



### 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 condition to do it.

One cannot mend a delicate piece of mechanism by violent methods, and no 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 intelligent 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. Haeffing has completed his annual report for the year 1907 and same was forwarded to Miss Mary O. Stubbs, chief state statistician. The report shows that during the year 203 civil cases were filed and 206 cases were disposed of, seven juvenile cases were filed, thirty-five letters of administration issued, nineteen guardianships, twelve decrees of foreclosure, four sheriff sales, four people were adjudged insane 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, seventeen dismissed, fourteen disposed of. There were two convictions for felonies and eleven for misdemeanors, two of the latter being released on probation. Twelve cases for violation 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. Knavel, Simeon Bowers, James H. Stone, James H. Smith, Wash Kern, Monroe—John W. Merryman. Berne—Joel Liddy, John T. Ault, Linn Grove—Alfred Johnson. Geneva—Otis O. Juday, L. N. Veley, F. S. Armantrout, 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 theatrical profession, but has recently been employed as a traveling salesman, is with the "Whirlwind" company 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 surprise.—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 postponed until in March. The local members 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 Winter System.

On next Tuesday morning, January 14, the Grand Rapids and Indiana railway company will make a very decided change in their time table, that may cause some people a little inconvenience 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 completely abolished and will run no more after the above date, while the morning 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 schedule will remain as it now stands. Those contemplating a trip over this line in the near future should acquaint 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 Pittsburgh this morning, where he disposed of a car load of horses that he purchased at Goshen last week. Mr. Johnson states that horses can be bought very reasonable in the neighborhood of Goshen. He expects to remain 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 eastern market.

Daniel Swartz, a farmer living near the Wells-Adams county line, was jailed for a few hours last night by officers Stout and Dean, 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 considerably they escorted him to the jail, where he remained until he became sober enough to change his mind about going home. Sheriff Lipkey then released him and he was started home.—Bluffton News.

Frank Runyan talked by telephone this afternoon with Harry Hall, prospective 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 money for both Marion and Kokomo. With these two teams to enter for a certainty and Anderson seriously considering coming in five Indiana cities will be in the league at least. Now for two other good Ohio towns in addition to Van Wert and the circuit is complete.—Bluffton Banner.

Col. Fred Reppert, the veteran auctioneer, who during the past week has cried sales at several different places in Illinois and Indiana, returned last night. Mr. Reppert had flattering results 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 excellent sport and the various lovers of that sport in our city are taking advantage of the same and as a consequence poor bunny will be compelled 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 measure. 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, Harriet E. Haviland, who has applied for a divorce.

Gertrude Burkhead was granted a divorce from her husband, John Burkhead, 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. Judgment again plaintiff for costs.

Calvin Miller vs. George E. McLean et al, suit on note and to set aside conveyance. D. D. Heller appointed 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, Frankfort; Charles J. Chisolm, asst. general freight agent, Chicago; George B. Simpson, asst. general freight agent, Kansas City; W. J. Bogert, asst. general eastern freight agent, New York; Ed Keane, asst. general freight agent, St. Louis; A. K. Handy, general eastern freight agent, New York.

S. Reed left for Poe for the evening.

E. A. Vail and wife left Tuesday for Decatur to see his mother, Mrs. M. A. Vail, 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 Vail Bros. have large timber and other interests and where they will remain for an indefinite period.—Ossian News.

The new business room at the Morrison block will soon be occupied by the Wells Fargo express company is fast nearing completion and is going to make an excellent place for that company. The room is large and well lighted and will afford them nice connections 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 receiving their shipments regular and are in a position to fill all back orders. 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 country. Lagrippe is the prevailing ailment and this year seems more effective than ever before. From all appearances the disease is contagious and spreads rapidly.

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James O. Ball, of Lagrange, is in our city visiting with friends and relatives. Mr. Ball was formerly engaged 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 Merkle Brothers, wholesale dealers in plumbers supplies of that city. Before 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. Several 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, Washington, was here today looking over the car. He was very favorably impressed and will no doubt order before leaving the city. The Coppock is a winner and makes friends wherever 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 Hatfield 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 consumed in covering the entire distance unless something unforeseen happens. These gentlemen left here this afternoon 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. MARY'S TOWNSHIP INSTITUTE

#### One of the Best Was Held There Last Saturday.

The fourth teachers' institute of St. Mary's township met in regular session January 11, 1908, at Dist. No. 2, of which S. C. Cramer is teacher. Trustee W. H. Teeple acted as chairman. Every teacher was present and prepared to add to the interest of the institute. Several patrons and pupils attended and their interest was appreciated by trustees and teachers. The teachers and patrons further showed their hospitality by an excellent dinner which they served at noon.

The following resolution was unanimously 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 several crates of chickens to St. Mary's, 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 Mischaud, of Berne, transacted business in our city this morning and returned to his home this afternoon.

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

Frank Runyan, of Bluffton, is making 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 Jesus up, of Richmond, down to his normal condition.

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

### 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 Peterson 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 demonstrated that he is well acquainted with the game, and succeeded in leaving his opponent in difficult positions, thus making the game a hard one for France to play. Studebaker and DeVoss then fell into line and after a long drawn out game in which Studebaker 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 witnessed by large and enthusiastic audiences.

### 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 considerable trouble among the members of his family. When he arrived home his oldest daughter was standing up and reading a paper. Hackman ordered 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 uncalled for at the postoffice: Mrs. Rosa Martz, Mrs. Mollie A. Schurtz, Mrs. Maggie Buchanan, Mrs. Wm. Swing, Miss Bernice Andrews, B. Colvin, Edson, Barnhart, Levi Haver, F. Mont, Laughman, Burwell Watkins, Patrick 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. Dornstiel 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 enterprises 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 returned from Pittsburgh, where he was conducting a horse sale, expects to buy another car load as soon as possible and ship the same east. Although the market is not as good 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 Bluffton and Huntington, these trips were discontinued. The road is now in fine shape for the through trains to Huntington.—Portland Commercial-Review.

Much complaint is being made by the various churches of our city concerning the conduct of numerous young men who assemble about these various places of worship during services 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 cousin, 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 chairman. The meeting promises to be an interesting one.

### We Sell

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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.

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.

### HE IS A WORKER

#### Wants Every Soldier's Widow 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. Having 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 numerous legislative progeny I have one favorite child. The bill that is closer to my heart than all the others and the one that I had rather see passed than any other bill that bears my name is the bill granting every soldiers' widow a pension of \$12 a month. Under the existing law a soldiers' widow whose husband died of disease contracted 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 \$8 a month. This discrimination has no foundation, either in