



When your Watch Stops  
You cannot make it go by shaking it.  
When the bowels are  
constipated you can  
disturb them with  
cathartics but, like  
the watch, they will  
not be able to do  
their allotted work  
until they are put  
into proper condi-  
tion to do it.

One cannot mend  
a delicate piece of  
mechanism by violent  
methods, and the  
machine made by man is as fine  
as the human body.  
The use of pills, salts, castor-oil  
and strong cathartic medicines is  
the violent method. The use of  
the herb tonic laxative,  
**Lane's Family  
Medicine**  
is the method adopted by intelli-  
gent people.  
Headache, backache, indigestion,  
constipation, skin diseases—all are  
benefited immediately by the use  
of this medicine.  
Druggists sell it at 25c. and 50c.

## FOR THE YEAR 1907

### Shows Number of Cases Filed and Disposed of During the Year.

Clerk of the county, James P. Hae-  
ting has completed his annual report  
for the year 1907 and same was for-  
warded to Miss Mary O. Stubbs, chief  
state statistician. The report shows  
that during the year 203 civil cases  
were filed and 260 cases were disposed  
of, seven juvenile cases were filed,  
thirty-five letters of administration is-  
sued, nineteen guardianships, twelve  
degrees of foreclosure, four sheriff  
sales, four people were adjudged in-  
sane and 210 marriage licenses issued.  
Three people declared intentions of  
becoming naturalized and five were  
granted final papers. Twenty-three  
divorces were granted, eighteen to the  
wife and five to the husband. Thirty-  
three criminal cases were filed, seven-  
teen dismissed, fourteen disposed of.  
There were two convictions for felo-  
nies and eleven for misdemeanors,  
two of the latter being released on  
probation. Twelve cases for viola-  
tion of the liquor laws were filed and  
there were eleven convictions. There  
was one arrest for burglary, one for  
perjury, ten for gambling. Of these  
the defendants were sixteen Americans  
and eight foreigners. The report also  
gives the names and address of the  
justices of the county as follows:  
Decatur—James H. Knave, Simeon  
Bowers, James H. Stone, James H.  
Smith, Wash Kern, Monroe—John  
W. Merryman, Berne—Joel Liddy,  
John T. Ault, Otis Grove—Alfred  
Johnson, Geneva—O. O. Juday, I.  
N. Veley, F. S. Armstrong, Jess C.  
Mann and George W. Reynolds.

### HAS JOINED SHOW TROUPE.

Word has reached the management  
of the Huntington theater that  
Charles France, brother of J. Fred  
France, who was formerly in the the-  
atrical profession, but has recently  
been employed as a traveling sales-  
man, is with the "Whirlwind" com-  
pany booked for Huntington Friday  
evening. Mr. France went from this  
city to Chicago a week ago Sunday  
and the announcement that he has  
joined the company comes as a sur-  
prise.—Huntington Herald.

### MRS. FETZER SELLS HER STORE

A business deal made last Tuesday  
but not made public because of the  
request of the purchaser, was that  
of the sale by Mrs. Della Fetzer, of  
her millinery store to Mrs. John S.  
Bowers. The latter's daughter, Mrs.  
Vida Robinson and Miss Gladys  
Bowers will have charge of  
the store. Mrs. Fetzer has purchased  
one of the popular millinery stores at  
Frankfort, Ind., and will after Jan. 1,  
when the transfer here is also to be  
made. All parties concerned are well  
known.

The largest poultry and dog show  
held in the state of Indiana will be  
given in Fort Wayne by the people's  
poultry and pet stock association.  
Members of the association here at our  
poultry show, stated that they will  
have 1,500 chickens and 300 dogs. The  
dog show is given under the rules of  
the American kennel club and they  
expect to have dogs from all over the  
world.

The bowling tournament which was  
scheduled to have taken place this  
week at Fort Wayne, has been post-  
poned until in March. The local mem-  
bers of the team who expected to  
attend are a little disappointed, but  
still say they will attend the event  
and with this additional time for  
practice will have a much better  
chance to come home with a portion  
of the prize money.

## AFTER NEXT TUESDAY

### The Schedule Will Revert Back to Former Win- ter System.

On next Tuesday morning, January  
14, the Grand Rapids and Indiana rail-  
way company will make a very decided  
change in their time table, that may  
cause some people a little inconven-  
ience unless they study the same for  
a short time. The two evening trains  
which have been running both north  
and south, leaving Decatur at 7:52  
and 7:55 respectively, have been com-  
pletely abolished and will run no more  
after the above date, while the morn-  
ing train that has been due here at  
9:22 a. m. will change its time back  
to 8:00 a. m., which was its former  
running schedule, and will run every  
day except Sunday. The two late  
trains will arrive in Decatur after  
Tuesday at about midnight and from  
all present indications will pass in  
Decatur. The remainder of the sched-  
ule will remain as it now stands.  
Those contemplating a trip over this  
line in the near future should ac-  
quaint themselves with the new time  
table.

### WRITES US FROM FT. RILEY.

Alpheus M. Roop, a former Decatur  
boy, and son of George W. Roop, of  
this city, writes us from Fort Riley,  
Kansas. He is a member of the Sixth  
regiment battery and is enjoying life.  
He is desirous of landing a job in the  
post printing office, at that place. He  
sends regards to his many friends.

Elmer Johnson returned from Pitts-  
burg this morning, where he disposed  
of a car load of horses that he pur-  
chased at Goshen last week. Mr.  
Johnson states that horses can be  
bought very reasonable in the neigh-  
borhood of Goshen. He expects to re-  
main here for some time and in the  
meantime buy a car load of horses if  
he can get them at a price that will  
warrant him to ship them to the east-  
ern market.

Daniel Swartz, a farmer living near  
the Wells-Adams county line, was  
jailed for a few hours last night by  
officers Stout and Deam, who found  
him in an intoxicated condition. They  
took him to his horses and wagon  
but he declared that he would not go  
home, and although he resisted con-  
siderably they escorted him to the  
jail, where he remained until he be-  
came sober enough to change his  
mind about going home. Sheriff Lip-  
key then released him and he was  
started home.—Bluffton News.

Frank Runyan talked by telephone  
this afternoon with Harry Hall, pro-  
spective manager of the Marion club  
of the I. O. league, who stated that he  
would be in attendance at the meeting  
at Richmond January 20, and that he  
would have with him the forfeit mon-  
ey for both Marion and Kokomo. With  
these two teams to enter for a cer-  
tainty and Anderson seriously con-  
sidering coming in five Indiana cities  
will be in the league at least. Now  
for two other good Ohio towns in ad-  
dition to Van Wert and the circuit  
is complete.—Bluffton Banner.

Col. Fred Reppert, the veteran auc-  
tioneer, who during the past week has  
cried sales at several different places  
in Illinois and Indiana, returned last  
night. Mr. Reppert had flattering re-  
sults from each sale. He will leave  
Monday morning to be gone until  
March 15, and every day while gone  
he will have a sale on hands. Before  
returning Mr. Reppert will have  
worked in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and  
Nebraska.

From all present indications Decatur  
will not be in the proposed I. O. league  
owing to the fact that those who love  
the sport do not seem to want to make  
any move toward an organization. The  
sport has been expensive in Decatur  
during the past two years and in all  
probability the only team Decatur will  
sport will be an independent one.

Decatur hunters could be seen this  
morning going out in every direction  
for the purpose of tracking down and  
killing a few rabbit. The recent  
heavy snow has made hunting an ex-  
cellent sport and the various lovers  
of that sport in our city are taking  
advantage of the same and as a con-  
sequence poor bunny will be com-  
pelled to suffer.

Philip Schug was taken suddenly  
ill about 11 o'clock Friday night and  
for several hours his life seemed to  
hang in the balance. Two doctors  
were with him most of the night and  
succeeded in relieving him in a mea-  
sure. The trouble was caused from  
an obstruction in the intestines. He  
will be confined to his bed for a few  
days at the best. Mrs. Schug was  
confined to her bed also Saturday and  
Sunday.—Berne Witness.

## EATON CASE DATED

### Grant Haviland Pays Cash into Court—Marriage License Issued.

The Elmer Eaton vs. Cora Hooker  
Eaton divorce case has been set for  
trial on Thursday, January 16.

Grant Haviland has paid \$35 into  
court to be used by his wife, Har-  
riet E. Haviland, who has applied  
for a divorce.

Gertrude Burkhead was granted a  
divorce from her husband, John Burk-  
head, the evidence showing that John  
gambled and drank, and failed to  
support his family and finally deserted  
them. The plaintiff was given the  
custody of the two children. Judg-  
ment again plaintiff for costs.

Calvin Miller vs. George E. Mc-  
Kean et al, suit on note and to set  
aside conveyance. D. D. Heller ap-  
pointed special judge to hear cause,  
Judge Merryman being disqualified.

A marriage license was issued to  
Philip P. Huser, aged twenty-seven,  
a carpenter from French township, and  
Oldina Sprunger, aged twenty-seven,  
of Berne.

A junk dealers' license was issued  
to Ormon Pointius, of Geneva.

E. Burt Lenhart has been appointed  
a notary public and filed bond for  
\$1,000 as required by law.

J. Franklin Mock, guardian for Mae  
Mock, filed his final report which  
was approved and he was discharged.

### SOME MORE NEW APPOINTMENTS

Clover Leaf and Alton List is Now  
Complete.

The Clover Leaf and Alton have  
notified their agents of the following  
new appointments, completing the list  
for the year: R. L. Dore, Asst. General  
freight agent, Toledo; E. M. Davis,  
division freight agent, Frankfort; Lon  
E. Mahan, general live stock agent,  
Kansas City; Elmer McGraw, asst.  
live stock agent, East St. Louis; J.  
F. Clement, superintendent, Frank-  
fort; Charles J. Chisom, asst. general  
freight agent, Chicago; George B.  
Simpson, asst. general freight agent,  
Kansas City; W. J. Bogert, asst. gen-  
eral eastern freight agent, New York;  
Ed Keane, asst. general freight agent,  
St. Louis; A. K. Handy, general east-  
ern freight agent, New York.

S. Reed left for Poe for the even-  
ing.

E. A. Vall and wife left Tuesday  
for Decatur to see his mother, Mrs.  
M. A. Vall, who is suffering from a  
light stroke of paralysis which came  
upon her Sunday while she was in  
the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucy  
Sprang. It was her intention to leave  
Wednesday or Thursday for Paulding  
Mo., where the Vall Bros. have large  
timber and other interests and where  
they will remain for an indefinite  
period.—Ossian News.

The new business room at the Mor-  
rison block that will soon be occupied  
by the Wells Fargo express company  
is fast nearing completion and is go-  
ing to make an excellent place for that  
company. The room is large and well  
lighted and will afford them nice con-  
nections with the interurban line.

The hard coal famine that Decatur  
suffered for several weeks has been  
relieved to a very great extent as the  
various dealers in coal are now re-  
ceiving their shipments regular and  
are in a position to fill all back or-  
ders. The cause of this delay was  
brought about owing to the scarcity  
of cars.

This is the busy season for the  
doctors and day and night they are  
constantly kept on the go answering  
calls from every section of the coun-  
ty. Lagrippe is the prevailing ail-  
ment and this year seems more ef-  
fective than ever before. From all  
appearances the disease is contagious  
and spreads rapidly.

Many seats at the various public  
school buildings are at the present  
time vacant owing to the fact that  
so many of the scholars are sick with  
the lagrippe. Numerous cases are re-  
ported and it seems as though the  
disease was contagious. This will  
take down the daily attendance aver-  
age to a very noticeable degree.

James O. Ball, of Lagrange, is in  
our city visiting with friends and re-  
latives. Mr. Ball was formerly en-  
gaged in the furniture business and  
only recently moved to Lagrange,  
where he is now operating a five and  
ten cent store. Mr. Ball is more than  
pleased with the way business has  
opened up and is firmly convinced  
that there is no place like Lagrange.  
He will remain in Decatur for three  
or four days.

## ORDERS ARE COMING

### Seattle, Washington, Man Here Today to Order Machines.

The first car, complete and ready  
for use, manufactured by the Coppock  
Motor Car company, of Decatur, was  
shipped to Cincinnati, it having  
been ordered two weeks ago by Mer-  
kle Brothers, wholesale dealers in  
plumbers supplies of that city. Be-  
fore shipment was made Mr. Coppock  
sent the car around town for an hour  
or so and it attracted some attention.  
It's a beauty in the commercial car  
line, built for business and will stand  
any test under its guarantee. Sev-  
eral more cars have been ordered by  
Cincinnati concerns and orders and  
inquiries are coming from all over  
the country. A representative of a  
big wholesale house in Seattle, Wash-  
ington, was here today looking over  
the car. He was very favorably im-  
pressed and will no doubt order be-  
fore leaving the city. The Coppock  
is a winner and makes friends where-  
ver shown.

### MAKING A LONG AUTO TRIP.

Party Enroute from Cincinnati to  
Chicago, Stopped Here.

Messrs. C. B. Hatfield Jr., and H.  
M. Bowman, of Miamisburg, Ohio,  
acting as representatives of the Hat-  
field Motor Vehicle company of that  
place, stopped in the city for dinner  
today on their way from Cincinnati  
to Chicago, making the trip in motor  
vehicles of the 1909 model which were  
manufactured by the company they  
represent. In making the trip they  
will travel about four hundred miles  
and only four days' time will be con-  
sumed in covering the entire distance  
unless something unforeseen happens.  
These gentlemen left here this after-  
noon for Fort Wayne. From there  
they go to South Bend and thence to  
Chicago, getting at the latter place  
some time tomorrow. If they succeed  
in making the trip in the anticipated  
time it will be a great record for the  
machine.

### ST. MARYS TOWNSHIP INSTITUTE

One of the Best Was Held There Last  
Saturday.

The fourth teachers' institute of St.  
Marys township met in regular ses-  
sion January 11, 1908, at Dist. No. 2,  
of which S. C. Cramer is teacher.  
Trustee W. H. Teeple acted as chair-  
man. Every teacher was present and  
prepared to add to the interest of the  
institute. Several patrons and pupils  
attended and their interest was ap-  
preciated by trustees and teachers.  
The teachers and patrons further  
showed their hospitality by an excel-  
lent dinner which they served at noon.  
The following resolution was unani-  
mously adopted by the teachers:  
Be it resolved that we extend to Mr.  
Cramer, teacher, patrons and pupils  
of Dist. No. 2, a vote of thanks for the  
spirit of loyalty shown and for their  
kind hospitality.

Some person whose name we have  
been unable to ascertain, drove  
through our city this afternoon with  
a wagon load of nitro glycerine and  
tied his team just east of the bridge.  
The hauling of this explosive through  
the city is a direct violation of the  
law and had some officer noticed the  
same, the guilty party would have no  
doubt paid a penalty.

Charles Magley today shipped sev-  
eral crate of chickens to St. Marys,  
Ohio, where he will exhibit them this  
week at a fancy poultry and pet stock  
show. Mr. Magley won numerous  
prizes with his birds at the local show  
and is confident that he will meet with  
success at this event. Several other  
Decatur poultry raisers will have their  
birds on display at this show.

Bub Mischand, of Berne, transacted  
business in our city this morning and  
returned to his home this afternoon.

W. H. Teeple, trustee of St. Marys  
township, left for Indianapolis this  
afternoon to attend the trustee's as-  
sociation, which will be held tomorrow  
and Thursday at the state house.

Frank Runyon, of Bluffton, is mak-  
ing an effort to be elected president  
of the I. O. league and we hope that  
he succeeds. Frank is a hustler and  
is just the kind of a man to hold Jes-  
sup, of Richmond, down to his normal  
condition.

A number of Decatur theater goers  
will go to Fort Wayne this evening to  
see "Jinks" Francis play the leading  
role in the "Whirlwind" a musical  
comedy. It is said that Mr. Francis  
is making a decided hit in the part he is  
playing and his many friends in De-  
catur expect to tender him a royal re-  
ception.

## SECOND PLACE SCRAP

### Three Are Even for Second and Two for Third— Bones Still Leads.

Four games were played Monday in  
the DeWitt smoke house tournament  
F. E. France indulging in three of  
the games and coming out a victor in  
two of them. His first game was  
with Dr. Mangold, whom he took into  
camp by a score of 100 to 53. Ned  
Bobo came next and he was defeated  
by a score of 100 to 76. Frank Peter-  
son next tackled the coming champion  
and after a long drawn out contest  
Peterson won his game by a score of  
70 to 87. Peterson in this contest  
displayed excellent judgment and dem-  
onstrated that he is well acquainted  
with the game, and succeeded in leav-  
ing his opponent in difficult positions,  
thus making the game a hard one for  
France to play. Studabaker and De-  
Voss then fell into line and after a  
long drawn out game in which Studa-  
baker showed the best form, DeVoss  
went down in defeat by a score of 80  
to 78. Four of the contestants have  
completed their schedule and three  
more of the entries have but one game  
to play and the end of this week  
should see a champion selected. The  
sport is now reaching its interesting  
point and the games are being wit-  
nessed by large and enthusiastic au-  
diences.

### SIDE COMB PENETRATED SKULL

Frank Hackman Struck His Daughter  
a Blow.

After loading himself with liquor  
last night, Frank Hackman, of Line  
street, went home and caused con-  
siderable trouble among the members  
of his family. When he arrived home  
his oldest daughter was standing up  
and reading a paper. Hackman or-  
dered her to sit down and before she had  
time to do so, he struck her in the  
head, causing the teeth of her side  
comb to pierce her skin and enter  
the skull. The aid of a physician was  
solicited and he extracted nine comb  
teeth from her head.

The following letters remain uncal-  
led for at the postoffice: Mrs. Rosa  
Martz, Mrs. Mollie A. Schurtz, Mrs.  
Maggie Buchanan, Mrs. Wm. Swing,  
Miss Bernice Andrews, B. Colvin, Ed-  
son, Barnhart, Levi Haver, F. Mont,  
Laughman, Burwill Watkins, Patreick  
Tuley and D. H. Miller.

The funeral of Fred Melcher was  
held Sunday afternoon at one-thirty  
o'clock at the St. Peters church. A  
large crowd was present to pay their  
last tribute of respect to the deceased.  
Rev. Dornis officiated and he spoke  
at length concerning the past life of  
the deceased. Interment was made in  
the St. Peters cemetery.

C. F. Knowlton, interurban promoter  
editor of the Wolf Lake Trolley, and  
who is interested in a number of en-  
terprises has hung out his sign as a  
lawyer. He will practice at Wolf  
Lake. He was admitted to the bar a  
number of years ago, but has not been  
actively engaged in the practice of  
law.

Elmer Johnson, who recently re-  
turned from Pittsburg, where he was  
conducting a horse sale, expects to  
buy another car load as soon as pos-  
sible and ship the same east. Al-  
though the market is not as good as  
in the past, there is some buying and  
selling going on and he thinks he  
will be able to do some business at  
the above named place.

On and after January 15 the C. B.  
& C. railroad will run trains through  
to Huntington. The trains were run  
through to Huntington one day a  
couple of weeks ago, but owing to the  
condition of the tracks between Bluff-  
ton and Huntington, these trips were  
discontinued. The road is now in fine  
shape for the through trains to Hun-  
tington.—Portland Commercial-Review.

Much complaint is being made by  
the various churches of our city con-  
cerning the conduct of numerous  
young men who assemble about these  
various places of worship during ser-  
vices and disturb the meetings. The  
attention of the marshal has been  
called to this fact and he informed  
us this morning that if the practice  
did not cease he would make several  
arrests and make an example out of  
some one.

Fred Linn received a telegram from  
Fremont, Ohio, yesterday morning  
conveying the sad news that his cou-  
sin, Frank Lease of that place died  
some time Sunday. Mr. Linn left on  
the first train for Fremont to attend  
the funeral.

John Frisinger and a number of  
other Adams county republicans left  
this morning for Winchester, where  
they will attend the republican district  
convention and select a district chair-  
man. The meeting promises to be an  
interesting one.

## We Sell Vinol

on the positive guarantee  
that if it does not give satis-  
faction 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.

Any 12 Year Old Girl  
Can make those delicious  
Lemon, Chocolate and Cus-  
tard 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.

### HE IS A WORKER

Wants Every Soldier's Wid-  
ow to Have a Pension of  
Twelve Dollars.

Representative Adair, of Indiana,  
is showing by his actions that he does  
not believe the old adage that the duty  
of a minority congressman is to mark  
time and draw his salary. Instead  
of referring his bills to committees  
and "letting it go at that" Adair is  
preparing to follow his measures into  
the committee rooms and make  
speech explaining why he thinks they  
should be reported favorably. Hav-  
ing spoken his piece he will keep after  
the committees and prod them from  
time to time as may be required to  
get results.

"I have introduced a number of bills  
of general application," said Mr. Adair  
"but among the members of my nu-  
merous legislative progeny I have one  
favorite child. The bill that is closer  
to my heart than all of the others and  
the one that I had rather see passed  
than any other bill that bears my name  
is the bill granting 'every soldier's'  
widow a pension of \$12 a month. Un-  
der the existing law a soldier's widow  
whose husband died of disease con-  
tracted in the service is entitled to  
\$18 a month, but her sister widow  
whose husband died of a disease not  
contracted in the service can draw  
only \$3 a month. This discrimina-  
tion has no foundation, either in jus-  
tice or in good, common sense. The  
one is just as deserving as the other  
and this injustice should not be al-  
lowed to continue. I personally know  
of a number of soldiers' widows who  
struggle along, half starving on \$3  
a month, and it is a spectacle we  
ought not to see in this country."

R. M. Shere, wife and daughter of  
El Paso, Texas, are visiting his pa-  
rents at Monroeville, having arrived  
Monday evening over the Clover Leaf  
railroad.

### What Do They Cure?

The above question is often asked con-  
cerning Dr. Pierce's two leading medi-  
cines, "Golden Medical Discovery" and  
"Favorite Prescription."  
The answer is that "Golden Medical  
Discovery" is a most potent alterative or  
blood-purifier, and tonic or invigorator  
and acts especially favorably in a curative  
way upon all the mucous lining sur-  
faces, as of the nasal passages, throat,  
bronchial tubes, stomach, bowels and  
bladder, curing a large per cent. of catar-  
rhal cases whether the disease affects the  
nasal passages, the throat, larynx, bron-  
chia, stomach (as catarrhal dyspepsia),  
bowels (as mucous colitis), bladder,  
uterus or other pelvic organs. Even in  
the chronic or ulcerative stages of these  
affections it is often successful in affect-  
ing cures.

The "Favorite Prescription" is advised  
for the cure of one class of diseases—those  
regular weaknesses, derangements and  
irregularities incident to women only. It  
is a powerful yet gently acting invigorat-  
ing tonic and nerve. For weak worn-  
out, over-worked women—no matter what  
has caused the break-down, "Favorite  
Prescription" will be found most effective  
in building up the strength, regulating  
the womanly functions, subduing pain  
and bringing about a healthy, vigorous  
condition of the whole system.

A book of particulars wraps each bottle  
giving the formulae of both medicines and  
quoting what scores of eminent medi-  
cal authors, whose works are consulted  
by physicians of all the schools of practice  
as guides in prescribing, say of each in-  
gredient entering into these medicines.  
The words of praise bestowed on the  
several ingredients entering into Doctor  
Pierce's medicines by such writers should  
have more weight than any amount of  
non-professional testimonials, because  
such men are writing for the guidance of  
their medical brethren and know whereof  
they speak.

Both medicines are non-alcoholic, non-  
secret, and contain no harmful habit-  
forming drugs, being composed of glyceric  
extracts of the roots of native American  
medicinal forest plants. They are both  
sold by dealers in medicine. You can't  
afford to accept as a substitute for one of  
these medicines of known composition,  
any secret nostrum.  
Dr. Pierce's Pills, small, sugar-coated,  
easy to take as candy, regulate and in-  
vigorize stomach, liver and bowels.