most pleasantly surprised last evening when a number of their immediate neighbors burst in upon them to apprise them of the fact that they still cherished their good friendship if they were intending to move to the south part of the city which will occur in a few days. The evening was spent in playing numerous games and all indulged in as genuine old fashioned taffy pulling and at a late hour all adjourned for their respective homes.

A number of Decatur people were at Fort Wayne Thursday attending the K. of C. picnic which is described as follows in the Journal-Gazette. The Knights of Columbus had their annual outing yesterday and though the weather was disagreeable, everyone had a good time.

About fifty knights and their friends came to the city from Decatur and joined with the local knights in their outing. Field day sports and a base ball game together with boating and fishing, occupied the day. The winners of the races which were pulled off were as follows. 100 yard dash—C. T. Sullivan, first, John Rank second. Three Legged Race—G. Sosenheimer, and John Falvey. Egg Race for ladies—Miss McVey, first prize. Potato Race—G. Sosenheimer, first Victor Knapp, second. Bicycle Race—George M. Deininger. The ball game was played between the Fort Wayne knights team and a team from Decatur. The latter won in a game the most sensational and wonderful ever played at the park. In the evening there was a dance at the pavilion, but the weather proving rather cold the dance was completed at the hall of the knights in the Lau building.

It was just midnight Thursday night when night watchman Geary who was standing in front of Smith Yager & Falks drug store, heard a peculiar, muffled explosion, sounding as he explained it "like the throwing of a barrel on a pavement." He soon located the sound as having come from the basement of the Forbings building, occupied by the Nickel Plate saloon. Within a moment or two he detected smoke and at once sent in a fire alarm. It developed that a fire had started in some sawdust packed about the cooler in the cellar and had spread to a barrel of whiskey near by, which exploded. It was one of the most stubborn fires seen here for a long time and the company were three hours before it could be controlled. The smoke was so thick that the building could scarcely be entered and this fact caused the difficulty. The building which is owned by Peter Forbing was damaged probably \$500, a hole about ten feet square being burned in the floor and the rafters and walls being injured considerably. It was insured in the Hooper & Lenhart agency for \$2000. The saloon is owned by Will Cordua and his large stock was almost completely ruined as were his furniture and fixtures. He estimates his loss at \$1500 with \$500 insurance in the Home of N. Y. L. C. Helm agent and \$500 in the Queen, J. S. Peterson agent. The building will be repaired at once and the Nickel Plate will reopen.

Hon. H. C. Peterson and daughter Miss Nan of Albion arrived Friday, called here on account of the serious illness of the former's aged father John W. Peterson. Mr. Peterson is a well known attorney of Noble county and a brother of attorney R. S. Peterson of this city.

A boy living near Monroeville, and whose name could not be learned, had his right arm and one side of his face blown off Monday morning while celebrating the fourth. He was using dynamite. An eye was destroyed and the lad was terribly crippled, but has a chance for life.

Herb LeBrun is still in the

clutches of the law and his troubles are still on having been arrested at three o'clock by Marshall Cordua on a charge of malicious trespass the affidavit being sworn out by Chas. D. Murray proprietor of the saloon in which Herb in his angry passion on Tuesday evening let fly a salt holder aiming to hit the bar tender but missing him and break a fifty dollar mirror. This offense if he is proven guilty carries with it a fine of not less than fifty dollars and not more than five hundred making the penalty very severe.

Herb has employed as Attorney L. C. DeVoss to fight his cause and their respective troubles will be aired in court tomorrow morning.

George W. Bolds and Attorney John F. LaFollette arrived home Wednesday morning from Chicago where they attended a meeting of the directors of the Indiana Oil Company. Mr. Bolds is a director as well as being the principal stockholder and Mr. LaFollette is the company's attorney. The meeting

The case of the state of Indiana against Herb LeBrun on a charge of malicious trespass filed by Charles D. Murray on account of the disturbance Herb raised in his saloon a few days ago by becoming insulted because the bartender refused him a drink and then throwing a salt holder through the large plate glass mirror, was tried this morning before Squire Smith who on hearing the evidence and well knowing the law governing such cases handed Herb out a fine of ten dollars and costs which amounted in all to eighteen dollars and eighty cents. Herb stayed the dock.

Henry Bragg, who is in Wabash jail "laying out" a ten-day sentence for failing to pay his dog tax, is a British subject and as such is the case has been laid before the British consul at Chicago. Bragg was arrested a few days ago and as he showed no disposition to pay the fine and costs he was remanded to jail to "lay out" this sentence. His family has objected to this strenuously and his wife stated that she had notified the British consul and that she would see that he would take the case up.

Some time ago a son of Bragg was arrested at Rochester for thieving and was sent to the state reformatory. At that time the British representative was appealed to and he has been investigating the case since then. The result has been a string of letters to the prosecutors of Fulton and Wabash counties and great deal of red tape. The only thing the consul can do is to see that the arrest and convictions were all made with strict conformity to the law of this country for the laws here govern a resident whether that resident claims Uncle Sam or John Bull as his patron. In this instance it will probably mean considerable correspondence although the prosecution was all done carefully and there will be nothing except an examination result.

The order for the rural route carriers under the new law which went into effect Saturday says: "That rural carriers are not permitted to solicit business or receive orders of any kind for any person, firm or corporation. "No mailable matter may be handled by rural carriers while serving their routes, unless the proper postage has been prepaid with the exception of county newspapers, which, under the law are permitted to be carried free throughout the county. "The hire for merchandise carried on request of patrons of rural free delivery must be paid by the patron. Carriers will not be permitted to receive any compensation from the seller of such merchandise. "Articles or packages that are not mailable which the patron desires the rural carrier to carry, must be delivered to the carrier in person, and in carrying merchandise for hire rural carriers are not permitted to leave their routes as officially laid out or to accept anything that will in any way delay the delivery of mail, or in any way interfere with the efficiency of the service. "Carrier, while on duty, are not permitted to carry spirituous liquors either for themselves for sale or for the accommodation of their patrons. "Rural carriers are required to permit post office inspectors or other duly accredited agents of the post office department to accompany them on their regular trips over their routes. They must not carry other passengers nor permit any other than authorized postal officials to ride with them or to have access to the mail." The rural carriers will not deliver mail Monday, July 4th.

Miss Bertha Hart, who suffered a severe attack of hemorrhage of the lungs yesterday is in a very serious condition. She was very low during the night but this morning found her resting slightly easier. She is a very popular young lady and has a large circle of friends who sincerely hope for an immediate improvement. Her sister, Miss Blanch Hart arrived from Huntington last night.

The Methodists will hold the first Quarterly conference at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. The Presiding Elder, Rev. C. U. Wade D.D., will address the conference. The public and friends are invited to attend.

For sale or trade—I have some very good farms for sale or exchange. Also a list of city property for sale at a bargain. Money to loan on farm or city property at five per cent. P. E. Decatur, Indiana.

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Agents Wanted.—For the thrilling sensational book and wonderful seller "The Chicago Theatre Disaster," 400 pages, memorial volume full of startling illustrations, stories of marvelous escapes, heroic rescues, list of 600 dead, etc. Price \$1.50. Only book Tremendous seller for agents. \$7.00 a day average, country or town. Send 12 cents postage for fine outfit, terms and instructions and make money fast. C. W. Stanton Co., 325 Dearborn street Chicago, Ill.

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## ...Legal Advertising...

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the estate of William Elzey, Sr., late of Adams county, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

JOHN ELZEY, Executor.

June 27, 1904.

Merryman & Sutton, Attorneys.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the board of county commissioners will receive sealed bids for furnishing of ten car loads of Pittsburgh coal. Pochanta Sunday Creek mine is for the court house, jail and asylum, upland until

Wednesday, July 6, 1904.

at 10 o'clock a.m.

The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Successful bidders will be required to enter into contract for the faithful performance of his bid.

ABE BOCH.

Auditor Adams Co.

NOTICE OF LETTING.

Notice is hereby given that the board of county commissioners of Adams county, Indiana, have adopted and deposited in the auditor's office of said county a survey profile and general plans for the construction of one stone or concrete arch and two bridges, one 14x16 feet and abutments and the other 24x16 and abutments. A more particular description of said work may be obtained from the plans now on file in said auditor's office, therefore on.

Thursday, July 14, 1904.

at the room of the county commissioners, in the auditor's office of said county, at ten o'clock a.m. sharp, of said day sealed bids will be received for the construction of said bridges. Each bid must be accompanied with a good and sufficient bond payable to the state of Indiana in an amount equivalent which will be bid on, to be paid by at least two resident freeholders of the state of Indiana, whose responsibility shall be certified to as required by law or by a surety company to the approval of said board. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

MARTIN LAUGHLIN, Board of Commissioners.  
DAVID WERLING.  
WILLIAM MILLER, Adams Co.

Attest: ABE BOCH, Auditor.

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NOTICE OF CHANGE OF VOTING PLACES.

Notice is hereby given that, at the June session of the board of commissioners of Adams county, Indiana, the following changes in the voting places in the several precincts of said county were ordered, changed, to-wit:

West Washington precinct from present voting place to the residence of Henry Kelly in section nine, Washington township, said county.

Precinct "A" Second Ward, city of Decatur, from present voting place to the room under the auditor's office in the basement of the court house, in said city of Decatur.

Precinct "A" Third Ward, city of Decatur, from present voting place to the room on the corner of Second and Jackson streets, in said city of Decatur.

Precinct "B" Geneva, from the present voting place to the east room of M. E. Hutton's brick building on Line street, in the town of Geneva, said county.

By order of the Board of Commissioners.

MARTIN LAUGHLIN, Board of Commissioners.

DAVID WERLING.

WILLIAM MILLER, Adams Co.

Attest: ABE BOCH, Auditor.

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POLITICAL CELEBRITIES AT ST. LOUIS THIS WEEK.

## DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION JULY 6.



JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS.



TOM L. JOHNSON.



GROVER CLEVELAND.



SENATOR GORMAN.



WILLIAM R. HEARST.



CHARLES A. TOWNE.