

### Armed With a Spade, He Made a Stranger Take to His Heels.

William Breiner, the venerable farmer, who resides east of this city, had a very thrilling experience last week with a hold-up man, which he is not apt to forget for some time. Early yesterday morning William and his brother, Reuben Breiner, drove to Newville, where they spent the day, returning to this city about seven o'clock in the evening. Mr. Breiner got out of the rig at his brother's home near the St. Mary's river on Monroe street, and picking up a spade he had left earlier in the day, he started to his home east of this city. Everything went well until he reached Bell View farm, and was just rounding the little jog in the road on the south side, when he stepped into a man, who commanded him to halt. This Mr. Breiner did without much urging and the man said, "How much money have you got?" To this Breiner said, "Oh, not very much." The thief then said, "Give me all the money you have or I will kill you," and at the same time advanced in a threatening manner. Mr. Breiner by this time had recovered his nerve, and in a determined manner raised the spade and said: "No, you can't rob me." Just at this time a horse could be heard coming down the pike, and the thief, not desiring to take any chances ran south past the Steele farm. Mr. Breiner at once repaired home and immediately informed the police. The night was very dark, and Mr. Breiner is unable to give much of a clew, although he describes the man as being of medium size and wearing a long light overcoat. He says that this was his first experience at being held up, and does not care to have it repeated.

### ARRANGING NEW DRUG STORE.

The Holthouse Company Manager at Willshire is Busy.

Wm. Zimmerman, manager of the Holthouse Drug Store in this place, returned last Thursday from a visit of almost two weeks with relatives and friends in Columbus and Xenia. He is now busily engaged in placing the new drug stock in place in their new location in the building bought by the Holthouse Drug Co. of Hurlock & Brown at the northeast corner of State and Simpson streets. The building is being overhauled inside and outside, and with the addition of paint and paper will present a more comely appearance than it has ever done at any time in its history. Although badly crippled by the fire, Manager Zimmerman is rushing things along with his accustomed energy, and before the present week is out he'll be doing business at the new stand as though nothing ever happened to him or the company for which he works.—Willshire Herald.

Miss Gusta Cramer who has been taking treatment at the Hope hospital at Fort Wayne, for some time past, is greatly improved and it is thought that she will recover rapidly.

### Case Against Mike Everett for Stabbing Julius Haugh.

A marriage license issued today was for Vesta Olhart Bokaw, twenty-three, of Root township, and Daisy Lewton, twenty-three, also of Root.

In the Henry J. Teeple et al petition for a drain, a finding was rendered that all parties were served with notice twenty days prior to the date, and the petition was ordered docketed.

John Coffee vs. Christina D. Niblick, claim \$449.37, default of plaintiff. Case dismissed at plaintiff's cost.

Prosecutor Heller has filed an affidavit and information against Michael Everett, in circuit court, charging him with assaulting Julius Haugh, with intent to kill, thus taking the matter out of the justice court. The bond was fixed at \$500, which the defendant gave and was released from jail.

Patrick J. Bobo vs. Eli Meyer and Ed Green, habeas corpus, answer filed by each defendant.

The case of Isadore Kalver and William Hurst vs. William L. Gunder, the mule case, in which \$250 is demanded, went to the jury about noon today after two hours argument by the attorneys.

The September session of court will close next week. After a two weeks vacation the November term convenes, and the grand jury. Judge Erwin will serve one week of the new term, when Judge Merryman begins duty.

### A FORMER DECATUR RESIDENT.

He or His Heirs Have an Estate at Bay City—Toledo Man Writes Here.

William Butler handed us a letter on Thursday, written by R. Hosbury, of Toledo, Ohio, in which he desires some information concerning a certain family that resided in Decatur a number of years ago, and, being unable to enlighten the parties from his own knowledge, he desired that we publish the letter so that anyone that formerly knew this family might be able to assist him in getting Mr. Hosbury the information desired. The letter is as follows:

Do me the kindness of making some inquiry of what became of Samuel Torrey, a one-armed man that lived in Decatur twenty-five years ago. Your father, Jesse Butler, may know something of him, as he was a brother of my father-in-law's second wife, and she had two daughters that are heirs to the W. H. Woodmancy estate, now held in Bay City, Mich., and if we do not find them soon the property will go to the state of Michigan. She separated from Woodmancy, took the two girls with her, and married a man named Keplinger. Please make a special effort for me in this direction, as the two heirs are half sisters to my wife, and she is very anxious to find them and get the matter settled. The girls' names were Nellie and Flora Woodmancy, but I presume they took the name Keplinger when their mother married again. Your assistance in this direction will be greatly appreciated by your friend and long-time acquaintance, twelve years of which I spent on the Clover Leaf Railroad when you were at Pleasant Mills. I wonder if the man Keplinger that used to live at Willshire is the man.

R. HOSBURY.

Anyone that can throw any light on this subject will please inform Mr. Butler, as the same would be greatly appreciated.

The lady who gently tapped her husband on the shoulder at the social the other night and said, "Love, it is growing late, I think we had better go home," is the same one who after getting home shook the rolling pin under his nose and said, "You infamous old snaggle-toothed scoundrel, if you ever look at that mean, hateful, calico-faced, mackerel-eyed old thing you had your eye glued on tonight, I'll bust your cocoanut wide open for you."

People over the country who are not acquainted with the true facts of the situation have been inclined to blame the trustees and county superintendents for the condition of affairs that exists in regard to the shortage of school books and the red tape that is connected with the school depository law. Many think that the trustees and county superintendents are to blame, and that they could arrange matters differently if they chose. Such is not the case. The fault lies with the law itself.

### Mrs. Myers Heard Him at Work, and He Was Given Other Apartments.

Gothard Brown, the desperado who has been lodged in the county jail to await trial for burglarizing the people in the Amlsh settlement near Berne, made a desperate effort to escape from the county Bastille a few days ago, while Sheriff Meyer was in North Dakota on business. The prisoner took a bolt from one of the beds, and with the use of the handle from the pump he succeeded in removing a number of rivets from the iron lining inside the brick wall. Brown worked in the daytime at this, and while he would pound, a fellow prisoner sang so loudly that the occupants of the residence part would not detect what he was doing. In his anxiety to free himself, Brown worked at the wall one night, and Mrs. Myers was awakened by the noise. She went downstairs and saw Brown leaving the bathroom in a hurry. Her suspicions were aroused, and she notified Deputy Sheriff Butler of what she had heard. An examination disclosed the fact that the noted burglar was trying to liberate himself, so he was locked in another apartment, where he is secure. Had Mrs. Myers not heard the noise of the pounding, the prisoners may have made their escape, and hereafter such prisoners as Brown will be kept in closer confinement.

### HAS RETURNED TO HIS FAMILY.

And is Doing Best to Support Them—Ball Player is Now at Work.

Clifford Bales, the well known ball player who was arrested some time ago on charges of deserting his wife, and children, has luckily escaped paying the penalty of his actions, which, under the new statutes constitutes a felony and is punishable by imprisonment of from one to three years or by a fine of from \$10 to \$100, in addition to a jail sentence, says the Hartford City Times-Gazette.

Bales was indicted by the grand jury, and when arraigned before Judge Sturgis Tuesday pleaded guilty. He was given a good lecture by the court, and upon promise to do better in the future he was released under suspended sentence. Mrs. Bales filed the charges against her husband, and when the case was heard in Justice Fargo's court, she turned a deaf ear to her husband's pleas for forgiveness. Bales went to jail in default of bond, but later was released and returned to his wife and was received. Since then he has been doing his best to support his family and it is probable that the couple will live together again.

### INDIANA PEOPLE WERE "STUNG."

Marion, Ind., October 16.—Church members, business men, school teachers, policemen, farmers and, in fact, all classes of people in Grant County were caught for an aggregate sum of \$200,000 today in the failure of the Cargill Investment Company of New York. The company operated in Grant, Madison, Wells, Huntington and Wabash counties in this state, and also in Ohio.

The swindle worked by the Cargill company is one of the prettiest that has been devised by the hand of the "get-rich-quick" people. Conducting its business as sedately and conservatively, on the surface, as the oldest banking firm, the company sold stock on which it offered almost fabulous dividends, 50 per cent. being a common promise.

The capital, so the company claimed, was bet on the races, principally on the New Orleans track, where it claimed to have sure tips from the jockeys. Of course, to the investor it looked like there was no chance to lose, and the "stock" sold like hotcakes at the county fair. Charles T. Kile, a druggist, was the Grant county agent. He claims to have "invested" \$100 and to have made \$59.95 for the first year.

The strike of the Erie machinists at Huntington has resulted in a disagreement in the conference between the men and the officers of the line. The machinists can go back to work but they must do so as individuals, as the union will not be recognized. The Times says some machinists still remain in the city drawing their weekly allowance from the general strike fund, while others are moving to distant cities, accepting employment from other roads.

### TEN YEARS IN BED

"For ten years I was confined to my bed with disease of my kidneys," writes R. A. Gray, J. P. of Oakville, Ind. "It was so severe that I could not move part of the time. I consulted the very best medical skill available, but could get no relief until Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me. It has been a Godsend to me."

### Other Members of the State Council as Chosen at the Convention.

Indianapolis, October 16.—Dr. C. M. Stoute, of Middletown, was the victor in the race for the office of great junior sagamore in the final ballot taken by the Red Men in session at O'Mlinson Hall this evening. Oliver C. Norris was his closest competitor. The following are the council of braves announced:

Great Sannap, J. P. Johnson, Greenfield, great Mishinewa, John Blough, Anderson; great guard of the wigwag, John R. Bales, Muncie; great guard of the forest, C. M. Sowers, Cambridge City; member of the board of appeals, three-year term, George S. Pleasants, Vevay; standing committee on by-laws, Charles E. Way, Terre Haute; Dr. C. R. Lord, Mays; L. Burr Whipple, Goshen. James F. Thomas, Winchester, was elected great trustee.

A beautiful gold and silver jewel was presented to Great Prophet Lewis A. Stoy, of New Albany, by the Red Men of the state.

### LEFT HAND TWIRLER.

Made Good in the Texas League This Year and Goes in Fast Company.

Clarence Biederdorfer, of Berne, who during the past season was with the Dallas ball team in the Texas League, seems to be destined to go higher in baseball, and according to press reports will be seen next season with the Wahington (D. C.) American League team. "Bletty," as he is known among his associates, is a left-handed pitcher of no mean ability, and during the past season was considered the most promising pitcher in the Texas League, and many of the big league scouts traveled to Texas to see him in action. However, as nothing came of the matter after several magnates had seen his work, it was thought that he was doomed to spend another season in minor company. However, a few days ago the Washington team served notice on J. W. Gardner, manager of the Dallas team, informing him that they had drafted Biederdorfer, and that he would be compelled to report to them next season, at the same time sending the draft money.

### HE PAID HIS FINE.

Then Started Home Swearing to Repeat the Dose.

Mrs. Nelson Hays, of Thirteenth street, appeared in Mayor D. D. Coffey's court Wednesday afternoon and filed an affidavit against her husband, charging him with assault and battery. As the story goes, Mr. Hays was putting up a stove pipe at his home, when a joint fell on the table, upsetting the coffee pot and spilling hot coffee on his leg. He became angered and proceeded to avenge himself on his wife, striking her several times. Mrs. Hays warned her husband that she would file an affidavit against him, but this did not seem to lessen his abuse, so she reported the affair to the mayor. A warrant was placed in the hands of Marshal Bohnke for Hay's arrest, and he was given a hearing shortly afterward. He pleaded guilty to the charge and promptly paid the neat little sum of nine dollars and thirty cents, after which he notified Bohnke that he may have another chance to bring him into court, for he declared he would give his wife a good beating when he got home.

An interesting case has been brought into the courts of Mercer county that had its origin in the dynamite explosion at Ft. Recovery last fall, in which a number of buildings were wrecked and a couple of lives lost. Enry A. Fetter is suing Joseph Meinert for the sum of \$1,800, to which extent he claims his property in that village was damaged by the explosion that was caused by the defendant unlawfully storing 2,000 pounds of dynamite within the limits of Ft. Recovery.

### WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

Annual Affair Was Equal to the Reputation Established in Past Years.

The annual New England Dinner which was given at the Methodist church today was a marked success in every respect. Many people partook of the festivities of this occasion, and all were well pleased with the excellent dinner which was served. Anything one could wish for was within their reach, and the ladies in whose charge the affair was conducted saw that not a person left the dining room without being filled to the collar. Not only was this dinner a success socially, but financially as well, and another such event would be welcomed at any time.

### Prosperity Helped to Meet Expenditures—Tariff Question May Be Discussed.

Washington, October 19.—If all the plans now under consideration for spending government money are presented to Congress at the coming session some hard-headed member is likely to inquire where the money is to come from. The estimates of the various departments of the amount of money it will take to carry them through the fiscal year beginning next July, now being prepared, will form the heaviest financial demand that has ever been made on Congress. Many things contribute to this condition of affairs. In the first place the federal government is expanding by leaps and bounds. It is doing things now it never dreamed of doing six or eight years ago. By authorization of Congress the salary charge is larger than ever before and it is likely to be further increased. The general increase in the cost of everything has also had something to do with the increased cost of government. But after all it is a few big undertakings that swell the expense account of the government. It costs to hold insular possessions, and the cost increases from year to year. It is now taking and will continue to take for many years an enormous amount of money to carry on the work on the Panama canal. The greatest navy on earth can not be built up and maintained without the expenditure of enormous sums of money. It takes money, too, to be investigating corporations and "rich malefactors."

Washington, October 19.—The government has been fortunate in being able to meet all the extraordinary demands on its Treasury the last few years because of the unusual run of prosperity? But what if there should be a lull in this prosperity? Suppose the demand for foreign-made goods should fall off materially and the customs receipts in consequence should drop! Such a situation would call for action along one of two lines: The tariff rates would have to be raised (and economists are not certain that high tariff rates always produce the most revenue), or internal revenue taxes would have to be increased. The situation as a whole seems to be one worthy of careful consideration at the hands of the law-makers. The Panama canal we must have—there can be no cessation of work there or cutting down of expenses. A great navy—the greatest on earth—is no doubt a thing to be desired, and every thoughtful citizen realizes that the time has come when the inland waterways should be developed largely at governmental expense. The natural resources must be preserved. It is necessary, of course, to erect public buildings now and then; but with all these worthy causes pressing for consideration Congress can not run away from the question, "Where is the money to come from?"

### WAS CAPTURED AT VAN WERT.

Chicago Jury Finds Him Guilty of Petit Larceny—Given One Year in Prison.

According to a jury in Judge Bretano's court yesterday, J. C. Hills' gasoline touring car, for which he paid \$2,700, is worth \$14. Mr. Hills, however, refused an offer of \$15 for the machine, and even a later offer of \$16.15 also failed to tempt him. By fixing the value at this sum the sympathetic jury was able to bring in a verdict of only petit larceny against Frederic Sawyer, formerly Mr. Hill's chauffeur, who stole the machine last summer from Mr. Hills' home, 1536 Windsor avenue, and was arrested later at Van Wert, O., being shot by Sheriff Fred Hott, whom he tried to run down with his automobile.

Judge Bretano sharply criticized the jury's verdict and sentenced the defendant to one year in the house of correction and to pay a fine of \$100, the maximum punishment possible under the finding of the jury.—Chicago American. Sawyer was captured near Van Wert about two months ago, after quite a battle between he and Sheriff Hott. He should certainly consider himself lucky in securing so easy a sentence.

A school girl was required to write an essay of 250 words about an automobile. She submitted the following: "My uncle bought an automobile. He was riding out in the country when it busted going up a long hill. I guess this is about fifty words. The other two hundred are what my uncle said when he was walking back to town, but they are not fit for publication."

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