

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Elzey entertained at their home over Sunday in honor of Miss Ruth Kittle, of Celina, Ohio. Those present were Miss Minnie Sheet, Etta Mallonee, Elsie Forman, Cleo and Maymetta Henry and Ora Newheart, Harve Kitson, Harve Baker, Bruce and Orle Henry and Mr. and Mrs. Henry. A fine dinner was served at 12 o'clock, and also luncheon in the evening. A good time was enjoyed by all, and all present join in saying that Mr. and Mrs. Elzey are fine entertainers.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. White entertained at dinner over Sunday at their home at Preble, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sheet and children, Downs, Florence and Harold.

The meeting of the Y. L. E. Club held with Miss Ode Fullenkamp Monday night was one of the best held this season. The ladies all brought their fancy needle-work and several hours were put in with the needle, after which the hostess invited them to the dining room, and then served a most delicious luncheon in four courses. We know this is true as we had a look in. The rest of the evening was spent in singing and playing various games. The next meeting will be with Miss Margaret Conter next Monday evening.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the German Reformed church will meet with Mrs. Sadie Presdorf at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Huebner on Thursday, Oct. 8. All ladies wishing to attend should meet at the parsonage at promptly 8 o'clock a. m.

Twenty-two of the high school students drove to the home of Henry Colter at Rivar Monday night, where they enjoyed an excellent social session. Music and games furnished amusement, refreshments being served during the evening. All report an excellent time.

The Adams County Medical Society will meet at the office of Dr. Costello next Friday evening.

One of the most pleasant events of the social season was the dinner given Monday night by Mrs. Schrock. The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bell, of this city and Dr. and Mrs. Fred J. Patterson, of Terre Haute. The dinner was perfect and the decorations were beautiful. The evening was spent with music and story telling. Dr. Patterson being voted the champion, and won the prize—a choice lot of Sether cigars.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet with Mrs. Dore Erwin Thursday afternoon. Every member is urged to come out and give Mrs. Erwin a house warming, as they have just moved into their beautiful new home. They also have very important matters to discuss. So don't fail to come.

County Clerk James P. Haefling has appointed the commissioners to serve for the general election on November 3rd. The law provides that each county chairman shall report the name of some person from his party to serve in that capacity, but if this is not done thirty days prior to said election then it becomes the duty of the clerk to make such appointments himself. In compliance with this he has appointed David E. Smith, democrat, and Robert S. Peterson, republican. These two men will meet at the court room on the evening of the election with the county clerk and will continue in session until the entire vote is returned into their hands and continue to serve during the time the canvassing board is in session. It is also the duty of the commissioners to see that the tickets are duly prepared and are distributed to the inspectors of the different precincts of the county. The work at a general election requires about seven days. The selection of the men named are satisfactory to both parties so far as known.

Donald Adams, a Bluffton lad of 16, jumped into fame a few days ago by permitting himself to be carried on the back of a high-wire walker across a wire stretched from roof to roof of the two tallest buildings in the city. His mother, unaware that he was to make the perilous journey, was in the crowd watching the stunt of the performer, and was overcome by fright when she saw her son upon the wire sixty feet above earth.

Decatur is probably represented in the various recognized colleges by more students than any other city of similar size in northern Indiana, at least this is the opinion of men who are in a position to know and this is a recognition well worth possessing. Twenty-nine Decatur people are at this time pursuing college courses and as will be ascertained by the following data, they are in attendance in the very best educational institutions the country affords: Those who are at college this year are Irvin Case and Brice True at Winona; Ed Myers, Ann Arbor; Harry Dibble, Detroit, Medical School; Frances Merryman, Pansy Bell and Frances Bryson, DePauw; Frances Dugan, Ferry Hall; William Shelton, True Dougherty and Charles Gerard, Purdue; Harriet Morrison, Glendale; Robert Shrock, Cornell; Roy Beachler, Earlham; Lucile Hale, I. B. C., of Fort Wayne; Bert Niblick, Quincy, Ill., business college; Thomas Vale, Howe Military Academy; Luther Boyer, Leland Stanford; Fannie Frisinger, Avon Burke and Walter Baltzell, Bloomington; Vera and Verna Seger, Hiram, Ohio; Florence Sprunger, Oberlin; John Gillig, O. S. U.; Rose Smith and Jean Lutz, New England Conservatory; Fay Smith, Emerson School of Oratory and Harry Andrews Harvard university. This is an array of educational talent that will be heard from in years to come and Decatur is proud that her inhabitants are progressive in every department. The most of the above mentioned students are graduates from the Decatur high school, which bespeaks much for the excellent instruction received.

On Friday of this week elections will be held in Wabash and Hartford townships in this county to determine whether or not the people of these two township will vote subsidies to the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina traction company who propose to build an interurban line to connect those points. In the former township the sum of \$15,076 is asked and in the latter, \$9,405 and from rumors of the feeling the election will carry for the subsidies in each township. The election commissioners, R. S. Peterson and D. E. Smith have had the ballots prepared, the same having been printed at this office on Monday and they will be sent out to the various inspectors at the proper time. The ballots are as required by law, printed on yellow paper, and in the usual form, providing that if one wants to vote for the subsidy they make an X in the square in front of line which reads "For the appropriation," and if one should want to vote against it they make the X in the square in front of the line which reads "Against the railroad appropriation." As stated there seems to be but few who do not believe that the elections will favor the subsidies by large majorities.

County Clerk Haefling received a telegram Monday night from Dr. S. E. Smith, medical superintendent of the East Haven asylum, announcing that Hugh Rorian, a patient at that institution sent up from this county had died and as there was no report there showing the address of any relatives asked for instructions concerning the disposal of the remains. As the deceased has no relatives here, Mr. Haefling wired Dr. Smith to make such disposal of the body as he saw fit, and it is probable that the body will be sent to some medical institute as provided by law. Dorian came to this county in 1892, and about a year later was taken to the county farm, where he remained until his mind became deranged in 1902, when he was taken to the asylum at Richmond. He has been in very poor health for a long time, and his death has been expected for months. Nothing is known of the man's past, where he came from or whether he has any relatives living or not. He will be remembered by many of the older citizens here.

The city council of Chicago passed an ordinance establishing a new holiday in Chicago, Oct. 12th, Columbus Day. They request that all municipal offices be closed on that day. Action was taken on the petition of the Knights of Columbus of that place. This day the anniversary of the discovery of America, should become a national holiday all over the United States. The Knights of Columbus have sent a petition to their different congressmen and senators to pass a law a the next meeting of the legislature making this great day a national holiday. In some of the states in the west this is recognized as such now.

Viewers on the Decatur & Bluffton macadam road extension was found sufficient, and David Steele and Nelson Tyndall were appointed viewers and Surveyor Baumgartner engineer, they to meet Tuesday, October 13, and to report at the November session of the board of commissioners.

The Ernst Buuck petition for highway was acted upon. Elias Crist, Conrad Gillig and Wm. Holle three disinterested freeholders, were appointed to view and report upon the project. They will meet October 22.

The members of the board went to Bluffton this morning, where they met the Wells county board, and endeavored to make some record upon a county line macadam road.

While information as to exact and detailed plans of the project are lacking, it has been quietly understood in commercial circles of Huntington several weeks that certain gentlemen have been canvassing the sentiment of the city with a view of launching an enterprise in Huntington—an automobile traction system for the city. According to the rumor current a corporation is to be formed with the list of stockholders including the names of at least five present and ex-Erie roadmen, also several prominent business men of the city. The names are known, but have been withheld pending materialization of the reported project. As the story goes it is planned to begin operation of this auto traction service with about five cars, each designed to carry about twenty passengers, and of the five-seated, side entrance carry-all type. A regular schedule is to be arranged with a general transfer depot. Transfers are to be issued the same as in the operation of a street electric railway system. All railroad depots, hotels and principal street intersections will be touched as well as regular schedules to outlying suburban points. It is projected in the current rumor that College Park will have hourly service at least and Englewood, the shoe factory addition, the Erie and perhaps further east will be included in the routing. With five cars it is argued all points can be touched and a well regulated schedule can be maintained, affording short time traction service between the various parts of the city.—Huntington Herald.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH ON WHEELS

Will Be in Fort Wayne Friday of this Week.

Announcement is made that the chapel car, St. Anthony, the only Catholic church on wheels in the world, will be brought to Fort Wayne at 11 o'clock on Friday of this week and be on exhibition at the Pennsylvania station. As a result of the demand from various sections of the country for an opportunity to see the car, it has been released from active service on the missionary field for a few weeks, during which time it will visit this city. The car has just finished a trip through Wisconsin and Minnesota, where it has visited Milwaukee, Burlington, Waukesha, Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Neenah, Waupaca, Stevens Point, Marshfield, Stanley, Eau Claire, Chippewa Falls, St. Paul and Minneapolis. At each of these places large crowds visited the church on wheels. The chapel car is creating a sensation wherever it goes. The car cost about \$15,000. While the majority of visitors to the chapel car are Catholics, thousands of people of various denominations have likewise taken a great interest in the church on wheels. The car is on its way to Chicago from Boston, where it has been during the national convention of the Federation of Catholic Societies. The chapel car is used principally in the west, where it stops and is used at places along the lines of railroad where there is no church or mission. It has also been the frequent means of starting a mission house and instituting a parish.—Fort Wayne News.

James A. Steele, the well known Kirkland township farmer, writes us that he has noticed several articles in the paper telling of big crops and he wishes to add his experience to show what can be done in old Kirkland. He harvested twenty-five loads or the equal of that many tons of good hay off of ten acres of ground, then threshed off forty-two bushels of clover seed from the same ground, and he adds if there is any one who doubts the statement they can ascertain proof by writing to Earl Martin, W. F. Beineke, Frank Yager or W. Berger, the balers.

The council met Tuesday evening in regular session, Mayor France presiding, and every councilman being present and answering to roll call. The minutes of the former meetings were read, after which the council got down to their regular routine of work and transacted a considerable amount of business. Several residents were present at this meeting, thinking that in all probability the council would take some action in relation to the water question, but they were doomed to disappointment, as the matter was referred to the water works committee, whom in the meantime will devise some means of putting that portion of the city's property on a paying basis. The committee is expected to report back to the council at their next regular meeting. The street and sewer committee reported several bad sidewalks and action was taken on these by ordering the various property owners to place the walks in repair. Mr. Chronister then addressed the council in relation to the negligence of the Grand Rapids railroad in not putting in their cement sidewalk on the west side of Seventh street, and urged that the council order the same done at once and instruct the city attorney to draw a resolution ordering the same sold. There was no second to Mr. Chronister's motion and the same was lost. The matter of putting in a switch track from the G. R. & I. railroad to the city plant was taken up again last evening. Mr. Wagner of the Grand Rapids being present and informing the council just what the company would do in this matter. This is the same project that was broached some months ago, but which failed to pass the council. The matter of handling the coal for the city has been one of the largest items of expense on the city's pay roll, this item alone last year reaching the sum of \$1,722.50, which the dads think is entirely too much money going to that source, and with a switch the same could be handled at a much less figure to the city. The matter was referred to the finance committee and the city attorney, who will meet with Mr. Wagner on next Monday and enter into a contract which they will report back to the council and ask to have the same approved. The matter of entering into a contract for transformers for the coming year was referred to the electric committee. The following bills were then allowed:

G. Reynolds	26.00
Anna Yahne	10.00
Chas. Voglewede	8.03
F. Poor	29.31
J. Swift	17.15
Robt. Steele	12.25
John Spuller	26.25
Fred Spuller	29.75
J. D. Wieseaupt	52.50
B. Emerine	3.50
Dan Bailor	13.38
F. Cloud	2.25
Ingersoll-Rand Co.	164.60
M. J. Mylott	197.00
Sunday Creek Coal Co.	150.54
John Sprague	100.65
W. Geary	10.00
C. W. Dorwin	233.80
L. G. Ellingham	27.40
G. R. & I.	52.60
D. F. Teeple	74.71
Amos Fisher	50.00
W. J. Archbold	85.16
C. Vogt	76.10
Ft. Wayne Elect. Works	150.44
Julius Haugk	512.35
Wm. Kitson	32.00
F. Hoffman	44.60
L. C. Helm	77.00
Erie Oil Co.	32.66
Myers & Lenhart	2.01
J. D. Stults	45.83
Ft. Wayne Foundry Co.	242.80
G. R. & I.	260.29

No further business coming before the council, they adjourned, to meet at their next regular meeting.

## TRENTON GIRL HANGS SELF.

Grief-Stricken Over Death of Aunt and Suicide of Uncle.

Trenton, N. J., Oct. 6.—Myra E. Mooney, 19 years old, hanged herself at the home of her father, Frank Mooney, a merchant, who recently came here from Boston. The girl ended her life with the chain of a pet dog, after releasing her purpose. The act was due to the girl's grief over the death of an aunt, who was killed by a train in New York a week ago, followed three days later by the suicide of the woman's husband and the girl's uncle, who hanged himself because of his sorrow. Myra's little sister found her hanging while she was still alive, but she was dead before she could be cut down.

A husband, son of ten years and a five weeks' old babe survive to share in the untold grief attendant to the untimely demise of Mrs. Edison Sheets whose late home was one mile west of Wren, death occurring this morning, at 2:15 o'clock. The deceased, 34 years of age, gave birth to a bright baby boy five weeks ago and seemingly was recovering nicely. In fact the family and friends were elated over the noted improvement in her condition until this morning at 12:30 o'clock, when Mrs. Sheets informed the attendants that she was growing very ill. At first not much alarm was caused, but as minutes passed by she grew worse and everything known to medical science was done without avail, the spark of life exsiring at the above stated time. Heart trouble is responsible for the death of the most estimable woman, and her many friends and relatives are caused most poignant sorrow as a consequence thereof. Word has been sent to her brothers, one of whom resides at Washington, D. C., and the other in California, and not until communication has been received from them will the funeral arrangements be made. The parents of the deceased who live in Jackson county, Ohio, have arrived at the Sheets home.

The Prohibitionists of Jay county and the state of Indiana will close their campaign with a grand rally in Portland, the home of the party's candidate for governor, S. W. Haynes, on Friday, October 30th. The speakers will be Eugene W. Chaffin, of Chicago, the party's candidate for the presidency; Aaron F. Watkins, of Ada, Ohio, candidate for vice-president, and S. W. Haynes, candidate for governor. Mr. Chaffin, who is a noted orator, won his nomination at a time when he was his party's candidate for governor of Illinois, by his speech to the national convention at Columbus, Ohio. He will speak, with his companion on the ticket, in the afternoon at two o'clock. Haynes will deliver addresses at both the afternoon and evening meetings and the Clarion quartette, of Indianapolis, which has been accompanying the governor's party over the state, will sing.

After successfully working her game for many years, during which time she has fraudulently obtained much money, Miss Evelyn Eckert is penniless and friendless in a hospital at Elkhart, and adjudged an insane woman. Beginning when but a girl, she has black-mailed many respectable men. Her game consisted of forming the acquaintance of men of finance and standing after which she would write letters asking for a stipulated amount of "hush money" threatening to accuse publicly her victims of intimacy with her. Many men rather than to be falsely accused, publicly, have given her large sums of money and she has worked the game excessively. The woman a few weeks ago became acquainted with a Mr. Woods, of Ligonier, and afterward demanded from him \$1,000 alleging that he had kept pictures and letters belonging to her. She then went to Elkhart and engaged board and lodging at a hotel. She was without funds, which fact became known to the landlord and he called the township trustee. This official, believing the woman to be ill, engaged the services of a physician, who, after a careful examination, declared her to be of unsound mind, and admission has been asked to the Longlife asylum for her. Such is the fate of a life of corruption nad but few Decatur people have sympathy for the woman, whose virtues have been few and unnoticeable.

## PRETENDS TO BE A YOUTH.

Old Man's "Makeup" Won a Girl and She Rebels.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 6.—Another December and May marriage has found its way into the divorce court. In this case the child wife alleges that her husband Richard Heffous, deceiving her as to his age, claiming to be only 35, when in reality he is 65. The wife is 18. The wedding took place last June, and it was an apparently young man who led the then Miss Jennie Wharton to the altar. His mustache was dark and glossy. His hair was ebony and his skin clear. The divorce petition says that in a few days the mustache turned gray. The complexion proved store made, and the hair developed into a wig.

The George E. Paille vs. Joseph A. Swartz et al case was today sent to Jay county for trial, on affidavit filed by the plaintiff. This is the Amish case wherein the plaintiff seeks to recover \$5,000 from the elders for the alienation of his wife's affections and the loss of his good character.

The case of Nina A. Beeler vs. Samuel E. Beler, four times tried, was finally determined Monday night, when the jury returned a verdict for the defendant. The case was first tried in a justices court and a verdict returned for the plaintiff. The defendant appealed and a circuit court jury found that the plaintiff should have \$90. Judge Erwin granted a new trial. The next jury disagreed and yesterday only a half hour was required for the jury to render a verdict for the defendant, thus ending the litigation, unless an appeal should be taken which is hardly probable.

The case of Patrick J. Bobo vs. Eli Meyer and Ed Green, habeas corpus, was ordered left off the docket.

Continental Insurance Co. vs. Isaac I. Summers et al, note, \$150, appearance by Hooper & Lenhart for all defendants, rule to answer.

James H. Sullivan vs. Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry. Co., damages \$1,650, change of venue granted and cause sent to Jay county for trial.

Siles W. Hale, admr. of John A. Anderson estate, filed an inventory and a petition for authority to retail drugs which was granted.

Real estate transfers: Sarah A. Tindall to O. S. Portney, lots 7-14 Pleasant Mills, \$1,300; Lee S. Higgins to Jesse E. Eckrote, 40 acres in Hartford township \$3,900; John Wagner et al to John Wagner, 40 acres in Monroe township \$3,500.

Harvey Segur, machinist at the Decatur Filler company factory sustained painful injuries Tuesday a. m. while pursuing his duties, which will greatly inconvenience him for several weeks. Having adjusted a ladder on the exterior of the building, he ascended to its height for the purpose of arranging a telephone wire insulator. Ascertaining that the ladder was too short for him to reach the insulator, he threw himself forward in an effort to grasp a nearby water pipe to secure himself, but he missed the hold and fell backward to the ground, alighting forcibly. Fortunately his feet met the earth first and he thus averted serious injury, although his left foot and ankle are badly hurt. Mr. Segur will not be able to bear his weight on the injured member for some time, although he will look after the interests of the company as best he can. He fell a distance of fifteen feet.

Rev. William H. Wilson has resigned the pastorate of Westminster Presbyterian church and will become the pastor of the Andrew Presbyterian church at Minneapolis as soon as his connection with the local church shall have ceased. The resignation of Rev. Mr. Wilson came as a surprise. The announcement was read to his congregation yesterday and action in accordance with the expressed wish of the pastor will follow. The church, through its session, will notify the synod of its concurrence, and a special meeting held at the time of the synodical gathering at Richmond, Ind., on Oct. 14. The new charge of Rev. Mr. Wilson is one of the largest churches in Minneapolis. The membership is in excess of five hundred and the congregation is one of the most active in the flour city. The church edifice is one of the largest and handsomest in Minneapolis.—Fort Wayne News.

Attorney Amos E. Houk, of Fort Wayne, has returned home after transacting legal business.

Miss Lollie Melbers is spending the week in the country with her cousin Miss Louise Wertzberger east of town.

In the list published yesterday giving the names of Adams county students in college this year, no doubt several were unintentionally omitted. Among the Decatur young ladies who are preparing themselves for future usefulness is Miss Pearl Burd, who is attending the Teachers' College of Kindergarten and Primary Work at Indianapolis. She has gotten fairly started with the work, likes it and has started in with a vim that is sure to result in the success she deserves.