

The records of the Porter and Lake circuit courts show that the Baltimore & Ohio railroad company paid an amount in excess of \$30,000 to the relatives of the victims of the Woodville wreck, in which sixty-one lives were lost. It is understood that every claim will be settled without resort to the courts of the state.

The local high school team that plays Portland here next Saturday will line up as follows: McKean, catcher; Buffenbarger, pitcher; Tudor, 1 base; Stevens, 2 base; York, 3 base; Dibble, ss; Smith, c. f.; Peterson, l. f., and Case r. f. The line up is a strong one and the boys will no doubt be able to give a good account of themselves.

Charles Francis Knowlton, a railroad promoter, who is not unknown to Jay county people, has been pulling off a promotion scheme in Carroll county and his victims are not pleased. He sold them stock in an interurban line which was to pass through the towns of Flora, Camden, Rockfield and Idaville. He got \$25 for each \$100 share he sold.—Portland Commercial-Review.

Mrs. Edith Hendrickson, while returning to her home in west part of the city last evening, after the show, had the misfortune to slip and fall on the Grand Rapids tracks, her head striking the heavy iron rail. She was assisted home by friends and this morning seems to be unable to move her head either way. The muscles in the back of her head being partially paralyzed. Her condition is nothing serious.

Following is a new way to collect, but Decatur doctors would be too modest to try it. Sally, the hired girl, was sick abed. When the doctor was alone with the girl she said: "I am not sick at all, but Mrs. Jones owes me three months wages and I will stay in bed until she pays me." "Will she pay?" asked the doctor. "Oh, sure she has come down with the cash before." "Make room for me, said the doctor, she owes me just one hundred dollars."

Committees from the Elks lodge and from the Commercial club will hold a joint session this evening at which time the question of the lodge absorbing the Commercial club, which has resolved itself into a purely social organization, will be taken up and discussed. This proposition has been up for the past year or more and has several times been almost completed only to fall down. The idea advanced now is to combine the two organizations and later build a suitable Elks' home here in the city.—Bluffton Banner.

Not all "good Indians" are dead ones. John Godfrey, of Fort Wayne, who came near being convicted of the murder of his father a year ago, went to Carlisle Indian school and has just been appointed instructor in a Minnesota Indian school. He has given up all his shiftless habits and is a hard student and quite an exemplary young man, a most remarkable thing when it is considered that he was reared practically in a saloon and his associates were frequenters of the slums of Fort Wayne. Young Godfrey is a descendant of Chief Godfrey.—Garrett Clipper.

Vince Bell was in the city this forenoon from Craigville and from the Grimes foundry secured brass fittings for the engine at his sawmill to replace those stolen the first of January. The robbers, of whose identity he has never been able to find a clue, forced an entrance to the mill and all valves sets and in fact everything of value was stripped from his engine. The engine is of a type not being made now and it was necessary to have special casts made of the fittings. Mr. Bell thinks he will be able to have the mill running by the latter part of the week.—Bluffton Banner.

HAS BEEN VICIOUS OCTOPUS ON THE CHARGE OF MURDER AT MONROE LAST EVENING

Estimated that Thirty Million Dollars Has Been Wrung from Pockets of the People.

The drug trust, which has been reaching its hands into the pockets of the people for the past four years, will cease to do so in a few days.

The reason for this suspension of business on the part of the drug trust is because the trust has been killed for all time to come by the government.

This week, probably today, a decree will be entered in the federal court at Indianapolis that will put the drug trust clear out of business. The neat, expeditious and very complete manner in which the octopus has been knocked out will be most pleasing to a long suffering public.

The decree in the case is a clean victory for the government. It will act as a perpetual injunction and after it is issued any person or firm having the hardihood to engage in unlawful discrimination in the sale of drugs will be liable to citation for contempt of court.

The people will be benefitted immeasurably by the decree. It is sweeping in its scope and reaches the wholesale dealers and jobbers, the retail dealers and manufacturers of proprietary medicines throughout the country, who are now bound together in one of the most powerful of trusts. The final dissolution of the trust will be coincident with the issuance of the decree.

It is estimated that the trust has wrung \$30,000,000 from the people over and above what they would have been obliged to pay for drugs if the trust had not been in existence. The dissolution of the trust removes all of the restraint on the drug trade and insures free and open competition.

Hereafter there will be unlimited competition in the sale of drugs and every druggist will be unhampered in his right to fix his own selling price.

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The Geneva High School Exercises on May 17.

The commencement exercises of the Geneva high school will be held at the Methodist church on the evening of Friday, May 17. The address to the graduates, seven in number, will be delivered by Dr. O. A. Holland, of the state university at Bloomington. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached at the Methodist church on Sunday, May 12, and on Wednesday evening, May 15, the annual reception of the Junior class will be held. The following is a list of the graduates, and their themes: Worley Pontius, "When the Ocean Liner Sails"; Gladys Aspy, "God, the History of Our Nation"; Jessie Pontius, "Cut Your Clothing According to Your Cloth"; Lela Connor, "The Gift Without the Giver"; Goldie Fink, "Wee Women"; Ethel Sutton, "Only Once We Pass this Way"; Inez Bradford, "Mark Only the Hours that Shine."

Ex-Sheriff George Stout and a party of friends left last night for the Panhandle district of Texas. Mr. Stout has already purchased a large tract of land and may locate there, and it is likely that the other members of the party may purchase.—Ft. Wayne Sentinel.

The Decatur Lumber Co. shipped a car load of lumber and shingles to a farmer living four miles south of Ft. Wayne today. It was shipped on the interurban. This is sufficient evidence that our Decatur merchants can sell and deliver goods as cheap or cheaper than the Ft. Wayne people can.

Crowded Court Room Cheered the Verdict and the Scene was a Pathetic One.

Amid the hand clappings and cheers of a crowded court room, the twelve Allen county jurors sworn to decide upon the guilt or innocence of Charles Laughlin tried for the murder of Samuel Augsburger, descended from the circuit court jury box at 3:35 o'clock Wednesday afternoon after the reading of its verdict of "not guilty."

At 3:30 o'clock, after three hours and forty-five minutes of deliberation, three distinct taps on the jury room door were heard in the court room then about one half filled by spectators awaiting the return of the young prisoner's fate. Judge O'Rourke, in his private rooms, was immediately notified that a verdict had been found and mounting his bench called forth the twelve dealers of justice. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Laughlin, father and mother of the defendant in the case, had spent the entire day at the court house in anxious waiting for the decision. Word was sent to the sheriff's office and Laughlin was ordered brought into court, but Judge O'Rourke did not wait.

The task over, the jury filed from their seats and the relatives of the happy man who had by this time heard of the decision and was hurrying toward the court house with a deputy sheriff, rushed to the jurors and with tears of joy streaming down their faces pressed their thanks upon each man. While the scene was vastly different from what would have occurred had the verdict been for conviction, the court scene was no less pathetic. While the court and jury were making ready for the hearing of the contents of the sealed envelope which held either liberty or punishment—which, none but the twelve men knew—Mrs. Laughlin gave way to her emotions and sobbed pathetically with the terrible mental anguish caused by the suspense that must have seemed to her like years. Also was the father affected even in his attempt to comfort the mother with hope for the best. When the words that were sweet to their ears sounded she sighed with relief and joy mingled and then audibly wept for her boy.

Young Laughlin himself soon arrived and met a number of his acquaintances at the court room door where each gave a word of advice with a warm handshake. As soon as possible, however, he made his way through the crowded space to his mother who passionately held him in her arms and kissed him. Laughlin could hardly speak. He was choked with joy.—Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette.

TO THE PRISON FOR WOMEN

Jury Returned Verdict this Morning, Convicting Her for Murder in the Second Degree.

Lafayette, Ind., May 9.—Mrs. Alice Cooper Dawson, was found guilty of murder in the second degree by the jury which returned its verdict this morning and she was sentenced to the woman's prison for life. The jury were sent out at 2:30 yesterday afternoon, deliberating nearly twenty hours. Mrs. Cooper was charged with the murder of her husband, and the case has been one of the most interesting in Indiana courts during recent years. The arguments by the attorneys were rather sensational. In his closing speech yesterday afternoon, George B. Haywood, assistant counsel for the state, said: "There sits the coldest human being that ever sat at the bar of justice in this state. She is a woman who could go to the gallows without batting an eye. She is a thoroughly bad woman without principle, who killed her husband to get him out of the way so she could carry on unlawful relations with Charles Russell."

A HARD DEBT TO PAY.

"I owe a debt of gratitude that can never be paid off," writes G. S. Clark, of Westfield, Iowa, "for my rescue from death, by Dr. King's New Discovery. Both lungs were so seriously affected that death seemed imminent, when I commenced taking New Discovery. The ominous dry hacking cough quit before the first bottle was used, and two more bottles made a complete cure." Nothing has ever equaled New Discovery for coughs, colds and all throat and lung complaints. Guaranteed by Blackburn, druggist. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

A SIGNIFICANT PRAYER.

"May the Lord help you make Bucklen's Arnica Salve known to all," writes J. G. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. It quickly took the pain out of a felon for me and cured it in a wonderfully short time." Best on arthritic sores, burns and wounds. 25c. at Blackburn drug store.

Groom a Well Known Young Professional Man and the Bride a Popular Young School Teacher.

At the home of Rev. Edgar Jones, at Monroe, last evening about 9 o'clock occurred the wedding of Dr. Burt Mangold, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Mangold, of this city, and Miss Nora Andrews, the beautiful daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cash Andrews, of south west of the city. The ceremony was witnessed by only the immediate friends of the contracting parties.

The bride and groom are both well known in the city, the bride having been a teacher in the Monroe schools for some time, and she has moved in the best of society wherever she has been. The groom is a selfmade young man, born and reared in this city, and has always conducted himself in an upright manner. By diligent work he graduated from the Dental department of the university of Indianapolis in 1905, with high honors, and immediately after returning home, opened dental parlors in the city and since that time has been attended by abundant success. Today he is one of the leading dentists of the city, and his multitude of friends not only in this city, but wherever he is known, predict for him a happy and successful future life.

While the doctor was attending his own wedding, a number of his young friends formed themselves into a little club and concluded that the outside of Mr. Mangold's office should be adorned with something appropriate concerning the wedding and proceeded to decorate the building with numerous signs, and to top off the entire performance purchased an entire outfit of baby clothes and playthings and tacked them up in the most conspicuous places. The decorations attracted considerable attention from passersby. But the doctor stood it all good naturedly and says that these pranks can always be relied upon as side issues. In connection with ornamenting his office front the visitors left some very valuable and beautiful presents.

HAVE ACCOMPLISHED MUCH

More Homes are Needed to House the Coming Population—Decatur Will Grow Fast.

The Board of Directors for the Decatur Commercial club Wednesday evening held their first meeting for the current year. The old officers were re-elected, L. G. Ellingham, president; L. C. Waring, vice-president; Earl B. Adams, secretary, and C. S. Niblick, treasurer. Many things of direct interest to the club were discussed and will later be taken up. The Commercial Club are exceedingly proud of their past achievements, having been an instrumental factor in the many new manufacturing additions to our city. They intend to do more. They do not propose to rest long enough to take a long breath. The next year will be an important one to Decatur, as the ground work for a population of ten thousand in 1910, will be laid. There is nothing impossible about this proposition. New factories, new people, more work and more business will make it expand and grow rapidly.

At present the question of homes is a serious one. It is next to impossible to rent a home in the city, notwithstanding the fact that at least a dozen are now under construction. The new industries already contracted will demand from thirty to fifty houses before this year is ended. This means that more resident houses must be provided, and that soon. If you own a lot, build a house. Telephone this office and we will find you a renter. Not a day passes but that from one to six inquiries are made for a house. Any house built with good improvements can be rented for a fair return on the investment.

Agitate house building. The Commercial Club will guarantee to bring the renters if the people will now provide them homes.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will offer at public auction, at her home on South Mercer avenue, Decatur, Indiana, beginning at two o'clock, p. m., on Saturday, May 25th, her household goods and furniture, including: Beds, bed clothing, stoves, pictures, carpets, cooking utensils, dishes her splendid assortment of imitation animals and fancy work, and numerous other articles.

Mrs. William Burd.

PUT AWAY YOUR STRAW HATS.

Kansas City, Mo., May 14.—Three inches of snow fell in Missouri and two inches in Kansas last night. While snow fell throughout the state of Nebraska today.

FINE FOR ASSAULT AND BATTERY

George Zimmerman and William Fronefield Did a Little Stunt With Bare Fists.

George Zimmerman and William Fronefield, two well known citizens, Wednesday had a free for all fight on the sidewalk in front of the Murray saloon that resulted in Fronefield getting beaten up in bad shape and which resulted in Zimmerman paying a fine of a dollar and costs for assault and battery. The trouble, which has been brewing for several years, came to a head last evening when the men met on the levy east of the city, at which time Zimmerman accused Fronefield of carrying a gun and threatening to shoot him. Fronefield denied this and the men started up street, Fronefield consenting to be searched. When they neared the Murray saloon Fronefield made an effort to get away, but was blocked in his attempt by Zimmerman. Fronefield struck Zimmerman in the face and some say that Billy had a gun in his hand when he hit Zimmerman. Whether he did or not is not material as Zimmerman resented the insult, and proceeded to deal out to Fronefield one of the prettiest whippings that a man ever got. The boys were separated by standers by, Fronefield going into the saloon to wash up and Zimmerman going on his way unmolested. Later in the evening Zimmerman went before Squire Smith and plead guilty to assault and battery, paying his fine and then filed an affidavit against Fronefield for carrying concealed weapons, and he will be given his hearing next Tuesday.

BRICK BLOCKS GOING UP

A Half Dozen Contracts Let and the Recent Fire May Yet Prove a Blessing to the Town.

Before the insurance adjustments had all been made, men were on the ground clearing up the debris resultant from the fire of Saturday afternoon, April 27th. From that time the work has been progressing. The force is being increased; brick walls are being razed; men and boys are cleaning and assorting brick; others with teams and wagons are hauling and carting away twisted and burnt machinery, sheeting, crockery and queensware and all the mineral portions of the large and varied stock carried by the unfortunate ones. Everybody is busy and keep going.

Monday the first load of new brick was brought over from Ossian for the Boyd block. As soon as arrangements can be perfected and contracts entered into the whole row will be building, and this will be kept up until all are safely ensconced in commodious and comfortable business rooms.

C. F. Boyd will build a 20x90 two-story; Harvey & Roush will follow suit with a two-story 20x90; McGuffey & Boyd purchased ten feet off the east side of T. M. Redding's half lot, making them a 30 foot front, this they will make 90 feet deep and two-story; T. M. Redding let his contract to John Taylor, for a two-story 20x80; J. E. Harvey will build on the same dimensions; though, so far, his contract is not definitely let. Julius Yoos is not quite decided as to his structure, but means to settle that soon and join the busy throng.

When the whole stands complete it will be a credit to the enterprise that wrought it, and a lasting benefit to the best little city on earth.—Markle Journal.

TO TAKE LECTURE PLATFORM

Judge Artman is in Demand by Many Lecture Bureaus.

Judge Samuel R. Artman, of Lebanon, whose recent decision that the saloon is a nuisance and may be not legally be licensed by the state brought him into prominence, is to enter the lecture field for a time. He will tour the West and part of the South, entering about twenty states, and expects to deliver about sixty-five lectures in sixty days. His subject will be "The Present Legal Status of the Saloon." Judge Artman is not taking the lecture platform because of financial inducements, having already refused several offers of from \$100 to \$150 a night by the managers of lecture bureaus. The series of lectures will be arranged by Charles E. Newlin of Indianapolis, the originator of the business men's movement against the liquor interests which resulted in the Artman saloon decision, and the entire proceeds are to be used in carrying the several similar cases to the Supreme Court.

DISTURBED THE CONGREGATION

The person who disturbed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing is requested to buy a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar.

THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

NEW PRINCIPLE IN PENOLOGY

Many Other States Will Watch the Application of this New Law—If Successful Will Adopt it.

The Board of State Charities has received a copy of the Lexington, Ky. Herald, containing an editorial highly complimentary to the laws passed by the last Indiana legislature for the regulation of crimes and delinquencies. The Herald says that Kentucky is far behind her neighboring state in this respect.

"In our neighboring state of Indiana," says the editorial, "several laws were passed by the General Assembly of 1907 which represent a distinct advance in dealing with certain crimes and delinquencies. Of the most striking of these is the adult probation act which authorizes circuit and criminal courts to suspend sentences and parole persons convicted of crimes and misdemeanors in certain cases. In this law the principle is applied to adults which has been used with such excellent effect on juveniles under the new Juvenile Court system. Judges of the circuit and criminal courts after pronouncing sentence, may suspend it on promise of good behavior from the culprit and he or she may be committed to the supervision of the court probation officers.

"Where the criminal courts are acting a 'discreet person' may be selected by the judge to act as probation officer for any adult thus paroled; where convicted of a felony the paroled person is to be under the control of the prison authorities, just as if he had been committed to prison and had been paroled from there by the Board of Commissioners. The parole in all cases may be at once terminated by order of the judge if the convicted adult finds reform impossible.

"This law embraces the essence of what may be called a new principle in penology, the principle that courts and punishments must aim to reform a person falling under their sway rather than to punish him; that they must give him a chance to lead a normal life; must aid him with encouragement and strict control rather than to throw him into prison where the conditions of life can only be abnormal and not conducive to right living under normal conditions."

Regarding the act legalizing the sterilization of defectives and degenerates, the Herald says:

"The value and wisdom of the principle cannot be refuted theoretically. Indiana, however, is the first state of the Union which has been courageous enough to make a practical application of the principle. It is worth while for other states to observe whether public disapproval will follow the wise application of this revolutionary principle."

ANSWERS MACEDONIAN CALL.

Hon. J. A. M. Adair to Spend a Week in Oklahoma.

Two Indiana congressmen have responded to the Macedonian call for speakers to help to save the day for the Democrats in Oklahoma. They are J. A. M. Adair of the Eighth district and William Elijah Cox of the Third district. Mr. Adair writes to Col Charles A. Edwards, secretary of the Democratic committee, that he will be mighty busy addressing old settlers' meetings and other gatherings in his district all summer, but that he is willing to cancel some of his Indiana dates and give a week to the Oklahoma campaign during the latter part of July.

ESTA IVULA MCGILL.

Infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McGill, was born on the fifth day of May, in the year of 1906. Quietly, but perceptibly her God given life was developing. Like a flower in a garden, which grows and blooms under the tender care of the gardener, so little Esta grew and bloomed under the tender care of her parents. She was the pride and delight of her parents. Unconsciously Esta was cheering up the hearts of her parents, and encouraging them to follow out the path of their duty. The budding rose is often plucked from the bush, and many a child is taken in its infancy from its mother's bosom.

"There is a reaper whose name is death

And, with a sickle keen,

He reaps the bearded grain at a breath

And the flowers that grow between."

This fearful reaper also visited little Esta and took her, as we hope and trust into the home of eternal bliss and felicity. It was on the sixth of May, 1907, that Esta passed away. Her premature death was caused by the dread malady pneumonia. She reached an age of one year, and one day. Her stricken parents, many relatives and friends mourn her loss.

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