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Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cure constipation. Constipation is the cause of many diseases. Cure the cause and you cure the disease. Easy to take as candy.

About a week ago there arrived at the office of one of the express companies in this city, about a dozen packages addressed to the Republican committeemen of the various townships and the queer part of the affair was that each package came C. O. D. with \$2.50 charges attached. All the G. O. P. leaders with the exception of one or two paid the demand and took the bundle home to peruse in their private rooms, perhaps several of them suspected that the exorbitant express fee might be more than repaid by the contents of the package. One of the men informed us that the instructions were to guide the workers between this and election day and that they had been sent collect because the state committee treasury was deficit, and that the surplus would be used to replenish same. The instructions were written in signs and symbols and it was promised that the key would be sent out in a few days. Now it is announced that the entire proceedings is a fake and Earl Anderson Wright, a young man from Bloomington, Indiana, was arrested Thursday at Indianapolis on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. He had sent out letters enough that complete returns would have netted him \$10,000. The arrest was made on information from the state Republican committee, who had been notified of the plan by party workers from Allen county, and young Wright was caught by the police while in the act of procuring a return from the express company office at Indianapolis. He admits there is no key and that he was simply working the game for the benefit of mankind, generally. He will likely get to serve a nice little sentence at the reformatory, but in the meantime the precinct committeemen are simply stung if they paid the \$2.50.

CABBAGE IS SCARCE.

And So Will Sour Kraut Be Very Scarce.

One of the most discouraging things that could be told an old-fashioned German is that the cabbage is practically a failure, and that he will have to "go some" to get the required cabbage for his kraut this winter. One of the farmers, who raises much cabbage stated jokingly this morning that the heads on his cabbage were no larger than turkey eggs and that it would take about a thousand to make a gallon of kraut. This, of course, is greatly exaggerated, but is to a certain extent, the truth. Shortly after the setting out of the cabbage sets, the drought set in and from that on, the growth of the heads has been greatly impaired. The lack of frost, however, has given them a longer time to grow, but the lack of rain has kept them from taking advantage of the prolonged season. The cabbage market has been a little tight all through the month of September, and as the farmers were forced to pick close not many are left for the kraut.

The Grand, the new five cent theater will be open to the public tonight and in all probability their opening will be greeted by a large audience. The building has undergone decided improvements and beside having seven exits, I beams have been arranged so as to make it perfectly safe in every way. A government inspector has been sent for and will be here soon to make an examination.

It will be remembered by our readers

that Dyser Bros., of Rockford, Ohio, had a horse stolen and that they followed the thief as far as this city in an automobile and that Sheriff Meyer went with them for a day or two in pursuit of the thief. Yesterday, Arthur Grisdale, alias A. L. Springer, was arrested at Kendallville, where he was operating a jewelry stand at the fair, charged with the crime. An officer and Mr Dyser went to Kendallville last night and took the man back to Ohio, where he will answer for horse stealing. The theft was committed on June 22.

Richmond, Ind., Sept. 30.—Judge Henry C. Fox of the Wayne circuit court, holds that the "blind tiger" section of the Indiana statutes is unconstitutional. The judge bases his opinion on the fact that the law accepts the possession of liquor as prima facie evidence that it is held by a private party for sale. The judge says this section impugns the possessor is guilty and requires him to prove his innocence. Laws usually are construed to hold a man innocent until his guilt is proved.

The acts of 1907 are regarded by Judge Fox as to be so stringent as to become unconstitutional. The law states: "The keeping of intoxicating liquors in any room or building or any other place (except that for which a license is granted) shall be prima facie evidence that such liquors are kept for sale, barter or giving away, except by licensed physician, druggist or pharmacist being licensed as such by the state board of pharmacy, or when the same is kept in a bona fide residence for family use only."

The judge points out that if any man has a few bottles of beer brought to his office or place of business it is not necessary for him to pass it among friends or to have partaken of any himself. The mere possession of the intoxicating liquor is construed by the law to mean that it was there for illegal purposes. The judge points out that if a man takes two or three bottles of beer to his office intending to drink it himself and not even give any of it away, his office immediately becomes a so-called "blind tiger," and he is subject to arrest, fine and imprisonment.

It is claimed by the court that the law assumes the man to be guilty when in truth he may not intend to sell, barter or give away any of the liquor. The possession of intoxicants in a bona fide private residence is not amenable to the penalty, but the law holds even this must be for family use only.

Word from Ernst Baumgartner, an Adams county boy, who is a member of the marine corps aboard the Illinois boat, which is included in the famous fleet which is making a voyage around the world, announces the fact that he has reached Tokio, and is enjoying the very best of health. The young man enlisted at Fort Wayne one year ago, and was fortunate in being selected to accompany the fleet in the much talked of trip. He states in his letter that they experienced the effects of a very rough sea between Honolulu and New Zealand, but that they have landed safely. The fleet left Hampton Roads, Virginia, last November 16th, and will, according to Baumgartner, return to America the latter part of next February. The fleet expected to visit the Philippines but abandoned the idea on account of the cholera prevalent there. Mr. Baumgartner is enjoying the trip immensely.

The North Indiana Methodist Episcopal Theological Institute will be held at Portland, Indiana, October 19, 20, 21, 22 and 23, and it is anticipated that seventy-five ministers will be in attendance. The theological institutes are held annually at a selected point in Northeastern Indiana for the purpose of examining theological students from the first to fourth year and for admission on trial. The sessions of the five days will be open to the public with the exception of Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons when the examination for admission on trial and first, second, third and fourth years of theological students for traveling preachers which will be conducted in private. The programs for the various sessions indicate a most interesting meeting and Dr. C. B. Wilcox of this city is scheduled for a sermon to be delivered Thursday evening. It is not improbable that the next meeting of this body will be held in Decatur.

Dr. Seth D. Beavers and son William went to Buffalo, N. Y., last night to attend the annual meeting of the Erie railway surgeons to be held in that city Oct. 7 and 8. They will also visit Niagara Falls while there and return to this city Saturday morning.

About 20 men from Mercer county, Ohio, joined the Decatur party that left today over the Erie for Texas. This is the party that was arranged to go by P. F. Dodane, the local agent here.

Dan Sprang went north on his regular business trip this morning.

OBITUARY.

John L. Jones, deceased, was born in Medina county, Ohio, March 25, 1844. His parents moved to Adams county, Indiana, in 1846, and two years later his father died, leaving his mother with seven small children in very destitute circumstances. Thus was reared amid the primeval forest of the county. His educational advantages were limited, but in spite of this he arose above the average man of his day. In 1866 he went west and in 1867 was united in marriage to Miss Mary Lewis, of Council Bluffs, Iowa. To this union was born two daughters, Mary and Catherine, who live in Nebraska and Utah respectively. His first wife dying and other misfortunes overtaking him he returned to Ohio in 1877. On October 27, 1881 he was again united in marriage to Mrs. Winona Schaffer. To this union was born two sons and two daughters, Franklin Jones, of Midland, Mich.; Mrs. Minnie Kelly, of Geneva, Ind.; Mr. James Jones, and Lulu Stanford, of Midland county, Mich. His second wife died on Sept. 8, 1898, and on May 27, 1899, he was married to Mrs. Susan Bright, of Decatur, Ind. To this union was born one son, Floyd, who remains at home. In Dec., 1904, he moved to Midland County, Mich., where he departed this life Sept. 19, 1908, bringing his age to 64 years, 5 months and 24 days. As a father, husband and neighbor he had no superiors. His chief aim in life was to do good to his fellow men. His life was so near perfection that none could be his enemy. He leaves to mourn their loss a true and devoted wife, four daughters, three sons, one step daughter, three step sons, two brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

John Weber, agent for the Pacific Mutual Insurance Co., of California, returned to his home at Union City after transacting business here.

Mr. Fronefield realized \$350 off two acres of land this year, which is indeed a record breaker. This was revealed at his sale. The spring crops brought \$1,270.

Daniel Weldy, one of the oldest and best known residents of Adams county, was the honored guest at a party given in commemoration of his eighty-sixth birthday anniversary Saturday and a general good time was enjoyed by all who were fortunate in being present. Forty-three of the relatives of Mr. Weldy gathered at his First street home and assisted him in the joyful celebration which followed. Social chat furnished the amusement for the morning and an excellent dinner was served, consisting of everything good to eat. A social session followed during which music was furnished by Misses Maggie and Georgia Beery, Mabel Weldy and Velma Daniels. Mr. Weldy is a pioneer of the county, having been a prosperous farmer until retiring to inactivity and he is known by hundreds of people. He has five living children as follows: Messdames Sarah Fisher, Rachael Mangold and Mary Gault and Messrs. William B. and C. M. Weldy, all of whom were present at Saturday's event. His many friends hope that he will live to enjoy many more such events.

Will Kortentraber has gone to Grand Rapids, Mich., where he will enter upon his second year's course in the Conkey Veterinary School, intending to adopt that profession. During his vacation he has been employed at the Niblick store.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Beery pleasantly celebrated their first wedding anniversary by a six o'clock dinner given at their home to which about twenty of the members of both families were invited, thus making the affair a sort of family reunion.

Ossian's electric lighting system is assured. Capital of \$3,000 to erect a building for the Wabash Valley substation will be furnished by fifteen Ossian citizens. They are promised a rental for the building that will yield them a return of not less than 6 per cent. The lighting franchise is to run for a period of twenty-five years.

The bans of matrimony were republished for the first time yesterday at the St. Marys Catholic church of Albert Smith, of Hesse Castle and Isabelle Dodane of this city. Also of Mr. John L. Weltz, of Postoria and Lena Elting of Washington township. These weddings will occur in about two weeks.

A number of Decatur people have gained the impression from a newspaper article recently published that the Conter Ice Cream plant had closed for the winter. How such a report was circulated the management is at a loss to know and he authorizes us to announce that at no time will business be discontinued as they will furnish ice cream to Fort Wayne dealers all winter and that the machinery will be in operation a goodly portion of the winter in order to supply the demands of the dealers. For that reason he wishes to inform his patrons that business will be done at the old stand, other reports notwithstanding.

MR. GRISWOLD LIKES TEXAS.

L. D. Griswold, who was for many years one of the best known farmers of this county, and who last spring sold his land and personal property and with his family, sons and sons-in-law, went to Texas, where they purchased a section of land, has written to Attorney David E. Smith, telling of his success in that new country. Among other things he says: "We are all well. We got here late and lost some time securing teams to farm with, but we have got very good crops for a new country. We raised a big crop of corn and maize. Have 900 bushels of wheat worth 93 cents, have 120 head of hogs, besides plenty of other stock, so you can see we have done pretty well. This country is being settled rapidly, a number of houses having been built since we came here and many more will go up this fall and winter. It was dry in May, but since then we have had plenty of rain. Our little town, Dalhart, is growing, 150 lots having been sold, a store built and other improvements made. I have been appointed trustee for this district and will build a new school house at once. I have faith in this country and believe it will be a great farming district. The longer I stay the better I like it. Land is advancing in price and I could sell my section for five dollars more per acre than I paid. We would like to have lots of Adams county people come out here and get land while it is so cheap. With best regards for the Indiana folk, etc."

Rev. L. A. Stangle, who has served as pastor at the United Brethren church here for a year past, and who has many friends and acquaintances in this city and county, has resigned from this district conference and will leave with his family this week for Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, where he will enter the U. B. conference and apply for a charge in that state. He was changed from Decatur to the Burkett charge by the recent conference, but had not moved to the latter place, and has definitely decided to move east that he may secure better educational advantages for his children. His household gods will leave here the first of the week and Rev. Stangle and family will follow in a few days. The reverend is a capable and sincere minister and will make his influences felt in the new field. Rev. and Mrs. Stangle left at noon today over the Clover Leaf for Craigville, where they will visit with friends for a few days prior to leaving for the east. This news while a surprise to many of the family here, will not prevent them from wishing them the very best success in their new home.

William Henry Harrison Sudduth, sixty-seven years of age, for years a resident of Adams county, and a veteran of the civil war, heard the sound of the death knell Sunday afternoon and passed peacefully into eternity after suffering for a long time from paralysis. The aged man for many years engaged in farming, retiring from actively a few years ago, responsive to the infirmities of old age, which rendered him incapable to pursue the duties of a farmer. Since that time he has resided in Decatur. He was well known as a farmer and since living in Decatur has made many acquaintances who will, with regret, receive the news of his demise. During the closing chapter of his long life, Mr. Sudduth suffered untold pain. He knew death was the inevitable, but was content to trust it to Almighty. Besides the bereaved family many sorrowing friends will join in the hour of grief. The funeral services were held from the Honduras United Brethren church Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock, the cortege leaving the house at 9:30 a. m. Interment was made at the Zion cemetery.

It has been several months since Decatur merchants have done as much business as they did last Saturday, and it is thought by many that business will be reasonably good throughout the winter. A record breaking crowd invaded the thoroughfares Saturday and they were here to buy. There is not a merchant in town but who experienced a big increase in trade, for which they are indeed thankful. In interviews we have ascertained that the volume of business was tripled in several of the stores and this is saying much. More and more each day the farmers from far and near are making Decatur their trading point. They receive high prices for their produce and can purchase clothing, boots, shoes, groceries, drugs, dry goods and in fact everything at very reasonable prices. This is a recognition well worth having and is bound to bring more business here every day. Let us strive to maintain the present high standard and thus establish a business unparalleled by surrounding towns. Business men, why not advertise, tell the people what you are doing and why?

William Rademacher, who travels for Beniger Bros., of Cincinnati, was in the city this morning greeting his old friends. He is a brother of the late Bishop Rademacher of the Fort Wayne diocese.

Five days of hard legal fighting by the attorneys, a thirteen hour consideration by a jury, completed one of the stiffest law suits heard in the Adams circuit court for some time, when the verdict was announced at nine o'clock this morning in the case of Daniel B. Ford vs. Smith Shoemaker and William Anderson, the finding being for the defendants. The case began Monday morning and the evidence was concluded Friday noon. The arguments followed in the afternoon and the case went to the jury at 6:15. It was 7:30 this morning when they announced that they had agreed upon a verdict and returned same sealed, awaiting the convening of court. I. L. Babcock served as the foreman and the verdict read: "We, the jury find for the defendants." From the rumors which always escape from the jury room in some unknown manner, it is learned that the first ballot resulted seven to five. Two of the men favoring the plaintiff changed their minds about midnight, while the others hung out until morning. The verdict places the costs upon the plaintiff. The suit as previously stated was one to recover for the loss of Mr. Ford's house which was burned, the fire originating it is claimed, from sparks from an engine used by the defendants to operate a hay baler. Mr. Ford proved his loss to be \$2,300.

Judge Sturgis this morning filed his special findings and conclusions of law in the celebrated Harrison township three mile gravel road cases, and the attorneys for the plaintiff, R. F. Cummins, will immediately prepare their appeal to the appellate court, Judge Sturgis having granted an appeal and approved cost bond which was filed. Judge Sturgis filed his decision in the cases last spring, after hearing the evidence in one case that of George O. Pence, in which case he held that the three-mile road law is constitutional and that the commissioners could order improvements under its provisions. R. F. Cummins, backed by other local parties, is fighting the improvement of roads under the law in this township, and seven roads in all are being held up pending a decision from the appellate court. The transcript will be filed possibly within 40 to 60 days but the appellate court may not render a decision for several months and in the meantime the roads cannot be built. Attorneys for Cummins asked for the special finding filed today.—Bluffton News.

Asa, the eleven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wherry, of Union township, met a tragic death this morning, while at work in a field near his home. Details of the affair are meager, due to the fact that no one witnessed the terrible accident. Asa went to the field at about seven o'clock to harrow, and was driving a team of mules hitched to a disc harrow. Two hours later the team of mules were found standing in the barn yard and Albert Wherry, a brother of Asa, was sent to the field to ascertain what was wrong. There he found the body of Asa cold in death. From the tracks in the field it is believed that the mules became unmanageable, though they were supposed to be quiet, and that they ran away. They encircled the field and went to the barn yard, and it is said the tracks show that in places the harrow did not touch the ground for a distance of eight feet, showing that they had run away. It is presumed that the boy was thrown forward underneath the discs and that one of the points pierced his throat. When found he was underneath the harrow, from which the mules had broken loose. The unfortunate youth was very popular in his neighborhood and was quite well known here, where he has a number of relatives. His parents are heart broken over the sad and terrible affair and have the sympathy of their many friends over the county.

Later—Coroner J. C. Grandstaff, who was called to the scene, returned at three o'clock this afternoon and tells his version of the affair. He says the team did not run away, but that he believes the boy arose in the seat to use the lines to whip up the mules, lost his balance and fell between the discs. The team proceeded nearly around the field dragging the body. The boy's head and chest were crushed, death resulting from the injuries to the chest, which caused hemorrhages. There was one ugly gash on the head. The mules stopped in the field one hundred rods from the barn and the body was still beneath the harrow when found. The funeral services will be held Monday afternoon from the Clarks Chapel church at one o'clock, Rev. Marsh, of Bobo, officiating.

Payment of \$1,500 in gold, the alimony obtained by his wife in divorce proceedings, has been made by Edward M. Collier to County Clerk Plesinger at Bluffton in full settlement. Collier and his wife separated after twenty years of married life, and the divorce case was hotly fought on both sides. Collier said he would pay his wife every cent of the judgment in gold, and he made good.

A marriage license was issued this afternoon to Charles F. Woodward, 22, a farmer, and Mary Johnson, 18. They were married at the clerk's office by Squire James H. Smith.

Hooper & Lenhart filed a new quiet title case, James C. Moses and Emily C. Moses vs. Henry Thomas et al. An affidavit of non-residence was filed, the return to be made December 1st.

Conrad D. Gallmeyer, trustee, vs. Edward Gallmeyer et al, injunction, quiet title and damages, separate answer filed by August Conrad and by Fred W. Jaebker.

Not a marriage license had been issued from September 26th up to date, but Clerk Haefling has received word that a couple from Geneva will call for a license this afternoon.

Today's session of court was a short one and was all over in about twenty minutes.

Lydia Bodle et al have transferred inlot 3, Decatur, to Simeon J. Hahn for \$625; George W. Roop et al sold an acre and a half in St. Marys township to Jacob Shell for \$550.

Four cases are set for trial for next week as follows: Monday, Nina A. Beeler vs. Samuel E. Beeler, replevin; Tuesday, James H. Sullivan vs. Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry. Co., damages, \$1,650; Drusilla Mentzer vs. Clarence Hicks and Orin Miller, damages \$200; Thursday, Frank Sullivan vs. Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry. Co., damages, \$610.60.

Robert E. Smith and Joseph E. Mann have been appointed viewers on the W. A. Bowman macadam road, and will meet October 8th.

William Holle and Perry Everhart were appointed viewers on the Gallmeyer road and ordered to meet Oct. 9th.

On the Tieman macadam road David Dilling and Henry Wafel were appointed viewers and called to meet Oct. 10th.

William Holle and Perry Everhart were named viewers on the Preble-Kirkland road, and they too will meet Oct. 9th.

The record heretofore made in the Amos W. Gulick petition for drain was approved.

The Adam Pease petition for vacation of road was in all things approved and the auditor ordered to so instruct the township trustee.

The report of the engineer and superintendent was made in the J. R. Nusbam road, Decatur & Bluffton No. 7, C. E. Bollinger, Brushwood College No. 2, Elzey road, Blomberg and Eckrote No. 2. These roads are all complete and accepted by the proper officers.

The petition of W. H. Laughrey for a highway was dismissed. The specification for county stationery was approved by the board.

Application for liquor licenses were granted to William Badders and Charles Zeser.

William Holle and Perry Everhart appointed viewers on the Henry Wefel macadam road petition.

Howard Fields, of Bedford, Lawrence county, is in the city visiting the family of his daughter, Mrs. Judah, Mr. Judah being employed as bookkeeper at the Red Cross factory. One good thing that Mr. Fields has to say for his county is that they are satisfied that it is going Democratic this year, and as it has always given a Republican plurality of about 500 it shows how the feeling in the southern part of the state is for the Democratic candidates.—Bluffton Banner.

Sam Fisher's troubles are not yet over. When he called at this office a few days ago, he said he had rented a house from John Tonneller. Today we received a letter from Mr. Tonneller saying that such was not the case and that Sam could not live on his farm under any circumstances and asking that the statement be corrected.

The following letters unclaimed at Decatur, Ind., postoffice for week ending Oct. 3, 1908: A. C. Zink, Finley Evans, Esq., Henry Trilch, S. C. Peterson, Mrs. Annis Roy, Frank Remmy, Frank Ramsy, Peter Moser, Mr. D. Matchal, Miss Grace Long, Mr. Wm. U. Albin, Emmett, Andrus, Mr. Wallace E. Crowell, Mrs. Jennie Murry, Mrs. John Gleason, Mr. Charley Grote, Chas. Golding, F. M. Hughes & Co. Persons calling for the above say advertised giving date. M. A. Frisinger, P. M.

Enos Lord is at Monroe putting in a stone foundation under the new home of John Smith.