

BOWLING ALLEYS TO OPEN

Palace Alleys Will Furnish Sport for Many.

The Palace bowling alleys, finest in this part of the state, will re-open about November 1st, after a rest of over a year. While no definite arrangements have been made, it is probable that they will be in charge of Mr. Thomas Peterson, who managed the Klondyke alleys last year. The alleys are the Brunswick continuous, the same kind used in the national tournaments and the popular sport promises to be more popular than ever this year. A city league may be organized and a club to visit surrounding towns and cities will soon be at practice. Decatur will again send a club to the national tournament and expect this year to bring home some of the prize money. Bowling has the same place in winter sports that base ball has in summer, and each year becomes of greater interest. The date of opening will be announced within a few days.

A WEDDING THIS AFTERNOON.

Judge Merryman Proved His Ability in a New Line.

Judge Merryman performed a ceremony at the clerk's office at 2:15 last Thursday, which united the lives of Joe Barror, a Wells county young man, aged twenty-one and Carrie Runyon, aged nineteen, daughter of Alonzo Runyon, of Lin Grove. The witnesses were Deputy Clerk Dan Rop and Sheriff Eli Meyer and both say the judge did his part in a most graceful manner. In fact Dan has spoken for the judge to reserve a date for him in case he should need it at any time.

A suit which will be watched with interest by the farmers of Wells county was venued here this morning from the Adams county court, in which Frank Sullivan is suing the G. R. & I. Railroad company for \$610.60 damages, caused by sparks firing the grass along the right of way of the railroad and spreading to the house in which Sullivan lived in Geneva, destroying his household goods. According to the complaint the sparks from the engine set the grass on fire and the fire soon spread. The complaint alleges that the company failed to keep the grass cut off, thus making a regular fire trap. There have been several fires along the rights of way of the railroads in Wells county the last few weeks, the sparks causing the grass along the railroad tracks to burn and this fire spreading to the woods and fields. No houses have been burned yet, but hundreds of dollars worth of timber has been destroyed and many places in the lowlands the muck has been burned, leaving the land practically worthless. Should Sullivan get his damages it is probable that several suits will be started by Wells county people.—Bluffton Banner.

A party that included three sisters who had not been together before in nearly thirty years, and many relatives of the Studabaker family, of Decatur, was held at the home of Judge and Mrs. W. J. Vesey today. At noon Mrs. Vesey gave an elaborate dinner for visiting relatives and a few guests from the city. The rooms were handsomely decorated with chrysanthemums, both yellow and pink, large and small being used. The guests included Mrs. W. W. McBride, Mrs. Fred McBride, Miss Maude McBride and Mrs. E. Wickling, of Bluffton; Mrs. E. A. Deam, Mrs. Rose Dean Halliday, of Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Ella Mosher, of Winsley, Kansas; Mrs. Catherine Chamber, Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick, Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, Miss Hattie Studabaker, Mrs. David Studabaker, Mrs. Arthur Suttles and children, Mary and Josephine, all of Decatur; Mrs. O. P. Edwards, of Leipsic, O., and from this city, Mrs. B. W. Vesey, Mrs. A. J. Vesey, Mrs. Elida Henderson and Mrs. George Beers. Mrs. W. W. McBride, Mrs. Deam and Mrs. Mosher are sisters who have not met together in many years.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Miss Hilda Tudor will entertain the members of the Invinible Club in their regular meeting, Saturday night, at her home west of Portland. The young ladies will be taken to the country home of the hostess on a hay wagon and the regular meeting will be followed by a slumber party. The following club members will be present: Misses Mabel Long, Angie and Vera Wilson, Emma Holloway, Erva Crim, Elizabeth Franks, Naomi Miller, Frances Twombly, Glenna Dolins and Helen Emerson.—Portland Sun.

L. L. Martz went to Decatur this afternoon to attend the funeral of John Phipps, who was a veteran of the 34th Indiana infantry, which served in the civil war. Mr. Phipps was well known in this city. He died Wednesday morning.—Bluffton Banner.

Fred Schurger who has been traveling in Ohio, is here attending the Schurger-Bremerkamp wedding.

John C. Curtis, head of the Huntington Auto Transit company, announced Thursday that he closed contracts for five fine cars to be built by the Coppock Motor Car company of Decatur, which will be used in the auto rapid transit system in Huntington. Operation of the new system will begin about December 15. First delivery of the cars will be December 1, the contract calling for the completion of two cars by that date. The other three cars are to be finished at the earliest possible date thereafter and all cars are expected on the ground not later than the middle of January. These cars are to be novel in arrangement and after designs of Mr. Curtis, who holds to the idea of general utility. Each car will carry sixteen passengers. The general plan of construction will be along the lines of a street car. There will be a platform on the rear, with approaches from each side; also sliding doors and side windows that can be raised or lowered the same as in electric street cars. The cars will also be electrically lighted. Seats will be upholstered and ventilation of the best. Driving these cars will be engines of 35-horse power. Especial attention in awarding this contract was the class of engine intended and Mr. Curtis considers he has secured the best possible motive power for the service to be demanded. The engine will be in the front, so that in case of engine trouble at any time patrons will not be inconvenienced as in car designs where the engines are under the mid-frame. For the color, it is probable that standard street car yellow will be used. It is argued that this color withstands the elements better than other shades. With this color, too, an attraction is assured for the service, in distinguishing the transit company cars from those used by private parties and other business firms.—Huntington Democrat.

Special representative Shonacker of the Coppock company has been negotiating for several days for the consummation of this deal, and the promoters of the auto transit company were here Tuesday making an examination of the cars. They stated that the Coppock people have the most practical and up to date car on the market, the identical verdict reached by all who have seen it. This is only one of the many orders closed by the Coppock people during the course of the past few months. You will hear from them again.

The cars purchased by the transit company are to cost \$3,000 each, making a total of \$15,000, a transaction well worthy of mention.

Geneva, Ind., Oct. 22.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—P. A. Macklin, as well known over the county as any citizen of this section, died very suddenly at 11:30 last night, from an attack of acute rheumatism of the heart. He had been in good health, was about yesterday as usual, and retired last night feeling as good as any one. About the hour mentioned Mrs. Macklin heard him make a slight noise and soon discovered that he was ill. She summoned aid, but the angel of death came first, calling the good man to his reward before the physician could arrive. The news caused a severe shock to his hundreds of friends here and all over the county. His son, Phil Macklin, of Decatur, was notified and arrived this morning, as did the daughter, who lives in Jay county. Mr. Macklin was a native of Jay county, where he was born July 7, 1858, being just fifty years old. He was reared in that county, educated in the district schools and in 1880 came to Wabash township, Adams county, and purchased the farm where he has since made his home. He was a member of the Geneva Masonic lodge, was a splendid and enterprising citizen, and took quite a prominent part in political affairs being an earnest believer in the democratic principles. He has served as trustee of this township and as assessor, and at the last primary election was a candidate for county auditor. In 1878 he was married to Miss Mary Siberry, of Jay county, and to them eight children were born, one of them, Israel, having been killed accidentally about two years ago by being kicked by a horse. The wife and seven children survive as follows: Mrs. Bertis Fifer, of Jay county; Philip, of Decatur; Troy, Hazel, Haskel, Orena and Mark.

Tan shoes will be stylish this season. Not in the smooth calfskin, however, unless one cannot afford the ooze or suede. But with costumes of any color, brown footwear will be correct, except where a one tone color scheme is preferred, in which case black shoes will be best with black frocks, even though the latter be not mourning. It cannot be stated too positively that only the plainest kind of shoes are good form for the street. Those with patent leather vamps and white or tan tops are not correct, unless the upper portion matches the frock. Such footwear is correct for carriage use or in the house, if conditions are such as to make boots necessary.

With but little compensation for their bold acts, robbers entered four Decatur business houses Wednesday pillaged drawers, tampered with safes and stole a small amount of money from Burns' harness shop and W. H. Nachtrieb drug store. Circumstances indicate their first visit to have been paid to the Berling packing house, where, by the use of a knife a space large enough to permit the passing of a hand was made in the lattice work erected over the rear door and thus entrance was forced. Once inside, they proceeded to the office where the desk was forced open, contents of drawers examined and the silver mountings of the safe hinges had been removed and were found lying on the floor. Their initial stunt did not prove profitable as nothing of value was obtained. Their next visit was paid to the H. H. Bremerkamp flour mill, where the rear window in the office was forced open. Here they found the safe unlocked and unhesitatingly examined every drawer therein, forcing them open with instrument. They also tore the cash drawer from its place, all this without obtaining one cent for their crookedness. These burglaries occurred between 7:30 and 8:30 o'clock last evening. Clarence Bremerkamp, who went to the mill on an errand, heard some one in the office and thinking it to be employees, he called to them. The intruders hearing the voice, took to their heels, easily making their escape. A bottle of turpentine dropped at the Bremerkamp mill will no doubt lead to the identification of the robbers, as it had evidently been purchased last evening. The work of the intruders at the above stated places has every appearance of being local talent, but not so with the burglaries of the Burns and Nachtrieb stores. The means by which they gained entrance to these stores is indicative of their cleverness in the burglary line. The window of the Burns harness shop was pried open, leaving but a slight mark where the instrument was used. Pipes, cigars, chewing gum and about \$1.50 in change was the extent of the theft, although the safe, which bore the following notice, "It is not locked" was opened, interior drawers examined and papers thrown over the floor. The same tactics of entering were employed at the Burns harness shop, where, beside obtaining a little more than \$2, they tampered with the combination of the safe. Opinion differs as to the proposition as to whether or not local people committed the deeds. One of the victims of the thieves states that he will be able to bring to justice the parties who entered his place of business. He further says that the reading of dime novels has inspired a crowd of young boys whom he knows to engage in the dastardly work.

A hearing on the motion of John T. Everett for an order on the superintendent of construction to pay labor claim, was heard in court this morning. Gabriel Everett was the contractor.

Herman L. Conter vs. Fort Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co., answer to interrogatories filed.

Lloyd T. Harris, a lad from Berne, was Thursday ordered decommitted to Boys' School at Plainfield. Some months ago Lloyd stole a bicycle and rode to this town and sold it, going to Ohio. He returned shortly and was arrested and pled guilty, but the court instead of punishing him, placed him in charge of probation officer Lankeau. A few days ago the boy was again charged with larceny and when reported to the court, he was promptly ordered to the reformatory.

Clerk James Haefling went to Indianapolis today to secure the state ballots for use on election day. He will stop at Anderson tonight to hear the famous Burke Cochran.

Real estate transfers: E. Burt Lenhart et al to Norman G. Lenhart, quiet claim deed \$100; Harlo Mann to Charles H. Lehman, 60 acres in Monroe township \$5,000. Seth A. Winters to Grant Jordan, 80 acres in Jefferson township \$7,000.

Indianapolis, Oct. 25.—A marked improvement in the condition of John W. Kern, Jr., which was noted today, will enable his father, the Democratic nominee for vice president, to continue his campaign tour. "My son is much better tonight," said Mr. Kern tonight, when asked as to the condition of the boy. "We feel very hopeful about his condition now and I will leave tomorrow on my trip as had been planned." Mr. Kern will keep in close touch with his home in this city during his absence, so as to be able to reach here on short notice if necessary. Mr. Kern is scheduled to tour the state of Indiana on a special train leaving Indianapolis early Monday morning and winding up Saturday night, after a week's speechmaking.

J. W. Teeple is attorney for Joseph Bremerkamp in a new case filed against Mary Bremerkamp, asking for the removal of guardian.

Louisa and Henry Magley are plaintiffs in a case filed against Jackson Barton et al, suit to quiet title. Hoper & Lenhart are attorneys for the plaintiffs.

Another new case filed is Martin W. Walbert vs. Levi and William Kohler, suit on note, demand \$200.

James W. Drummond et al vs. William and John Drummond, partition, bond filed and approved, cause left off trial calendar.

Conrad D. Gallmeyer, trustee, vs. Edward Gallmeyer et al, ordered by the court that any party to cause, desiring to make and file any further issue in this cause shall make and file same on or before Monday, November 2.

Bert Newcomer vs. Lizzie Champion et al, partition, proof of publication and posting of notices filed.

Levi A. Sprunger has given Jacob P. Leitch a deed for lot 154, M. R. E. cemetery for \$15.00; William A. Welter to Letta Welter lot 818 Decatur, \$1,000; John C. Moran et al to Barbara Keller, lot 426 Decatur, \$1,400.

The cause of Sadie Buhler vs. Lou Case, breach of promise, demand \$3,000, was heard Friday afternoon. The plaintiff was represented by Attorney Phil Colerick, of Fort Wayne, and J. C. Moran. The defendant was not in court and was not represented and the only evidence offered was that of the plaintiff. The finding was for the plaintiff and judgment will be rendered for an amount announced Saturday morning.

Otto Peters, manager of the Holt-house Drug Co.'s store at this place, will leave Friday morning for Columbus, where he will conduct the initiation exercises of the Phi Chi fraternity that evening, at which meeting twelve new members will be initiated into that society. The Phi Chi is a fraternity to which only students of the pharmaceutical and chemical classes of the colleges and universities are eligible, and numbers fourteen chapters in the different parts of the United States. President Roosevelt is a past member of the fraternity. This is the national gathering of this fraternity of which Mr. Peters held the office of Grand Worthy Keeper of Records and Seals, last year. He will also take in the football game between Michigan and Ohio State university Saturday. On Monday evening he will give the welcoming address to the Ohio State university Pharmaceutical association of which he was secretary last year, and attend the annual banquet given to the ex-members of this association. While in Columbus Mr. Peters will also buy the holiday goods for the store. During his absence L. H. Klinhenz, of Decatur, vice-president of the Holt-house Drug Co., will be in charge of the store here. Mr. Peters will be gone about a week.—Willshire Herald.

County Clerk James P. Haefling arrived home Friday a. m. from Indianapolis, where he yesterday receipted for the state and national ballots to be used in the election on November 3rd. The tickets arrived this morning over the National express lines, and were duly inspected by the election commissioners, D. E. Smith and R. S. Peterson and pronounced O. K. the packages being all in good condition and the seals unbroken. There are in all 9,043 ballots, including two thousand reserve ballots. These are held at the clerk's office and not given out unless absolutely necessary, from case of accident or some other reason. The others are in packages for each precinct and the ballots measure twenty-one by eighteen inches. The county and township tickets were printed at this office this week, beginning bright and early Monday morning. Of these there will be 12,082 county tickets and about 15,000 township tickets. These will be in charge of the commissioners and will be held at the county clerk's office until Saturday of this week, when they will be turned over to the various inspectors of the precincts over the county.

J. W. Heaston, of Geneva, was in the city today transacting business and paying his taxes. Mr. Heaston is an old soldier and says all the boys down there are going to vote for J. A. M. Adair.

Mrs. Kanouse, who formerly lived here, being the wife of Rev. Kanouse who was pastor of the Presbyterian church here many years ago, died about two weeks ago, in California, where she has been living for some time. She was quite old and will be remembered by all the older residents here. Her death was quite sudden, and was the result of an attack of apoplexy.

Thieving in Decatur has assumed a chronic nature and the boldness of the culprits is obvious. Relentlessly either home talent or an organized gang is getting in its work in Decatur and although the burglaries of this week have not resulted seriously, the prevalent crookedness has assumed dangerous dimensions to an extent which solicits a vigorous campaign for the abolition of the disgraceful practice. The pillaging of four Decatur business houses Wednesday night, as it now appears, was but a pretext for this plundering which is scheduled for this winter when strenuously in times will even surpass that of the present time, not perhaps in Decatur, but in contiguous manufacturing cities, where it is believed bands of outlaws will organize. Thursday night another attempt was made to enter the meat market and with the absence of a water pipe extending from the rear of the meat shop to the living apartment, the crooks would have accomplished their purpose. It was but a few moments past midnight that Mrs. Stoneburner heard rattling of the water pipe in their home, which connects with the pipe connecting the meat market and which is laid a few feet above the ground at the rear of the shop. She was aroused by the noise and awakened her husband, the two instituted a search of their household. Finding no evidence of intruders they retired only to hear a repetition of the noise of the pipe and it was then that Mr. Stoneburner realized the source of the disturbance. Securing his revolver he proceeded to exit from the rear door and in doing so he upset a chair which gave the robbers a cue to make their get away, but Mr. Stoneburner reached the outside in time to see one of the fleeing crooks. He stood there fifteen minutes, while Mrs. Stoneburner called the police, but no further trace of the men could be found.

Warren Wilkinson, a young man residing in the west part of the city, caused considerable excitement last night when, at ten o'clock, he said he saw a robber in the Laman & Lee hardware store. Police were called and with Mr. Lee made an investigation with no evidences of visits from intruders. Mr. Lee remained at the store for two hours. It is high time that stringent measures be resorted to in preventing the dastardly practice, that life and property will not be in jeopardy.

Lobok, Bohole, P. I., Sept. 6.

Dear Father—This is Sunday again and here I am. We have been running preliminary lines for four days trying to get out of town and ain't out yet. The hills around here don't seem to have enough saddles to get over on a top grade, and not have a long stretch of useless road. That is our business, though, and I guess we can solve it. I am trying to get the foreman to use a zigzag but they don't like to let the effort to get up the hill become so apparent. I think though, that that is what will be used. This is civil engineering right. Go out and start in a line. Don't know where you are or where you are going. Much of the ground never been trodden under the foot of man, little of it ever seen the foot of a white man and finally land where you wish to go. The people around here are anxious for the road. We are staying in the Padre's (Catholic priest's) house. Our capataz (foreman of native labor) is the son of the treasurer, and one of the most helpful men we have found is the town presidente (mayor). The only other white man in the town is the school superintendent. I don't begrudge these school teachers their job. This man has been here for two years, with nothing to associate with except a lot of discharged soldiers (who have missed too many boats). The engineers have it much better than the teachers. We have a Chinese cook with us and a native boy to wait on the cook. This is certainly solid comfort compared with the camp. I don't know what it will be when we get out in tents out of town here. In our work we get to travel all over the islands.

Perhaps you would like to know something of our trip over here and the preparations. Last Sunday evening we packed our grips and trunks. Each man was allowed two pieces of baggage, one suit case with our clothes and a pack containing our soldier cot and blankets. The next a. m. we loaded the grips, supplies on the wagons and started them for Cebu. The Philippine members of the party rode in on the wagon. The Americans went in on the automobile. At Cebu we got into a steam launch. We had no more than gotten into bed (on cots stretched out on the deck for first class passengers) when it started one of the rains that are only found in the tropics and the canvass started to leak. I moved my cot to a better place and put my rain cape over me, and slept. The next a. m. everything had cleared up and we were well on our way. We landed in Loay about noon. After having the

natives unload our grips, we went over to the house of an American foreman, had dinner, and got ready to go inland. The next morning we loaded the goods and natives onto a banca (canoe with bamboo outriggers) and started them rowing up the river and we walked to Lobok. There we found the schoolmaster and presidente and got ready for our work here. We will be up in cool country before long 1,200 feet. One of our lines was so steep that we had to travel by means of sticks and hold onto trees to keep from falling into the river. So long, BERT.

NEW CLOVER LEAF SCHEDULE

Agent T. L. Miller, of the Clover Leaf, this morning received official announcement that the road would have a new time table, effective on one week from next Sunday. He has not received his official time card as yet and could not state the exact changes. He said, however, the change of time will not be radical in any case. Train No. 2, due now at 12:05, will arrive an hour earlier at about 11:00 and west bound train No. 1 due at 12:55 will now arrive here at about noon. The time of the Commercial Travelers and trains 3 and 4 due at 7:51 a. m. and 7:37 p. m., respectively, will not be changed, but instead of running on week days only these last two trains, 3 and 4, will run every day in the week and trains 9 and 10 (the Sunday trains) will be discontinued. It is also probable that all trains will run clear through from St. Louis to Toledo, instead of stopping at Frankfort or Delphos, as has been the case before. Trains No. 1 and 2 run west only as far as Frankfort, while 3 and 4 run east to Delphos.—Bluffton Banner.

IS A BEAUTIFUL SIGHT.

People Arise Early to See the Bright Stars.

One of the most beautiful sights to be witnessed in the heavens just now is between three and five o'clock each morning when the planets Venus and Jupiter appear in all their radial beauty. While the planets now appear to be very close together they are really about 500,000,000 miles apart. Venus is now moving rapidly toward the sun, is waning and will soon disappear altogether. In December of next year she will blaze forth in the western evening sky. A large number of people of this city are getting up early every morning just to take in the beauty of the "Star of Bethlehem" which, it is said, appears only at intervals of from three to seven hundred years. Little credit is given these stories by the astronomers, however. The star seen is without a doubt Venus.

WILL BUILD NEW ELEVATOR

W. A. Dull, of Willshire, Lets the Contract.

W. A. Dull has let the contract for his new elevator and the grist mill building to the Burrell Engineering and Construction Co., of Chicago, who contract to have it up and the elevator running by the first of January. The building will be 43x50 and 55 feet high, making a larger mill than the old one. The building will be of the cribbed construction and covered with galvanized steel both on the sides and roof. The building will have a capacity of seventeen thousand bushels, and the engine will be seventy-five horse power. All the people will be pleased to see the new elevator going up, and when completed will be one of the most up-to-date around here.—Willshire Herald.

A letter was received from Frank Wemhoff, who is at Memphis, Tenn., stating that things are pretty lively there at present, as the night riders are at it again about sixty miles from there. He says it has been very hot there the last few days. The cotton crop was very heavy there this year and the niggers will be kept busy for about six weeks yet picking it.

Unless something comes up between now and next session of the court the grand jury will have very little to do. John W. Terrell is now under arrest on an old indictment and his case will not have to be considered. About the only matter which the jury will have to investigate will be the large amount of chicken stealing which has been going on in the country surrounding the city.—Bluffton Banner.

John S. Parry, president of the state federation of California, has left the Gompers train and is going to spend part of the remainder of his time between now and the election over Indiana. His idea is to go to several of the cities where the labor organizations are strong and tell them in heart to heart talks how the labor organizations of the country really stand on the different issues of the campaign. Mr. Parry has been a life long republican and with the exception of two local officers in San Francisco always voted the republican ticket.