

Route One.

Miss Edith Hoagland, of east of Decatur, spent Sunday with James Hoagland and family.

The corner stone of the new Mount Pleasant church was laid Sunday with impressive ceremonies.

An ice cream social will be held at the home of William Singeton near the Mount Pleasant church on Saturday evening August 13th, under the auspices of the Mount Pleasant Epworth League society. All invited to attend.

Pleasant Mills.

Miss Minta Riter has been quite sick the past week with lung fever.

Mrs. Albert Bowers left last Thursday for an extended trip to Cincinnati.

Burton Fuller arrived Sunday evening from St. Louis, where he has been the past several months.

James Boyd and family spent Sunday with Robert Boyd and family.

There will be preaching services at the Baptist church next Sunday morning by Rev. Bennett.

Mrs. S. Rilling removed her household goods to the home of her parents southwest of this place.

Charles Yager intends removing to Pleasant Mills this fall and will again embark in the grocery business.

G. W. Baret and family moved Monday to their new home having purchased the Railing property on Main street.

Mr. Roop, of near Wren, Ohio, was in the village last week taking orders for the book entitled "High Walls and Barred Doors." The work was composed and written by the ex-priest.

Linn Grove.

Misses Myrtle and Mary Kizer spent Sunday with relatives at Poneto.

Samuel Augsburger and Levi Schindler are visiting the great fair at St. Louis.

We have seen the cats play in the eas but never until yesterday did we see paces cutting out.

The Misses Della and Lucy Schindler of Fort Wayne are being entertained by Mrs. Jacob Augsburger.

Mr. and Mrs. Christian Stucky returned from Woodburn last Thursday, after one week's visit with relatives.

Mrs. P. Huffman visited son and daughter at Marion the later part of last week, the daughter returning with her on the Sabbath.

Rumor is rife that a new enterprise is to establish at this place, the same being the manufacture of artificial stone building blocks.

L. L. Dunbar, Samuel Oplinger and David Falb are the promoters of the new industry, our informant apprised us that machines and one car load of cement have been contracted for. The company have several orders now to fill.

Petroleum's base ball team met the Linn Grove Stars on the diamond of the latter on the Sabbath, the pretensions of Petroleum is to be deplored, had they have carried less cold storage. Much doubt would have been removed that they would have done better, besides their morals needed mending. The tall showed 35 to 8 in favor of the Stars.

On last Sunday about eighty of John Studabakers' friends and relatives met at his home near Vera Cruz, to remind him of his fortieth birthday. Johnnie had been engaged decoyed from home by Frank Studabaker and when they returned at 12 o'clock John was completely surprised to find every nook and corner occupied by friends, besides seeing two large tables filled with good things to eat. After

Eyes Examined Free and Headaches Cured

—BY—

Drs. Burke & Lemontree

of 221 S. Michigan St.
South Bend, Ind.,

who have been making regular visits to Decatur every sixty days will be here soon.

WATCH FOR DATE

dinner the guests assembled in the yard and listened to speeches from Rev. E. C. Beirie, Benj. Studabaker and Glenna Beirie. John was the recipient of a handsome suit of clothes. It will be a day long to be remembered, not only by Johnnie but by his relatives as well. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Abram Studabaker, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hoffman and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Studabaker and family, Mr. and Mrs. August Cline and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Masterson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Markley and family, of Vera Cruz, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Studabaker, of Bluffton, Ann Bowman and family of Decatur, Mrs. A. W. Boyd, of Bradford, Pa., Mrs. C. L. Boyd of Montpelier, Rev. E. C. Beirie and family, Marion French and family, Frank Studabaker, John Miller, Fred and Hugh French and their families of Domestic, Lee Baumgartner, D. F. Hoffman and family, of Linn Grove, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carter, of Marion, Edward Beeler and family, Misses Orrilla and Glenna Beirie, Chloe Studabaker, Bessie Baumgartner, Glenna Miller, Kate and Clara Kline Ethel French Fannie Baumgartner Messrs. Charley Felsch Chester Clyde, John Baumgartner Murice Studebaker, Leo Captins, Miller Baumgartner.

SUICIDE PREVENTED.

The startling announcement that a preventative of suicide had been discovered will interest many. A run down system or despondency invariably precede suicide and something has been found that will prevent that condition which makes suicide likely.

At the first thought of self-destruction take Electric Bitters. It being a great tonic and nervine will strengthen the nerves and build up the system. It's also a great stomach, liver and kidney regulator. Only 50c. Satisfaction guaranteed by Blackburn & Christen, druggists.

THE DEATH PENALTY

A little thing that sometimes results in death. Thus a mere scratch, insignificant cuts or puny boils have paid the death penalty.

It is wise to have Bucklen's Arnica Salve ever handy. It's the best salve on earth and will prevent fatality when burns, sores, ulcers and piles threaten. Only 25c at Blackburn & Christen's drug store.

NIGHT WAS HER TERROR.

"I would cough nearly all night long," writes Mrs. Chas. Applegate, of Alexandria, Ind., "and could hardly get any sleep. I had consumption so bad that if I walked a block I would cough frightfully and spit blood, but when all other medicines failed, three \$1.00 bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery wholly cured me and I gained 58 pounds." It's absolutely guaranteed to cure coughs, colds, la grippe, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Price 50c and \$1. Trial bottles free at Blackburn & Christen.

NOTICE

As we have decided to quit the furniture business it is necessary for us to settle all book accounts for which reason we kindly ask all knowing themselves indebted to the firm to call and settle by cash or note.

WOODWARD & BALL.

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World's Fair Route

To St. Louis via Toledo, St. Louis & Western railroad, Clover Leaf route. Low round trip fares from Decatur as follows:

\$16.00 round trip. Going any day. Return limit December 15.

\$13.35 round trip. Going any day. Return limit 60 days from date of sale.

\$12.00 round trip. Going any day. Return limit 15 days from date of sale.

\$7.30 round trip. Good only in coaches. Going any Tuesday or Thursday. Seven days' limit. Commencing May 17.

Pullman palace sleeping cars, cafe and free reclining chair cars and through day coaches on all night trains. Buffet and free reclining chair cars and through day coaches on all through day trains. Meals served a-la carte on through trains. See T. L. Miller, agent Clover Leaf route a Decatur, or address George H. Ross General Traffic Mgr, Toledo, Ohio.

\$27.50 Hot Springs, S.D. 30.70

Deadwood and Lead and return from Chicago daily, via the Chicago & North Western Ry. Correspondingly low rates from other points. The Black Hills region the great natural sanitarium of the west, is one of the most picturesque spots in the world and well worth a visit. Information and tickets can be secured from your home agent. Illustrated Black Hills booklet with valuable map mailed on receipt of 4 cent in stamps by W. B. Kniskern, Chicago.

THE OSSETINIANS.

A Race of the Caucasus Mountains With a Georgian Dialect.

In the highest parts of the Caucasus mountains, around the Kasbeck region, there is a tribe, very tall and handsome, which speaks its own peculiar dialect of the Georgian language and has its own peculiar customs, differing in many ways from those of the Tscherkesses, Armenians, Circassians and other tribes that dwell in the same country. It is the tribe of the Ossetians.

Like the rest of the Caucasus tribes, they have recognized Russia's authority. But they adhere to the claim that they are not descended from Asiatic races, like the other tribes, but that their ancestors were German knights who had gone to the crusades and who, after the disastrous end of the last crusade, had been driven into the wild valleys of the Caucasus, whence it was impossible for them to win their way out and homeward owing to the vigilance of the Moslem foe. So at last they settled down and took wives among the Caucasus mountain women, who have always been noted for their beauty.

It is a strange fact that the Ossetians understand the science of brewing malt liquors, and they are the only ones who drink beer, the other tribes preferring Asiatic liquors.

THE WORD LIVERY.

It Originally Meant Something Delivered or Freely Given.

Our word livery is derived, through the French, from the Latin liberare, to deliver. Hence a livery originally meant something delivered or freely given, and came to be applied to an allowance of food or clothes.

From Norman times an English nobleman allotted a fixed "livery" of bread, wine and candles to his servants for their private use. A remnant of this system still survives at Oxford and Cambridge, where the fellows of a college are entitled to a daily allowance of food called "commons."

An allowance of provender for a horse was also called livery, and a horse fed and groomed for its owner given, and came to be applied to an allowance of food or clothes.

In the middle ages "livery" was worn by any one who was in any sense in the service of another of superior rank or station.

The trading companies of the city of London used to provide a special attire for their freemen, who became known as liverymen, a title which they still retain.

CIRCULATING LIBRARIES.

They Were Started by the Stationers of the Middle Ages.

The earliest form of circulating library was the lending out of books for hire by stationers of the middle ages, but this was of very limited extent. In the reign of Henry IV, Richard of Bury, bishop of Durham, left his valuable library for the use of Oxford students. Two provisions are very practical, one being that no book was to go into circulation unless there was a duplicate; the other, that the borrower had to deposit security exceeding the value of the book.

Dunfermline, Scotland, established the first proper library of this description in 1711, Edinburgh following in 1725 with one founded by Allen Ramsay. The first public one in England was established in Salisbury by a clergyman, Fancourt, in 1740. This failed to survive, but others in Bath, and at London in the Strand, succeeded in becoming popular. Many London scientific societies established circulating libraries in the eighteenth century, and in the nineteenth they became far more widely spread.—London Globe.

OLD MAIDS.

The true "old maid," like the true poet, is born, not made, old maidiness being a question of innate character rather than of incidental condition. There are old maids of every state and age and sex, says Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler, creatures who revel in fuss, and batten upon detail and abide in the narrowest of narrow ruts. Do we not all know married women with large families who are, nevertheless, old maids to the backbone, just as we know adorable elderly spinsters who have the minds of girls and the hearts of mothers? And do we not also know numbers of the (so called) stronger sex whose absorption in trifles and avidity for gossip proclaim them old maids of the purest water?

A MAN TO DODGE.

"Look at Baker, out on a day like this without an umbrella. Is he crazy?"

"I'm afraid he is. Let's hurry on. I don't want to meet him."

"Why not?"

"He may recognize this umbrella. It's his."

AMONG THEM.

Clara—Do you know, Maud, Mr. Smithers paid me a great compliment last night?

"No. What did he say?"

"He said I was among the prettiest girls at the party."

"Yes, I noticed you were among them."

A LAST RESORT.

Little Boy—I want you to write me an excuse for being late to school yesterday. Jeweler—Eh? You are not my son. Little Boy—No, but mamma says I had plenty of time to get to school, so I guess the clock you sold her doesn't go right.

The masses procure their opinions ready made in the open market.—Cotton.

MARKET REPORT.

Accurate prices paid by Decatur merchants for various products. Corrected every day.

GRAIN.

BY E. L. CARROL, GRAIN MERCHANT.

New Corn yellow \$ 67

New Corn, mixed 65

Machine shucked one cent less.

Oats, new 28

No. 3, White Oats old 28

Wheat, No. 2 89

Wheat, No. 3 86

Barley 40

Rye No. 2 50

Clover Seed 5 05

Alyssum @ 25

Buckwheat 48

Flax Seed 80

Timothy \$ 95

CHICAGO MARKETS.

Chicago market closed at 1:11 p.m. today, according to National Commission Co., special wire service, as follows:

Wheat, Sept. old 95

September wheat new 95

Wheat, Dec. 94

Corn May 96

Corn, September 51

Corn, December 48

Oats, May 47 1/2

Oats, September 34

Oats, Dec. 34 1/2

Oats May 36 1/2

Sept. Pork 12 80

Sept Lard 6 90

TOLEDO GRAIN MARKETS.

Changed every afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by J. D. Hale, Decatur Special wire service.

Wheat, new No. 2, red, cash \$ 97 1/2

September wheat 97 1/2

December Wheat 95

Corn cash 55

September corn 55

December corn 48

Oats, Cash 36 1/2

September oats 34 1/2

Oats December 35

Rye, cash 65

OTHER PRODUCTS.

BY VARIOUS GROCERS AND MERCHANTS

Eggs, fresh, per doz \$ 17

Lard 7

Butter, per pound 10

Potatoes, new 1 40

Onions 75

Cabbage per 100 lb 1 50

Apples,