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Was Well Known
M. Chapman, former deputy
for a period of sixteen
at his home in Poe, Ind.
morning, at the age of sixty.
Death was due to heart
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was at the time of his death
of a general store at
he had been suffering for
years with a nervous affection,
which was not at any time
to be critical. On Thursday
he passed a restless night,
Friday morning seemed to be
easier. Preston Chapman,
called on Friday morning
with Mrs. Chapman, en-
tering the room where Mr. Chapman
lay. He seemed to be peaceful,
but it was the sleep of
...
black fell heavily upon Mrs.
as she had left the invalid's
bed several minutes before he
died.
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decendent was born in Stark
county, Ohio, and came with his
parents to Allen county in 1848, locat-
ing on a farm in Pleasant township.
He received a common school educa-
tion and was for a time a teacher
in the schools of the county. When
Briebel was elected county au-
thority twenty-five years ago, Mr. Chap-
man was made first deputy. Later the
post was made assessor for Wayne
county and resided in Fort Wayne
thirteen years. Mr. Chapman was
for the past six years the proprietor
of a general store at Poe. He is sur-
vived by his wife, but there are no
other relatives include a
daughter, Preston Chapman, of Poe,
two sisters, Mrs. Winnie Thur-
man and Mrs. Hannah Wilson, both of
whom Mr. Chapman was a past
master of the Masonic lodge at Poe
and was also a member of Fort Wayne
No. 116, Knights of Pythias.
The funeral services will be held at
Poe Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock
under the auspices of Fort Wayne
Masonic lodge.

DIVORCE SUIT
Mrs. Whitright Wants a
Decree and Alimony—Ft.
Wayne Man Indicted
Ernest G. Leichty, aged nineteen, a
son from near Geneva, and Miss
Henselman, aged nineteen, of
Geneva, were married at the county
office Saturday a. m. at 9:15
o'clock. Squire Smith officiated. Be-
cause the officials, there were present
Ernest Henselman and Christian
Leichty, the fathers of the bride and
groom.
Hooper and Lenhart are attorneys
for the plaintiff in a new case filed
entitled Ida Whitright vs. Abraham
Whitright, complaint for divorce and
alimony. They were married at
Geneva in June, 1883, and lived
together until January 1st of this year.
Mrs. Whitright says her husband is
a habitual drunkard, has failed to
provide for her, beaten and cursed
her and otherwise abused her. They
have five children, only one of whom
Abraham, aged seventeen, is a minor.
Mrs. Whitright asks for a divorce,
alimony, the custody of her son
and a monthly allowance.
Isaac Straus, of Fort Wayne, has
been arrested on two grand jury in-
dictments, returned by the November
jury, charged with selling liquor in
Adams county without license. Straus
is said has been peddling liquors
there and will have to show how he did
without license. This is the last of
the indictments. Excepting two in
which the parties defendant are ab-
sent from the county and state and
which will not likely be returned for
some time.
HAD A VERY PLEASANT TRIP.
Ed Koeneemann Proved a Very Good
Host.
The party of fifty farmers between
here and Fort Wayne, who enjoyed
a trip to the Bash fertilizer plant,
and the Allen county poultry show on
Thursday as guests of Ed F. Koeneem-
ann, report a most delightful day.
Mr. Koeneemann proved a genial and
pleasant host and nothing was left
undone to make the day's pleasures
complete. The Bash plant was thor-
oughly investigated and approved by
the members of the party.
Mrs. M. N. Sheets, of Berne, pass-
ed through the city enroute to Rock-
ford.

PENSION FOR WIDOWS
The Committee to Frame a Bill—Wants Cotton Tax Refunded
Washington, January 25.—The action of the president in indirectly serving notice on the Board of Food and Drug Inspection that he has not full faith in its rulings will, in the opinion of loyal supporters of the federal pure food and drug law, tend to weaken the enforcement of the law. The chief executive has served this indirect notice by announcing that he will create a board of expert pharmacists to pass on several mooted rulings of the board. Letters have already gone out from the white house to several heads of colleges and universities asking them to suggest the names of chemists whose services might be valuable. As soon as the president has heard from these heads of educational institutions he will appoint the board. It is only natural that the members of the board of food and drug inspection, composed of Dr. H. W. Wiley, solicitor McCabe and Mr. Dunlop, should feel somewhat hurt by the action of the president. Messrs. Wiley and Dunlop have the reputation of being high-grade chemists.
Washington, January 25.—Representative Chaney, of Indiana, who is a member of the house committee on invalid pensions, says that the committee has agreed to take action next Thursday on the widow pension bills before it. The committee has practically agreed to report a bill of its own to give a pension to all widows of soldiers of \$12 a month, and to equalize all pensions to widows to that amount.
Washington, January 25.—When the house of representatives resumed consideration of the urgent deficiency bill, Mr. Clark, of Florida, was recognized and spoke for an hour and a half in support of a bill introduced by him providing for the refund to the proper persons "of the cotton tax illegally collected in the years 1863, 1864, 1865, 1866, 1867 and 1868."

MAY BE TEDIOUS
Portland Wants Exclusive Use of the New Field and Files Suit
The gas, so badly wanted by our citizens and hoped for from day to day for a week past has again been delayed and it is likely the new field will not be turned on for some time, until a suit filed in the Jay county circuit court, is disposed of. A dispatch from Portland says:
A suit, the determination of which will in all probability affect the gas supply now being enjoyed by the Portland patrons of the Citizens' Natural Gas and Oil Mining company, commonly known as the Fulton Gas company, was filed in the circuit court Thursday afternoon. It is sought to enjoin the carrying out of a contract made by the Warren and Indiana Oil company and the Fulton Drilling company with the Wabash Valley Gas company by which the latter company which supplies patrons in Adams and Wells counties, secures control of wells and oil and gas leases to which the plaintiff claims it now has the right. It is charged that Dec. 23, last, a contract was made by the defendants with the Wabash Valley Gas company by which, if permitted to be carried out, the latter will divert the Bearcreek supply into their own lines, and away from those of the plaintiff.
An association of old soldiers around Lincolnville and Dora, in Wabash county, have erected a monument to the memory of their dead comrades at the cemetery near Lincolnville. This monument will be dedicated May 30, Memorial Day, and Dr. C. H. Good, of Warren, has been invited to deliver the address on the occasion.
Bismark, the glass eater from Berne, who for some time past has been causing the police of our city more or less trouble, has finally been disposed of, and for the time being at least is now securely quartered for the remainder of the winter, he being at the county farm. The police refused to arrest him any more and Bismark was thus without a home, and was thrust as a charge upon the county and until the blue birds sing he will make his home at the above named place.
Fred Gustenslager, who is making his home with his daughter, Mrs. Frank Masters at Pleasant Mills, passed through the city from Bucyrus, Ohio, where he was called to attend a funeral. He returned home at noon.

OTHER SOCIETY NEWS
Delightful Masquerade at Bellview—Gladys Flinders Entertains
"Tramps," "Dutchmen," "Quaker Old Grandmas," "The Woman in Black" and even a kangaroo were imitated by guests that accepted the invitation call issued by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bell for a masquerade party, on Friday evening at their country home, at Bellview farm east of the city. The guests gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bell and at seven fifteen the host Mr. Fred Bell, took the party to his home in a large farm wagon. The drive to the country was a pleasure to each one. Mrs. Fred Bell and her father, R. D. Patterson, received the guests when they arrived. As each entered a slip of paper was given them with a number on telling when just what part of the program they were on. This proved to be very jolly and entertaining, as each one's ability was taxed to the extreme end. The closing number was a speech by John S. Peterson which he closed by asking the guests to remove their masks. Following this, they enjoyed an old fashioned spelling school. Mesdames W. A. Lower and John H. Heller were tied for the first honors, and after cutting for the prize, Mrs. Lower won, the prize being worth all the efforts she put forth. Next came an old time Virginia reel, in which all took part, the entertainment closing with a delicious two course luncheon, served in a charming manner by the hostess to her guests, who were: Messrs. and Mesdames John S. Peterson, John H. Heller, C. O. France, John Magley, W. A. Lower, C. K. Bell, Mesdames A. R. Bell, Florence DeVilbiss, Fanny Cole, Mr. R. D. Patterson, Messrs. Sherman Kunkle, Cal Peterson, Harold Wilson, Misses Pansy Bell, Lucile Hale, Florence Kunkle, Elizabeth Peterson.
IT'S HOME TALENT
In Opinion of Police—Other Petty Thefts are Reported
Burglars Friday night forced an entrance into the Daniel Haley meat market located on east Monroe street and carried away something like eight dollars worth of pork and beef. The burglars made their entrance at the front door, then opened up the rear entrance and undoubtedly carried their booty off that way. The front door was closed this morning when Mr. Haley made his appearance, but the same was unlocked. He then suspected that something was wrong and commenced an investigation, the result being that he found the back door wide open and the best part of his stock carried away. Mr. Haley at once informed the police, who are looking into the case. From all appearances it was the work of home talent, for had it been professional thieves they would have covered up their tracks much better. On Thursday night another loss was discovered by Anderson and Baker, the restaurant men, who discovered Friday morning that some one had carried away two boxes of fish that they had placed in their stairway so that the same would be in a cool place. The fish were valued at ten dollars and this burglary is also supposed to have been performed by local talent. There is no clew to either of the above cases and probably never will be.
Information from Ocean Park, California, says that Charles Lovelace, formerly owner of a Wabash paper, has been sentenced to the government prison three years for embezzlement of funds from the Ocean Park, Cal. postoffice. Only a short time ago Lovelace was arrested and he made no denial of the charge. He gave himself up to the officers and did everything he could to get a speedy trial. He was the victim of pocket sharks, who fleeced him, caused his arrest and then deserted him. He was once a resident of this city and was editor of the Wabash Times.—Wabash Plsinddealer
Mrs. D. E. Studabaker will return home the first of February from Indianapolis, where she has been taking treatment the past two months. She has been improved but recently took the grip which kept her there longer than expected.—Bluffton News.
It is this creation of great characters—the close application, the patient carving of outlines, the delicate finishing touches, the growing of the soul, in the delineated, that has made "The Little Detective" headed by Miss Dorrit Ashton, the success that it is. This play will be seen at the Bosse opera house to night.

SHOW LARGE GAIN BY CHURCH LADIES
During the Past Year—Published Through Courtesy of Rev. Angermaier
According to the Catholic directory for 1908, now being published by M. H. Wiltzins & Co., of Milwaukee, Wis., the number of Catholics living in the United States is 13,877,426. This number shows an increase of 788,093 within the last year. There are 7,106,452 Catholics in the Philippine Islands, 1,000,000 in Porto Rico and 35,000 in the Hawaiian Islands, making a total of 22,018,898 Catholics living under the stars and stripes. The total number of Catholic churches in the United States is 12,513. There are in this country 84 Catholic theological seminaries, 200 colleges for boys and 697 academies for girls, 4,443 parochial schools, with an average attendance of 1,113,906 scholars. The number of children who visit the parochial schools, high schools, colleges, academies, together with those in Catholic orphanages and other Catholic charitable institutions amounts to 1,310,300. According to the directory there are in the United States 15,665 priests, 11,496 of whom are secular priests and 4,069 members of various religious orders.
There are in the United States 57,463 sisters of religious orders, who are active in Catholic educational and charitable institutions. In 272 Catholic orphanages 42,597 orphans are taken care of, 1,054 charitable institutions, such as hospitals, old peoples homes, etc., in this country are under Catholic care.
The hierarchy of the Catholic church in this country consists of 132 prelates viz: one apostolic delegate, one cardinal, 13 archbishops, 94 bishops, two arch abbots, 17 abbots, two vicars apostolic, one prior and one perfect apostolic. Rev. Geo. Angermaier.
BUTTER FACTORY FOR MARKLE
Talk of Concern of That Kind to be Established Soon.
There is a movement on foot to establish a co-operative butter factory in Markle, and the ones who have the project in hand are meeting with considerable success, says the Markle Journal. Dairy interests are increasing in this section very rapidly and there is enough milk and cream produced in this locality to operate a plant of this kind successfully. At the present time a great many of our farmers are shipping their cream to outside concerns and while in most instances they are realizing more out of their product in that way than they ever have before, still, if this butter can be manufactured right here at home, thereby saving for the producers the profits that are at the present time going to outside concerns, and besides realize from two cents to five cents per pound for their butter than at present, it will be a good thing.
FARMER HAS MONEY
Joseph Kizer Writes Interestingly of Such a Proposition
A matter of much importance that has been proposed and that was at times seemingly attempted, this is the securing of a railway through that part of Adams county lying southwest from Decatur. The time having arrived when it seems as though that if we ever want an outlet through this part of the country it would be the duty of those interested in such line that they get at it and accomplish it. It need not be done by capitalists, I believe we have men along the proposed route to do the work, farmers who think they are least in the world of finance, when by right they are the leaders, should not hesitate, we think, in pushing forward work of this kind, which will be of the greatest benefit to them.
The proposed route which perhaps would be of best service, as follows: Starting at Decatur, thence southwest through Linn Grove, thence to Pennville, thence to either Muncie or Marion. It is a fact that finance in some instances is in a somewhat critical condition at present, but this farmer knows nothing, as concerns his own business he does not feel the ill effects of the conditions generally, although the work may not be accomplished at once, we hope that those interested will give this their consideration and encouragement. The writer of this article is in no condition financially to do much, but am willing to lend any aid I may be capable of performing.
Jos. Kizer, Geneva, Ind., R. 3.
John Woy is a caller at Moonmouth.

THE MEN OBJECT
But What's the Use—Third Reduction Within Short Time
The Clover Leaf shop men were not put in a very pleasant humor yesterday when a bulletin was posted making a very heavy reduction in their hours of work. Some time ago their hours were cut to eight hours a day, then later they were cut down to five and a half days. Then still later all of Saturday was cut off and the men given five days of eight hours, or forty hours for the week. Yesterday the climax came when a bulletin was posted cutting down the time to five half days or twenty-five hours a week. This order is said to apply generally to the shop men. In the absence of Mr. Marie, who has general supervision of the shops here, C. Bowersox, the next ranking official, was asked how long the order would be continued in force, and said that he did not know, that he received orders from Mr. Marie to put the bulletin announcing the reduction in time for the shop men to five days of five hours each, and that is all he knows about it.—Frankfort Times.
CASE WAS DECIDED
By Judge Bobo Years Ago—Favors the Local Gas Company
That Decatur will have gas some time during this week is all but a settled fact according to a statement from A. G. Briggs, of Geneva, agent for the Wabash Valley Gas company. This communication withdraws the impression cast abroad to the effect that the injunctions which were recently filed against the Wabash Valley people would defer indefinitely our connection with the new wells. While the city of Portland filed two injunctions, one has been dissolved already and but one is left to dispose of. Inasmuch as it is generally known that the only sole reason Portland entertains in filing the injunctions is to retard the movements of the Wabash Valley people to the extent that she can have her two new wells completed before the law can take its course and declare the injunction absurd, it is firmly believed that when the suit comes to trial February 4th, if not before, the Portland people will reconsider their action and withdraw the injunction. At any rate we are promised gas before next Saturday and this is evidence that some sort of a compromise or action is brewing. This same gas question was decided upon by Judge Bobo when he was in office here, and he contended that no person or persons could be enjoined from selling their goods or substance where they could do the best. The case was appealed to the supreme court, who upheld the decision of Judge Bobo.
AS PETIT JURORS
Every Township But Two Represented—Report February 17th
H. A. Fristoe, of Geneva, and S. B. Fordyce, of this city, jury commissioners of Adams county, met with Clerk James P. Haefling at the latter's office Tuesday morning and selected petit jury to serve during the February term of the Adams circuit court, which convenes next Monday. The men selected are: Ernest Elchoff, Preble township; Joseph Bears, Hartford; J. L. Young, Jefferson; John Maloy, Union; Asa Engle, Decatur; Ed Bailey, Decatur; Andrew Idlewine, Geneva; J. P. Hilliard, Blue Creek; Samuel Helma, St. Marys; Samuel Shell, Kirkland; Benj. Pillars, Root; Alfred Kelly, Wabash. The jury will report for duty two weeks from Monday, February 17th. The jury is composed of good and competent men and every township in the county is represented with the exception of French and Monroe.
A young husband was told by his affectionate spouse: "Well dear, you know how I have been scraping and saving for my new costume; well, I've decided on it now. It is to be made of pale green broadcloth and it will cost \$92.50, and I want you to help me a little." "How much do you need?" asked the fond hubby. "Oh, I've got it all but \$90," was the cheerful reply.
The advertising agent representing the Majestic theater was in our city today putting up paper for the "Yankee Regent" that shows there January 29th.

NEW WELL TODAY
Field Looks Good and Will Last for Several Years
Say Experts
Geneva, Ind., January 28.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—This place is enjoying the cold weather, at least those who are using natural gas for fuel. The gas was turned on here before the injunction suit was filed and Judge LaFollette did not forbid the use, consequently when the thermometer rushes down toward zero, our citizens simply smile. It's the old fashioned kind of gas, the register showing 140 pounds. So far only two wells have been connected, but a third came in today, another good one, and experts here say the new field is good for several years. During the recent cold snap the supply never wavered for an instant and Decatur people may rest assured that when the courts order the wells turned on they will have a good supply of this most convenient and desirable of fuels.