

ON THE NINTH OF OCTOBER

**President Joseph Helm Has Charge—
Short History of the Regiment
Which Served Four Years.**

The annual reunion of the 47th regiment of the Indiana Volunteer Infantry will be held in this city October 9th, and local members under the direction of Joseph Helm, president of the regimental association are arranging for the event, which promises to be a happy one. At least 100 members of the old regiment are expected to be present, at eleven o'clock a. m. on the day mentioned, when a big dinner will be served by the W. R. C. at the G. A. R. hall. At one o'clock they will meet with their friends at the court house, where Judge Richard K. Erwin will deliver an address of welcome, followed by music and speeches by the comrades. In the evening a camp fire will be held at the G. A. R. hall. The 47th regiment was mustered into service at Indianapolis, October 20th, 1861, the regimental officers being Colonel James R. Slack, of Huntington; Lieut-Col. Milton Robison, Anderson; Major S. S. Mickle, Decatur. All of these officers have joined the silent army, as have all of the ten captains but two, Samuel Keller, of Bluffton and Tom Brunner, of Wabash. The company organized here was C, with Esais Daily, captain. The other captains were A, John A. McLaughlin, Indianapolis; B, L. H. Goodwin, Wabash; D, Thomas Brunner, Wabash; E, Captain Wintrobe, Huntington; F, Captain Scheerer, Huntington; G, Captain Robison, Anderson; H, Captain Keller, Bluffton; I, Captain Bowersack, North Manchester; K, Captain Hill, of Tipton. The regiment took active part in the battles of Champion Hill, Black River, Port Gibson, New Madrid and the siege of Vicksburg, beside many small battles and skirmishes. Of the hundred men who went out with company C from this county, only about one-half returned after being mustered out of service October 23, 1865. Captain Bender, of Logansport, is secretary of the regimental association.

FOR THREE DAYS' SESSION

Decatur Representatives Will be in Attendance—Noted People to Address the Various Meetings.

The 25th annual meeting of the Woman's Synodical Societies of Home and Foreign Missions, of Indiana, will be held at Indianapolis in the Second Presbyterian church, Pennsylvania and Vermont streets, October 15, 16 and 17, 1907. Conference of Presbyterian and Synodical officers, October 15 at 3 p. m. Tuesday evening and Wednesday, Home Missions and Freedmen. Mrs. Gildersleeve, secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and Rev. Mr. Losa, of Pittsburg, will address these sessions Wednesday evening and Thursday. Foreign Missions, Rev. J. C. R. Ewing, of India, will address the sessions of Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon. Speakers from other fields are also expected. Number of delegates not limited. The missionary society of this city will be represented there by a large number of delegates of the society of the Presbyterian church.

THE BEST THEY COULD GET.

William Jennings Bryan tells a good story at his own expense of a time when he was not as well known as he is now:

A widely admired campaign speaker in Nebraska, who has been billed to make the principal address at a political gathering at Lincoln, was obliged at the last moment, on account of illness, to send word that he could not keep the appointment. It chanced that Mr. Bryan was selected to fill his place. Naturally Mr. Bryan felt some nervousness, knowing that he was to act as substitute for an older and much better known speaker, and his apprehension was not lessened when he heard himself thus announced by the chairman:

"Feller citizens, this here's the substitute for our gallant an' admired leader, unfortunately sick. I don't know what this gent can do, but time was short an' we had to take what we could git."

Mrs. Della Fetzner and daughter Hattie have returned from an over-Sunday visit with friends at Bluffton.

HOW TO REMAIN YOUNG.

To continue young in health and strength, do as Mrs. N. F. Rowan, McDonough, Ga., did. She says: "Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured me of chronic liver and stomach trouble, complicated with such an unhealthy condition of the blood that my skin turned red as flannel. I can now do all my work with ease and assist in my husband's store. Guaranteed at Blackburn Pharmacy. Price 50c."

WHILE EATING HER DINNER

Formerly Lived in This County and Had a Number of Relatives and Friends Here.

Mrs. Louisa Koenig, seventy-one years of age, of Adams township, choked to death about 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon while eating her dinner in bed. The aged woman has been somewhat feeble and spent considerable of her time in bed. At the noon hour yesterday a member of the household took her dinner to her and then left the room.

A short time after a member of the family returned to Mrs. Koenig's room for the dishes and to her horror found the aged woman sitting bolt upright in bed, dead. From the appearance of the dishes on the tray Mrs. Koenig had apparently finished eating her soup and had just taken a bite of meat when she choked. Members of the family heard no noise from the room and it was not known that anything had happened until the discovery was made that she was dead.

Coroner J. E. Stults was summoned and found that Mrs. Koenig's death had been caused by a piece of meat which lodged in her throat, producing strangulation.

Mrs. Koenig, who was the widow of Fred Koenig, was born in Germany and came to America on April 20, 1860, settling in Adams county. A short time later with her husband she came to Allen county and located on the farm upon which she lived up to the time of her death. She is survived by these children: William Koenig and Mrs. William Klopffroth, Racine, Wis.; Mrs. William Gearhart, Mrs. William Kramer, Charles Koenig, Mrs. Fred Buhr, Mrs. C. Reiter and Henry Koenig, Fort Wayne, and Fred Koenig, Adams township. There is also a brother, Fred Schroeder, of Fort Wayne; a sister, Mrs. Catherine Pruesse, of Racine, Wis., and twenty-seven grandchildren.

Mrs. Koenig was a great aunt of Charles Koenig, who was accidentally shot and killed by a companion several days ago on the Roebuck farm, and who was buried Tuesday.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

IT WAS THEIR FIRST REUNION

The Many Who Attended Feasted and Enjoyed a Day of Pleasure Together.

The beautiful picnic grounds at St. Johns was the scene of the first reunion of the Spangler family Friday. The members of this family from different parts of the state were there to assist in making the occasion a most memorable one. It has been planned by this family to have annual reunions from this time hence and arrangements for this were to have been completed at their meeting today. The morning's nine o'clock interurban car carried the following people to the place the reunion was held: Jacob Spangler, daughter Eliza and son Rev. D. D. Spangler and family of New Paris, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Spangler, Mesdames W. F. Britton, of Dallas, Texas, and Jacob Schaffer. Many others went on later cars from the city and a goodly number were present to enjoy the festivities of the day. Ample provisions were on hand to delight the fortunate ones present and all are hoping that the time for another event of this character will soon be at hand.

BLUFFTON IS BOOMING AGAIN.

They Want Real Houses that Rent for Five to Eight Dollars.

When the new factory is started one thing is certain, many new families will move to Bluffton, and unless new houses are built for them, they will have a great deal of trouble getting located. The houses sought are those renting from five to eight dollars.—Bluffton Banner.

We would like to see the photograph of a house in Decatur that would rent for five to eight dollars. Decatur needs one hundred new houses and every one of them will rent from fifteen to twenty-five dollars a month and no questions asked.

Miss Mabel Hower, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hower, was hostess Wednesday evening at a birthday party given in honor of her ninth birthday anniversary. Twenty little girl friends responded to the call at two o'clock with many beautiful remembrances for the hostess. They were entertained by music and games, after which a four-course luncheon was served in the dining room, which was prettily decorated with green and white roses. The girls departed wishing Mabel many more happy birthdays.

BROTHER OF MRS. HOWARD DAVIS

Accident Occurred Near Albany—Lad Was Only Sixteen Years Old—Funeral Held Today.

Piri Runyan, aged sixteen, a brother of Mrs. Howard Davis of this city, was instantly killed Tuesday evening, being caught in the big fly wheel of a gas engine, which he was operating on an oil lease near Albany, Delaware county. He was alone at the power house and the details of his death will never be known. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Runyan, well known Linn Grove residents, who died several years ago. Since his parents' death, Piri had lived with his uncle, Samuel Brown, at Petroleum. Brown was employed as a pumper in the oil field and his young brother-in-law, Piri, was with him on the lease much of the time. He had worked near Petroleum and Keystone, but about two weeks ago he and his wife and brother-in-law went to Albany, where he had secured work. Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. Brown went to Albany and left Piri alone on the leases, as they had done on previous occasions when living at Petroleum. When they returned in the evening to the lease, located about two miles from Albany, they found Piri's dead body in the power house.

The funeral was held at Petroleum today and the body taken to Linn Grove, where he was laid to rest beside his parents. He leaves seven sisters to mourn: Mrs. Davis, of this city, Mrs. Cady Montgomery and Miss Blanch Runyan, of Bluffton; Mrs. John Kimball and Mrs. Samuel Brown of Petroleum; Mrs. Arthur Laisure of Flat, and Mrs. Manley Brown, of Berne; also five half brothers Smith and Alonzo, of Linn Grove; Sylvester of Petroleum; William, of Deerfield, Ohio; and "Doc" Runyan, of Geneva.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SESSION

State Meeting Proved Interesting and Entertaining.

Indianapolis, Sept. 26.—The county commissioners of the state have had such a good time in their convention here this week that they voted not only to meet here again next year, but to meet here forever and forever. And at the same closing session yesterday afternoon the commissioners showed their appreciation of the services of John McGregor, president of the state organization, by presenting him with a handsome leather chair and with another year's term as president. Yesterday afternoon's business session, was the last of the convention and the visiting commissioners said that the present meeting, which was more generally attended than any previous one, had been the most profitable in the history of the organization as well as the most enjoyable. Following this meeting there was a banquet at the Grand hotel last night.

The date of the next meeting as recommended by a committee headed by Gates Sexton of Rush county, was fixed as Sept. 25 and 26, and the commissioners in session applauded the sentence in the committee's recommendation which named Indianapolis as the meeting place for all time to come.

CLEVELAND REAL ESTATE DEAL

Less Than an Inch of Land Caused the Controversy.

A hair-splitting real estate deal was closed up in Cleveland a few days ago. A real estate firm of that city contracted to sell a banking company there 120 feet frontage for a banking house. After the contract was made the banking firm found another location that suited them better and tried to sue contract. They had the frontage measured and it proved to be three one-hundredths of one inch less than the contract called for. Hence they refused to take the lot. To save the deal Jacob Rosenstock, who lives in Warsaw, Ind., was asked by the Cleveland real estate firm to sell them three one-hundredths of an inch of ground off of a 95 foot lot he happened to own abutting the proposed bank site in Cleveland. He made them a deed for the hair line of land at a nominal price and the banking house was stuck to take the lot as per contract as the 120 feet frontage was transferred to them as per contract.

WORTH TALKING ABOUT.

Charley Deck showed us a section of tomato vines the other day which had five large and well formed tomatoes on it, and Charley thought it was a real curiosity. There is nothing very strange about that Charley. But if you should see a tomato vine which had five large and well formed watermelons on it, that would be something worth talking about.—Churubusco Truth.

SHORT SESSION OF COURT

Morgan Divorce Case Set for Trial—Rules to Answer—Other Items from the Minutes.

A marriage license has been issued to Ottis Exley, aged nineteen, of Van Wert, to Miss Oressa Woods, seventeen of this city.

Another happy couple who were given authority to wed were Russell Bennett, aged twenty, a piano dealer, of Union City, and Lela Maud Myers, aged nineteen, school teacher of Preble township.

A license was also granted to Arnold Simon, twenty-four, of Berne and Flora E. Myers, aged eighteen. The groom was born in Switzerland.

Franklin Spease vs. Fred Huffman and Joel Liddy, suit on account, demand \$150, defendants ruled to answer within five days.

Julius Haugk and Emanuel Woods vs. Erastus Fritzinger, suit on street assessment lien, demand \$1,000, defendant ruled to answer within five days.

Martin J. Bligh vs. Jonathan M. Andrews, suit on account, demand \$73.71 and interest, default of defendant.

Mary A. Morgan vs. Ovando Morgan, divorce and \$500 alimony, set for trial for Saturday, October 19th.

WAS TIRED OF THIS LIFE.

Hartford Township Girl Tried Carbolic Acid Route but Failed.

Miss Sybil Hall, who lives with her grandmother in Hartford township, attempted suicide by the carbolic acid route on Tuesday of last week. The carbolic acid was taken with suicidal intention, and though she took of it the second time in quick succession, it had been diluted with water and the summoning of a physician saved the girl's life. Dr. McCain, from Linn Grove, was summoned and at first the girl refused to partake of medicine, but was almost compelled to do so.

The girl is aged about seventeen, and it is thought she will not suffer greatly from her rash act. The acid had been procured for medicinal purposes by her grandmother.

Melancholy is the only reason assigned for the girl wishing to end her life.—Geneva Herald.

G. R. & I. ENGINE CAB BURNS.

Peculiar Fire at Portland Due to Carelessness.

The alleged carelessness of a watchman by the name of Hall, who was left in charge of the engine of the work train, which has been engaged in making some track repairs on the Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad, near Bryant, is alleged to have been responsible for a fire which destroyed the cab of the engine, the result in the calling out of the city fire department about 3:00 o'clock Wednesday morning.

F. C. Jaquith, engineer of Grand Rapids, Michigan, and O. E. Vincent, fireman, of Fort Wayne, were in charge of the engine, and as had been their custom, since beginning the work at Bryant, left the engine on the siding between Arch and High streets, in the care of the night man. This was said to have been Hall's first night on duty. He claimed that the fire caught in some waste being used about the engine and had a great start before he was able to do anything.—Portland Commercial-Review.

Judge Joseph Leffer, of the Delaware county courts, has established a rule which would stop a large number of divorces if taken up elsewhere divorces if taken up by Judge Cook. He has stated that he will grant no more divorces to women who claim their husbands are habitual drunkards, but who knew this when they were married. Many girls and women who marry men with the expressed determination of "redeeming them" would be discouraged if the rule prevailed. The Delaware county judge made the decision in a case where a woman averred that her husband was a habitual drunkard. She easily proved this but, upon the witness stand, she admitted that she knew the fact before she was married.

IS CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS

Well Known Over this Section of the State—Will be Formidable Contestant.

The Rev. Mr. J. O. Campbell, pastor of the Fifth Street M. E. church, Richmond, has made his formal announcement as a candidate for the Republican nomination for congressman from the Sixth Indiana district. The Rev. Mr. Campbell is well known in this part of the state and has made a reputation for himself as a public speaker. He enters the fight with the firm conviction that he will be able to secure the nomination. Mr. Campbell has given out the following statement in regard to his candidacy:

"After careful consideration and the solicitation of friends I have deemed it necessary to offer my name as the republican candidate for congress in the Sixth Indiana district. I regard it as doing what any American citizen has a right to do and if it be the judgment of the people that this high honor be conferred upon me, their anticipations shall be realized to the limit of my ability."

Mr. Campbell graduated from De Pauw university in 1898 with the degrees of Ph.B. and S. T. B. He has been in the ministry for ten years. For four years he was pastor of a Methodist church at McCordsville. He was also pastor of a Methodist church at Anderson for four years.

IT SPANS THE WABASH

The First Concrete Bridge of this Size Ever Constructed in Adams County.

Surveyor Baumgartner, Treasurer Lachot, Auditor Lewton and County Attorney Lutz formed a party Wednesday that traversed a goodly section of Adams county and took a birdseye view of the public improvement now under course of construction at Linn Grove. The improvement is a concrete bridge, spanning the Wabash river, it being made in two arches and the total length is one hundred and seventy feet. It is being built by the National Bridge company at Indianapolis, and at this stage bears every evidence of being the best as well as the most durable bridge in Adams county. It is likewise a beauty and makes a change in future improvements of this nature.

Such a bridge would be about the proper style to span the St. Marys river at this place, and is one of the future hopes of the many people who travel across the old covered bridge. It has about seen its day and before many more years will have to be replaced with a new and modern bridge. Concrete bridges will last until the cows come home, and in the meantime will not rust or wear out with age.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Reported by the Decatur Abstract and Loan company. Money to loan on farm and city property at the lowest rates of interest with privilege of partial payments. Office rooms 34 Morrison building, Decatur, Indiana.

Jacob Koss to Mathias Koehr, n.e. ¼ section 11, French tp., \$1.00.

Mary L. Cannon to William Twigg, SW ¼ section 34, Hartford tp., \$300.

E. S. Kern to Gabriel Everett, part section 21, St. Marys tp., \$300.

Rachel Fritinger to John M. Frisinger, NE ¼ section 33, \$13,500.

Geo. Reeder to Daniel Fetter, NE ¼ section 28, Root tp., \$5,600.

Fred Neaderhouser to M. Yager, inlot 407, Berne, \$300.

John Burns to Mary E. Colow, NW ¼ section 2, French tp., \$5,000.

G. A. Adder to Emma Rohn, SE ¼ section 3, Hartford tp., \$500.

John W. Grace to Charles Armstrong, NW ¼ section 36, Jefferson tp., \$2,000.

F. M. Schirmeyer, Tr., to L. Baumgartner, inlot 37, Decatur, Ind., \$305.

F. M. Schirmeyer, Tr., to Isadore Kalver, inlot 5, Decatur, Ind., \$315.

Rosanna Buhler to Albert N. Steels, inlot 166, Decatur, \$12,000.

F. M. Schirmeyer, Tr., to Jacob Schaffer, inlot 57, Decatur, Ind., \$265.

John R. Badders to Wm. Badders, inlot 7, Monroe, \$1.00.

George W. Dutcher to Christopher Johnson, SE ¼ section 23, Root tp.

Mrs. J. Venis returned to her home at Craigville this morning after spending Sunday here with Sylvester Venis and family.

Henry Cole, a farmer near Van Buren, used a lighted match to signal an interurban car to stop Monday evening. He extended his arm over the track, but held it there too long, and as a result the car struck it and broke the arm between the wrist and elbow.

The work on the Seventh street improvement is progressing nicely in consideration of the fact that only a few men were obtainable to work on it. A number of men can be used on this work to a good advantage and should they apply to contractor Julius Haugk they will be given employment.

The following letters remain uncalled for at the postoffice: Harry Bowman, O. L. Bridge, Miss Sarah Brock, Ray Grunlere, James Harmon, Miss Ida Mooder, J. W. Pensinger, Walter Grove.

A letter from Ed Meyers, who left Tuesday for Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he will take a course of work in the law department of that famous college says that he is nicely quartered and that he is already in love with that city as a college town. He is expecting to start in from the bottom and work his way through this college until he receives his degree. Ed will no doubt make a success of this work, as he is a close student.

The new law passed by the last legislature having changed the date for ending the fiscal year from Oct. 31 to Sept. 30 in the state auditor's office Auditor Billheimer will call shortly for earlier reports from the banks and trust companies of the state. The reports will be required to date as of Sept. 30 instead of Oct. 31, as reports have been dated for the last forty years.

The Indiana Railroad Commission has ordered a hearing to be held Oct. 23 at its offices in the state house, for the purpose of investigating complaints that the Vandalia and railroads connecting with it are violating the law in making and accepting discriminating rates. It seems that the Vandalia has been hauling coal from the Indiana coal fields for delivery to other railroads at rates lower than rate to wholesale consumers for similar distances.

Many people are moving at present. Most of the draymen are busy moving household goods from one house to another. The people are selecting permanent quarters for the winter and it is safe to say that there will be but few if any desirable houses available for the new comer this winter unless some new ones are built at once. Investors make no mistake in placing their money in real estate in Decatur.

Despite the fact that township trustees were hammered by the papers all over the state for "grafting" and a number were made to give up their ill-gotten gains, there evidently are a few left who are defying the law and endeavoring to run things to suit themselves. They are up against a strong proposition, however, and the circuit courts are after a few of them who have not been bound by the new law.—Hartford City Gazette.

Washington, September 26.—Federal inspection of grain is likely to be the next important step in the direction of extending the central powers of the general government over business affairs. Congress will be asked to enact legislation of this sort. It is alleged that the grain producers of the country have been robbed of millions of dollars by the lack of a competent system of grain inspection. Not only have grain producers suffered, but foreign buyers have suffered also, and they have made vigorous complaint that grain bought by them as of a certain grade fell below that grade materially when it reached them.

Sunday morning after vainly trying all night to reach Rev. Jas. A. Sprague with a telephone message, the way was opened and the sad intelligence of his mother's death Saturday evening at 8:15 announced. He remained for Sunday school and the morning service, after which he left by way of Huntington and the traction line for Osceola. Mrs. Sprague followed Monday. The funeral occurred Tuesday. The mother was afflicted with cancers, and last November had an operation, but the relief was only temporary and others breaking out her case became hopeless and her suffering intense. Deceased was in her fifty-second year. It is the first break in the family circle and only those who have passed that way can truly sympathize with the pastor in his bereavement.—Markle Journal.

Miss Iva Steele has resumed her duties at the True and Runyon store after enjoying a several days' vacation from duties.

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Cures Backache
Corrects Irregularities
Do not risk having Bright's Disease or Diabetes