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FOR MACADAM ROADS

County Council in Session—Liquor License Granted.

The first meeting of the year of the board of commissioners began at their room in the court house and will be a short session, owing to the fact that they were in session several days last week, closing up the business for the old year. Martin Laughlin, presented his certificate of election and began his second term representing the third district. In the organization he was again elected president and will serve in this capacity the coming year. The present board has a good record behind them, showing a business administration of the affairs of Adams county.

Macadam roads is still a familiar topic, and many people asked the commissioners to consider favorably their petition for a crushed stone road. The last several months it has been difficult to dispose of bonds for any kind of an improvement, and if the bid continues to be screwed on tight, it will put a crimp on road improvement in this county. The board will later investigate the probability of sale of bonds and if they can be sold, several roads will be built.

William E. Byrd, of Geneva, was granted a license to retail liquors.

The county council were in session making the usual year-end appropriations. The surplus in all the funds is converted to the county fund and used to pay those funds which were exhausted before the close of the year.

Noah A. Pusey was appointed a justice of the peace in Hartford township.

As another evidence of the good business management of the commissioners, there was a balance of \$4,705.49 left after the county council had appropriated all fund balances to the general fund, and all bills were paid.

KLONDYKE VICTORY

Took Three Straight Games From the K. of C. Team—Interest Shown.

K. of C.

The Knights of Columbus and Klondyke bowling teams played the first game of the bowling tournament that is now under way at the Klondyke alleys, the latter winning the entire series, thus giving them an excellent start in the tournament race that is bound to prove interesting before the season closes. Four teams, namely the K. of C., Klondyke, Elks and Post Office will play out the schedule which will close the latter part of March. The games were quite interesting last evening but the Klondykes seemed to show the best form and could never be headed. Tom Peterson bowled the best game for the Klondykes, his average being 179, while Frank Johns performed the best for the K. of C. team. The Elks and Post Office teams will play Thursday evening and another red hot contest is in store for the fans.

Berling	118	136	194-149
Bremerkamp	132	144	139-138
F. Johns	183	143	151-159
W. Johns	129	109	141-126
Wemhoff	157	135	155-149
	719	667	770
Klondykes.			
Crabill	177	124	214-172
Russell	135	123	172-143
Garard	151	189	137-159
H. Johns	167	130	152-150
T. Peterson	165	177	195-195
	795	743	880

Miss Ida Hilgeman left for Fort Wayne this morning to visit for a time with friends.

DINNER AT VAIL HOME

Many Dinners and Other Society Events Recorded.

Mrs. Robert, Harding entertained a number of young girls at a merry five hundred party yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Edith Harding, who is home from school for the Christmas holidays, and is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Harding. Palms and ferns in artistic jardiniere formed the decorations, and the quaint score cards added to the pretty effect of things. After supper the guests wound up the afternoon's pleasure by a vigorous dance. The guests were the Misses Irma Henderson, Sadie Ten Brook, of Grand Rapids; Dorothy Alden, May Randall, Ethel Mariotte, Olive Doud, Helen Bassett, Myrtle Carter, Flora Cook, Muriel Baxter, Gwen Saylor, Esther Auger, Irma Poole, Margie Gutermuth, Mabel Smith, Helen Magee, Lola Springer.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

A company of friends were entertained in an exceptionally charming manner Saturday evening at a six o'clock dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Vail at their home on Madison street. The holiday spirit had not yet lost its charms so the guests gave themselves up to the pleasure of the occasion. The season's decorations of cut flowers were beautifully arranged in the various rooms in large vases, and the dinner was nicely served in four courses. The guests were: Mesdames and Messrs. Dan Sprang, E. L. Carroll, Dan Vail, W. H. Gilpin, Dan Rolling, Jonas Tritch, C. B. Wilcox, John Rice, Grandma Vail, of Ossian, Ind.; Mrs. Elizabeth Donaldson, of Warsaw, Ind.; Messrs. Clayton Carroll and Harold Wilcox.

Miss Agnes Geary, of Cleveland, O., was the complimentary guest at a small informal six o'clock dinner Sunday evening given by Miss Elizabeth Hahn at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Dyonis Schmitt on Mercer avenue to the following young people: Misses Rose Geary, Mayme and Rose Conter, Rose Mean, Tina Radamacker, Gertrude Radamacker, Messrs. William and John Geary, Frank Wemhoff, Tom Ehinger.

The Q. Q. C. Foamers had a very delightful meeting at the home of Miss Esther Sellemeyer Friday evening. Games of various description and music with dainty refreshments occupied the evening. The out-of-town guest was Frank Smith, of Berne, Ind.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the Methodist church will be entertained by Mrs. J. L. Gay at her home on Friday afternoon. The ladies and friends are invited to attend.

Miss Nora David was the honored guest at an evening party Saturday evening given by the young girls of the Gleaner club in celebration of her fifteenth birthday anniversary. During the evening various games were played and at ten o'clock a luncheon was served.

A few friends were pleasantly called to spend the evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Snellen Sunday evening in compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Jack. Games and music were the chief amusements for the guests who were: Messrs. and Mesdames P. G. Hooper, C. V. Connell, J. B. Melbers, Chas. Johnson, Misses Emma Hoffman, Georgia Melbers.

WAS IN POOR HEALTH

Suffered from Tubercular Condition Several Years—Died Today.

Mrs. Viola Gilbert, wife of Jonas Gilbert, living in Monroe township, eight miles southwest of Decatur, died Monday morning. She had been in poor health for five years, suffering from a tubercular condition, but seemed to be holding her own until a few days ago, when she began suffering from hemorrhages of the nose. This so weakened her that death relieved her this morning. She was a well known and highly respected lady and has numerous relatives and friends in this city. Besides the husband, she is survived by two sons and two daughters, ranging in age from six to sixteen.

This evening at the Klondyke bowling alleys, the Klondyke and K. of C. bowling teams will meet in a contest. A schedule has been arranged and from now on two contests will be pulled off every week. Manager Peterson is offering a very suitable prize and it will be abate for the trophy.

NEW CASE IS FILED

Dutcher Divorce Case this Afternoon—Two Divorce Cases Dismissed.

Erwin and Erwin filed a new case entitled Henry C. Davis vs. Fred W. Fuelling, suit on note, demand \$100.

Hon. C. J. Lutz has been appointed special judge to hear the case of Milton S. Hilpert vs. Leota B. Gottschalk, a suit to modify the order of court. Judge Merryman is disqualified having been counsel for the plaintiff in the original divorce case.

Sarah Gleason, admx. vs. Edward E. Young et al, damages, \$5,000. Demurrer overruled.

Mary E. Debolt vs. Chauncey A. Debolt, divorce, cause dismissed at cost of the plaintiff.

An extension of time was asked for and granted the drainage commissioners in the Mathias Miller et al petition for drain. The report will be filed January 14.

William E. Swartz vs. Journal Publishing company, petition filed by Eltingham for a partial distribution.

Horace Kohn vs. Joseph W. Hakes, suit note, \$250, demurrer to answer overruled, reply filed.

Rosa Counts vs. John Counts, divorce, cause dismissed at cost of the plaintiff.

Frank H. Barthell vs. Henry E. Keller, demurrer to answer overruled.

A marriage license was issued Saturday evening to Charley J. Grim, an electrician, aged thirty-four, of this city, and Katie Young, aged twenty-five, of Monmouth. The bride is better known as Polly Lord and was divorced last May. The groom was granted a divorce December 12th last.

Another marriage license was the one issued to Rolla C. Longenberger, aged twenty-one, and Lorena M. Lasure, aged twenty, both of Monroe.

NABBED BY POLICE

After a Sensational Chase Across That City—Results May Be Serious.

John Wagner, twenty-one years old, who was born and reared six miles south of Decatur and who appears to be somewhat demented, is a prisoner at police headquarters following a confessed attempt to hold up two young women and following one of the most spectacular chases made by the police in a long time.

The names of the victims of the holdup were not made public by the police, who desire to protect the two young women from notoriety. Wagner has made a confession to the officers and it will not be necessary for the young women to appear in court.

According to the story told by the girls they were walking along the Lake Erie tracks about 1:30 yesterday afternoon when they met Wagner, who ordered them to give up their money and rings. The spot is a lonely one but although there was no one within sight or hearing the two girls determined to stand their ground. They refused to submit to robbery and according to their story, Wagner grabbed one of them, "insulting" her terribly and uttering horrible threats. The young woman retaliated by slapping the brute's face and she alleges that he then struck her, at the same moment the other young woman seized a rock and Wagner took to his heels and ran.

Though terribly frightened, the young women hastened to the nearest telephone and notified the police of their experience, and Lieutenant Lapp, Station Master Terry and Deputy Sheriff Swaney started in pursuit, capturing the man after a several mile chase.

Wagner is known here and his present trouble is not a great surprise, as he has acted queerly for some time.

Several ladies called at Squire Smith's office last evening and asked him to notify a certain woman to leave Decatur, giving as their reason that she was attempting to wreck their homes. Squire Smith informed the ladies that he would have no jurisdiction in a case of this kind, but if the woman committed any misdemeanor he would advise them to file an affidavit. The women have not filed any affidavit as we go to press.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

At the Methodist Church—Missionary Society to Help the Needy.

Dr. Stevens, of Winona Lake, who supplied the pulpit at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening, delivered two excellent sermons and the large audiences that were present enjoyed the talks very much. Dr. Stevens will not be here next Sunday, however, as he has an engagement in Pennsylvania, which he will fulfill on that day and he may possibly return some time in the future. Next Sunday a new preacher will be here and several others will be given a trial before the congregation will employ a minister permanently. Dr. Preston Foreman, who so successfully interested the people by a series of very good sermons a short time ago, is now located at Dayton, Indiana, a small place near Lafayette, where he expects to remain for a year. Dr. Foreman's health is very poor, and he has taken this country charge in order to recuperate.

It was announced from the pulpit at the Methodist church Sunday that every evening during this week with the exception of Saturday preaching and prayer services will be held in the lecture room of the church. This is known as the week of prayer and will be observed in thousands of churches in the United States and in many in Europe during this week, which is the allotted time. It is urged that a good attendance be present at each of these meetings.

Rev. D. I. Hower, of Mentone, Ind., brother of Dallas Hower and Mesdames Daniel Beery, F. H. Nicholas and John Myers of this city delivered a most interesting sermon at the Methodist church Sunday morning from the text on "The visit of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon." Rev. Hower was reared in Decatur. About ten years ago he entered the ministry and in this he has succeeded wonderfully. He has a charge in the Wabash district at Mentone and is doing good work.

His sermon of yesterday morning demonstrated his ability as a speaker and caused his many friends to heap congratulations upon him.

In the case of Milton S. Hilpert vs. Leota Gottschalk to modify an order of court and obtain possession of a child, the defendant has filed her answer. It is in two paragraphs, the first a general denial, the second alleging that Hilpert failed to pay the amount ordered by the court after fifteen months, that though his divorced wife and child lived in this county eighteen months, he failed to go to see the child. The former Mrs. Hilpert has since married and lives in Ohio and wishes to retain possession of her babe. No doubt the case will prove interesting as the two parties each have a reasonable story.

A marriage license has been issued to John Von Gunter, aged twenty-four, and Lovina Sprunger, aged twenty-four, both of Monroe township. They will be married Thursday at the bride's home.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. McDaniels Was Knocked Down—Affidavits Filed Against Both Women.

The troubles of the Charley Dutcher family continue to multiply. For several months they have been traveling a rough path, finally culminating in a divorce suit, which is now on trial. The charges on each side are sensational. Sunday afternoon Charles was talking to a lady, Mrs. McDaniels, near the opera house, when Mrs. Dutcher happened along. In a second the women had clinched and a free for all, scratch, bite, hair pulling and knocking fight occurred. Mrs. Dutcher finally landed one on her opponent's jaw and she fell, then Charley managed to separate the infuriated pair. Both women were badly bruised, their faces scratched and bleeding and Mrs. McDaniels is said to have lost considerable hair. The scrap occurred just after dinner Sunday and was witnessed by quite a number of people. Both women were arrested today on affidavits filed Monday by Marshal Bohne. There is a persistent rumor that Mrs. Dutcher has made several attempts to commit suicide during the past few days, but these stories could not be confirmed. Mrs. Dutcher appeared before Mayor Coffey, pleaded guilty and was fined one dollar and costs, amounting to \$9.30. She stayed the docket.

WAS INTERVIEWED

Attorney Shaffer Peterson Talked to Her but Failed to Ascertain Her Business.

That much talked of woman in black who has been terrorizing the people in this and surrounding towns for several months past, who has been seen prowling about the streets at all hours of the night, seemingly, looking for something, was seen Sunday night by several people on First street. It was at about bedtime that Miss Gusta Cramer saw this mysterious woman peeping in the windows at the John Waggoner home. She watched the movements of the woman for a short time, after which she called Shaffer Peterson by telephone and notified him of what was coming off. Shaffer had been in bed, but he hastily donned his overcoat over his "nightie" and he was then ready to ferret out what mission this much talked of woman was on. Shaffer at once approached within about ten feet from where the woman was standing and asked her what she was doing. To this, no reply was made. He then told her that John Waggoner lived in the house about which she was prowling and asked if he should wake them up for her. She answered "If I want them awakened I will do it myself." He then asked her who she wanted to see and she replied "It is none of your business." Brave Shaf thought best to inform Waggoner of his guest before resorting to any stringent measures, so he went to the front door and rang the bell. While he was doing this, however, the woman had propelled her anatomy a few hundred feet away and when she saw Mr. Waggoner and Mr. Peterson coming toward her with a lantern and a clothes line prop, she made good her escape. The policemen appeared upon the scene in a few moments and took up the track but without avail.

TO PREVENT SPREAD OF DISEASE

Indiana Board of Health to Make Special Effort.

The secretaries of the county and city boards of health have received circular letters from the health board of the state, urging that everything possible be done during the next year to prevent the spread of disease. The letters call the attention of the officers to the fact that the protection of the public health is of first and utmost consideration, and the county councils are urged to make liberal appropriations for the prevention of disease. In the letters the following resolution adopted recently by the New York city board of trade is quoted: "Health and the protection of life are more precious to the people and more necessary to their happiness than even the extension of our commerce, the fostering of our agricultural interests, the solving of our financial problems, the cheapness or efficiency of our postal service, the improvement of our rivers and harbors or the enlargement of our navy." The letters say also that the first step in the protection of the public health is to collect vital statistics. The health officer, the letters say, must know about the deaths and contagious diseases before he can find the enemy intelligently.

OBITUARY.

Verna F. Davis, daughter of Frank O. and Mary A. Davis was born May 16, 1884; departed this life Jan. 3, 1908. Age 23 years, 7 months, 17 days. She leaves to mourn her loss a father, mother, one sister, Stella, one brother Loyd, and a host of relatives and friends.

Verna was converted, baptized and united with the Pleasant Mills Baptist church under the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Sherrick, at the age of 17. She was a valuable member of the church of which she was a member. In whatever circle she chanced to move she was faithful to her Lord and Saviour, letting her light shine out in testimony and service. Fully prepared and willing to depart and be with her Lord in rest and peace in the Heavenly land where sorrow, pain and death are unknown.

Funeral was conducted by her pastor W. H. Day, at the St. Paul church, assisted by Rev. T. C. Payne, Sunday, Jan. 5, at 10 a. m. Interment in the Maplewood cemetery at Decatur, Ind.

Senator J. W. Rinear, treasurer of the state soldiers' home, was in the city today from Liberty Center, looking after business affairs. He has received instructions from the state board of finance to transfer all money in his care from the Bluffton banks to the First National Bank of Lafayette and he will attend to the matter Monday upon going to the later place. There is now in the two banks here about \$5,000 of the home money.—Bluffton Banner.

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OFF FOR FORT WAYNE.

M. W. of A's of Decatur and Monroe Witness Spectacular Initiation.

About fifty members of the M. W. of A. from Monroe and Decatur left on the one o'clock interurban car this afternoon for Fort Wayne, where they will witness a spectacular initiation in the Wayne camp. A large class of Fort Wayne candidates are to be initiated into the mysteries of this order this afternoon and evening and a royal time is anticipated. Beside the initiatory work, speeches will be made by some of the leading officers of this organization and an elaborate banquet will be served at the close of the session. The members from Monroe who accompanied the Decatur people were A. B. Bailey, J. N. Everhart, J. W. Kemper and son Willis, E. Busche and J. Lentner.

JACK GRAVES FOUND GUILTY.

Warsaw Lawyer, Known Here Gets a Fine and Jail Sentence.

Jack Graves, the Warsaw attorney, who has transacted considerable business here and who was recently arrested on a charge of embezzlement was convicted by the jury, who returned a verdict Saturday evening. He was accused by the Arbuckle-Ryan company of having wrongfully transferred some real estate belonging to them. His trial continued several days and the verdict as returned found him guilty and fixed his punishment at thirty days in jail and a fine of \$100. The jury had no right to fix the punishment this being the court's duty and this may cause the granting of a new trial.

WAS WELL KNOWN HERE.

Barney Benson Succumbed to Ravages of Typhoid.

Barney Benson, of Cold Gold, Pa., well known here from the fact that he was one of the tank builders who worked at Preble some time ago, was buried last Friday, according to word received by Miss Bessie Long of this city. Mr. Benson was here for several months and formed many acquaintances who regret of his unfortunate fate. He was taken ill some time ago with typhoid fever and his condition became worse day by day until he succumbed to the ravages of that dread disease. He was well liked in this community, and enjoyed the friendship of a large circle of friends. He died during the first part of last week.

Henry Koeneman returned to his home at Williams this morning.

Cures Woman's Weakness.

We refer to that boon to weak, nervous, suffering women known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription.

Dr. John Fyfe one of the Editorial Staff of THE ECLECTIC MEDICAL REVIEW says of Unicorn root (*Helonias dioica*) which is one of the chief ingredients of the "Favorite Prescription":

"A remedy which invariably acts as a tonic, the irrigator, and makes for normal activity of the entire reproductive system." He continues "In Helonias we have a medicinal which more fully answers the above purposes than any other drug with which I am acquainted. In the treatment of diseases peculiar to women it is seldom that a case is seen which does not present some indication for this remedial agent." Dr. Fyfe further says: "The following are among the leading indications for Helonias (Unicorn root). Pain or cramping in the back, with leucorrhoea; atonic (weak) condition of the reproductive organs of women; mental depression and irritability, associated with chronic diseases of the reproductive organs of women; constant sensation of heat in the region of the kidneys; menorrhagia (flooding), due to a weakened condition of the reproductive system; amenorrhoea (suppressed or absent monthly periods), arising from or accompanying an abnormal condition of the digestive organs and aemic (thin blood) habit; dragging sensations in the extreme lower part of the abdomen."

If more or less of the above symptoms are present, no invalid woman can afford to neglect Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, one of the leading ingredients of which is Unicorn root, or Helonias, and the medicinal properties of which it most faithfully represents.

Of Golden Seal root, another prominent ingredient of "Favorite Prescription," Prof. Finley Ellingwood, M. D., of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, says: "It is an important remedy in disorders of the womb. In all catarrhal conditions and general enfeeblement, it is useful."

Prof. John M. Scudder, M. D., late of Cincinnati, says of Golden Seal root: "In relation to its general effects on the system, there is no medicine in use about which there is such general unanimity of opinion. It is universally regarded as the tonic useful in all debilitated states."

Prof. R. Bartholow, M. D., of Jefferson Medical College, says of Golden Seal: "A valuable in uterine hemorrhage, menorrhagia (flooding) and congestive dysmenorrhoea (painful menstruation)." Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription faithfully represents all the above named ingredients and cures the diseases for which they are recommended.