

## HIS ARMY CAREER DISCUSS CURRENCY ORGANIZED

Served as a Commissioned Democratic Officer During the Civil War—Great Lodge Man.

After an illness dating back exactly eight weeks, A. C. Gregory, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Decatur, departed this life Saturday afternoon at twelve-forty-five o'clock, death resulting from a complication of kidney and liver trouble. Mr. Gregory was born on Greene street in New York City sixty-eight years ago and it was there that he received his early education and was reared to manhood. At the age of sixteen years he entered the service of Uncle Sam, and for four years he served in the navy most of his time being spent on the Independence, one of the United States most powerful gunboats at that time. At the expiration of his term in the navy he returned to New York City, where he remained but a short time, going from there to Willow Creek, Wis., where he taught school for several years and followed his profession that of a bookkeeper. It was while stationed at this point that the war between the north and the south broke out and the north made its call for volunteers, and at the first summons for assistance, Mr. Gregory left for Ripon, Wis., where he passed the examination and was sent from there to Oshkosh, Wis., where Company B, 32nd regiment volunteers infantry was organized and in a few weeks he was at the front fighting for his country. He was made second lieutenant of the above named company and in this capacity he served for two years, when he was promoted to first lieutenant, but never got to serve owing to the fact that his commission was delayed through some cause unknown. It was at this time that he was seized with the smallpox and was given up by the army physicians, but owing to a rugged constitution he fought a winning battle against the disease and recovered only to find that he had lost the hearing of one ear and that his eyes were so badly affected that he was given a furlough by the commanding officer. He was with General Sherman when he made his wonderful and historic march to the sea and it was while thus engaged that he became acquainted with John Chubb, Byron Dent and David King, all now deceased and after securing his furlough he concluded to come to Decatur, owing to this acquaintance. This was in the year 1864, and ever since that time he made this his home. He first engaged in the profession of a bookkeeper and school teacher following this for a number of years, when he branched out into the paint and wall paper business which he followed until a few years ago, when he disposed of his business and retired from active life. During the past few years he had been practically unable to do anything owing to illness and stayed close to his home. He was the oldest lodge member in this city, having been a charter member of the Blue Lodge of the Masons of this city, a member of the Scottish Rite Masons, of Fort Wayne, a charter member of the Eagles Lodge of Fort Wayne, and a member of the local G. A. R. The funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the home on Madison street at one-thirty o'clock. An Episcopal clergyman from Fort Wayne officiated after which the Scottish Rite Masons assumed charge of the services. The remains will be placed in the receiving vault at the Decatur cemetery for ten days, when the members of the G. A. R. will assemble at the cemetery and hold their ritualistic services. He leaves a wife, a daughter Mrs. Dick Townsend, of Peoria, Ill., a son Robert Gregory of this city, a sister, Mrs. J. V. Genung, of New York, and a host of friends.

### ENDS IN INSANE ASYLUM.

"Biddy" Burns, a Ball Player, Has Strange Hallucination.

"Biddy" Burns, a ball player, who appeared here frequently as a member of the Fort Wayne Interstate, Geneva, Bluffton and Garrett teams in 1906 has been committed to the state hospital at Toledo, being violently insane. His hallucination is that he is an author whose writings are inspired by direct telephone connection with heaven. Dissipation is probably responsible for his misfortune, for while playing independent ball he drank heavily. Biddy was a favorite among the youngsters. This is not Otto Burns, who played with Decatur, the last two seasons, though the latter was also known to many as "Biddy."

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Congressmen J. M. Frisinger Re-lecte Favor Most Any Sort of a Bill.

Washington, January 13.—Harry S. Brown, the veteran Washington political writer of the New York Herald, in a review of the presidential situation, printed in the Herald, says: "The plan for the defeat of Taft contemplates the control of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut without instructions. It has been possible to accomplish this arrangement very quietly because of the settled custom in this group of states to send their delegates to the convention unhampered by instructions. The only time that this plan has been abrogated in recent years was during the McKinley-Reed contest.

Washington, Jan. 13.—The democratic members of the house committee on banking and currency held a meeting for the discussion of the Fowler and Aldrich currency bills and voted unanimously to support any motion for hearings on both bills before the full committee. It was developed that all of the minority members are opposed to the Aldrich bill because it enlarges the policy of securing currency by the deposit of bonds. Some of them also look with disfavor on the Fowler bill as too revolutionary in its proposal of a complete retirement of all outstanding currency and the substitution of a currency secured by national bank assets.

Washington, Jan. 13.—Warned by the energetic work already being done by the republican congressional committee, the democratic members of the house have urged Chairman Griggs, of the democratic committee to call the members of his organization together without delay for the purpose of laying plans and beginning operations with a view of capturing the next house of representatives.

### OPENS MARCH SECOND

Dr. Edwin Holt Hughes to be the Principal Speaker.

With the coming of spring a most important event in the history of Methodism in Decatur will occur, according to an official announcement that the Fort Wayne district conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will convene in this city on the second day of next March. Arrangements for the conference are complete, providing for most interesting programs during the various sessions, with men of prominence on the program for talks and in fact every feature that goes to make an event of this kind a crowning success. As planned, the first session will ensue on the evening of March the second and this initial meeting promises to be very interesting from the fact that Dr. Edwin Holt Hughes, president of DePauw university will deliver an address. He is a speaker of ability, and will without doubt be greeted by a crowded house. On the evening of March third, Bishop Vincent of Indianapolis, will deliver a lecture and this also gives promise of being interesting and instructive. On the following evening Rev. J. K. Cecil, of Bluffton, is scheduled for a sermon, and this meeting will conclude the conference. However, during the days of the third and fourth of March excellent programs will be rendered, including talks from the presiding elders of the six districts of the conference and special music by the local choir. Arrangements to accommodate one hundred and fifty out of town guests who will consist of pastors, their wives, exhorters and Sunday school superintendents, class leaders, Epworth league presidents and presidents of the Ladies Aid societies of the various churches of the district. Rev. J. C. White who was succeeded to the pulpit of the Decatur M. E. church by Dr. Wilcox, arranged for this meeting to be held here before his transfer was made to Logansport, and although he may not be present, Decatur will have him to thank for his effort to cause this meeting to be held in our city.

Harry Fritsinger, of Fort Wayne, spent Sunday in our city.

Miss Gray, the music teacher has resigned her position in the Decatur public schools owing to ill health. While here Miss Gray gave perfect satisfaction and it is with much regret that the faculty see her go. Miss Gray went home Christmas, but failed to return when school opened and on last week word was received that she would not return again.

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K. of C.'s Met in the Evening and a Delightful Smoker Followed.

The Knights of Columbus installed officers Sunday evening (district deputy Thomas McLaughlin and staff, of Fort Wayne, assisting in the beautiful exercise. The officers who will serve during the coming year and who assumed their duties are H. J. Yager, G. D.; H. F. Costello, D. G. K.; J. W. Bosse, C. Nick Miller, W. Thomas A. Ehinger, F. S.; Otto Wemhoff, R. S.; Nan Niblick, T.; Charles Lose, L. G.; Will Johns, O. G.; U. Deininger, Adv. Father George, Lect.; C. S. Niblick, Dyonis Schmitt and Frank Heiman, trustees. At the close of the work a most enjoyable smoker was given.

The C. B. L. of I. met Sunday afternoon to hold an important business meeting combining the two branches of the order and to install the newly chosen officers. Thomas McLaughlin and Jauilain Franke, of Fort Wayne, were the chief guests of the afternoon. Also the lodge decided to give a box social at their hall on Thursday evening for the benefit of the public. The ladies are supposed to prepare the boxes and as this is the first box social that has been given in the city for some time, they are expecting a very large crowd. The officers who were installed for the coming year were: President, John Starost; vice president, Mrs. Jennie Niblick; chancellor, Mrs. Jennie Starost; orator, Miss Elize Hain; secretary, Miss Rose Colchin; collector, Mrs. Wm. Parent; asst. collector, Charley Pennington; treasurer, Miss Anna Volmer; marshal, Miss Anna Parent; guard, Joe Knapke; trustees, Frank Teeple, Chas. Pennington, Chas. Rumschlag.

### LAND OPENING.

February 5th, 1908.

On the above date we will sell 18,000 acres of choice bottom land near the city of Cape Girardeau, in southeast Missouri. This tract is owned by an English estate, which acquired title in 1873. The title flows from the United States to the state of Missouri, from the state to Cape Girardeau county, thence direct to the present holders. Thus the title is perfect.

Hundreds of acres of this land is in a high state of cultivation, having fine buildings and fences, and hundreds of acres are covered with hard wood timber, namely, oak, ash, elm, hickory, beech, maple, and red gum, and the timber is very valuable. On 160 acres of land the timber is worth \$100.00 per acre.

This tract is located near railroads, none being over two or three miles away. There are fourteen stations and switches and eleven miles of standard gauge railroad on the land. Near good towns, schools and churches. The main roads are pikes, which are kept in good condition, and the country adjacent to this land is in a high state of cultivation, and which cannot be bought for less than \$75 to \$100 per acre.

The climate is mild and healthful. Farmers can work their land the entire year. Principal crops grown are corn, oats, wheat, rye, timothy, alfalfa and clover. Vegetables and fruit are raised in abundance.

Do not fail to look this up, as this is certainly the finest and safest proposition offered in many years, either for actual settlers or as an investment.

Our prices range from \$15.00 to \$40.00 per acre. One-half to two-thirds cash, balance one, two or three years, at six per cent.

Excursion rates on all railroads. Hotel accommodations on application. Write for descriptive matter.

GEORGE NORTHRUP.

Commissioner, Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The C. B. & C. is gradually reducing its force of employees along the line and Friday discharged a gang of fifty more men who had been assisting to put the grade into better condition. Most of these men were for signs—Bluffton News.

J. E. McElwaine, who the fore part of last season played ball with Hartford City, later going to Van Wert, in the I. O. league, was injured a few days ago at Fort Wayne, by being struck on the head while working in the Pennsylvania yards on a freight train. He is in the St. Joseph hospital in a very serious condition, and is not expected to live.

Sunday morning after high mass in the St. Marys church elected the following new officers for the coming

Cures Bilious Sick Headache.

Wedding Anniversaryinner—Epworth League to Give a Social.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Zeser of High street presented a delightful scene Sunday as the many guests gathered in response to telephone calls to celebrate the birthday anniversary of Mrs. Thresa Schaefer.

Seven small tables were arranged in the various rooms and progressive peanuts was the fascinating game for the evening. Miss Lizzie ortenber led the ladies in winning the highest score, while the gentlemen's prize was won by Harmon Gillig. The consolation prizes were awarded to Miss Angie Kintz and Mr. Roma Parent. The closing feature of the evening was a delicious luncheon served by the hostess to her guests who were: Misses Eva Ulman, of Fostoria, Ohio; Elvira Lawrence, of Bascom, Ohio; Margaret Zeser, of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parent, Mrs. Peter Mongey, Mrs. Joe Rumschlag, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rumschlag, Mrs. Peter Zeser, Mrs. Celia Zeser, Mrs. Kate Zeser, Misses Vena Parent, Elize Kortenber, Viola Ulman, Messrs. Harmon Gillig, Ed Parent, Frank and Roma Parent, Lewis Kintz, Ed Zeser, Lew and Ed Rumschlag, Clem Heiderman.

The boys Holy Grail will meet at the M. E. church on Tuesday evening.

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will give a social at the parsonage on January 20th. The program will consist of readings and talks along with music. The young people have always proven to be successful with these socials each year, and this year's social they are trying to make better than any previous one.

A very delightful surprise party of Sunday night was given on Mrs. Earl Hendricks by a large party of friends. Games and music amused the guests during the hours of the evening. At a late hour a three course luncheon was served. The honored guest received many beautiful remembrances which were useful and pretty. Those who enjoyed the surprise were: Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. P. Neihl, Mrs. Erwin Brainer and babe, George Hendricks, Misses Neta Winnes, Pearl Brainer, Messrs. Jesse Niblick, Elgin King, Jesse Ricker, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Shoemaker, of Lockville, Ohio; Mrs. John Felmer and daughter, of Rockford, Ohio; Miss Mary Carter, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Steele and daughter, of Fort Wayne; Mr. and Mrs. Gehring and daughter Bernice, Mr. and Mrs. Kase, Miss Pearl Deihl, Miss Katie Kohlbacker, Miss Madgaline McMurry, of Huntington, Ind.; Misses Stella and Hattie Niblick, of Craigville.

The Pythian Sisters will install their officers this evening at the hall. After the business session dainty refreshments will be served. All members are earnestly urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Schroll pleasantly entertained a few friends at a twelve o'clock dinner Sunday noon. The guests who were so pleasantly entertained were: Mr. and Mrs. John Moser, Rev. E. E. Bergman, Misses Inez Everett, Jessie Winnes.

January 14th, Tuesday evening, the Historical club will meet with Mrs. Dora Erwin at her home on north Second street.

Another merry birthday surprise party of last evening was the one given on Miss Celesta Mylott Sunday to celebrate her fifteenth birthday anniversary. Progressive peanuts was the chief game which each girl was greatly enthused over during the time.

Miss Agnes Meibers captured first prize and the consolation prize was awarded to Miss Emma Kinney. Immediately following a dainty two course luncheon was served the guests, who were: Misses Agnes Coffee, Josephine Shoemaker, Anna Meyers, Ethel Elsner, Marie Kintz, Emma Kinney, Agnes Meibers, Vera Radamacher, Agnes Kohne, Naomi Niblick, Verna Niblick, Frances and Ruth Miller, Irene Garard, Esther Corbett, Stella Smith and Bernatta Forbing.

Sunday morning after high mass in the St. Marys church elected the following new officers for the coming

year to serve for the church were: Treasurer, E. X. Ehinger; secretary, Harmon Yager; collector, H. Bremerkamp, John D. Morel, Miller; cemetery committee, Andrew Appelman, John Schurz, Martin; Orderman, Gus Ulman.

The afternoon club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. James on Tuesday afternoon.

A number of the neighbors and Mrs. George Wemhoff at their home last night and them in celebrating their wedding anniversary. A general time was enjoyed by all present on the occasion will long be remembered by the victims of the surprise.

A very prettily appointed dinner of last evening was given by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Pilliod, of Piqua, Ohio. The guests were Mrs. Barney Wemhoff, daughter Stella, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Misses Nettie Smith Lange, Messrs. Lee Hinderman, Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence.

On Wednesday evening the C. members will give a party for the club and their lady friends.

A large party attended the "Man" at the Majestic Saturday evening. These were Mr. and Mrs. Christen, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Pilliod, of Piqua, Louise Holbrook, Anna Martin, Lucile Hale, Mrs. Fanny Cole, Mrs. John H. Heller, H. W. Herman Smith, Lee Hinderman, Bertha Deininger.

### A WILL IS PROBABLY FILED.

Mrs. Jerry Russell's

Testament—Ditch

port Filed.

In the Mathias Miller estate for a drain, the drainage commissioners filed their report as provided.

F. S. Armantrout, executor William H. Woodruff estate, inventory of the personal property which was approved.

Three cases are at for trial this week, the Beeler replevin suit, Eaton divorce case Thursday, Haviland divorce case Friday.

This is the last week of the term of court and will be held by a two weeks' vacation, the regular term opening February.

The will of Christian Home probated Monday. It was filed October 21, 1907, was by Conrad Gallmeier and W. Bultemeier and is very short, bequeathing all personal and estate to his wife, Louisia Home.

The last will and testament of Mary Jane Russell, who died last year, was filed. After providing payment of debts and funeral expenses she bequeathed all her real and personal property to her husband, salaried at his death to be equally divided between the three children, Carry Amarine and Esther Ulysses G. Russell, the son, as executor. The will was November 29, 1907, and witnessed by Paul G. Hooper and Rosa Gase.

### HIS CONDITION IMPROVED.

Robert Simson is Slowly Recovering from Illness.

Samuel Simson, of Berne, through here Monday enroute to Bluffton to his home. He stayed with his father, Robert Simson, at the latter place, and his father is somewhat improved by his recent sick spell. The elder Simson has passed his ninth milestone and it is quite probable he will live several years yet. News of his improved condition was gladly received by his many friends in this vicinity.

Mrs. Sarah Blackburn and her Nellie are both on the sick list suffering with the lagriple.

Charles Pilliod, of Piqua, Ohio, is our city visiting with Mrs. Mary Wemhoff and family.

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