

Breath.
Well-known physician, who has been known to declare that breath has broken off more than bad temper.
There are ardent lovers who must sometimes wish their sweethearts presented sweeter mouths to be kissed. Good teeth cannot prevent bad breath when the stomach is disordered.
The best cure for bad breath is a cleansing out of the body by use of
Lane's Family Medicine
the tonic laxative.
This is a herb medicine, sold in 25c. and 50c. packages by druggists and it is saving more doctor's bills than any other medicine has ever saved.
It cures headache, backache, indigestion, constipation and skin diseases.



AFTER FIRST BALLOT
Big Nuisance Case Will Have to be Retried—Jury Out All Night.

The case of the State vs. Isadore Hurst and Will Hurst in which eight were spent in an effort to prove the fertilizer plant a nuisance, resulted in a draw, six of the jurors, it is reported being firmly convinced that the plant should continue to do business, while the other six were just as firm in the opposite belief. The arguments were concluded at four o'clock Thursday afternoon and the courts instructions required forty-five minutes. At a few minutes before five the jury retired. John H. Hall was selected foreman and the first ballot is said to have been five for conviction and seven for acquittal. The next ballot resulted six to six and this result continued. All night long the twelve men argued and discussed the law and evidence, reporting at 9:15 Friday that there was absolutely no chance for an agreement. The court accordingly dismissed them. The case will be retried, probably at the next term of court, said Prosecutor Heller. The trial has been followed with interest by many people.

Miss Matter Suttiff went to Berne this afternoon to make a visit with relatives.

The interurban railway did a nice business today every car coming in and leaving Decatur being quite well filled. Every trip was made on schedule time and everything along the line proved to be in excellent condition.

The wedding of Miss Lydia Mohler and John Gerber was held yesterday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Mohler, east of the city. The ceremony was performed in the presence of over fifty guests by the Rev. John Aschman, pastor of the Neumanese church. The groom is a son of John Gerber, Sr., and wife, and is one of the prominent men of that locality. He is the owner of a farm upon which he and his bride will take up their residence at once. Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Mosure were present from this city.—Bluffton Banner.

A Lazy Liver
May be only a tired liver, or a starved liver. It would be a stupid as well as a waste of time to beat a weary or starved man because he lagged in his work. So in treating the lagging, torpid liver it is a great mistake to lash it with strong drastic drugs. A torpid liver is but an indication of an ill-nourished, enfeebled body whose organs are weary with overwork. Start with the stomach and allied organs of digestion and nutrition. Put them in working order and see how quickly your liver will become active. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has made many marvelous cures of "liver trouble," by its wonderful control of the organs of digestion and nutrition. It restores the normal activity of the stomach, increases the secretions of the blood-making glands, cleanses the system from poisonous accumulations, and so relieves the liver of the burdens imposed upon it by the defection of other organs.
If you have bitter or bad taste in the morning, poor or variable appetite, coated tongue, foul breath, constipated or irregular bowels, feel weak, easily tired, despondent, frequent headaches, pain or distress in stomach, snoring or distressed feeling on "rises" in throat after eating, and kindred symptoms of weak stomach and torpid liver, no medicine will relieve you more promptly or cure you more permanently than Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Perhaps only a part of the above symptoms will be present at one time and yet point to torpid liver or biliousness and weak stomach. Avoid all hot bread and biscuits, griddle cakes and other indigestible food and take the "Golden Medical Discovery" regularly and stick to its use until you are vigorous and strong.
The "Discovery" is non-secret, non-alcoholic, is a glyceric extract of native medicinal roots with a full list of its ingredients printed on each bottle wrapper and attested under oath. Its ingredients are endorsed and extolled by the most eminent medical writers of the age and are recommended to cure the diseases for which it is advised.
Don't accept a substitute of unknown composition for this non-secret medicine of known composition.

IN ANNUAL SESSION
Decide to Meet Again on February 18th to Elect Officers.

Friday's session was the annual one and the attendance of stockholders was good, especially from the south part of the county. It was decided to make a special effort to sell the \$15,000 worth of stock in the treasury before February 18th, when it was decided to meet again to complete the organization of a stock company, reorganize and elect officers.

Messrs. John Nidlinger, James Dally, Cal Kunkle and Albert Butler were at Berne Friday to attend a meeting of the Great Northern Indiana Fair association. At this meeting all of the business relative to last year's fair was closed and the first step taken for next year. It has been decided to hold the next year's fair in the last week of August and this will be a most agreeable time to the farmers. The promoters of the Great Northern are very enthusiastic over the success of their fair last August, as well as all former ones, and they will spare no time or expense to make the next one the best ever held in Adams county. A special effort will be made to secure the very best attractions obtainable, among which will be faster horses than have ever stepped a mile on our track and greater free attractions than ever before.

STRAUB ON TRIAL

Boy Charged With Robbing a Companion—H. A. Fristoe Qualifies.

Hunters licensees have been granted this week to W. F. Shirk, Monroe, Clyde M. Rice, John N. Logan, Decatur, and J. J. Scheer, Jr., Geneva.

In the case of Charles McConnell vs. Florence Griner and Clinton B. Griner, a replevin case from Jay county, a demurrer was filed to the second paragraph of answer. Cause was set for trial on Monday, January 13.

W. J. Vesey and John Niblick executors of the David Studabaker will filed their final report and notice was ordered published for the first day of the February term.

A. W. Holmes, guardian for Truman Dudgeon et al, filed a petition for an order to pay for necessities for Roxie Dudgeon, and it was so ordered.

H. A. Fristoe, of Geneva, recently appointed jury commissioner by Judge Merryman, appeared this morning and qualified. S. B. Fordyce, the other commissioner, qualified a few days ago.

THE K. P.'S ELECT OFFICERS.

A Good Corps of Men Elected to the Chairs.

At their regular meeting last night the K. P. lodge elected officers for the ensuing year and enjoyed a social session. The newly elected officers are as follows: S. E. Shamp, chancellor commander; Clyde Rice, vice chancellor; Walter Johnson, prelate; J. Tritch, K. R. and S.; F. C. Hoenlein, M. of W.; D. N. Erwin, M. of X.; F. V. Mills, M. of F.; C. O. Sipe, M. of A.; Eli Meyers, inner guard; Orval Harruff, representative to grand lodge; J. Hurst, trustee. These are a good corps of men to have in charge of the K. of P. lodge and it will no doubt continue to progress as it has in the past.

NINETY DAYS' IN JAPAN.

Is the Subject of the Lecture to be Given at Baptist Church.

Shinzo Ohki, a famous Japanese lecturer, who has arranged to deliver a lecture on "Ninety Days Journey over Japan" at the First Baptist church, Friday evening, January 3, is heralded as a speaker of ability. Aside from the lecture he will show one hundred and fifty magnificent stereopticon views which promises to be interesting indeed. A fee of fifteen and twenty-five cents will be charged for admission, a remarkably low price to hear a noted lecturer, and the church should be taxed to its capacity. The lecture will begin promptly at eight o'clock on the above stated night so don't forget the date and miss the treat of your life. Rev. Bergman and congregation are to be congratulated upon securing the Japan lecturer and they deserve the hearty support of the people.

APPEAR IN COURT AT LOVE FEAST
Where Judge Merryman Confirmed Mr. Haefling's Report.

Deputy Clerk James P. Haefling refused to grant a marriage license to Charles L. Green, of Dunkirk and Minnie Nighbarger, of Hartford township and his report to the circuit court was affirmed by Judge Merryman, to whom the matter was appealed as provided by law. The couple accompanied by the girls' mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Sweeney, arrived on the morning G. R. & I. train, expecting to secure a license and be married by a squire here. Wilson Sweeney, the stepfather smiled as he told a reporter that though he had lived in this part of Indiana fifty-seven years, this was his first ride on a train. He enjoyed it immensely. The party rode to the court house in a bus, hung around the corridors for fifteen minutes then mustered up courage to state their business to Mr. Haefling. Neither of the parties could read or write and the girl, who was only eighteen, showed unmistakable signs of imbecility. The would-be groom is twenty-seven, a farmer and not overly bright. Mr. Haefling refused to grant the license and the party were escorted to the circuit court room, where the evidence was heard and the court likewise refused to permit the license to be issued. Green was real angry and declared his belief that this was no longer a free country.

DETAILS OF AFFAIR

Special Message from Mr. Gay Gives Particulars of Sad Affair.

A telephone message from James L. Gay who was called to Cary, Ohio, Thursday, on account of his niece, Miss Katie Teeple, having met death by drowning, stated that the body of the young lady was recovered from the icy waters Thursday at nine o'clock the remains being in an excellent state of preservation. The body of the young man who was with Miss Teeple when the terrible accident occurred, was recovered Thursday afternoon about three o'clock. The remains of Miss Teeple were recovered about five hundred feet below where the accident occurred, near the bank of the river, the searchers having undoubtedly passed over the same many times during their long and unceasing task. The remains of Miss Teeple arrived in this city Saturday afternoon at two o'clock on the Chicago and Erie and were conveyed to the home of James L. Gay on north Ninth street.

DIED BEFORE HIS TERM BEGAN

Randolph County Treasurer-Elect Dies Suddenly.

Winchester, Ind., Dec. 26.—Harry Jack, who in a few days would have taken up his duties as treasurer of Randolph county, died at his new home in this city early this morning. His sudden demise has come as a surprise to his many friends in this section, as Mr. Jack was perhaps one of the best known politicians in the county. He had made three races for the Republican nomination for county treasurer and stood well in each contest. At the last primary he practically made a clean sweep and carried nearly every precinct in the county.

Until a few weeks ago the deceased resided in Union City and he had just come here with his family to get ready to assume the duties of the office and had moved into the Judge Marsh property on south East street. Before he went to Union City Mr. Jack was a resident of Ridgeville. He had filed his bond for the office, but had not taken the oath and it is probable that the present treasurer, George W. Robins, will hold over until another treasurer can be elected next fall, as the law is said to state that when an officer dies before he qualifies there is no vacancy and another official must be elected in the regular way. Mr. Jack is survived by a wife and three children, who are receiving many expressions of sympathy.

STILL JUGGLING THE FAST DITCH

Again Sent Back to Allen County Commissioners.

Judge O. N. Heaton handed down a decision today under which the Fast ditch case, which has done more ground and lofty tumbling than any action brought in the local courts for several years, is sent back to the county commissioners to be considered again. The court held that the board had not rendered a final judgment in deciding that it had no jurisdiction in the matter and that there was nothing to appeal from. He said that some final action should have been taken by either establishing the ditch or rejecting the report. The board did not have time to take the matter up again.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Resolutions Presented by Governor Hanly Adopted
—Beveridge Sour.

The republicans of Indiana held their biennial love feast at Indianapolis Thursday and every one present but Senator Beveridge put in their allotted time at saying nice things about vice president Fairbanks and his candidacy for the presidential nomination. Governor Hanly offered the following resolutions, which were adopted:
We, the republicans of the State of Indiana, in biennial love feast assembled, send greetings and felicitations to the Honorable Charles W. Fairbanks, vice president of the United States, and turn to him for leadership in the pending presidential campaign. We have often trusted him and have many times given him high commendation.
His clean life in public and in the home, his clearness of concept, his poise of character, his conservative courage and his great ability have long appealed to us.
His love of the people, from whose loins he came, the faith he has ever manifested in American institutions and in Republican principles, his ripe experience in public affairs, the support he has given President Roosevelt in the Senate and in his present high office, and the memory of the confidence and affection in which the late President McKinley held him, lead us to declare him great and broad and brave enough to deal with the new conditions now before the country.
We ask his leadership with full confidence in his wisdom and in his patriotism, and promise him in return our highest effort and best endeavor to secure for him the commission of his party at the national convention to be assembled at Chicago next June.

IS UP TO DATE

New Concern Will Be Modern in Every Way—Soon Ready for Business.

Rapid progress is being made in the construction of the mammoth building at Monroe wherein the grain, hay, feed and milling company of that place will conduct their business after the completion of same. The promoters of this concern will spare no expense in making their new building modern in every respect and the people of Monroe should be very proud that such an institution will be in their midst. Equipments of modern make will be placed throughout the building and every convenience known to the milling business will be at hand. The men who are behind this movement are hustlers, possessed of business qualifications which assure for them success in their new undertaking and ere spring time rolls around it is thought the wheels of the grain, hay, feed and milling company plant will be moving merrily along. During the winter months the work of the carpenters and masons will not be suspended, but all that is possible will be done to complete the structure by spring.

NEW CLOVER LEAF WIRE.

A force of linemen are working along the Clover Leaf putting up a wire 545 miles long from St. Louis to Toledo. It will be a through wire and only eight instruments will be attached to it for the entire system. Frankfort will get one of the equipments. The traffic department at Toledo is being moved to Chicago and the wire is being strung to put the new office in closer connection with the principal places along the Clover Leaf, whose business is largely being merged with that of the Chicago & Alton.

UNION B. HUNT STRICKEN.

Fell Unconscious From Heart Attack But Will Recover.

Indianapolis, Dec. 26.—Union B. Hunt, chairman of the Indiana railroad commission and ex-secretary of state and private secretary to Governor Hanly, after climbing six flights of stairs today at the Claypool hotel, was stricken with heart trouble and forced to retire to his bed. Mr. Hunt is afflicted with a weak heart and has had several attacks within the last year. He was much improved tonight. Mr. Hunt had been waiting at the foot of the elevator shaft to ascend, but becoming tired of delay because of the crowded cars choose the staircase.

Charles Phillips is home from Lima, O., where he was visiting with his brother, Wm. Phillips.

BRICK'S RESOLUTION
Would Amend Constitution to Arrange Uniform Divorce and Marriage.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Congressman and Mrs. Adair, both of whom have been confined to their hotel with the grip, which is prevalent here, have sufficiently recovered to start for Indiana tomorrow afternoon. Mr. Adair's position in the hot fight for Democratic chairman of the Eighth district will be one of neutrality. He is not yet ready to state definitely whether or not he will run for the nomination for governor, but as there are already two gubernatorial candidates in his district—R. K. Erwin and Colonel McCullough—it is believed the chances are against his making the race.

That Representative Abraham Lincoln Brick was a "Johnny on the Spot" when congress opened is shown by the fact that house joint resolution No. 1 bears his name as the author. A member has to get up early in the morning of the opening day to get his pet legislative measure in the hopper so that it will come out wearing the stamp "No. 1." Brick's resolution No. 1 is a proposition to add to the constitution of the United States a new article to be called article XVI. The proposed article is as follows:
"Article XVI—The congress shall have power to establish uniform laws on the subject of marriage and divorce throughout the United States and to provide penalties for violations thereof."
As a lawyer and a close observer Mr. Brick has become convinced that something should be done to put the Gretna Greens out of business. He also thinks that the practice of mismatched couples of establishing ephemeral residences in South Dakota in order to obtain divorces should merit the condemnation of all right-thinking persons. He believes that a marriage that is good in one state should be good in every other and that divorces should be granted on exactly the same terms in all of the states.

PARTY A SURPRISE

In Honor of W. H. Graham's Sixtieth Birthday—A Good Time.

A reunion of the Graham family was held at Monroe Friday and a most delightful time was enjoyed throughout the day. The event was prompted by the occasion of the sixtieth birthday of W. H. Graham, who was agreeably surprised when the merry party, including relatives from New Castle, Pa., Portland and Decatur rushed into his home. The day was spent in social chat and other amusements fitting to the occasion and an elaborate dinner was served much to the satisfaction of all who were present. The surprise on the elderly Mr. Graham was well planned and skillfully executed. The different members of the family gathered in our city with L. A. Graham and went to Monroe on the 7:10 train this morning and their victim's surprise was complete when he saw all of his children approaching as when in their childhood days. The surprised were Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Graham of this city, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Graham, of Portland, and Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Graham of New Castle, Pa.

BOY'S DEATH MYSTERIOUS.

Pain in Leg Results in Jay County Lad's Passing Away.

Portland, Ind., Dec. 26.—William Ernest Fritzinger, the 17-year-old son of John Fritzinger, is dead at his home in Wabash township, near Corydon, of an illness that puzzled all the doctors that were called to attend him. He has been in his usual health till last Sunday, when he was taken with a severe pain in his left leg, which gradually became worse. To alleviate his sufferings, several doctors operated upon the limb, cutting through the skin in several places, but this did no good, and he passed away Wednesday evening. The funeral services will be held Saturday morning, following an autopsy, which will be held to determine the cause of death.

Samuel Simison, of Berne, passed through here this morning enroute to Bluffton to be at the bedside of his father, Robert Simison, who is quite ill. Robert Simison who is ninety-six years of age, was a pioneer of Adams county. We are informed that he was the second person to settle in Adams county.

We Sell
Vinol
on the positive guarantee that if it does not give satisfaction we will return the entire amount of money paid us for it. We mean this—and ask all those who are sick and need strength to try it with this understanding.
SMITH YAGER & FALK.

PARABLE OF THE TOBACCO SEED

A Few Good Thoughts for Users of the Weed.

Then shall the kingdom of Satan be likened to a grain of Tobacco seed, which, though exceedingly small, being cast into the ground, grew, and became a great plant, and spread its leaves, rank and broad, so that huge and vile worms formed a habitation thereon. And it came to pass, in the course of time, that the sons of man looked upon it, and thought it beautiful to look upon and much to be desired to make lads look big and manly. So they put forth their hands and did chew thereof. And some it made sick and others to vomit most filthily. And it further came to pass that those who chewed it became weak and unmanly, and said: "We are enslaved and cannot cease from chewing it." And the mouths of all that were enslaved became foul; and they were seized with a violent spitting; and they did spit, even in the ladies' parlors, and in the house of the Lord. And the saints of the Most High were greatly plagued thereby. And in the course of time it came also to pass that others snuffed it, and they were taken suddenly with fits, and they did sneeze with a great and mighty sneeze, inasmuch that their eyes were filled with tears and they did look exceedingly silly. And others cunningly wrought the leaves into rolls, and did set fire to the one end thereof, and did suck vehemently at the other end thereof and did look very grave and calf-like; and the smoke of their torment ascended up like a fog. And the cultivation thereof became a great and mighty business in the earth; and the merchants waxed rich by the commerce thereof. And it came to pass that the professed saints of the Most High defiled themselves therewith; even the poor who could not buy shoes, nor bread, nor books for their little ones, spent their money for it. And the Lord was greatly displeased therewith and said, "Be ye clean that bear the vessels of the Lord." "Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh." "Wherefore come out from among them and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you." But with one accord they exclaimed, "We cannot cease from chewing, snuffing and puffing!"
O ye professed followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, will ye be the slaves of a nasty, poisonous weed? One is your master, even Christ.

Begins this Evening at Niblick Home—Christmas Day at the Old Homestead.

An event that will be a prominent feature in the Christmas social doings of Decatur is the re-union of the Morrisons, Niblicks, Studabakers and Veseyes and their children, which is to begin at the home of John Niblick tonight. The Veseyes, of Fort Wayne, have arrived and this evening the older ones of the different families will be entertained for supper at the home of John Niblick, while the younger people will enjoy their supper at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Suttles. After supper's over, the entire crowd will go to the home of Miss Hattie Studabaker for an evening of social chat and amusement, and will remain at her home for the night. Upon arising in the morning each member of the merry party will be presented with the gifts which were intended for them and the early hours of the morning will be devoted to a good social time, after which the party will repair to the home of John Niblick to spend the day which will be observed appropriately. These most estimable families have gatherings of this nature every year and a good time is always in store for all who attend. The party will consist of W. J. Vesey and family, of Fort Wayne, Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards, of Leipsic, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Suttles, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison and daughter, Miss Hattie Studabaker, D. E. Studabaker and family, John Niblick and family of this city.