

## THE TOWN WANTS A HALL

Editor Rayn Starts a Boom - An Explosion Averted at Acker & Teeple's Store.

H. A. Fristoe, proprietor of the Economy Store, has been unable to keep his place of business open during the evenings because of the fact that there are no lights in the store. He is having a gasoline lighting system put in and the same would have been completed several days ago had it not been for the fact that the generator was broken. The factory that makes this light sold out to another firm and it was impossible to get the repairs until this week and even yet they are not here, but Mr. Loch, who is putting in the plant, is looking for them any day and it is probable that the Economy store will be open Saturday night.

Editor Rayn, of the Geneva Herald, is boasting, through his editorial column, a town hall project and in this he should receive the hearty cooperation of every resident of Geneva. There is a crying need for such a hall, as there is absolutely no place in the town now where a public meeting may be held. The uses of such a hall are numerous and no one realizes what it's absence means. Only certain entertainments can be given in the churches. The auditorium at the school house is used for others. The town board meets in the Herald office and as "A Citizen" says in this week's Herald, "the fire department has no place to put the apparatus and as a result part of the fire fighting apparatus stands out in all kinds of weather and will soon be too badly ruined to burn. Push for a town hall."

## MONMOUTH LITERARY SOCIETY.

What might have resulted in a very serious conflagration, perhaps an explosion and loss of life, was an accident which happened the gasoline lighting plant in the Acker & Teeple clothing store Tuesday evening. In some manner air got into the pipes and when the discovery was made by one of the employees of the store, two of the lights were blazing away up and were totally destroyed. Had it not been for this timely discovery the fire may have started back toward the engine and should this have occurred there is no telling what the result would have been.

## WILLIAM HENRY COFFELT.

William Henry Coffelt was born near Berne, Indiana, May 22, 1867, and died at his home at Decatur, Ind., Oct. 21, 1906, aged 39 years and 5 months. He leaves to mourn a devoted wife and four children, two boys and two girls. One daughter preceded its father to the better world.

We miss you in your place, dear papa.  
We see your vacant chair.  
We miss you in our home, dear papa.  
We miss you everywhere.

Farewell, dear papa, but not forever;  
For we shall meet again.  
Not in this world of pain and sorrow,  
But in the bright and happy land.

Where pain and death do come no more;  
But all is bright and fair.

Where heartaches are all over,  
And there'll be no vacant chair.

MARGARET COFFELT.

Mrs. Coffelt desires to return her sincere thanks to her many kind friends and neighbors who so willingly assisted her during the sickness and death of her husband.

## HAD VERY ROUGH VOYAGE.

Judge Johnson and Wife Arrive at Manila.

Judge and Mrs. E. F. Johnson have arrived safely in Manila, according to a letter received from them Monday by Mrs. Johnson's father, Mr. David Smith. The letter was written in the early part of September. Although the Johnsons have crossed the Pacific ocean a number of times during the past ten years, their last voyage over was the most unpleasant one in their experience. From the time they left Vancouver until they arrived at Yokohama they did not have a ray of sunlight, and when they reached Hong Kong a cyclone was encountered. The sea all the way over was rough, and both the Judge and Mrs. Johnson were seasick two days and confined to their berths. The pleasures of former voyages were rudely dispelled in this last trip. But their safe arrival in Manila is pleasing news to their relatives and friends in this country. — Willshire Herald.

James T. Merryman was attending to legal matters at Portland today.

## CASE AGAINST CITY DISMISSED

Some Probate Business - Levi Springer Appointed Guardian for Zurich Children.

Case No. 7266 was filed in Circuit court today, it being Ernest B. Kendall vs. George Schrall, complaint on judgment, demand \$250. The complaint says that the judgment for \$158.27 and costs and interest was secured by the Aultman, Miller & Co., November 4, 1896, and was assigned to this plaintiff. Merryman & Sutton are attorneys for plaintiff.

Delilah J. Butler vs. Margaret Mayer et al., trespass. Appearance for defendants by C. J. Lutz, A. P. Beatty and J. W. Teeple. Ruled to answer.

Walter J. Seully vs. City of Decatur, \$300 account, dismissed and costs paid.

In Probate court exceptions on the final report of the administrator in the estate of Iva Roebuck were filed by Israel Bender, who also filed a petition for distribution.

A suggestion of the death of Abraham Springer, guardian for Lydia Zurich et al., was made and Levi Springer was appointed guardian and gave bond for \$5,000. The new guardian filed an inventory.

A part of the tickets for the election have arrived at the clerk's office and the commissioners are getting ready to distribute them.

A marriage license has been issued to Middleton Beavers and Miss Louisa Adler of Kirkland township.

## NEW INSURANCE LAWS.

Knights of Pythias Adopted Some New Rules.

New Orleans, Oct. 25.—New insurance laws, affecting 80,000 policy holders, were officially adopted yesterday by the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias. The features of these laws are: An increase in the maximum policy from \$3,000 to \$4,000. An increase in the age limit at which members can be insured from 50 to 60 years. The creation of a new fifth class of insurance. This class involves a complete change from the old fraternal congress to the American experience table with interest at 3 1/2 percent. There will be annual accounting; an annual dividend policy, returning to the member at the risk at the end of each year all over and above the cost of carrying the risk and expense of management.

All policies under the new system become contestable after three years. Privileges given to policy holders in the fourth class to transfer into the new fifth class, taking the same amount without new medical examination. Arthur J. Stobart, of St. Paul, was tonight appointed major general of the uniform rank for a term of two years by the supreme chancellor.

## BRYAN MAKES NO CHARGES.

Committee Only Furnishes Him With Transportation.

There is a likely story about Wm. J. Bryan getting \$250 for each speech he is making through Indiana. Some persons in telling the story placed the amount as high as \$500 per speech, while others go it down as low as \$200. Taking the latter figures, Bryan had a big day Monday when he made fourteen speeches. This day made him \$2,800, if the reports being circulated by persons of the opposite party are to be believed.

The truth is that Mr. Bryan is making the tour through Indiana without cost to the Democratic committee. All the committee does is to furnish transportation and pay the expenses of the trip. Mr. Bryan charges not one cent for his time. When Mr. Bryan gets through with the tour in the different states in which he is to speak, he will be several dollars poorer than when he left his Nebraska home.

## WILLIAM CULLEY IS DEAD.

Well Known Monroe Township Farmer Dies of Heart Trouble.

William Culley, aged fifty-eight years and one of the most respected farmers of Monroe township, died Sunday morning at one o'clock after an illness of several weeks' duration, death resulting from heart trouble. Mr. Culley was born in Wayne county, Ohio, where he resided until he was twenty years of age, when he moved to this country, where he had since made his home. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at the United Brethren church, in this city, Rev. J. C. White officiating, and interment will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

## BID ON COLLEGE BUILDING.

Contractor Hoffman Sixth in the Bunch of Ten.

Fred Hoffman returned last evening from Moore's Hill, Indiana, where he submitted a bid on the Moore's Hill College, which was let there on Tuesday. Although unsuccessful, Mr. Hoffman speaks in the highest terms concerning the treatment afforded him by those interested. Ten bids were submitted, the lowest being that of Unker & Co., of Dayton, Ohio, and they were awarded the contract. This is the old college town where both Rev. John C. White and his wife graduated and is one of the foremost educational schools in Indiana. The town surrounding the college is very small, but the instructors of the college are among the best. Mr. Hoffman stated that he heard nothing but praise concerning Rev. White and wife. The bids and bidders were as follows:

Unker & Co., Dayton, O. \$34,221.00  
Barnes & Co., S. Bend, Ind. 34,700.00  
Clifton Sons, Peru, Ind. 35,908.90  
Elzy Bros., Cincinnati, O. 38,000.00  
Evans, Lawrenceburg, Ind. 39,289.00  
Fred Hoffen, Decatur. 39,482.00  
F. Ellsworth, Muncie. 38,045.00  
W. Ridder & Co., Cincinnati. 43,488.00  
Williams, Tipton. 48,640.00  
Peacock, Cincinnati. 50,859.50

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## FARMER INSTITUTE CONFERENCE.

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Will Be Held at Lafayette Next Month.

The ninth annual conference of the Farmer Institute workers will be held Wednesday and Thursday, November 7 and 8 at Purdue University, Lafayette. The chairmen of each county institute are special delegates to these sessions, but all others interested in the work are cordially invited and can secure railroad rates on all roads. Ed S. Moses, president of the Adams County institute, will attend and will have the honor of presiding as chairman of the meeting on Wednesday evening. The program as arranged is very interesting.

## THE FLAMING ARROW TONIGHT

The Great Border Drama - You Should See It.

Lincoln J. Carter's border drama, "The Flaming Arrow," will open an engagement of one night at the Boss Opera House tonight. It is said to possess the true western melodramatic flavor, depending for its success upon its brisk action, exciting climaxes and stage mounting, together with an adroitness of dramatic conception and an excellent plot. An exciting four horse race is the feature of the first act. Interest is increased in the second act by a realistic council fire, pow-wow and ghost dance by the Indians of the company. The third act contains a number of humorous specialties, including a genuine Indian brass band. The company is said to be one of the largest that will appear at the opera house this season, numbering some forty people. Much care has been given to the piece and an excellent mounting above the Carter standard

## RATHBONE SISTERS' BANQUET

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Geneva May Have a Skating

Rink.

Geneva, Oct. 27.—For the benefit of those who missed the opportunity of hearing Robert Parker Miles lecture at the U. B. church Friday evening, it may be said that they missed one of the very best entertainments that has ever been given a Geneva audience. Mr. Miles came here under the auspices of the high school alumni, who are giving the people of this place a lecture course, and he delivered his great lecture, "Tallow Dips." It was simply great and the manner in which he swayed his audience from humor to pathos, from the truly sublime to the ridiculous, made his hearers live and see with him all the different points which he brought out. His command of words and his manner of giving his thoughts to his audience is wonderful. If every number of the course is as enjoyable as the first one, those who hold tickets have in store for them many treats.

The Rathbone Sisters had a big time in their lodge rooms Friday evening in the way of a banquet. Several new candidates were given a trip over the "rocky road" and these, with the other new members, were the guests of honor. The ladies of this lodge are noted for the splendid little spreads which they prepare in the lodge rooms and last night's doings were not behind any of the other banquets which they have had. The Rathbone Sisters order is growing rapidly and will soon be among the first of the ladies' lodges in Geneva.

## IN AN INTERESTING CONTEST

The Result Was a Surprise to the Dope Makers—Play Again This Evening.

The famous Klondyke bowling team that has up to the present time been defeating all the surrounding crack teams met a local team last evening at the Palace bowling alleys and met defeat for the first time this season in a series of games. A large crowd of fans were present and it was fully expected that the Klondyke team would win in a walk, but at the conclusion of the three games it was found that the dope had been upset, as the "Dubs," as they called themselves, were the victors by a total of 19 pins. For the Klondyke team Klein and Frisinger were the stars, their averages for the three games being over 175, while for the "Dubs," Dorwin and Studabaker excelled, they also having high averages. The games were interesting and caused much rooting. Scores:

	KLONDYKE.	DUBS.
Klein	184	161
Lankau	133	180
Beery	152	131
Frisinger	140	161
T. Peterson	158	156
Totals	767	789

	DUBS.
Studabaker	209
Wemhoff	145
Dorwin	172
France	148
Peterson	168
Totals	842

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Klondyke, 2413; Dubs, 2432.	191
Wemhoff	145
Dorwin	209
France	141
Peterson	121
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