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At Dr. Coverdale's office, at Decatur, Ind., First Tuesday each month

Col. Fred Reppert, the popular auctioneer, is in better humor today than usual, and proudly announces the arrival of a baby daughter at his happy home. All concerned are re-covering.

There were thirty-three stallions fighting for premiums at the Great Northern Indiana Fair. Five firsts and one second premium were captured by Butler's famous Tampa and his bet.

Fred Mutchler has sold his farm three miles northwest of town, and will build a home just north of the city, where he has bought a small plat of land. He will hold a public sale next Thursday.

Valparaiso College, Valparaiso, Ind., is one of the best equipped institutions of learning in the land. It is the one school that has placed the advantages of the high priced schools within the reach of all. Its fall term will open September 6th. It well deserves its remarkable patronage.

John Jones, who employed as a stone mason by A. Tabman, on the interurban line, came to town Thursday and endeavored to consume all the "booze" in town. He was picked up by Marshal Cordua and lodged in jail. This morning he was brought before Mayor Coffee, admitted his guilt and was fined \$9.330 and went to jail.

Linza, eldest son of William and Sarah Young, was born in Blue Creek township, Adams county, Ind., Sept. 12, 1892, and departed this life on August 25, 1904, aged 11 years, 11 months and 13 days. He leaves to mourn their loss a father, mother, three sisters and two brothers, besides many other relatives and friends. The funeral service will be held last Saturday morning at the Salem M. E. church, the Rev. J. A. Sprague conducting the services.

If Robert L. Martin, treasurer of the city of Muncie, does not refund to the city the sum of \$532.02 which he collected as interest on taxes, and which he appropriated to his own use, suit will be brought against him by the city, through City Attorney Ellis for the recovery of the sum. This stand was taken on Monday night by the city council on a report from the judiciary committee. After some discussion the report of the committee was adopted. A demand will be made for the return of the money, and in case of refusal a suit will be filed. Mr. Martin claims that the money thus collected is under the law, his own. The outcome of this proceeding will be watched with interest by other cities. In many cities of the state there are treasurers who are pocketing the interest on the cities' money on deposit in the banks.

The Young Folks' Country club held one of their regular social dances Wednesday night at the C. Y. M. S. rooms and from all reports of the same a fine time was had by all present. About sixty couple took advantage of their invitations and attended and all during the evening the floor was crowded with eager dancers. The music was furnished by W. E. Smith's Ragtime orchestra and gave perfect satisfaction, as is always the case, and were kept busy for hours playing waltzes, two steps, quadrilles. The floor manager was Andrew Schurter and he conducted the dance in his usual good form. The club will give another dance in the near future. Out-of-town guests, who attended the dance here Wednesday were Misses Kate Krause, Rose Luley, Della Lee, May Voor, Anna Rehling, Gillia Sorg, Ellen Kintz, Katie Sorg and Hanna Harber and Messrs. J. J. Voor, Stephen and Jarrad Read, Gus Krause, Mike Larier, E. Mike, Tony and Lambert Sorg, Val Jink, Joe Meyer, Walbert Sheridan, Fort Wayne and Mary and Katie Wilhelm, Grace Hale, David Doyle, of Lima, Ohio.

Mr. Mason L. Haughton and Miss Pearl C. Peel, well known young people from Geneva, were granted a marriage license last Saturday. They repaired to the Presbyterian parsonage where Rev. E. A. Allen united them in marriage at eleven o'clock. The bride was gowned in white and the groom wore the conventional black.

Mrs. Sarah Liddle, the venerable mother of Mrs. John C. White, died Thursday at her home, at Guilford, Indiana. The end came at 1:30, after a somewhat protracted illness, beginning last winter with lagrippe. She was aged seventy-four years, and during a long life of usefulness reared a family that have for many years been her pride. A son is a minister in Minnesota, two daughters are teachers, one at Marion and one at Muncie, besides the estimable wife of Rev. John C. White, whom most of Decatur know, and who will sympathize with her in this hour of trial. They left at 1:15 for Guilford, where they will remain until after the funeral. They expect to return to this city Saturday.

The M. T. T. club gave a dance last night at the C. Y. M. S. club rooms, which was well attended by the young people of this city. The hall was beautifully decorated in the club colors, which were arched and draped in many artistic designs and the dance hall put forth a very pleasing appearance. Promptly at nine o'clock the grand march was started, and from then on until the wee sma' hours the orchestra was kept busy keeping time to the merry feet of the dancers. The music was furnished by True Fristoe's and Med Miller and was faultless. The club, although a young one, is a mighty good one and know how to make their guests enjoy themselves. The M. T. T. stands for Med Miller, Tom Ehinger and True Fristoe and are in the business to stay. They expect to give a number of like dances this winter, all of which will no doubt be well attended.

Those who are of the opinion that the fraternal order of Eagles is not composed of good fellows are certainly very badly mistaken, and have never as yet had an occasion to get mixed up with them and realize their full value. A correspondent of this paper, however, had the pleasure on Saturday evening last, of being present at a banquet given by the Eagles of this city in honor of the Eagles of the Rentfrow and DeLacour Stock companies, who had been showing in this city for the past week. The scene of the evening's festivities was at White & Son's cafe, at least forty Eagles and Buzzards being assembled and enjoying the evening's repast, and good fellowship. At promptly eleven o'clock the first course of the banquet was served and for a full hour everyone present was busily engaged in getting on the outside of what was set before them. Mose Krohn, of local reputation, had charge of the evening's program, and made the opening welcome address, which was responded to by John Lynn, a member of the Rentfrow Stock Co., who wound up his address by singing an Eagle song, all Eagles present joining in on the chorus and making the room resound with the Eagle yeh, yeh. Each member was then called upon to make a few remarks and all responded nobly and did his or her best, and were applauded for their efforts. Sautrai, a member of the Rentfrow company, when called upon did neat little turn by showing his skill in manipulating a deck of cards, by making them disappear and come back again. His work was clever and appreciated by all present. The ladies of the company responded with a few appropriate remarks, each being thankful for the fact that their husband was an Eagle. Manager Buffham, of the Rentfrow Co. then spoke in behalf of the show people, earnestly thanking their Decatur brothers for their hospitality and good fellowship in showing them perfect strangers a pleasing week and making them all feel at home. There is no doubt but that the occasion will be one that will be long remembered by all the show people and also by the Decatur Eagles, as it was a decided success throughout, and without doubt shows that all Eagles are good fellows, and always ready and anxious to entertain brothers wherever he may be, and brothers to whom the right hand of good fellowship, and further showed the Buzzards present that they were certainly missing something by not becoming a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

Ed Green assumed his duties as city marshal Monday morning, and appeared on schedule time, neatly uniformed and ready for business. He will undoubtedly make an efficient officer. Clerk Jack McFeeley will assume his duties tomorrow evening, when the city council meets and Treasurer Archbold and Mayor Coffee have started upon their new terms.

The will of Mary Jane Closs was filed at the county clerk's office today and will be recorded on the proper books. The deceased lived at Newport, Kentucky, where the will was duly probated August 12, last. It was necessary to file a copy here, because a part of the real estate mentioned is situated in this county, an eighty acre farm being the Adams county portion of the lady's wealth, which by the way totals a snug amount. The entire estate was bequeathed to Mrs. Closs' four children.

For once in the history of Decatur the city smells like an oil town although there is not an oil well within eight miles of this place.

Those who have been trying to discover its source have at last solved the mystery. The St. Marys river is covered with oil from bank to bank, and puts one in mind of the small streams that run through a genuine oil field. The oil comes from the Standard Oil Co.'s pipe line that runs through this city from Lima to Chicago and which is buried in the river just south of the C. & E. railroad bridge. The line sprung a leak sometime yesterday, and the oil is rapidly escaping, and, being lighter than water, naturally comes to the surface. A force of linemen representing the above named company, arrived Monday and are busily engaged in capping the leak. There is no doubt but that the company has lost several hundred dollars but they can probably stand the loss without feeling it.

At the office of W. J. Heeter in this place Friday we were accorded the pleasure of viewing the Geneva Traction Co.'s line as it exists on paper. The maps and profiles of the lines are certainly complete in many details that go to make up a piece of work of that kind, and represents much hard work and a big monetary expenditure for the traction company. H. McGlellan, of South Bend, had in his possession the maps and profiles to which we allude. He exhibited them to the people who called during the afternoon, and in the evening left for South Bend, and the latter part of this week will go to Chicago to have blue-prints made and in the course of a few weeks will have these profiles on file with the recorders in each of the counties through which the line is to be constructed, namely: Grant, Blackford, Wells, Adams and Mercer. The Geneva Traction company is a duly organized body, incorporated for \$25,000. The terminal points are Marion on the west and Celina, Ohio, on the east—total length of line fifty-nine and one-half miles. This company has been organized less than six months and during this short time has accomplished what promoters of many other lines have taken years to do. From the profile we note that there will be seven bridges, the combined length of which is 646 feet, a total excavation of 173,823 cubic yards and 398,995 cubic yards of embankment, and outside of the corporation of Montpelier the grade does not run over one per cent and there is just grade enough to make a good drainage. Franchises have been granted by Marion, Montpelier, Geneva and it is now up to Celina to do her part. The proposed line enters Marion on Fourth street, passes through Montpelier on Adams and High streets through Geneva on Shackley street and enters Celina on Market street. It will pass through Dundee, Keystone, Nottingham, Phoenix, New Corydon, Skels X Roads and other smaller towns, besides the aforementioned corporations. It passes two fair grounds, one at Marion and another at Celina. It connects with three interurbans and crosses six steam lines. Within a radius of five miles there is a population of 93,187. These with many points that might be mentioned are what made promoters of traction lines look upon the route with such great favor, and that the line will be constructed is now beyond the problematical stage. Right-of-way men are still busily engaged and the work is being pushed steadily forward.—Geneva Herald.

Jack Touhey, an old Decatur boy, who for several years has been yardmaster on the Lake Erie & Western railway at Muncie, has been appointed temporary road master of that division of the road. He will serve while the regular official is enjoying a vacation. The appointment shows him next in line of promotion. Jack is a competent railroad man and has worked for his knowledge. His recognition is deserved.

Peoples & Holthouse, proprietors of the Fashion stables Friday received from Cunningham & Son, of Rochester, N. Y. their new transfer bus, and from a close examination of the same, it is all that is claimed for it. The upholstering of the bus is of leather, with satin finish appearance. The rig is ball bearing all round, and is finished in dark green and maroon, there being nineteen coats of paint on the same. The bus is built upon modern, up-to-date plans and is one of the finest vehicles ever brought to this city, and one of the finest transfer buses in northern Indiana.

"There is a well defined tendency throughout the state toward the consolidation of the district schools," remarked Lawrence McTurnan, deputy state superintendent of public instruction, "I notice among school trustees and high school teachers everywhere. The idea is to merge the district school of the same community into one. Children could be transported in big wagons, properly heated, that would call for them each morning and take them home at night. A competent driver, who would be responsible for the conduct of the children, would be in charge. Large schools with graded work can preserve better discipline and accomplish more than the district school. Where there are a number of teachers, the work can be outlined and systematized. Then, too, the pupils take pride in the yearly and semi yearly promotions and the change from room to room. And in addition to this, a large school can be maintained at less expense than a number of small ones. Fuel is saved and other items are kept down. I think the time will soon be here when the consolidated school will be a reality."

During the race program Friday afternoon at Steele's park a small blaze was started on the ground floor of the grand stand, but was discovered in ample time, and no damage was done. The fire originated in the southeast corner of the building, in which a small refreshment stand was situated, and was caused by a lighted match being dropped among a lot of rubbish and paper, this quickly burst into flames, causing a great deal of excitement. Water, however, was quickly thrown onto the blaze and the fire extinguished, before the people in the amphitheatre knew what the trouble was. It certainly was a very narrow escape, as the material in the grand stand is dry and combustible, and only timely aid averted a serious loss.

Ossian is again indebted to A. S. Elzey for a fortunate land deal which will turn the barren waste west of the Baptist church into a row of sightly houses and which will be numbered as the fourth Elzey addition to the town of Ossian. The land was owned by E. A. Vail and consisted of that broad tract south of Lefever street and stretching east from the Eighth mile. Last week Mr. Elzey bought the land at a close figure and immediately started to sell lots. So great was his success that the entire field is now sold, and Mr. Elzey has realized a handsome profit to himself. Those who have purchased the lots are John Gatsen, Ben Verdamen, Dr. E. W. Dyer, Fred Sharp and Fred Gibson. Several houses will be built there yet this fall. Again Mr. Elzey has done a good thing for the town, creating more work for the carpenters, beautifying an unsightly field, and evidencing his desire to serve the public here faithfully and to mutual advantage. Mr. Elzey has always called himself with general progressive movements. Such a deal as this successfully consummated is worth hundreds of dollars to the town. It is an axiom in real estate circles that new additions to a town or village prove it to be a flourishing and prosperous one. Further such successful manipulations directly redound to the credit of the one who promotes them.—Ossian News.

Thomas W. Sullivan and son Thomas, Jr., aged about five years, are at their home in Bryant in care of a physician and the former swears by all good and true that they have been the victims of an attempt to poison says the Portland Commercial-Review. Their troubles started last fall when Thomas W. Sullivan, Sr., inserted an advertisement in a newspaper for a housekeeper. The advertisement brought results for it brought Beatrice Siboney. The Siboney woman was not only willing to be his housekeeper, but was willing as well to become the wife of Thomas. The latter's second wife, who was a most estimable woman, had been dead only a few weeks, but this was not allowed to stand in the way of another nuptial contract, and the wedding was pulled off in short order. A license was procured and the wedding took place in the court house in this city. As would be inferred, the parties to the contract had known each other but a few hours, consequently when they were married they had yet to learn whether or not they loved each other. Well, married life started off with a whirl, but instead of growing warm in the love of each other it is said a chilliness soon began to pervade the Sullivan household. They lived in Bryant for a long time and then a few weeks ago removed to Parker in Randolph county and set up in the hotel business. Nothing was heard from them until a few days ago, Sullivan and his family arriving in Bryant. They had been in the town but a short time when Marshal Ormer received instruction from the sheriff of Randolph county to arrest Sullivan. The charges against Sullivan was assault and battery on his wife. Hearing from outside sources of the order for his arrest Sullivan hurried up and furnished bond for his appearance. Not much can be learned of the last trouble of the Sullivan except that Thomas, Sr., and Thomas Jr., are ill and the senior Thomas claims that the poison was administered by his wife with the intent to reduce the population of Indiana. Mrs. Sullivan is yet in Randolph county and her story is not obtainable.

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