

CLARENCE GILPEN FOUND.

Youth Who Escaped from Asylum was Retaken the next Day.

J. W. Brodbeck of this county has received a letter from Dr. Smith, the medical superintendent of the East Haven asylum at Richmond, stating that Clarence Gilpen, the sixteen-year-old boy who was sent to the institution about two weeks ago and who escaped the next day after his admission there, was found on the evening of the day following his escape. When retaken the lad was walking along the road a few miles west of the hospital and aside from being tired he seemed none the worse from his trip. He also stated in the letter that there is no change of importance in the boy's mental condition.

EVERYTHING AT HICKSVILLE

Smith & Ulman Have Great Success With Their Herefords.

Smith & Ulman, the local firm of breeders of fine Hereford cattle are surely making all their competitors step along lively this year. They are at the Hicksville, Ohio, fair this week and yesterday when the awards were made in the cattle department, it was found that they had won every first and second in class with six herds to show against, in grand championship, they took first on bull and cow and first for herd, against three herds. They have now taken grand championship with their five-year-old bull at Fort Wayne, Portland and Hicksville, a most excellent showing. They will exhibit at Kendallville this week.

The proceedings had in the special election ordered by the board of commissioners for Wabash and Hartford townships to vote on the subsidy for the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina Traction company were filed at the clerk's office. The election will be held on October 9th. The sum of \$9,409 is asked in Hartford and \$15,076 in Wabash. Clerk Haefling has appointed D. E. Smith and R. S. Peterson as election commissioners.

Judge Samuel E. Cook, of Huntington, was here last Thursday and assumed jurisdiction in the case of Charles A. Dugan vs. Perry J. Ogg et al., a partition suit. A demurral to the complaint was argued by the attorneys, C. J. Lutz and D. D. Heller & Son and was taken under advisement by the court.

Peter Baumgartner has transferred to Frank Trump forty acres in French township, the consideration being \$3,000.

Charles E. Simons, administrator of the estate of John C. Simons, has filed an inventory of personal property, showing a total of \$827.40.

STOLEN HORSES RECOVERED.

Detective Hitch Returned from Tennessee.

Princeton, Ind., Sept. 23.—Chief of Detectives Hitch has returned from Nashville, Tenn., where he located and procured for their rightful owners two horses, one stolen in July, 1907, the other taken last spring. Nashville officers are tracing another stolen horse taken from southern Indiana last fall, and will have it within a few days. George Fisher, in jail here, is a horse trader known in Nashville, which was until a few months ago his home. Thomas Corn, of Pike county, employed Fisher last fall. Fisher and Corn's horse disappeared at the same time.

John Lucas, of Washington, Ind., has in his possession three pearls which he values at \$1,200. The three handles were found in White river, and are three of the prettiest gems ever taken from that source. The largest and finest was, when found about the size of a marble, but now after it has been trimmed down to get its luster it is about the size of a pea. It is of the pink variety, and nearly perfect in shape. R. T. Lindsay, a Vincennes pearl buyer offered the finder \$800, but the offer was refused. Lucas demands \$900.

MONMOUTH IS ON THE BOOM.

The little town of Monmouth is on the boom and will one of these days be a busy and prosperous town, in fact it is quite a trading center right now. At this time three houses are under construction and two more are to be built this fall. John Magley has purchased the general store at that place and is moving there today. He will take immediate charge and will build up a splendid trade. He will build a home on the same lot with the store. Doc Grandstaff says they will keep things moving along in Monmouth and Doc knows what he is talking about.

The little daughter of John Rice is sick with typhoid fever.

The family of Sam Fisher is attracting the attention of the officials just now, and something is to be done within a few days before the chilly blasts of winter get in their work. Sam has been living in an old carpet tent, a home constructed after, located near the Coppock factory in the north part of town, and the abode has become so filthy that the entire family has been sick. Sam has been laid up for a week or two and his wife has also been too ill to do anything. They have four children, one a babe at the breast and all are poorly clad and look half starved. Recently they were approached with the proposition that the best thing for them to do was to move to the county infirmary, but Mrs. Fisher answered with a protest of oaths that fairly made the kind ladies who were looking after their welfare tremble. She said that before she would go there she would cut her throat and she seemed so much in earnest that it was feared she would do something terrible. Sam has secured a job at the fertilizer factory and has promised to rent a house within a few days and to keep at least an imitation of cleanliness about the place and if this is done they will be let alone, but if not they must be cared for, or they will all freeze to death some cold night. At this day and age if people don't look after themselves some one else must.

WILL BUILD TO PORTLAND

Mr. Fledderjohann Gives Interview on Traction Affairs.

According to a statement made by W. H. Fledderjohann, of Decatur, president of the Fort Wayne and Springfield Traction company, to several Portland citizens a few days ago, it has been definitely decided to extend the line on to Portland as soon as possible. The company is now busily engaged in grading the road between Decatur and Monroe, a distance of six miles and this portion is expected to be in complete operation before winter weather sets in and stops progress. Early next spring it is intended to build the line to Geneva after which the Portland extension will be completed. The company is making a satisfactory financial showing and only a few days ago disposed of fifty thousand dollars worth of stock, the most of which was sold to farmers along the line.—Portland Sun.

Charles H. Oetting, secretary of the German Lutheran colony, acting under orders from the president has issued a call for a special meeting of the members of this colony to meet in this city on Saturday, October 3rd, when matters of interest to every member will be discussed and duly disposed of. The German Lutheran colony is composed of farmers from Adams, Allen and Van Wert counties, who have purchased tracts of land in Parmer county, Texas. The president is William Hockemeyer, one of the best known men of Root township. These members expect to make several trips to Texas this fall, and any one interested in lands in that territory are invited to join them on the trips and to attend the meeting on October 3rd, which will probably be held at the offices of the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway company, where you can secure any information you may desire. The colony are greatly interested in the new lands and they are all men who know good land when they see it. Their Texas farms are located in what is known as the Panhandle district, and the papers from there tell of enormous crops of this year.

TOM RAILING IS HOME.

Tom Railing, wife and baby arrived Friday from Flint, Michigan, where Tom finished the base ball season in the southern Michigan league. The big twirler informs us that he is still owned by the management of the Springfield Three-I team and in all probability will report there for spring practice. Tom made a great batting record at Flint, securing many home runs, which won victories for his team mates.

Judge Merryman was at Bluffton Friday serving as special judge and D. E. Smith, as special judge held a short session here. In the cause of Charles F. Rinehart vs. Charles F. Rinehart, administrator of W. D. Rinehart estate, partition, demurral overruled, answers and cross complaint filed, also affidavits of non-residence of several of the defendants. A peculiar question arises in this case as shown by the cross complaint. When William Rinehart died he left no children, and his wife took only her third as provided by law. A few weeks afterward twin children were born to Mrs. Rinehart. They lived only a few hours, but long enough to inherit their share, which is \$52,8640 of the estate each, and dying, one-half of their share goes to the mother, according to the plea of the cross complaint.

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Attorney L. C. DeVoss has filed two new cases in court, the first being a suit entitled Daniel and Sarah J. Straub vs. The Chicago & Erie Railway, demanding damages to the amount of \$1,500. Young Straub was at work July 23rd last, unloading a car on one of the Erie sidetracks and according to the complaint the crew of a freight train which was in the yards, carelessly and without warning cut a car loose and threw it down the side track, bumping into the car on which Straub was at work, catching him between the bumpers and injuring him to such an extent that he died five days later. By his death, the plaintiffs claim to have lost support worth to them \$500 and this with the funeral expenses, doctor bills, bedding ruined, etc., entitles them to recover to the extent demanded.

The other case filed is one wherein Sarah E. Brandyberry sues Joseph Largen, demanding that he show why he should not be deemed guilty of contempt of court. The parties were formerly husband and wife and had two children. They were divorced on October 16, 1903, and the mother was given the custody of the children and the defendant ordered to pay into court for her the sum of twenty-five dollars, which he has never done. She wants the money and Joseph will probably have to dig it up or show why.

T. W. Shelton, for several years superintendent of the Fort Wayne and Springfield interurban and with but few peers as a master mechanic, will leave in a few days for Peoria, Ill., where he will accept the all important position of superintendent of motive power for the Peoria railway company, one of the best electric roads in the middle west. As a railroad man, Mr. Shelton has displayed a remarkable ability. Years of constant study has equipped him for all lines of work in the electrical world and his services will be invaluable to any road. Since living in Decatur Mr. Shelton has guided the interests of the Fort Wayne & Springfield as only an expert could. In fact his unceasing efforts in behalf of the company have, in a material way, brought about achievements which have been accomplished by the corporation. When the fact became known that he had severed connection with the local road, he was the recipient of many flattering offers, but as the one above mentioned looks the best, he has decided to accept same. It is not likely, however, that he will remove his family from Decatur for several weeks.

Thomas Reid, one of the jolly, whole-souled traveling men who calls Decatur home, has just written a fish story to his friend, Dr. M. Hensley, that puts him in a class by himself, not in fishing, but in telling stories, and he really seems to have a little on the boys who have been telling political yarns and calling each other names. We fear very much that if the attention of President Roosevelt, Haskell or Hearst is called to the card they will brand him as one of those now popular falsifiers, but nevertheless a sense of duty causes us to give the story to the public. It is written from Spread Eagle, Wis. One side of the card contains the picture of a sport in a row boat landing a monster fish and on the other side of the card Tommie says:

Dear Heck—Rome City is not in it—see other side—hooked this muskellunge at 6:17 a. m. Saturday. Fought him seventeen hours and forty-three minutes; tied him up until five a. m. Monday when the combat was renewed and after five hours I captured him in a lumber yard, two miles from the lake. When sufficiently recovered I took him to the town scales where he weighed eighty-seven pounds and two ounces with the scales on. Used a Smith bug, made in Decatur. Can you mount him? Wire. Photo taken in five different poses. For full particulars see Chicago American.

T. M. R.

A surprise party was given on Miss Emma Gillig at her home south of town last Thursday in honor of her 26th birthday. They met at one of the parties' house and went to the Gillig home and took her unawares, she never thinking it was her birthday. From there they proceeded to the old Johnson farm, recently purchased by Mr. Gillig and spent the evening in playing various games and dancing. Those who were present were the Misses May, Nora and Bessie Weber, Maggie Zeser, Lola Baker, Rose Colchin, Alma, Bertha and Lena Dodane, Anna, Vena and Celia Parent and the Messrs. Harve and Frank Baker, John Weber, Will and Dan Zeser, Fred and Joe Colchin, Roman, Frank and Ed Parent. Late in the evening a most delicious luncheon was served.

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REPUBLICAN MACHINE INSULTS THE MINISTERS

Issues a "Confidential" Circular to Republican Chairmen Asking Them to "Organize the Preachers" for the Republican Party.

Mr. Marshall Defends the Ministry Against This Republican Affront.

Some time ago the Republican State Central Committee sent out a circular containing "Confidential Suggestions to County Chairmen." One of the paragraphs in this circular was as follows:

"Organize temperance people. Organize the preachers. Organize the business men. Organize first voters. Organize the women."

This suggestion of the Republican State Committee to the county chairmen to "organize the preachers" into Republican campaign adjuncts was such an amazing breach of the proprieties that it doubtless caused many of the Republican county chairmen to gasp. But the Republican managers did not realize what a stupendous blunder they had made in offering such an affront to the ministers of the state until Thomas R. Marshall in his Terre Haute speech read the "confidential suggestions" to a large audience and in behalf of the preachers resented the insult that had been cast upon them. The inability of the Republicans to understand that ministers are ordained to preach the gospel and not to be organized into political clubs or drum corps for the benefit of the Republican party was made plain by Mr. Marshall. On this point (using his exact language) he said:

"It has always been my impression that when a minister was consecrated with holy oil that he was enlisted to fight the battles of the Lord, and not the battles of the Republican party, and I will take my chances on there being a great majority of ministers who still believe that the peculiar mission of the minister is to preach the gospel and not to beat a bass drum in a political procession."

But no sooner had Mr. Marshall thus given publicity to the impudent instruction to "organize the preachers" than the Republican managers saw what a mistake they had made—the mistake of being caught in a contemptible piece of business. Seeing no other way to break the force of Mr. Marshall's revelation, they caught up the "bass drum" phrase, caused garbled reports to be printed in Republican newspapers, and yelled out, in big, black headlines, that "Marshall Attacks the Preachers."

Speaking of the matter the Indianapolis News said:

"Certain politicians have tried to make it appear that the Democratic candidate has insulted the ministers of the state—that he is 'opposed' to the ministers. Those who know Mr. Marshall will need no enlightenment on this subject. He is an honest, clean-living gentleman, a man of the highest character, and, we believe, a member of the Presbyterian church. The idea that he would head a crusade against the official representatives of the Christian religion is absurd, and is fostered largely by those who are trying to use the ministers to further their own schemes. What Mr. Marshall was dealing with at Terre Haute was not the preachers, but the politicians."

After quoting Mr. Marshall's language, the News added this:

"That there are ministers—we hope all of them—in Indianapolis, who hold precisely this view, was proved by the action of the Ministerial Association on Monday, when it struck out of its resolutions all reference to candidates or parties. What Mr. Marshall objected to was to organization of ministers by county chairmen, and that was all he objected to. We think that the ministers will agree with him. We think further that honest people will not be impressed by the criticism made by those who take certain words from their context and thus seek to give a false impression of what was said."

The professional Republican preacher—the kind that can be depended on in every campaign to do political work for his party—swallowed the story about the "attack on the preachers," and began to expatiate upon it with his usual partisan zeal, and perhaps will continue to do so. All others, however, will take good care not to be misled by such disreputable tactics.

The campaign of the Republicans, so far as it has progressed, has been marked by so much false pretense and prevarication—lying is the better word—that it is explainable only on the theory that the Republican managers and their helpers can find no honest ground to stand on.

ABOUT WOOL

If this advertisement will help you to receive something better—something more—than you have ever had before for like money, then you ought to be glad to read every word of it.

Yet, in these days of clever imitations cotton is often passed off as wool—and some clothes made of cotton look well at the start—but only at the start.

Then don't tolerate any cotton—you don't need to—cotton in men's clothing means trouble and dissatisfaction sooner or later.

Wool is the only thing that is good enough for you. Their name stands for honesty and fair dealing. They guarantee

swell things for nearly 1,000 designs. Come early, before the big demand breaks up stock.

Health conditions were better in August last than the corresponding month of last year. This will be shown by the following statement of the state board of health for August, which will be issued in time. In advance of the publication of the bulletin, Dr. J. N. Hurley, of the state board, yesterday issued the following statement as a summary of disease and death rate in August: "Diarrhea was the most prevalent disease, dysentery was second, cholera morbus fourth, cholera dysentery fifth. All these diseases were caused by food poison.

The hot weather fermentation tretaction are very active. It comes poisonous in a few hours if collected in a clean water kept cold. Salads and cold

kept in refrigerators and spring undergo rapid fermentation and tretaction, and poisons are which cause diarrhea, cholera, cholera morbus, etc.

caused 220 deaths, 173 males and 173 females. Of these violent deaths were 32 suicides, 173 accidental deaths. Of the 173 males were 66 males and 107 females. accidental deaths 39 were caused by steam railroads, 4 by street interurbans, 2 by automobiles, crushing injuries, 14 by burns, 8 by gunshots, 32 by falls, 13 by horses and 13 by lightning, 5 by poison sunstrokes and the remainder in various ways. The total number of deaths were 2,901, death rate 12.5.

corresponding month last year death rate 14.8. The city death rate was 15.1, the country death rate 14.2. The cities having over 40,000 population the death rate were as follows: Indianapolis, 14.2; Evansville, 16.1; Terre Haute, 17.8. As compared with the corresponding month last year there is an improvement. The rate and sick rates are both but it is to be remarked that improvement could easily have per cent greater than it is the practical application to every of the well known laws of health.

An illness of more than one year's duration has culminated in the demise of Mrs. Susan, wife of John Haggard, of Monroe township, death relieving her sufferings Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A slight lung trouble of years ago developed into consumption and for the past five months the afflicted woman has undergone severe strain responsive to the most excruciating ailment. No hopes have been entertained for her ultimate recovery for some time, and even the members of the family knew that death was inevitable. The deceased is well known in the county and is held in the highest esteem of all who knew her. She is survived by a husband, and two children, Ida and Osie.

SAYS OHIO IS DEMOCRATIC.

Jacob Forbing, of Kenton, Visits His Brother Here.

Jacob Forbing, of Kenton, Ohio, is the guest of his brother, Peter Forbing and family here. He says the Democrats in Ohio are confident of victory at the November election and has plenty of argument to convince you if you are skeptical on this very important question. It's the same way in Indiana.

With her wrist broken and other painful injuries, Mrs. Samuel Helm, residing two and one-half miles east of Decatur, a sister of John A. Smith, of this city is confined to her bed as a consequence of falling forcibly to the floor of her summer kitchen, while carrying a pail of water over a damp floor. The injured lady was scrubbing the floor of the kitchen and in some manner lost her balance, falling to the floor with the above stated results. Mr. Helm seems to be having more than her proportion of misfortunes. It will be remembered that a little more than a year ago she was attacked by a vicious dog, thrown to the ground and sustained a broken shoulder and arm.

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