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FRENCH TOWNSHIP ITEMS.

On Tuesday evening, Oct. 21, a party was given in honor of Mr. Samuel Hirschy at the home of I. J. Bowman. Mr. Earnest Isch has a new machine unloaded. Miss Nellie Walter is visiting for a week with Mr. Frank Stogdill and family, of Bluffton. Mr. Henry Meyer attended the Democratic speech at No. 4 on Tuesday evening, Oct. 21. Miss Lottie Ford is at home at present. Mrs. Lizzie Laisure is sewing for Miss Josephine Bowman. C. H. Walter has his automobile in good repair and made a trip of seventy-five miles on Sunday, Oct. 18. Mr. George Hirschy got his buggy badly demolished Saturday evening, Oct. 17. Mr. Samuel Neuenschwander is now employed in husking corn for Mr. I. J. Bowman. Miss Cora Walter entertained her best gentleman friend, Mr. John Bowman, of Bluffton, on Sunday evening, Oct. 18. On Monday, Oct. 19, Mr. Ford Isches was burned. Not much was destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known. There was an institute at No. 5 on Saturday, Oct. 17. Mr. William and John Boyce are boarding at Mr. I. J. Bowman's at present. Miss Emma Smith entertained Miss Grace Walter on Sunday, Oct. 18. The farmers of French township are busy husking corn. Mrs. Simon Smith entertained Mrs. Harvey Erick on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 19 and 20. Hurrah for Halloween eve, one week from Saturday night, Oct. 31. Have a good time everybody. Mr. Arthur Kolb, who has been here visiting with Dr. H. E. Keller and family, returned to his home at Wauseon, Ohio, this morning. Mr. Adam Kidner, of Fairfield county, Baltimore, passed through the city this morning enroute to Fort Wayne and Larwell, to visit relatives.

Tom McCarthy, with a companion who gave the name of Frank Smith, and who is unknown to the officers at police headquarters, got a fine of \$10 and costs each in the city court today to which was added ten days in the county jail on the charge of associating with lewd women. He was fined \$5 and costs for drunkenness a few days ago and has been arrested twice within a week. The men were found in a room in the Pixley-Long block with a woman known to the officers as Ella Reed and the arrest was made on complaint of people who have apartments in the building. The woman was fined the same amount and given a jail sentence but this was suspended on her promise to leave the city at once. The police have orders to pick her up and send her in if she is found on the streets. McCarthy is a pitcher for the Boston national league team and returned to Fort Wayne a few weeks ago. He has been in police court several times and always gave an assumed name. He appears on the records as Logan this time.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Forty veterans with the martial band met Mr. Adair at the Bliss house last night and escorted him to the court room where he made his speech. Another veteran, M. M. Justus, presided as chairman.—Bluffton Banner.

Saturday Taft was in Decatur, and if

the enthusiasm displayed here was an average to judge by, as one man was heard to say, they will never get through counting the Bryan votes. The crowd has been variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,500 and we should say that a guess of about half way between these amounts would be a fair one. This was the first time Mr. Taft has ever visited this section, we confess the crowd was just a little disappointing. The doings began with a parade of two bands and a drum corps at 10:15, marching to the G. R. & I. Monroe street railroad crossing, where a stand had been erected. After arriving there, P. L. Andrews introduced Mr. Harry Hogan, of Fort Wayne, who announced that he would try to fill in for a few minutes before the arrival of Mr. Taft, and proceeded to say some real nasty, mean things about Mr. Bryan, but somehow he failed to stir the multitude. Then Mr. Gilhams, congressman from the Twelfth district took a turn and told a joke about two teads falling into a milk can, the democrat drowning and the republican toad churning up a pound of butter, on which to stand. Just why he knew the politics of the unfortunate frog, he failed to state, but perhaps the survivor was a member of that bull frog club in Grant and Huntington counties. The Taft special arrived exactly on time, the train pulling north of the crossing, then came an appointment. The party refused to come to the stand and the crowd which gathered there early failed to hear a single word of the Taft speech, unless they were fortunate in having taken a position on that side of the stand. The candidate's voice was in very bad form, and could not be heard twenty feet away. After speaking perhaps three minutes, the candidate waved his hand to Senator Hemenway, who talked perhaps as long, eliciting a rousing cheer, that made Mr. Taft look glum, when he said "some one out there cried hurrah for Bryan." It was all over in five or six minutes, some one gave the signal and the train pulled out.

A committee consisting of County Chairman John Frisinger, C. A. Dugan, W. A. Lower and Hon. Robert S. Peterson, went to Portland that morning to meet the train and came in with the party on the special. They were met here by a committee from Fort Wayne, including Harry Hogan and C. C. Gilhams. After the big excitement was over, Mr. Frisinger introduced the Hon. Theodore Shockey, of Union City, and a part of the crowd remained to hear him, for about an hour.

The special also stopped at Berne and Geneva long enough to unload a speaker and for Mr. Taft to wave his hand from the rear of the coach. At each place quite a number of people gathered to see the nominee.

Topeka, Kan., Oct. 23.—There is a teacher out in Trego county that goes to school every morning and goes through all of the routine of teaching, but has no pupils. In July this teacher signed a contract with the school board to teach the school for five months for \$40 a month. At that time there were about fifteen children to attend the school. The school began October 5, but when the teacher went to the building not a child came. In the three months from the time she signed the contract every child had moved from the district, or the parents had arranged to send them to city schools. Ever since the teacher has been going to school each morning. At 9 o'clock she rings the bell, but no children romp into the room. At noon school is dismissed. In the afternoon the same formality is carried out, but no children appear. In the meantime the teacher has all the time for reading or studying. The school board is required to furnish heat and janitor service for the building. The school board has asked if there isn't a way to close the school and stop the payment of this money, for coal and janitor service, but E. T. Fairchild, state superintendent, has ruled there is no way except by a compromise with the teacher. The young woman has an ironclad contract to teach the school. By going to the building every day she performs her part and shows that she is willing to teach. That there are no children to teach is not her fault and she draws pay just the same.

Mrs. Frank Capp, of Preble, had an exciting experience Thursday afternoon when, while examining a 32 caliber revolver, it exploded and the bullet penetrated her left hand. Mrs. Capp had just concluded eating dinner when she took the weapon from the cash drawer and was examining it when in some manner the trigger was tripped and the bullet entered her hand, striking a bone, but not seriously injuring same. The bullet, however, missed her head but a few inches, which frightened her more than the injury.

Lobok, Sept. 6, 1908.

Dear Father—I went to a place to bathe this p. m. where I don't believe any white man ever swam before and for that matter any native. My first letter had been mailed before I had been there, and so I did not know this. We have some pictures in the camera of the falls above the town. There are two sets of falls and a deep pool between the two. There are lots of large sharks from the sea clear up the river to the first falls and so no bath there. After considerable climbing we moved above the first falls and clothed ourselves in Adams first clothing. We started swimming. After a while one of the fellows suggested a swim to the upper falls. Finally one fellow struck out for the bad place in the falls, to get his picture taken. The rest of us were going to follow but I had not forgotten my experience in James Lake yet, and I waited until the last. The first fellow was a strong swimmer and got to the rocks. Another fellow, a second man on the party, struck out after the first man. He got caught in the whirlpool at the bad place, and couldn't get out. The first man got out and helped him. Then neither could do much. We threw stuff to them and thought they were trying to keep from going over the first falls (which would have meant sure death) but that only made matters worse. They were trying to keep on a rock and the undercurrent with our stick knocked them off. Finally the strongest swimmer struck out and reached us, all in, and told us what was the matter. We got a large piece of bamboo. I hung on my knees to some rocks, caught the first swimmer's hand; he held the bamboo. A man swam out to the end of the stick and held out his hand. The man in trouble swam out and caught into the current and caught the hand of the man out in the stream. I pulled the bunch in. After resting the troubled man, we lost no time in swimming to our clothes. I can say that the entire white population saw the rescue. There is one place here at those falls where enough water power is open to develop 100,000 horse power and all kinds of land near to be had for a song. Well, so long.

BERT.

Contrary to reports circulated on the streets Friday afternoon, Barney Wertzberger, the Second street barber is suffering from a badly, but it is thought not seriously injured eye, as a consequence of a quantity of powder being forced into his face. Mr. Wertzberger was hunting near Barnes' run and seeing some game, he fired. In a manner unfathomable the charge of powder in the shell escaped from the rear end of the barrel and exploded in his face, a portion of same entering his right eye. For a few moments he was unconscious, and after regaining consciousness he could scarcely see anything out of either eye. He started to town after picking up his gun and arriving, solicited medical aid at once. An examination disclosed the fact that his visage was horribly distorted and his eye was affected. The print of the cap of the shell was left on his face, demonstrating that it had been forced out by the explosion of the powder. However, the barrels of the gun were closed, and no one seems able to state how the accident occurred. It is possible that the member will be saved. Rumors were current on the streets last evening to the effect that he had shot the top of his head off and several other misrepresentations.

The old feeling that every one, no matter how degraded, has a heart, is doubted by Mrs. Ulmer, of the orphan's home. This summer Mrs. Ulmer has worked hard raising a large brood of chickens that she might have fried chicken this winter for the children in her charge. Friday night, however, thieves visited the coop of the chickens and took away two dozen of the young fries which Mrs. Ulmer had meant for the children. Mrs. Ulmer had remained up that night with a sick baby and about 11 o'clock heard the dog bark, but heard nothing more and went to bed. About 12 o'clock the boys in the dormitory saw a man enter the summer kitchen with a lantern and then go out toward the chicken coops. They thought nothing of this, however, thinking it was probably Mr. Ulmer. When Mrs. Ulmer got up, however, she found that her coops had been raided. Two weeks ago a visit was paid to the coops and twenty-five old hens taken.—Bluffton Banner.

Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Miller returned Monday morning from Celina, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Susan E. Miller, mother of the former, who died at Chicago last Thursday. The aged lady who had passed her eighty-fourth milestone, lived at Celina for many years. Four years ago she was stricken with paralysis and suffered her second stroke a short time ago, death following. The remains were removed to Celina, where the funeral was held.

Mrs. G. W. Cooper, of Geneva, transferred here Friday enroute to her home from Shirley where she was called by the sudden death of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Shirley, whose death in a fire which visited their city last week. The funeral was held Wednesday morning.—Portland Review.

The widow Mrs. Nussbaum, daughter of Mrs. Emil Brunner out of town where she is staying, and daughter-in-law of J. P. Nussbaum in town, is not expected to live. She is sick with consumption since early in the spring. Her death is daily expected.—Berne Witness.

The wedding of Harry W. Daniels and Miss Myrtle France will occur this evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. Ed France, at Pleasant Mills. Mr. Daniels is the popular auctioneer of that place, and Miss France is an accomplished young lady, being the daughter of Mrs. Laura Maples.

John W. Terrell was given his first exercise this morning since his return from the insane hospital Mr. Terrell appears to be considerably improved in condition and went at the work of raking leaves and burning them with a will. The man was put in charge of a deputy while he was doing this work.—Bluffton Banner.

It was fortunate for the stock company that is playing at the Grand that Congressman J. A. M. Adair was here last night. Many who otherwise would not come down town came to hear the speech and as they could not get in the room they attended the theater. The company has three more performances to give here, one tonight and two tomorrow.—Bluffton Banner.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Macke and little son, Robert, who have been in Decatur for some time on account of the sickness and death of her father, Robert B. Allison, came to this city on the Friday morning train to visit a few hours with her uncle, Alex. Rayn and family, west Race street. Mr. Macke and family left on the afternoon train for their home at Birmingham, Ala.—Portland Sun.

That nifty burglar who has been trying earnestly to effect an entrance into several business houses, was at work again last night, trying to gain entrance into the True & Runyon store, but was frightened away by George Braun. The fellow is a novice apparently, or is seeking a little cheap notoriety. He may get a bullet some of these evenings while prowling around other people's property.

A farewell party was given in honor of Mr. Justus Holle and Miss Ida Reinking, who will leave for California, October 24, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blakey. At six o'clock a delicious supper was served. Games and music were the amusements and at ten o'clock an elegant luncheon was served. The guests who enjoyed the evening were the Misses Ida and Bertha Burger, of Root township, Blandina and Ida Reinking, Matilda, Ludella and Lucy Holle, Louise and Lydia Blakey, Messrs. Charley Burger, of Root township; Reinhardt, George and Ferdinand Reinking, Justus and Otto Holle, Ed, John and Christ Blakey of Union township. They departed for their homes wishing Mr. Holle and Miss Reinking a safe and happy journey. The persons named above, who will leave for the west wish to express their regret to leave their many beloved relatives and friends, but such is life.

A telephone message received in the city this morning brought the news that the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina interurban line had been granted a franchise into the city of Celina, O., at a meeting of the council of that city Friday evening. The franchise assured the completion of the road and preparations will start at once from this city. Nearly all of the right of way has been secured and a survey has been taken, the survey going east to Geneva and direct to Celina. The new road will be an extension of the M. B. & E., going under a different name, but not at all connected the new line building from this city to Celina by way of Berne. Several Bluffton men are the main stockholders of the Geneva line, R. F. Cummins, S. E. Bender, L. C. Justus and Dana Brown going to Celina Thursday evening, making the trip in the Seabold automobile. They returned home this afternoon. Mr. Brown acted as chauffeur for the party. With the completion of the two lines the city will be the terminal of five interurban lines, two of them running direct to Celina, O. Both roads will commence their track laying with the first warm weather in the spring and will have cars in operation by January 1, 1910. Well county men are the promoters of the two new lines, but they may dispose of their right of way to eastern capitalists. The Bluffton men returned home late this afternoon and stated that the franchise was only a renewal of the original one, which was secured four years ago and this is the second renewal. This time they claim is a sure go and the road will be built.—Bluffton Banner.

The last will and testament of Mary E. Neaderhouser, of Hartford township was probated Saturday. She arranged for payment of debts, bequeaths to her step-daughter, Emma Sheldon and Sarah Neaderhouser \$100 each, and to May McConnell, daughter of her step-daughter, \$50. It is her will that her residence property in Buena Vista shall not be sold so long as any of her children remain unmarried. The rest of her property is to be divided equally among the six children, Cora, Effie, Nellie, Telse, Homer and Ida. Her son Homer is named as executor and is not to give bond or file an inventory in court. The will was written July 6, 1908, and witnessed by Samuel Opliger and John Anderson.

Roy Wolford has transferred pt. of lot 84, Decatur, to Andrew Miller for \$1,500.

The Henry I. Teeple et al petition for drain was submitted as claim of John T. Everett. Finding for plaintiff and superintendent ordered to pay Everett \$100 and balance in his hands.

Drusilla Mentzer vs. Clarence Hicks et al, damages \$200, motion by defendants to retax costs.

Sadie Buhler vs. Louis Case, breach of promise, judgment rendered for plaintiff for \$500.

Sheriff Eli Meyer has returned from Plainfield where he took Lloyd Harris, the Berne lad, convicted of larceny.

Ed S. Hall vs. George Snyder, petition to have guardian removed, was filed by Judge Heller this morning and was tried immediately. Snyder has recently been discharged from the East Haven asylum. The guardian was discharged as prayed.

A new case was filed entitled John H. Yager et al vs. Dot Eicher Percy, suit on note, demand \$300. Peterson & Moran are the attorneys.

While the democrats are making a whirlwind finish to the campaign in this and other counties of this state, the republicans are not going to be idle by any means, though they had their big cards last week. This morning a special train bearing James Watson, nominee for governor started for a tour of the state, but his itinerary does not include Decatur or Adams county. Another special will carry the distinguished senior senator of Indiana, Albert J. Beveridge, over the state, and this train arrives here over the G. R. & I. at 7:30 Tuesday morning. The senator will be conveyed to the court room, where he will make a short address of perhaps thirty minutes. Though the time is early, it is expected that quite a number will turn out to welcome this man who has a reputation as one of the silver tongue orators of the nation. This is the only big meeting billed for here this week for the republicans, but there will be a few speeches over the county. Senator Beveridge leaves here at eight o'clock over the Clover Leaf for Bluffton.

Two dogs belonging to Ves Garner were killed by Marshal Bohnke Saturday evening after they had bitten four Decatur people. The canines created wild excitement on the street when making their attacks and before they could be captured Mrs. Leonard McConnehey, another lady and Herbert Fullenkamp were made victims. The Fullenkamp boy received an ugly wound which demanded the immediate attention of a physician. The dogs were killed and buried. A physician requested that the head of one of them be amputated and sent to Indianapolis for examination, as in his opinion they were mad. This, in all probability will be done. Mrs. McConnehey was not seriously injured, nor was the unknown woman and little girl which they consider quite fortunate. All dogs having the slightest appearance of having hydrophobia will be killed at once by the officers if seen on the streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Durkin were the victims of a surprise Sunday evening planned by the members and friends of C. B. L. of I. reminding them of their tenth wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. Durkin were the recipients of many beautiful presents from their friends. Games and amusements of all kinds together with a three-course luncheon, furnished a most enjoyable evening for all present. Those who were in attendance were the Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith, Peter Gaffer, Alphonse Kohne, Martin Mylott, Chas. Christen, William Parent, Mederick Miller, Ben Knappe, William Harting, Charles Melbers, Ben Elting, Dyonis Schmitt, William Bosse, Henry Elting, Jake Omlor, Simeon Haines, James Niblick, Mrs. Charles Pennington, Hattie Stein, Misses Anna and Vena Parent, Katie and Loretta Hackman, Blanch and Edith Erwin, Rose Colchin, Mr. Peter Loshe, Ira Kinney, Edd Tonnellier, Mrs. Coffee and Mrs. Egan, of Fort Wayne.

Lobok, Valair Road, Sept. 13.

Dear Father—This is Sunday again and we have moved camp up the mountains. It is cooler here than at Lobok. We finally put the first road around through the river valley on a deep cliff cut. This goes around the range of hills and not over them and thereby cuts the rise and fall from 500 feet to 100 feet. We have now to go to Valair at an elevation of 1,100 and a distance of six miles. The road here now is certainly in bad shape. You can't very well draw a wagon over it. The bed is soap stone and has been worn into very deep ruts by the traffic of centuries. Ten and 12 per cent are common grades. We must keep down to a 7 per cent maximum. I have been running check levels all over and have been surprising myself at the accuracy. What do you want for Xmas? Any how from the east. We have nearly everything here in the tropics. Palms are growing everywhere. Rice is growing everywhere. We cut out banana trees on all sides for the line. Our line went past the falls we went swimming in last Sunday. Right near there while running the line my feet slipped over the cliff and I held onto two roots and threw my feet up over the roots of a tree and lifted myself up again. This is rather a dangerous spot around here, but that is nothing. It is \$100 per month clear and that means a whole lot. I have received no mail now for three weeks, but I will have five weeks mail and two months' salary waiting for me when I get back. It is great business giving orders out here. You can't speak Bissian and the natives can speak neither English nor Spanish. The American civilization in these islands amounts to little, and I am not sure but that the morals of the Filipinos would be much better off if the Americans and all other nations were away. The cries of some of these people here on account of the crimes committed by the American "little fish" will surely reach to heaven as a burning shame upon the name of the U. S. The general policy of the U. S. is right and just, but the action of some of the moral wrecks that let themselves loose upon every vice of the east and who are employees of the government is not. The teachers are some of the worst here. This is a great place to wear out clothes, though. Change every day and the washing where they pound your clothes on a stone is severe. Well, so long. BERT.

That the Coppock commercial car is more than meeting the expectations of purchasers, has been demonstrated in many ways. The George Rice and Son company of Van Wert, which during the month of June, last, purchased "Old Betsey" is more than satisfied with their purchase. The junior member of this firm was in Decatur Saturday and in an interview with him, a Democrat representative ascertained that they have implicit confidence in the machine. In part he said: Since owning "Betsey" it has performed its duties satisfactorily and never once has it balked. We use it for huckstering purposes and passenger driving and find it amply meets the requirements. We can heartily recommend the Coppock car and in view of the fact that we have inspected all cars on the market, if we were to purchase another it would be a Coppock, the very best car being sold today. This is a boost worthy of mention, but is only one of the many compliments received daily by the promoters of this concern. Eight cars are now under construction by the Coppock people with prospects for many future orders. An express truck, parcel delivery truck and general purpose car are to be delivered to Indianapolis. The Coppock is certainly the best.

A party of Decaturites consisting of Orville Harruff, John Bailey, Roy Mumma and Markey Poffenberger, who had driven to Geneva to attend the funeral of P. A. Macklin, did a bit of heroic work on their return home which will, without doubt be long remembered by Charles Nelson and family, who reside two miles east of Geneva. The young men, after attending the services started homeward and passing the Nelson home, saw smoke escaping from the roof and windows of the house. They jumped from the vehicle and effected entrance to the house by breaking a door from its hinges. The boys soon located the big blaze which had originated under the stove and they carried water as fast as four men could, extinguishing the fire and saving the home after thirty minutes of arduous labor. The dinner bell was rung for assistance, but as all the neighbors had gone to the funeral the Decatur boys were left to fight the blaze by themselves. They did the work heroically and are deserving of hearty commendation. The loss sustained was small, but it was only by their timely efforts that the house and contents were not burned to the ground.

P. W. Smith, of Richmond, was a business caller here today.