

Along with the serious phases of John W. Terrell's insanity there are some of his actions that are laughable at the same time that they are pitiful. For instance one day this week he complained to some of the other prisoners at the jail that his bed was too low at one side. He asked one of them for a couple of cigarette wrappers and then lifted the one side of the bed and carefully slipped one of the tissue-paper slips under each leg. This satisfied him and he imagined that the thin slips of paper had remedied the imaginary fault. When he is taken out into the yard for exercise he carefully gathers up large leaves, one at a time, and then tears them into narrow strips and shoves them into his pockets until he has every pocket bulging. When in his cell department he tears all of the paper that comes into his possession into thin strips. For this reason the boys hid from him under the covers of one of the beds a roll of toilet paper, but he found it when they were not about and when they happened to go into his cell they found that he had torn the entire roll into small squares pieces and had the bottom of his cell covered with a soft carpet of the thin paper. Wednesday night he got hold of half a dozen articles such as dishes and shoved them all down an outlet into a sewer. One day early in the week when taken into the yard he watched his opportunity and slipped into the barn and untied one of the horses and led it out into the yard to let it graze. He also wants to untie the cow at every opportunity to give it freedom. One day when all of the barn doors were locked he tried to raise one of the windows to get into the barn.—Bluffton News.

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME.

Receives Large Gifts from Original Benefactor for Endowment.

Mr. and Mrs. Chopson, of Warren, have shown their still deeper interest in the establishment of the Methodist Memorial Home for the Aged by making two large gifts for endowment. One gift is a deed in trust for 300 acres of land near Warren, and reasonably valued at \$25,000. This is on condition that the main building of the Home shall be erected and free from debt by April 10, 1910. Another gift for endowment is \$15,000 in securities conditioned as is the land.

Their gift of \$25,000 for building must be duplicated in cash on or before April 10, 1909, as a prior condition to secure the gifts for endowment. When this is so duplicated the whole of these gifts becomes the property of the home. These generous propositions make their own stirring appeal to all friends of the enterprise, and call for prompt response to complete the sum necessary to secure this Home and endowment.

To build on a cash basis the amount yet needed is \$13,000. The many who so much desire the early completion of this Home will be inspired by these liberal gifts to assist in making this much needed institution what it is designed to be, a house of mercy for the worthy aged homeless, a monument of purest benevolence, and the noblest humanitarianism. Rev. M. A. Harlan, of Warren, Ind., is financial secretary.

A marriage license was issued to Ovile Heller, 25, a farmer, and Minnie Brown, 24, both of this county.

The rage for hunting licenses is on again and the sportsmen are keeping the force at the clerk's office busy. Forty have been issued in the past few days, those granted Monday a.m. being to Lew Malland, W. A. Meyers, F. P. Meyers, George A. Meyers, H. C. Geels, E. M. Atkinson, C. Beirsdorfer, Roxey Pierce, J. C. Manley and Ed E. Young.

The jury commissioners will meet Wednesday to select the petit and grand juries to serve during the November term.

Real estate transfers: Delma Elz et al to Harry Baur, one acre in Kirkland township, \$250; Marie Robison to E. W. Lewton, lots 23-27 Monmouth, \$100; Ell Meyer, sheriff, to A. P. Beatty et al lots 941 and 931 Decatur, sheriff deed, \$78.81.

County Recorder H. S. Steele says that since Taft's election every one seems to be increasing the force and to keep in line he has added two deputies, Misses Harruff and Cloud, who are working temporarily.

The Sunday school board of the M. E. church met Sunday afternoon and in the course of the session, they planned for a Christmas entertainment. It was decided that a cantata be given on Christmas eve with corresponding musical settings. The entertainment promises to be delightful. Mesdames Jones Trich and Ella Bell were appointed to dispatch the event. The usual Sunday school treat will also be given again this year.

Decatur merchants have large fall and winter supplies of goods. A variety that will suit any taste and quality which is unexcelled. The public is cordially invited to inspect their goods.

Rabbits are plentiful in the vicinity of Decatur this year. We are even told that employees of P. J. Hyland ran over a bunny Saturday when returning from east of town. A new start in hunting.

The Elks will soon begin the arrangements for their annual minstrel show which occurs each year on New Year's night. The affair this year promises to outshine anything ever given in this city.

This is a busy time for poultry dealers. The Decatur Produce company and the Berling Packing house people are preparing for the Thanksgiving and holiday trade. Thousands of pounds of poultry is bought by these firms each day and as a consequence, they have large forces at work preparing the goods for shipment.

A letter received from Charles Hammel, who is located in California, is to the effect that he is in the best of health and working every day. It will be remembered that some time ago he underwent a serious operation and his life at one time was despaired of. Decatur people will gladly receive these glad tidings. He is a son of C. R. Hammel, of this city.

E. A. K. Hackett, formerly a resident of Bluffton, now publisher of the Fort Wayne Sentinel, well known to most of the older residents of Bluffton, will be here Monday evening to deliver an address at the First Presbyterian church. He will come to speak before the recently organized "Presbyterian Brotherhood." He will undoubtedly be greeted by a large audience.—Bluffton Banner.

At the regular meeting of the M. E. Epworth league last evening Don L. Burke, one of Decatur's most promising young men, delivered an address on "Miriam of Migdol" to a large audience. The discourse of forty minutes duration, presented a romance of the life of Christ which would become a man of years and recognition. Mr. Burke has rare ability along this line and a foretaste of his future possibilities.

The Geneva camp of Sons of Veterans will entertain next Wednesday in honor of the number eleven. The date of the event is to be November 11. The number of the camp is 11 and eleven candidates are to be given the secret work of the order. The local camp is making extensive preparations to be in attendance in a body and a large crowd of the members will make the trip in automobiles, which will be secured for the evening. A banquet will be served by the Geneva men after the initiation work is completed.—Bluffton Banner.

A soliciting committee composed of T. J. Sowards, John Dailey, Theo. Hall and others made a preliminary canvass of Tocsin and vicinity Friday for the proposed bank at that point. They succeeded in having subscribed \$2,800 towards the project, about one-third of the amount necessary, and the canvass will be resumed next week. The proposition is to raise \$10,000, which amount is to compose the capital stock and build and equip the institution. In case the deal goes through and it seems assured, T. J. Sowards will likely remove to Tocsin and manage the new bank.—Bluffton Banner.

George Shoemaker wishes to become a soldier boy and within a short time he will be wearing the uniform and drawing pay from Uncle Sam. Shoemaker went to Fort Wayne yesterday and enlisted in the marine corps in that city. He returned here to tell the news to his friends and Monday he will go to Rhode Island, where he will begin his four years' service. By joining the marines Shoemaker gets a combination of sea and land duty.

In this manner he will be enabled to travel over both sea and land, where he was enlisted as a sailor he would have had to remain on board a ship and if as a soldier he would have had to remain on land.—Bluffton News.

SEVEN ARE VICTORIOUS.

Citizens Contribute and Send Eight to Chicago for Treatment.

GENEVA NOTES.

Mr. Ed Kraner is setting them up to his many friends account of the arrival in the home of a son, eight pounds. The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kraner will rejoice with this popular couple in the new found joy that has thus come to their home.

Mrs. H. A. Fristoe has been on the ailing list during the week past.

Rev. G. M. Meyers, the pastor, and the members of the United Brethren church will begin special evangelistic services on Sunday night. They will run for an indefinite time.

Mr. Norma E. Roe will move with his family, to Fort Wayne, shortly to go into general business handling musical instruments and music. Mr. and Mrs. Roe will be greatly missed from the community, and they will be a worthy addition to the people among whom they will live in the future. Mr. Roe has been quite successful in business in Geneva. He is affable and agreeable in business and makes friends of all with whom he deals.

The lecture given by Prof. Byron W. King, in the lecture course last Saturday night, especially the Bible readings he gave in the United Brethren church on Sunday morning, and in the Methodist church in the evening, have been the subjects of favorable comment in town during the whole week.

The lecture course offered by the association in Geneva this season has so far been quite satisfactory, and the interest the people show in it by the patronage they give, is certainly gratifying is greatly to the credit of our citizens.

Mr. Merry, the genial and gentlemanly agent of the G. R. & I. railroad is ill, and is at present recuperating in the homes of relatives and friends in Michigan.

District Chairman E. G. Hoffman returned yesterday morning from New York, and on his way to his office he learned for the first time of the mention of his name for the United States senatorship to succeed James A. Hemenway. He was first apprised of it when nearly every one he met addressed him as "senator," and it was not until he read the back numbers of the Journal-Gazette that he understood the situation. During the day dozens of influential citizens called at his office and seriously urged him to enter the race, and he received a number of letters from other parts of the state offering him support. While the whole thing came as a surprise, for he had no knowledge when he left that the Journal-Gazette was about to suggest his name in connection with the senatorship, he was soon impressed by the fact that if he would have strong support in the legislature, and in the afternoon he said that he would enter the race if the democrats desired him to do so. "If my party and friends should so honor me I would not shirk the responsibility," he said.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

W. J. BRYAN PROPOSED.

Movement on Foot to Have Him Succeed E. Benjamin Andrews.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 10.—The suggestion that W. J. Bryan be appointed chancellor of the University of Nebraska, made vacant by the retirement of E. Benjamin Andrews, finds favor. It is not known if Mr. Bryan would accept it and it is said he has not been approached on the subject. Promoters of the plan, however, believe he would accept and his presence on the board would be a big card for the university. It would placate the element that was not friendly to Dr. Andrews because of his alleged friendship for John D. Rockefeller. Dr. Andrews has been honored by the university which has made him chancellor emeritus, which office, however, draws no pay and has no function beyond advice and counsel when it is sought. It is understood the student body is anxious for Mr. Bryan's appointment, but the board of regents is solidly Republican and politics may cut a big figure in the matter.

MANILA IS FREE OF CHOLERA.

Majority of Deaths in 1902 Without Preparations to Fight Disease.

Manila, Nov. 9.—Manila is reported by the health authorities to be practically free of cholera. Since the American occupation in 1898 the number of whites in the islands attacked by cholera is 247. Of these 129 cases were fatal. The majority of deaths occurred in 1902 when there were 6,000 troops in the islands and no preparation existed for protection from the epidemic.

Kokomo, Ind., Nov. 9.—The farm house of Stephen Shockley near Phlox, burned tonight. A box in the kitchen containing \$1,500 was destroyed. In the excitement of giving the alarm of fire by ringing the dinner bell, Mrs. Shockley, who was alone, forgot the money until it was too late.

Probably the most deplorable condition that ever existed in an Adams county household is that of Fred Kruckenberg, of Union township, where eleven members of the family enveloped by the dread disease, typhoid fever, are bedfast and in a serious condition. Twelve weeks ago Mrs. Kruckenberg was taken ill from the excruciating ailment, and the disease soon assumed dangerous proportions. A daughter became ill soon afterward and since that time every member of the family, including the aged father of Mr. Kruckenberg, have become bedfast. A physician from Dixon, Ohio, is treating the cases and he is assisted by two trained nurses.

Mr. Kruckenberg senior was taken ill but yesterday, and it has now become necessary to employ another nurse. As many as five of the patients are quartered in one room and the existing circumstances are awful to contemplate. It is not improbable that several of the family will die as a result of their sickness, as at least three are reported to be dangerously ill with chances decidedly against them. It is supposed that a well is responsible for the inception of the ailment. Those who are bedfast are as follows: Charles, Ferdinand, Bertha, Gustave, Edwin, Matilda, Ella, Fred Jr., Emil Harry and Mrs. Kruckenberg. Mrs. Martin Reinckling, a sister of Mrs. Kruckenberg and son who live in that vicinity also are afflicted by typhoid.

Ed Gallmeyer, who was the democratic candidate for assessor in Preble township was in the city Tuesday seeking advice as to how to act in his case. The election was one of the peculiar ones in the history of this county. Though the township is practically a solidly democratic one, perhaps the banner township in the state for the party, the vote received by Mr. Gallmeyer was precisely the same as that of his opponent, Theodore Ewell. Each candidate received 124 votes out of a total of 248. Ewell carried the north precinct by eight and Gallmeyer took the south precinct by the same plurality. The rest of the republicans on the ticket received only about a dozen votes in the township, showing that this was a personal affair. Mr. Gallmeyer says that he was being opposed until a few days before the election, and says it was the result of a matter entirely outside of politics. Be that as it may, the result remains that the men are a tie and the question now is how to decide who is the assessor. The law provides that the two inspectors should have met the next day at ten o'clock and decided the matter. They met and refused to decide the question, realizing no doubt the personal feeling in the matter, and as the law provides no further remedy no one seems to know just what to do. It is possible that some arrangements will be made for a special election so the people can decide for themselves. Mr. Gallmeyer bears no ill will toward any one, and asks us to thank most sincerely those who supported him. He feels that many who voted against him misunderstood his position and is only anxious that he have an opportunity to clear his name of any suspicion that may rest upon him.

The Great Northern Fair association will meet next Monday in annual session at the Modern Woodmen's Lodge room on Madison street. At this time will occur the election of officers for the ensuing year and the matter of giving a fair next year will be thoroughly discussed. Of course a fair will be given for the association and the community both desire it, but there are many details and plans to be arranged. At this time also a report of the receipts and expenditures for the past year will be announced and the exact financial condition of the association given to each member and stockholder. This meeting will be one of the most interesting ever held by this association and the success of next year's fair depends considerably on the amount of ginger displayed at this meeting. People of this city and county should remember that the fair is worth many times the trouble and time and money expended and should do everything possible to make the next one bigger and better and more profitable to every one concerned. One good year will more than repay the stockholders and the truth is that no one can tell just when that year is at hand. This was one of the poorest in history all over the country, for the fair managers, and the boys here deserve credit for working out even a little ahead of the game.

P. J. Hyland has returned from a business trip to Berne.

Over at Tim Corbett's where the vital issues of the day are always decided long before the vote is announced, and where the verdict is usually correct, the boys are at a loss for a good subject. Football does not seem to create the right amount of interest and the result of a local option election is about the only thing that will start a good argument.

Clerk Haefling and Deputy Dan Roop are busy preparing the civil and criminal and guardian and estate dockets for the November term of court which convenes next Monday.

Hunter's licenses were issued to Earl Mason, Wm. Good, Amos Fisher, John W. Dickerson, Chas. Ranier, Raymond Filer, Charles Brown, Lafe Ellis, J. W. Andrews, Geo. A. Hahner, Geo. Bair, Wm. Yeakle, Elmer Linton, Ed Shoemaker, D. E. Shoemaker, Chris Mosses, L. A. Ralston, John Rau, B. C. Macy. The quail law in Indiana permits hunters to shoot these birds from now on until January 1st.

James Hurst et al have transferred to Rachel Steele, inlot 834 Decatur, for \$800.

"SPELLIN'" NOT EXTRA GOOD

De Pauw Officials Not Pleased With Recent Showing.

Greencastle, Ind., November 10.—Eloquent testimony that the graded and high schools are deficient in teaching the fundamental rules in spelling is given in examples of incorrect spelling, which appear daily in themes handed to Prof. N. Waring Barnes, head of the department of rhetoric and English composition in DePauw university. Noticing the general lack of knowledge on the fundamentals in spelling among the freshmen, who constitute the membership in his classes, the professor has, during the last two days, tabulated the list of misspelled words on the blackboards in his classroom. One freshman declared that he came to "collige" to learn, while another said that he "hert" himself while running to the "dormitory" in haste. Another, in writing a short story, told how one showed his "appredication" for another's kindness, while another pointed out the dangers of "eragularity" in eating. "Altogeather," said another, the outcome of the recent political "campane" was not satisfactory to DePauw students, because Watson, who is a DePauw alumnus, was defeated. It was the opinion of one that more would "voate" for Watson when he ran for "Governor," because he was one of the strongest men on the "ticket." Of course, Taft was the man to be "President," but this particular freshman thought Cannon to be a very poor man to be "Speaker" of the House. One declared that the campaign was a very hot one, and that most every night "drum corps" were used in getting a crowd of "people" together. According to another much "inthousiasim" was displayed and many "speachess" were delivered by the "Demcrats" before the "electshun" day.

C. O. France, northern scout for the Dallas, Texas, ball club, has signed Red Farnan, catcher and Lewis Floyd, pitcher, both of Fort Wayne, who will report in the southern town early in the spring. Farnan formerly played here and last season and the previous one was with the South Michigan league. He is one of the best minor league catchers in this section. Floyd has been pitching the Fort Wayne city league and is a comer. He is six foot in height, has all kind of speed, good control and good curves. Both these boys should make good. Cal Robinson of this city has also been signed and will go with the Fort Wayne boys when they leave next March. All three of these boys should make good. Jack Cullen a former Decatur player, has been signed by the New York American league club. He was with Sharon, Pa., club this year, and led the O.P. league as a third baseman. He was the only one of the L-O. bunch who made good in that league, though several tried out. Pitcher Gray, a Portland player, has been signed by the Boston National league club for next year.

"HERO" KILLS "VILLAINESS"

Rehearsal of Amateur Play at Hibbing, Minn., Results in Tragedy.

Hibbing, Minn., Nov. 9.—Edna Geary, 12 years old, was shot and killed this evening while rehearsing an amateur play. She was the "villainess" and Russell Barrett, 13 years old, was the "hero." While reciting the lines of the play young Barrett aimed a gun, supposed to be not loaded, at the girl and pulled the trigger. The girl fell dead with a bullet in her brain.

VOTE AGAINST COURT HOUSE

Brazil, Ind., Nov. 9.—The proposition to build a new \$200,000 court house in this city was overwhelmingly defeated. The friends of the question paid little attention to it on account of the excitement over the general election and the enemies struck it hard. Clay county is badly in need of a new court house, as the present building is dilapidated.

J. B. Stoneburner has a new film for his show tonight. The public is invited to see it. Located on Madison street.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 10.—Ex State Senator Edward Ward, editor of the Tennessee shot and killed yesterday about 4 o'clock on north Seventh in front of the Polk flats by Cooper. Mr. Carmack was going on Seventh avenue in front of Polk flats and Col. Cooper and his Robin were approaching Seventh in sight of each other and began to fire. Mr. Carmack fell, dying. Robin Cooper was shot in the shoulder, but was not hurt badly. It is understood the trouble is over the results of the recent gubernatorial primary in which Carmack was defeated. Carmack since he has been editor of the *Essean*, been quite caustic in using what he called the *Democrat* machine and has had editorials Col. Cooper. Within the last few it is said, Col. Cooper notified Carmack these editorial criticisms cease. This morning another editor reference to Col. Cooper appeared in the *Tennessee* and this is supposed to have been the immediate cause of the tragedy. As soon as Mr. Carmack fell on the edge of the street Duncan Cooper put his arm around Robin Cooper and both walked to the front of G. Fort's office, where the wounded Robin's shoulder was examined. Dr. Fort stated the was slight.

The Indiana corn trophy to be for the best ten ears of corn at the National Corn Growers' has been bought at a cost of \$100. The trophy is a solid silver conventional design, the top of which is surmounted by a crown composed of ten ears of corn. Spikes from this crown is the figure holding in outstretched the laurel wreath. On the front of the cup is etched the name "Indiana Corn Association" below is a double horn of plenty, of each horn being filled with ears of corn. In the space between the cornucopias is placed the Indiana state seal. On the reverse side of the cup is etched the name "Indiana Corn Trophy" and beneath this is the inscription "To be awarded annually the best ten ears of corn, exhibited at the National Corn Exposition." Below this inscription is the seal of the Indiana Corn Growers' Association. Around the base of the cup are shields alternating with ten ears of corn. Upon the shields will be inscribed the names of the winners year to year. This trophy is solid silver and is thirty inches high. It rests upon an eight-inch ebony pedestal, giving the whole height of over six feet.

Indianapolis, Nov. 9.—The complete official returns at the secretary of state's office for governor was completed this afternoon. Thomas R. Marshall, democratic candidate for governor, received a total vote of 334,040, a plurality of 14,809. The socialist candidate for governor received an increase of 957 over four years. The independence candidate polled 385 votes, and the people's party 573, a loss of 854 from the vote years ago. Felix T. McWhirter, prohibitionist candidate for governor, received 15,926 votes, a loss of votes from that polled in 1904. The official vote in the following was polled tonight:

Lieutenant Governor—Hall, dem 340,577; Goodwin, republican, 32, Hall's plurality, 1,672.

Secretary of State—Cox, dem 329,007; Sims, republican, 32, Sims' plurality, 492.

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