

Attorney W. Fishbaugh, of Celina, Ohio, engineer of the Ft. Wayne and Springfield traction company, spent a short time in Portland Wednesday morning enroute to Decatur where he will begin the survey of the traction line from Decatur to Celina.—Portland Review.

The new law requires ministers and magistrates to make returns of wedding ceremonies within three days after the ceremony is performed. The old law allowed them ninety days. Deaths are reported immediately, and births within twenty days.

James Artman is employed as clerk in a restaurant at Bluffton, and he went there a few days ago to assume his duties. Now that their base ball season has opened there, we advise Jimmy to be very careful not to say a word against their "world beaters" ball players or the ruffins will eat him alive.

Mrs. Anna Dougherty, an aged woman at Wabash, was found dead in bed at her home Monday, several hours after her death had intervened. She lived with a son who is a helpless paralytic and the discovery was made by a neighbor, Mrs. Margaret Ivory, whom the aged woman had asked to call often to see that everything was all right about the home. Evidently the aged woman feared she would die suddenly and the son be left without attention.

Henry Lichtenstager, who cares for the Belgium stallions for Frisinger & Company, at Steeles park, had the misfortune last week to have the thumb on his left hand mashed, the result of one of the big horses striking him with its hoof, while he was caring for the animal. The thumb was mashed in bad shape and Mr. Lichtenstager was forced to come to town and get the assistance of a doctor in mending the same.

"There will be a short hay crop for Adams county even under favorable conditions from now on through the season," remarked a farmer. "The bluegrass pastures are heading out at six and eight inches, bluegrass ought to be twelve inches. Clover, is entirely out of the question. And anyway, all I can learn the hay acreage is less this year than last. It is late for corn planting, but not too late. There is plenty of time yet for a good crop of corn."

The property owners who have been figuring to have the stone that now remains on Madison street left there when the same is improved will be doomed to disappointment as Contractor Haugk expects to remove the same and construct the street according to the plans and specifications. Should he remove the stone, clean them and place them back on the street, according to his contract, he would receive nothing and would be loser the amount of time thus consumed and Julius says he does not care to work for nothing.

One of the most beautiful national customs is that of annually setting apart a day upon which to honor our soldier dead. Taken collectively, the human race responds generously to the sentiment regarding this service, and individually, there seems to be an inborn instinct which compels human beings to keep the departed in loving remembrance. This has been so from the remotest days of antiquity. Even barbarians and savages, while differing widely in their methods, have, like civilized nations, shown the same reverence for the dead.—Our Country for May.

Invitations to the commencement exercises and Senior reception were issued by the Seniors of the Decatur high school. The calendar for this eventful week will be as follows: Junior reception, May 24; baccalaureate sermon, Sunday evening, May 26, at the M. E. church. The class day will be May 29th, at 7:30 p. m. A most interesting program will be given by the class. It will consist of a duet, salutatory, letters from ex-teachers, violin solo, class will, a poem, farewell D. H. S. and the class song. Following this will come the commencement exercise and Senior reception. Also, during this week, special invitations have been issued for the Senior dance which will take place at the K. of C. hall on Tuesday evening, May 28th. Grand march commencing at 8:30.

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The people of Huntington are trying to work up enough enthusiasm to make the eagle scream on the Fourth of July. They have a committee out at the present time seeking to raise funds enough to buy fireworks and make up prizes for old time Fourth of July games.—Bluffton Banner

A. C. Pevertt, arrested at Garrett on a charge of safe-blowing, and who proved to be an escaped convict from the Michigan state prison at Ionia, was taken back to that institution in a straight-jacket Monday. He is a desperate character, and gave the officers a fight the greater part of the trip. Pevertt has yet to serve twelve years of a fifteen-year sentence for burglary.

Guy Johnson a few days ago received a big black bear from Pittsburg and the same is now located at the Johnson farm south of the city. The bear is a pretty specimen and is as tame as can be and makes a very nice plaything. Mr. Johnson is proud of the animal and invites any one to come out and look the animal over.

The Clover Leaf has sold several of the small class of engines to the Canadian Pacific and are now making the deliveries. Engineer Lon Pugh escorted two of the engines to Toronto, Canada, ten days ago. Engineer George Lamb is slated for the next consignment and will make the visit to Winnipeg.

Frank I. Grubbs, speaking for Fred Sims, secretary of state, called attention to the new law, requiring corporations to make reports to the secretary of state's office, said the law becomes effective June 1, and Mr. Grubbs, who is the deputy secretary of state, says there is to be uniform obedience to this law.

Mr. William Clymers and Mr. John Aiken, two veterans said to be from Monroeville, were run down by a hack at the transfer corner shortly before 6 o'clock last evening and painfully hurt. They were walking across Calhoun street and did not notice the hack, which struck them and knocked them down into the muddy street. Neither had any bones broken, but both were bruised.—Journal-Gazette.

As an example of what may be expected under the new law against contributing to the delinquency of children, Judge Stubbs, of the Indianapolis juvenile court, fined James Vanlaningham \$500 and sentenced him to 180 days in the workhouse for giving beer to a ten-year-old girl. Vanlaningham pleaded guilty to taking the child into a saloon and to giving her a glass of beer. The punishment is the most severe ever fixed for a like offense in Indiana.—Ex.

Miss Bessie Congleton proved to be a charming hostess Friday night at Euchre club, at her home. Four little tables were prettily arranged and euchre prevailed throughout the evening. Miss Carrie Craig and Mrs. John Heller won the prizes, after which the tables were cleared and a two-course luncheon was served. The guests besides the club were Mrs. Fanny Cole, Mrs. Harry Moltz, Mrs. John W. Tyndall, Mrs. Roy Archbold, Miss Anna Carlisle, of Cincinnati, O.

The postmaster general has issued an order or notice that all rural mail carriers have the right of way on all the country roads, and that all other carriages or conveyances must surrender that right of way to the rural carriers. That was the rule when the mail was carried in four-horse stage coaches, and every one had to get out of the way when the mail coach came along. It is a very serious matter for any one to obstruct the rapid transportation of the United States mail. Get out of the road when the rural free delivery carrier comes along with Uncle Sam's mail.

No special delivery postage stamps will be needed after the first of next July to insure the immediate delivery of a letter. Pursuant to an act of the last session of congress Postmaster General Meyer has issued an order that on and after July 1 next if there is attached to any letter or package of mail matter 10 cents worth of stamps of any denomination, with the words "special delivery" written or printed on the envelope or covering, in addition to the postage required for ordinary delivery, the article will be handled as if it bore a regulation special delivery stamp.

The beautiful country home of Miss Mae Elzey's was a delightful scene of gaiety when a jolly crowd of the freshmen drove from the city at 8 o'clock and arrived in time to spend Thursday evening in a pleasant manner. At a late hour the hostess served a delicious two-course luncheon. Those who enjoyed the evening were: Misses Grace Dutcher, Lucile Cusac, Anna Winans, Lulu Beachler, Lois Meyers, Perth Crays, Alma Kookan, Edna Huffman, Margaret Hughes, Hilda Tudor, Bernice Dalley, Effie Dalley, Ruby Parrish, Clara Petters, Fanny Elting, Clara Elting, Lydia Miller, Dessie Barkley, Messrs. Howard Wisehaupt, Ed Miller, Laurence Archibald, Frank Mills, Don Burke, Tom McKean, Bruce Patterson, Dorale Burkhead, Henry Johnson, Laurence Elzey.

## SKELTON IS VICE-COMMANDER

State Encampment Closes at Fort Wayne—W. R. C. Officials—Kokomo Gets the 1908 Meeting.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 24.—Mrs. Meribah Walker, of Clinton, Ind., was elected president of the Woman's Relief Corps and Mrs. Jennie Irvin, of New Albany, heads the ladies of the G. A. R. The following officers were elected by the G. A. R.: Department commander, W. A. Ketcham, of Indianapolis; senior vice commander, B. W. Skelton, of Ft. Wayne; junior vice commander, J. F. Nosler, of Terre Haute; medical director, S. M. Hamilton, of Connersville; chaplain, M. B. Walker, of Fortville; council of administration, J. P. Alexander, of Bedford, J. C. Ryose, of Terre Haute, J. E. Laughrey, of Monticello, W. W. Wood, of Wabash and D. C. Elder, of Greensburg.

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 23.—At a meeting of the delegates to the G. A. R. encampment, department of Indiana, at the close of the parade late this afternoon, Kokomo was selected as the meeting place for the 1908 encampment. Marion was a competitor and a hot fight resulted. The vote stood 386 to 306 in favor of Kokomo. Sol Pennington and his bunch of Kokomo rooters are the happiest veterans at the encampment tonight.

The contest for department commander has narrowed down to former Senator James Barlow, of Plainfield, and former Attorney General William A. Ketcham, of Noblesville. Dr. Tucker, of Noblesville, announced his withdrawal today and it is the understanding that a majority of his supporters will vote for Barlow in the election tomorrow morning. The Ketcham leaders appeared confident tonight that their man would win.

Judge Benjamin W. Shelton of this city appears to have easy sailing for senior vice commander.

Three big camp fires were held tonight—the G. A. R. at the Princess rink; the W. R. C. at the Baptist church and the Ladies of the G. A. R. at Saengerbund hall.

## GAVE MARSHAL GREEN BATTLE

Jimmie Wright Objected to Being Taken to Jail.

Jimmie Wright, who, during a year or two past, has gained some police notoriety, was landed again at noon Thursday. He was beastly intoxicated, and became a nuisance about Coffee & Reinhart's restaurant. When ordered away he showed fight and when Marshal Green tried to escort him to the lockup he backed up and gave the officer quite a battle. John Braun was finally ordered to assist and the man was handcuffed and led away. Many who witnessed the affair marvelled at the fellow's strength for an old man. The fact is Wright's appearance is rather deceiving as to age. His hair is snow white and he looks to be seventy, when in fact he is less than forty-five. He has always worked hard, and is a strong, able bodied man, a match for a good athlete. He is the fellow who refused to pay his fine a year ago and remained in jail several months.

The interurban people did an enormous business Sunday in handling the traffic between this city and Ft. Wayne. A number of Decatur people went to Ft. Wayne especially to see the production of Port Arthur at the ball park as given by Pain and his company. Last evening was the last performance of this spectacular company.

Among the pitchers in the semi-professional company playing today, Harry Hay, of Dunkirk, has without doubt the best average to date, he having pitched six games and lost but one, giving him a per cent of .333. Hay has a deceptive delivery and also a deceptive curve that always keeps his opposing batsmen guessing as to what is coming next.

It was a Dunkirk man, it is said who took his wife to a physician. The doctor put a fever thermometer in the woman's mouth and after two or three minutes, just as the doctor was about to remove the instrument, the man who was not used to such a prolonged silence on the part of his life partner, said: "Doctor, what'll you take for that thing?"

The affidavit that was filed in Squire Smith's court Friday evening by Mrs. John Rice against her husband for assault and battery, was withdrawn next morning by the prosecuting witness, who stated that John had repented and in the future promised to be good, and would treat her right. Under the circumstances, Squire Smith concluded to grant the request of the prosecuting witness and accordingly wiped the case from the docket. The case was the result of a family jar which, when the parties concerned cooled down and concluded to avoid further trouble and notoriety.

## AS SHOWN BY OLD BOOK

Written by a London Adventurer Who Told of the "Aborigines of the Wabash—Rare Old Volume.

That there was ever a time when dwellers in the Wabash valley were as much a source of curiosity to the rest of the world as the natives of darkest Africa are today seems improbable, but a rare volume published in 1855 in London discloses interesting comments on the "aborigines of the Wabash" as they appeared to the author, J. Richard Beste. Half a century ago Beste wrote of Hoosiers in this part of the state, much as Henry M. Stanley and Paul Du Chailu wrote later of the Dark Continent.

Musty with age, half buried in dust, a copy of "The Wabash, or Adventures of an English Gentleman's Family in the Interior of America," was found recently. It had been a part of the collection of rare volumes offered to the state of Indiana by the late Judge Horace P. Biddle for five cents each—a collection of many thousand volumes offered at that price but which were declined and have now been scattered far and wide. "The Wabash" is now in the Logansport public library, but is treasured as a relic and is not allowed to be taken from the building.

He passed through Indianapolis over the National road in a stage coach and stopped at the Prairie House in Terre Haute to study the marvelous eccentricities of the peculiar people. But the discouragements of reaching this outskirt of civilization and death in his family cut short his stay and he selected the canal route for his return via Logansport.

When the Beste party, with its vans of luggage and food supplies, was ready to leave Terre Haute, it was delayed by a break in the canal—then a frequent thing—and a wait of a week ensued. Telegrams were sent to their friends, and the author says: "Let Europe and England take shame to themselves that the telegraph as yet exists not everywhere! Even in these infant and remote communities the telegraph is used almost every hour."

Beste decided that Indianapolis and Terre Haute are not decaying, but are busy, rising, thriving towns. The population of Indianapolis, he says, was 2,692 in 1840. Terre Haute, between 1840 and 1850 had grown from 2,000 to 4,051.

## MUST ANSWER FOR CONTEMPT

Judge Erwin Cites the Defendant in a Divorce Case.

Judge Erwin, who was here today, to hear motions in the Blausier divorce case, which has been appealed to the higher courts, made a ruling on the motion against the defendant to show cause why he has not complied with the order of the court to pay attorney's fees amounting to about \$250. This was one of the orders of the court at the time of the trial.

The payment was contested on the ground an appeal bond acted as a stay on all the orders of the court and the judgments made at the trial of the case before the lower court. In making this ruling, Judge Erwin ordered the defendant to appear in court and show cause why the money had not been paid over and it is likely that the \$250 mentioned will have to be paid in the end.—Bluffton Banner.

## LEAH PORTER RECEIVES INJURY

Her Left Leg Was Broken Just Below the Hip—Is Very Painful.

Leah, the little 5 year old daughter of Frank Porter, of Parker City, who is residing with her grandparents in Blue Creek township, was quite painfully injured Wednesday evening. The little girl was walking on the sidewalk at her home and slipped, falling in such a manner as to break her left limb just two and one-half inches below the hip. The injury is very painful, and the little child has suffered much pain since the accident. It is thought, however, that she will have full use of the injured member after it has sufficiently healed. Miss Leah is the daughter of Frank Porter, a former resident of this city, who taught school here for several years.

Weber, the first sackman, is being sought by Decatur, who called by phone Saturday asking him to join the team at that place. Weber is a dinger, but he says he prefers staying in Hartford City. In fact, he says he is not out for the money, but just the sport.—Hartford City News.



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### MRS. JENNIE MYERS-HALL.

### IS A WELL KNOWN JURIST

Mrs. Jennie E. F. Myers-Hall was born on a farm where her mother still resides near Decatur, June 4, 1885, and died at her home in this city May 18, 1907, aged 21 years, 11 months, 14 days. At an early period of her life she manifested sterling qualities of intelligence, moral worth and cheerfulness. Like a sunbeam her presence was cheer and gladness. She rapidly grew into womanhood and did not disappoint the promise of nobility of character of her former years.

On the evening of June 27, 1905, she was united in marriage at her home to Arthur Hall, a promising business man of Decatur, and their married life has been one of continual happiness. On Dec. 3, 1905, she surrendered her all to God and became as one of His lambs, and later she with her husband was baptised and taken in as full members of the M. E. church, of which she has since always been a devoted and faithful member.

A sweet christian character was hers, one that could be a model. She was also a member of the order of Daughters of Rebekah. The eldest of four daughters, she was looked to for advice and help and her tender acts in her parental home will be sadly missed. Three months ago, while visiting her brother Charles, at Hartford City, Ind., she was taken ill and brought home where she, for a time, became better, but shortly after became seriously ill. Every thing that loving hands could do was done for her, but she did not seem to improve, her illness only became more and more discouraging until last Wednesday when she apparently was better, continuing so until early Saturday morning, when she suffered a relapse and at half past eight peacefully left this world to be with her God above.

She leaves a husband, a widowed mother, five brothers, Chas. C., John T., Richard D., Wade H. and Dorsey D., three sisters, Irene, Vera and Nellie, and many relatives and friends to mourn their loss, an infant brother Henry and her late father H. H. Myers having preceded her to the Great Beyond. Oh, how she will be missed, how sad without Jennie, but using her own words, "God knows best," there is comfort and assurance.

Will Quit Allen Superior Court Next November to Accept Presidency of Citizens' Trust Company.

Judge Owen U. Heaton, of Fort Wayne, well known here, especially among members of the bar, has decided to give up his position as judge of the Allen Superior Court to accept the presidency of the Citizens' Trust company, of Fort Wayne. The capital of that institution has been increased to \$300,000 and an effort will be made to make it the leading banking institution of Allen county. Speaking of his retirement, the Journal-Gazette said.

Judge Heaton will accept the presidency, but he will not consent to retire from the superior court bench until all cases now pending and all litigation in which he has assumed jurisdiction are disposed of—in short, he wishes to leave to his successor a clean bill of authority next November after carefully surveying the dock, et he hopes to be able to retire in five or six months.

In the selection of his successor Judge Heaton will seek the co-operation of all the members of the bar and the opinions and preferences of the people and these expressions will be conveyed to Governor Hanly by him without prejudice, providing the candidates are worthy, and he anticipates no conclusions to the contrary.

With Governor Hanly will finally rest the duty of appointing a judge of the Allen superior court when Judge Heaton sends in his resignation next November.

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