

Were Readjusted—Attorney Beatty Argued in Behalf of Night Policemen.

The common council met in special session Friday night in pursuance to a call by Mayor Coffee and transacted a little business pertaining to the city's welfare. The street and sewer committee, to whom had been referred the matter of adjusting the assessment of William Blackburn on the Seventh street improvement, filed their report finding that Mr. Blackburn had been assessed in excess of the benefits derived and cut his assessment to an even two hundred dollars and assessing the properties of Kate Burrell and Jacob Miller thirty and twenty-five dollars respectively for special benefits and the Decatur Filler company twenty-five dollars for special benefits. Sarah Schafer fifteen dollars for special benefits, Hattie Studabaker twenty-five dollars for special benefits, and the Grand Rapids railroad twenty-six dollars and seventy-four cents as a special benefit. Mr. Blackburn's original assessment was \$346.74. The remainder of the resolution was confirmed as a whole. A. P. Beatty, representing night policemen Sam Frank and Joel Reynolds made an argument before the council for the allowance of the bills of these men, averring that the amounts alleged to be due were correct and that under a former ordinance the council would in the end have to pay them for their service and to save the expense of a law suit, Mr. Beatty argued that an agreement ought to be reached. The council were not ready to act and asked Mr. Beatty to hold proceedings off until the council again met in regular session. Nothing further coming before the council they adjourned.

TWO BANKS NAME Offer of From Two to Three Per Cent Same as Made to the County.

The members of the council composing the financial board of the city of Decatur, met in executive session Friday night at the library building and received bids upon the city deposits for the coming year. The Old Adams County Bank asked for \$7,000 allowing two per cent on daily deposits, two and one-half per cent on semi-annual deposits and three per cent upon annual deposits. They also filed their bond in the amount of ten thousand dollars and upon motion by Christen the Old Adams County Bank was made a city depository for the amount they asked for. The First National Bank asked for twelve thousand dollars and offered the same rate of interest as the other bank at the same time filing their bond for ten thousand dollars. However, as the bond was not sufficient to cover the twelve thousand dollars asked for the finance board, upon motion, made the National Bank a city depository in the sum of seven thousand five hundred dollars. No further business coming before the board they adjourned.

J. P. LIECHTY'S SUDDEN DEATH. Berne Pioneer Filled Coal Stove, then Expired.

He went and got a bucket of coal, poured it into the stove, sat down in his large rocking chair, closed his eyes and died. This is in short an account of the last acts and death of Jacob P. Liehty, whose life quietly ebbed away yesterday forenoon at about 11 o'clock in the presence of his life-companion and helpmate, at the home of their oldest son living, Emanuel J. Liehty, two miles northeast of Berne. It was evidently heart failure, due to old age, that brought his life to a standstill, for Grandpa Liehty was not afflicted with any particular ailment, and less than two months ago, while still living in Berne, he could often be seen splitting wood, though he was 86 years, 7 months and 8 days old at the day of his death. Mr. and Mrs. Liehty had eight children. The oldest, Samuel, died in 1882, and the youngest, Joel, died just last month in Bluffton. The others, Emanuel J., Christian J., Jacob J., Peter J., Mrs. David C. Lehman, and Mrs. Ulrich Sprunger are all living in this community, with 53 grandchildren and 40 great-grandchildren of the departed ancestor.—Berne Witness.

Mrs. Shafer Peterson returned last night from Berne, where she made a short visit with her daughter, Mrs. Guy Majors.

Taft and Foraker Are Both Striking Below the Belt.

Washington, December 28.—Representative Isaac H. Sherwood, the Toledo congressman, said just before leaving for his home for the holidays that he would advise his constituent, James M. Wolcott, to enter suit to obtain possession of the 320 acres of land in Indiana, which according to the records of the Indian office, belong to the heirs of Anna Turner. Wolcott says he is one of those heirs. Be it understood the Indiana office does not pretend to say whether Wolcott can establish title to the land. It simply finds that Ann Turner was entitled patent on this land, and the secretary of the interior has issued such a patent.

Washington, December 28.—Friends of both Secretary Taft and Senator Foraker say there is not the slightest possibility of a truce or understanding of any kind being reached in the warfare between the two factions in the Republican party in Ohio. A few days ago some "soundings" were made by the Taft people for the purpose of ascertaining if an agreement might possibly be reached. These investigations, it is related, revealed that Senator Foraker and his friends in the state are determined to fight to the end.

SUSPENDS SENTENCE

Judge O'Rourke Held Session—Replevin Case Returned to Allen County.

Judge Merryman Saturday rendered his finding in the case against Charles Straub, charged with robbing Abraham Whitright, finding Straub guilty. The court fined the young man ten dollars and sentenced him to jail for thirty days, but suspended sentence, during good behavior, thus giving him a chance to escape punishment.

Judge Edward O'Rourke, of Fort Wayne, held a session here Saturday. In the case of D. W. Myers et al vs. Joseph M. Rice et al, suit on assessment lien, \$500, before him, an answer was filed by Elizabeth Wherry, joint answer by Joseph M. and Phebe Rice. Interrogatories filed and rule to answer same.

In the case of Julius Haug et al vs. E. Fritzinger et al, street lien, \$1,000, also before Judge O'Rourke, the demurrers to complaint were overruled separate answers filed, rule to reply to answers.

The case of Mina A. Beeler vs. Samuel E. Beeler, a replevin suit, was set for trial January 14.

Edna F. Cox vs. Pacific Express Co., replevin, transferred by agreement of parties to superior court at Fort Wayne and so ordered.

In the case of Emily Johnson vs. Samuel Kirkwood et al, quiet title, proof of publication filed, default of defendants.

Charles McConnell vs. Florence Briner et al, replevin, demurrer overruled.

State ex rel Sarah Gleason vs. Edward E. Young et al, damages \$500, demurrer sustained, leave granted to answer complaint. Sarah Gleason made a party plaintiff. Rule to answer.

John D. Stults vs. G. R. & I. Ry. Co., \$5,000 damages, appearance by A. P. Beatty for defendants, rule to answer.

E. X. Ehinger filed his final report in the Mathias Schafer estate.

William Beiberick, guardian for Martin Beiberick et al, filed his account current.

Michael Lusch, many years an engineer on the Chicago and Erie, died this morning at 9:45 at his home northeast of the city on the Stults road, after an illness of over two years with Bright's disease. Mr. Lusch was bedfast only two or three days and his condition did not become critical until six weeks ago. He made his last trip on the Erie in May, 1906, but when able to be out he visited frequently among the road men with whom he had been so long associated.—Huntington Herald.

Several Went to Fort Wayne —Many Events During Holidays.

Misses Emma and Edna Hoffman were the charming hostesses at the six o'clock dinner given at their home on Madison street, in compliment to Misses Winifred Johnson and Fanny Frisinger, who will leave Jan. 6, 1908, for Bloomington, Ind. The guests were the members of the Mennues club. After dinner they spent the evening very pleasantly by attending the Crystal theater and the Pictorium.

Mrs. Lewis Reynolds entertained a crowd of children Friday afternoon in honor of their daughter, Beulah, for her seventh birthday anniversary. The children were helped to light refreshments. Miss Beulah was the receiver of many beautiful gifts. Those present were: Geraldine Robison, Francine Chronister, Edna Stetson, Reba Ramsey, Eva Augenbaugh, Grayce Schroll, Esther Reynolds, Bessie Stetson, Poline Reynolds, Mildred Strebe, Mabel Oerhulser, Mary Stetson, Anna Garard, Mabel Russell, Bereneta Reynolds, Grayce Garard, Dreda Parent, Beulah Reynolds. Those entertaining: Misses Grayce Buhler, Nettie Reynolds, Maggie Frank, Daisy Reynolds.

Eight couples of Decatur left last evening on the three o'clock car for probably introduce in the senate after the holidays. His resolution will provide for a preliminary survey to be made by expert engineers, with plans and estimates of the cost of such an undertaking.

Fort Wayne in response to dainty invitations which were issued by Mr. and Mrs. M. Archbold to a six o'clock dinner in compliment to their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, which was given at their home on east Wayne street. Extremely beautiful did the various rooms appear. Roses, carnations and ferns formed the exquisite background of the decorations. The guests were received at the door by the host and hostess. Promptly at six o'clock the guests were shown into the spacious dining hall where eight small tables were prettily decorated with the season's decorations. A pink carnation was placed at each cover and the dinner was nicely served by four young ladies in five courses, which were elaborate. During this time there were several toasts given, the toastmaster being John S. Peterson, of Decatur, and the following men gave the principal toasts: Rev. Rowan, pastor of the First Methodist church, Judge R. K. Erwin, of Decatur; Mr. J. S. Haugh, of Tiffin, Ohio, formerly from here; Mr. C. M. Kenyon, of Fort Wayne. The toasts given by the ladies were: Mrs. R. K. Erwin, of Decatur; Mrs. Rowan, of Fort Wayne; Mrs. Al. Burd, of Decatur. Immediately following the dinner the host entertained his men guests at a smoker which was enjoyed in his large den. The evening passed by quickly, music was rendered by Mr. Archbold's niece, Miss Hazel Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Archbold received many beautiful and elegant pieces of silverware in remembrance of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Archbold were formerly of Decatur, then they moved to Fort Wayne, where Mr. Archbold is doing fine. His prosperity has increased greatly, which is welcome news to his many Decatur friends. The out of town guests were: Messrs. and Mesdames D. M. Hensley, John S. Peterson, Fred Linn, R. K. Erwin, Al. Burd, Charles Elzey, Dan Erwin, John Lachot, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Ernberger of Celina, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Haugh, of Tiffin, Ohio.

The Ladies' Mite society of the Methodist church held a very pleasant meeting Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. D. Lewton on north Second street. A splendid program was delivered of which the most important numbers were: Vocal solos by Misses Marie Beery and Marie Allison, Mrs. C. B. Wilcox. Instrumental solos by Miss Carrie Thomas and Mrs. John Niblick. Each solo was highly complimented. The attendance was excellent and light refreshments were served by the hostess.

SHE WAS ILL LONG With a Complication of Diseases and Succumbed to the Ravages Thereof.

After an illness dating back more than a year ago, during which time she suffered intensely from a complication of diseases, Mrs. Benjamin Winans, of Pleasant Mills responded to call of the reaper Saturday morning at five o'clock. The deceased was taken sick about one year ago and although at that time the attack was not considered serious, her condition became worse and more perplexing each day. However, she was not confined to her bed until a few weeks ago but since that time her condition has been alarming. During the last few days she experienced a decided change for the worse, death relieving her this morning. Mrs. Winans was the wife of Benjamin Winans, a mason, who has resided in Pleasant Mills for many years. She was a member of the M. E. church and was an active worker in its behalf. During the closing chapter of her long and useful life, she realized that death was at hand and was content to entrust her life in the hands of the Almighty. She has lived in St. Marys township all her life and has enjoyed the friendship of a large circle of friends who are caused most poignant sorrow from the news of her demise. The funeral will be held at the home tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock after which the cortege will be conveyed to this city and interment made in the Maplewood cemetery. The deceased was fifty-seven years of age and is survived by a husband, daughter and a multitude of friends.

Girl is Daughter of Widow Lady—Man Made Love to Her for Seven Years.

A sad case was brought to light Thursday evening with the arrest of Charles Beery, a son of John Beery, of east South street. He was taken in charge by Deputy Sheriff Charles Pierce on a charge of paternity filed against him in Squire Rinehart's court by Miss Christina Borne, aged twenty-five, a daughter of a widow living east of this city just across the line in Adams county. After his arrest young Beery was unable to furnish the bond and Charles went to jail to await the preliminary trial next Monday at one o'clock.

One extremely sad feature of the case, more so than in many a similar case, is that the girl, Miss Borne, is by nature not in control of her full powers of speech, the palate of her mouth being gone so that she can hardly speak. She told the prosecuting attorney brokenly between her tears that she had kept company with Charles Beery for seven years, and that he had promised faithfully to marry her and she had confided and trusted in him. An additional sad feature is the fact that the girl's mother, an aged German lady, is a widow and is the mother of eight children. She had accompanied her daughter to the prosecuting attorney's office and between her sobs told her sorrow. She said that she had always tried to bring her children up right and that she had trusted that her daughter was in good company.

The Beery family formerly lived near the Wells-Adams county line and moved to this city only during the last five months.—Bluffton News.

MIND IS DERANGED J. F. Zahm Shot Himself Yesterday—Was Relative of Andrew Miller.

The Niblick Grain company received word Saturday that J. Frank Zahm, of the J. F. Zahm & Co. grain and seed house in Toledo, with whom they had transacted business for a quarter of a century and whom they knew personally, had committed suicide by shooting himself at the office of his mammoth wholesale house Friday. He had been in poor health for some time and his mind became deranged. He was born in Laporte, Indiana, and was one of the wealthiest men in Toledo. He was a relative of Mr. Andrew Miller, who lives south of Decatur and came here quite often during his life. The statement sent out by his firm closed by saying:

His sterling qualities of honesty, kindness, energy and manly courage enabled him to rise from a messenger boy to one of the leaders and most respected men in the grain business. His generosity will enable his surviving partners, who have had the active management of the business in late years to successfully continue it.

Any 12 Year Old Girl Can make those delicious Lemon, Chocolate and Custard pies as well as the more experienced cook if she uses "OUR-PIE" preparation, which is now sold by nearly all grocers at 10 cents per package. Just the proper ingredients in each package.

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Large Crowd Present to Witness the Affair—Elaborate Luncheon Served.

Friday night at the hall, the Eastern Star and Masonic officers elect were installed into the various offices of the orders under most pleasant conditions. Promptly at eight o'clock Miss Nellie Blackburn, who was chosen as the installing officer for the O. E. S., took her position and instructed the newly elected officers to take their places within the semi circle and prepare for installation. J. W. Tyndall was invested with the power of marshal and each of the officers were escorted to the worthy matron to receive the solemn obligations characteristic of her positions. The installing officer acquitted herself grandly in the work and each and every officer was most impressively installed into the office which they will fill for the ensuing year. The following are the officers who took the obligations and their respective positions: Mrs. Flora Kinzie, worthy matron; J. D. Hale, worthy patron; Mrs. D. M. Hensley, secretary; Mira Moore, treasurer; Nora Parrish, conductress; Nellie Blackburn, associate conductress.

After the installation of the Eastern Star officers, J. W. Tyndall assumed the position of installing officer for the F. and A. M. and the officers elect were seated in a semi circle from where they were escorted before the installing officer by Marshall J. D. Hale, where the solemn obligations were impressively administered and the officers invested with the badges appropriate to their positions. The officers elect who were given the obligations are as follows: D. E. Smith, W. M.; George Kinzie, senior warden; Charles Dunn, junior warden; Earl Adams, secretary; J. Q. Neptune, treasurer; C. L. Walters, senior deacon; Warner, junior deacon; Henry Heller and Will Winnes, stewards and P. L. Andrews, tyler. After the installation of these officers, J. P. Hale, of Bluffton, assuming the position of installing officer, installed the following into the offices of the R. A. M.: P. L. Andrews, high priest; T. R. Moore, king; J. D. Hale, scribe; Henry Heller, royal arch captain; J. W. Tyndall, principal sojourner; C. L. Walters, captain of the house; Godfrey Christen, treasurer; Roy Archbold, secretary; W. P. Shrock, third veil; Isadore Kalver, second veil and E. B. Adams first veil. After the work of installing was completed the ladies of the O. E. S. served an elegant luncheon which delighted every one present and a most enjoyable time was had.

NEW POSTMASTER AT MONROE.

Walter Johnson Saturday received appointment as postmaster at Monroe, his duties to begin January 1st. Shelby Ray, the former postmaster, died last February and since then Mrs. Ray has served. Mr. Johnson is a well known young man, was employed at the Hub clothing store here for some time. He is now in the clothing business at Monroe and will remove the office to his store. The place pays \$550 per year, and the appointment came through Senator Beveridge.

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O. J. Suman Named for Trustee and W. F. Beery for Assessor.

The republicans of St. Marys township held their primary election Friday day to nominate a candidate for trustee and assessor. The campaign was a rather hot one, there being three candidates for trustee and two for assessor. O. J. Suman was the successful aspirant for the trustee nomination, while W. F. Beery secured the plum in the assessor's race. The results were: For trustee—O. J. Suman, north precinct 34, south 49, total 83; J. L. Chronister, north precinct 43, south 3, total 46; D. B. Roop, north precinct 7, south 24, total 31. Suman's plurality 37. For assessor—W. F. Beery, north precinct 27, south 68, total 95; J. H. Helm, north precinct 54, south 10, total 64. Beery's plurality 39. The township is decidedly republican in politics and the primaries always of interest.

TWO RESOLUTIONS

Electing Delegates Today to the District Meeting at Portland.

The Adams County Democracy is now an organized militant, ready for the campaign battle of 1908. At ten o'clock Saturday county central committee elected at the primary election on December 6, met in answer to a call issued by retiring chairman John C. Moran. With the members of the central committee were several hundred active and interested democrats, this showing an unusual interest in the cause of their party at this early time. The election of a chairman was a matter that took but a short time, that old wheel horse and splendid organizer, Thomas Gallogly being elected thereto. Mr. Gallogly is an old hand at the business and will line up the democratic forces for an old time victory next year. Henry Lankenau was made secretary, and Fred V. Mills treasurer. The meeting was harmonious and was concluded after completing their organization.

The committee adjourned and they together with the many other democrats present, were called to order in a mass convention, the purpose of which being the selection of delegates to the district meeting at Portland next Thursday, at which time a member of the Democratic State Committee will be elected. John C. Moran was made chairman and A. O. Straub secretary. The delegates selected are Phillip Gase, Frank McConnell, John Witte, William Adler, Michael Miller, John C. Moran, Jacob Borne, John Myers, William Scheerer, F. C. Foreman, Eugene Lindsey, W. L. Thornhill, Jacob Butcher, Joseph Peel and John Mosure.

TWO RESOLUTIONS.

Decatur, Ind., Dec. 28, 1907. The Democrats of Adams county, Indiana, assembled in mass convention, being mindful of the high citizenship of Judge Richard K. Erwin, his clear, fair, honest and fearless record as Judge of the Adams Circuit Court, of his long and faithful service to the Democratic party in Adams county, and to the state, do hereby endorse his candidacy for Governor, and pledge our fidelity and support to Adams county's honored and favorite son, Richard K. Erwin for Governor of the state of Indiana, at the Democratic state convention in 1908.