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Schurger & Smith have filed a new case in circuit court entitled Christopher Byer vs Ellmira Garwood and ten others, to quiet title a small tract of land in Blue Creek township. Ellmira Garwood, defendant is of unsound mind and an inmate at the county infirmary.

The household goods which were left in the G. W. Pyle building by Tom Calvin the oil broker, were levied upon by Minch & Co. and others, who had claims against the departed Calvin. It is thought that the goods which Calvin left are valued at a couple hundred dollars. There has been nothing heard of him since he left and those who let him get in debt with them will probably always have something coming—Geneva Herald.

On and after August 1st the United Telephone company will do business in Geneva with an exchange of something like 180 homes. This valuable franchise has been held for years by the Bell people. The presidents of that town are making the change and the new order of things will go into effect next Monday. Already the phones have been changed and all the United will have to do is to move its switch board into the office formerly occupied by the Bell people. The United for the same reasons, will gobble up the town of Bryant and vicinity, with a total of over 250 telephones. This change will be made at once. Another change from the Bell to an independent line will be made at Berne. The Decatur company gets this franchise.—Hartford City News.

An operation was performed Monday on Henry Weber, living east of Williams one mile. Our readers will remember that about seven weeks ago Mr. Weber had a serious accident with a fence building machine, in which he was so terribly butchered up that no one thought he could live. The operation this morning revealed a skull cracked in several places, a piece being taken out that measured two and one half by three and one-half inches. Drs. Clark & Clark and J. M. Miller of this city and McOscar Fort Wayne, performed the operation, it being a success in every particular and the belief is expressed that a speedy recovery will follow. Since being hurt seven weeks ago the patient has laid in a numb and partly unconscious condition, at times worse than others but at no time was it thought possible to save his life. Since the operation the patient breathes better and with more regularity and it is expected that great improvement in other ways not be noticeable.

The county commissioners were in to the business of their August session Monday, the docket however, is very light and they wind up the little ball of yarn by Friday. Licenses to retail liquors were granted to Mat Schafer of this city, and William Byrd of Geneva. The reports for the Berne, Geneva and Decatur school board treasurers was approved. The evidence on the Cris Amacher ditch was continued until the September term. As viewers on the D. Beavers ditch petition William Hale, Fred H. Scheiman and John P. Spuhler were appointed. On the J. H. Hahnert ditch Ed Foreman, Andrew Miller and Henry Eiting were appointed. George W. Case and O. H. Augsburger were appointed as the authorized students from this county to Purdue University. W. H. Shepherd filed a petition that the board give up \$700 for an oil well drilled on the county farm, but the law was so plain that not even an opportunity for argument was permitted. The request was denied. Bills are taking up time of the board.

During the sixth inning at the ball game Sunday a roan team of horses which were hitched to a light surrey took fright at one of the ball players running after a foul ball, broke loose and started down the race track. An effort was made to stop them as they started, but they eluded their captors and went the full half mile in time that would have made Lou Dillon ashamed of herself. The team was finally captured near the grand stand by one of the Chattanooga ball players. No damage was done to speak of, by the team in their wild run, although the track was lined with rigs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teeple left last Sunday for Boulder, Colorado, where they will visit for some time with relatives and look over the great Northwest. Mr. Teeple has severed his connection with the Hub clothing store and will take this trip before fully determining what he will do. Mr. Teeple has for the past six months been acting in the capacity of head clerk and assistant buyer for B. Kalver & Sons, and gave perfect satisfaction while there. His place will be taken by Robert Ehinger. Mr. Teeple stated to a representative of this paper that the cause of his resignation was due to too close confinement, and that he expected from this on to do outside work.

About the only new developments in the affairs of the Cincinnati, Bluffton & Chicago railroad is the filing of three more mechanics' liens by H. Blodgett and F. H. Bracey. Blodgett has two claims, one of \$45,722.88 and another of \$5,869.30 and he files his liens against right of way, franchises, roadway, ties and steel. F. E. Bracey's claim is for \$50,000 against franchises, right of way, roadbed, track, fences, sidetrack, building bridges and water tanks. Both the claimants were connected with the construction of the line. Bracey was construction manager for the entire line and Blodgett was subcontractor for four miles of grading from this city westward. Everything is moving smooth along the railroad. The ballasting is going along rapidly and the bed is being put in first class condition.—Portland Commercial Review.

Decatur horsemen shipped to Winchester last night eight of the fastest steppers that have ever left our city to win laurels on the turf. These horses are pacers and trotters and all have marks worthy former campaign service. The string left last evening over the Grand Rapids railroad and under the care of that veteran trainer and driver, Dick Sillick, who is confident that he will return with the long end of the money. For weeks this trainer has been working his horses out and getting them into condition and the eighth horses that left last evening were in the best possible shape. The names of the horses that he took with him are Trueworth, trotter with a mark of 2:21 1/4. Little Dick, a pacer with a 2:20 mark. Dazzard, a pacer with no mark; Chilcott, a young trotter; Charlie R a fast colt; Van Camp, a coming trotter; Foreman a fast trotter, and Vizard a most promising pacer. With this bunch Decatur should certainly be well represented on the turf this fall.

The postmaster general has sent out orders to the postoffices concerning some rather important changes in the rural route rules. Hereafter all mail boxes on the rural routes will have to be equipped with suitable signals for the purpose of indicating whether or not there is mail therein. Another important change, and one that will work for economy for the farmer as well as less labor for the carrier, is that two or more families will be allowed to use one mail box providing that the families sign an agreement and file it with the postmaster. This will do away with so many boxes at cross roads and lanes which are not traveled by the carrier. The postmasters will be allowed to order for prospective patrons an approved box selected by the patron and upon the patron's request, he shall but he will not be allowed to receive compensation for the act. In some places there are cross roads where patrons have boxes and it makes an array of them that is startling. Under this new ruling a multiplicity of boxes can be avoided where patrons desire to do it, and would result in a saving to them.

The singing of Miss Carrie Thomas at Sunday's Methodist services was a feature that delighted the vast throng who heard her. She is a sweet and prepossessing girl and has a cultured voice such as you seldom hear. Her legion of friends were lavish in their bestowal of praise and congratulations upon her distinction as a singer. She has a bright future, and a multitude of friends who wish her well.

The Union Chappel Sabbath school is making arrangements to hold a Sunday School picnic August 20th. There has already been twenty-nine invitations issued to twenty-nine different Sunday schools and it is thought that the most of them will be in attendance. A real good old-fashioned picnic is predicted and a social good time with plenty to eat is guaranteed. This Sabbath school has attended many picnics as a school within the last ten years, and has not had any of its own within that time, so the officers of the school are endeavoring to conduct a picnic on the date mentioned that will make up all the lost time and we believe it will be safe to say that they will do as they advertise and if any one fails to attend they will regret it afterwards.

Monday was the last day of grace for the little squirrel. After Monday they are common prey and may be shot and killed provided the owner of the woods in which they happen to have their den does not put up a sign warning hunters away. This year the squirrels have had two more months in which to frisk and play about their old den trees than usual, the last legislature out of the kindness of its big heart passed a law that gave the little fellows immunity for this much longer time. Squirrels are plentiful this year. Every woods where there is enough timber to furnish them with good dens resounds with their scolding and parties who have been picnicking and have had an opportunity for observing say there are more of them in the woods than for many years past. It is hoped that they escape with their lives again, not wishing any hunter bad luck but just wishing that the squirrels have the long odds.

Mrs. Lulie Clay Brock, of Cynthiana Ky., is in town soliciting funds to be used in the defense of Caleb Powers, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary of the Blue Grass state for complicity in the murder of Gov. Goebel. The history of the nine trials of the case is so fresh in the minds of the readers of the daily papers that it is no longer a matter of news. Mrs. Brock is one of the official representatives of the organization which is endeavoring to create a fund of sufficient proportions to meet the expense of carrying the case through the United States Supreme court. The friends and relatives of Powers believe him innocent, and have already exhausted all the means in contesting the case in the state courts. Mrs. Brock is stopping at the Hotel Marsh. One of the contributions received by her today was the sum of \$20.00 from republican office holders and others prominent in the affairs of that party. Mrs. Brock left on the afternoon train for Greenville.—Van Wert Bulletin.

A Portland dispatch says: For the alleged "swiping" of the affection of another woman's husband, Mrs. Neece, of Decatur, was thoroughly thrashed on the streets by the wronged woman Thursday and was run out of town. Mrs. Neece came here from Decatur ostensibly as a housekeeper for widowers and claimed to be in quest of a situation. But she seemed to find more fascination among married men so the story goes, and among other things, held clandestine meetings with the husband of a woman who was not lacking in pluck. Mrs. Neece was leaving a restaurant near the Lake Erie depot last evening when she was accosted by Mrs. Bud Hudson. Mrs. Hudson was angry and after but a word she "waded in". Besides giving the woman a number of physical welts, she went after her head gear and other wearing apparel. A hat and jacket were reduced to rags and raw material and then tramped into the earth. The restaurant keeper, the Decatur woman, who left town on one of the night trains. It there is any truth to the article the lady must be using an assumed name, as no one recognizes her by the name of Neece.

The case of the state of Indiana vs Val Snell was heard Saturday before Squire Smith. The charge was provoke and the prosecuting witness was Mrs. Ollie Radbush, who claimed Val had talked about her. About ten or twelve witnesses were examined and Squire Smith's decision was for the defendant, the young man going acquit.

Charles McBarnes, the young son of Joe McBarnes, met with a serious accident Monday morning while assisting his father in cutting wood for William Arnold, who lives just south of the county infirmary. Charles had picked up a large chunk and laid it down in the proper shape to strike and when the ax came down it hit the wood in a gancing manner throwing the ax over against his left foot cutting clear through the shoe and cutting a gash in his foot four inches long. The young man was at once placed in a buggy and hurried to town. Dr. McMillen dressed the wound, requiring a number of stitches to close them up. One of the leaders of his toes was severed completely. The young man has quite a sore foot and it will be some time before he will be able to get about.

Thursday morning at an early hour Officer Fenstermaker arrested one Edith Kessler, aged twenty years, on the public square and lodged her in the county jail with a charge of insanity against her. On Saturday night she was ejected from the home of J. B. Adkins, for whom she had been working as a domestic, for alleged unseemly conduct, and early Sunday morning was found asleep on the back porch at the home of W. H. Fowler at 235 Maple Lane. She stayed at the Fowler home all day Sunday, leaving there at night on Sunday and being found on the square yesterday morning as indicated above. The young woman came to this city from Chattanooga, in Mercer county, and about two months ago was summoned home by the death of her father, who committed suicide by hanging. She never seemed exactly right mentally since her return, and it is thought the shock of her father's death unbalanced her mind.—Lima Gazette.

On and touching the 3rd 4th and 5th general storm conditions will develop and pass from west to east across the country. Sections which have been visited by many electrical, rain and hail storms during much of July and August, will most likely have the same character of storms during this period, but sections which have had little rain for weeks prior, we fear will get more threatening storm clouds and bluster than rain during these disturbances. After heavy storm and bluster about the 3rd, 4th and 5th look for rising barometer, westerly winds and cooler. On and touching the 8th and 9th, under the influence of reactionary storm forces the temperature will rise to some of the highest readings of the summer, the barometer will fall and severe storms and bluster will visit many localities in their sweep from west to east. This heated spell will not break down until after the new moon on the 11th, with strong probabilities that it will last to the regular storm period extending from the 12th to the 17th.

It is reported from New Orleans that Jeremiah Schell, formerly of Bryant and Fort Wayne, is at the head of a \$600,000 irrigation scheme in Louisiana which is one of the biggest undertakings of the kind in the world. Schell, it will be remembered was a former business man of Bryant and better remembered for his connection with the J. F. Schell Loan & Investment company of Fort Wayne. At Bryant he built a heading factory which he afterwards placed in the hands of a stock company, taking the management to himself. This failed and \$28,000 was lost to the stockholders. From there he went south and then to Fort Wayne. He organized the investment company which went along smoothly for nearly two years and then the crash came and over a hundred thousand dollars was lost to investors. He was very prominent in church and Sunday school work and made friends. There never was, perhaps, a more successful promoter or better talker, and nothing is too big for him to undertake. A number of Adams county citizens have paid him handsomely for their acquaintance with this prince of grafters.

The large bank barn of Henry Peters who lives one and one-half miles north of Magley was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning at two o'clock, and his loss will reach in the neighborhood of \$1500, which amount is partly covered by insurance. The Preble Township Insurance company carried the risk. Mr. Peters is at a loss to tell how the barn took fire, but is of the opinion that it was combustion. He also had a fine registered bull burned, also fifty tons of hay and two hundred bushels of grain.

The Commercial club committee composed of H. R. Moltz J. T. Merryman J. W. Tyndall and F. M. Schirmeyer brought cheering news from the president of the Clover Leaf. By invitation they spent Thursday with him in Toledo, and that conference disclosed their readiness to take up the proposition of a Clover Leaf division for Decatur. The terms of the same are short and sweet, and show the same business sentiments that was so noticeable in Mr. Shonts, the president, during the negotiations several months ago. They want the ground which in dimensions is no small affair, seven tracks to be used at once, and they want the wherewithal to erect a twelve-stall round house. In addition to this they themselves will build an ice plant for the icing of their beef trains and other perishable freight and which in itself will employ some twenty men. They will build an elevator and make Decatur a railroad terminal division freight and passenger. The estimated cost of what is expected from here is \$20,000. The round house will cost \$12,000 and it will be one of the largest in use. In a few days or a week President Shonts will forward in writing what they will do and what they expect the citizens here to do, and then with this clearly outlined, a petition will be presented to the county commissioners and a special election asked, so that every legal voter in Washington township may register their approval or disapproval of the project. It is by far the best business proposition ever offered, and the amount of money it will take to locate this valuable railroad industry, will come back in taxes in less than ten years. It is the kind of business that has a ready season twelve months in the year. Besides the direct benefit from the railroad the increased population have to live like other people and that means more houses and a greater demand for the necessities and luxuries of life. In fact it will be the greatest industrial revival that ever struck this corner of the earth, and every man woman and child will be the recipient of untold commercial benefits. According to the terms as already set out, it is now up to us. If the people here are in earnest about their manifestations of wishing to make Decatur greater and better now is the opportune time. The division means a great deal more than the division. It means many more hundreds people, many hundreds more homes occupied, many hundreds more people to be fed and clothed, many hundreds more newspapers to read and all this means that the taxable valuable will be perceptibly increased. In short and in fact, it is a proposition that can not be adversely considered for even a single second. It is now thought that a special election can be polled off before another month and it is now time for every person to begin an active personal campaign in favor of making Decatur a railroad city.

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