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WATER A SCARCE ARTICLE

Bloomington Folks Fill Cisterns, Barrels and Tubs.

Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 16.—Cisterns, barrels, tubs and all kinds of receptacles that hold water were filled today by people of the city in anticipation of the closing down of the water works plant tomorrow. Superintendent D. E. Helfrich said the supply in the city reservoir fed by springs would probably be gone by Tuesday and a heavy demand for water to fill empty cisterns was made upon the supply.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Peters went to Fort Wayne this morning to attend the funeral of a friend.

The lumber has arrived on the ground for the sixth new house to be built at Monmouth this year. This one is to be erected by Michael Marhenke, and will be a comfortable and modern cottage. This town has enjoyed a prosperous year, and will very probably continue to grow. One citizen says that as soon as their boundary reaches the north river bridge they expect to annex Decatur, and thus reduce our taxes.

Frank Cotton, who was picked up at Decatur Saturday forenoon by Sheriff Lipkey and was returned here to lay out a balance of about \$100 on a fine, contracted an attack of sympathetic heart trouble Sunday, produced, according to all indications, by the effects of jagitis. Upon Frankie's re-

James E. Moser vs. Peter Frank et al, note, appearance by D. E. Smith for all defendants; rule to answer.

Joseph Bremerkamp vs. Mary Bremerkamp, removal of guardian, demurrer argued and sustained; leave granted to amend petition.

James W. Drummond et al vs. William Drummond, partition, proof of notice of sale filed, approved and deed ordered.

Conrad D. Galmeyer, trustee, vs. Edward Galmeyer et al, demurrer filed to cross complaint and to third paragraph of answer.

Hymna E. Wbber vs. Samuel A. Webber, divorce, set for trial for Tuesday, November 24.

The case of Henry C. Davis vs. Fred W. Fuelling, was marked off the docket because the appeal was not perfected as prayed.

Peter N. Moser, guardian for Henry Snyder and three others, filed final report as to Henry and current report as to others.

John A. Cook, guardian for Jessie Cook et al was ordered to file a report within ten days.

Real estate transfers: Maud Hughson et al to John W. Hendricks, inlot 5, Monroe, quit claim deed, \$250; B. F. Brown to Mathias Thomas, 20 acres Washington township, \$1,900.

Evidence was heard in the case of Carrie E. Hamilton vs. William A. Hamilton, divorce. The divorce was granted.

The grand jury room was a busy place Tuesday and Bailiff Joseph Johnson had no complaint to offer that he lacked company. All day long the corridor was crowded and some of those summoned will have to return tomorrow. From a glance at the witnesses it was easy to guess that the case under consideration behind the secret walls was that of young Wolfe who is charged with causing the death of Jacob Mangold. There are several other crimes of more or less seriousness to be investigated and the session may require a few days longer than usual.

H. S. MICHAUD BEGINS WORK.

Started in at the Auditor's Office this Morning.

Bub Michaud, the county auditor-elect, has finally got his family snugly located in Decatur, residing in the Lehman property on Winchester street and on Tuesday began his duties at the auditor's office. His term does not begin until January 1st, but Bub wants to know all he can about the business and will take the next six weeks to post himself as well as he can. It has been reported several times that he had chosen a deputy, but such is not the case. He will learn the work himself first and then secure a deputy to assist him in case he needs one.

TO CELEBRATE ANNUAL EVENT

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Grandstaff, of Monmouth, will go to Hicksville, Ohio, for Thanksgiving day dinner with Bert Crouse and family. On the day following, November 27th, Messrs. Crouse and Grandstaff will celebrate the anniversary of their escape from death at the hands of confederate soldiers who lined these two men up with a dozen or more comrades to be shot. When the shots were fired these men fell with the rest and were left on the field as dead. Both men finally managed to escape and each year since they have met to observe the day, alternating here and at Hicksville, the occasion as may well be imagined being always a happy affair.

NO BETTER ON THE ROAD

The Guy Company to Give "A Cry Baby" Here.

One of the best attractions of the season is Mercer Bros. big production of the great comedy drama "The Cry Baby" which will be seen at the opera house next Thursday with the popular young character star, Carlton Guy, in the title role. Mr. Guy is considered one of the foremost character artists of the stage today, and his work in "The Cry Baby" is said to be the best he has ever done. He is supported by a big company capable players, and the piece is given a heavy scenic mounting. This well known young actor, Mr. Carlton Guy, will appear at the opera house next Thursday, Nov. 19, in the new comedy dramatic success, "The Cry Baby" a four act play written especially for Mr. Guy, and elaborately staged by Mercer Bros., who have picked an excellent company in Mr. Guy's support. One of the retaining features of the production is the songs introduced by the famous Hells Neck quartette, which is included in the company.

CLEAR TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS

Rummage Sale Was a Most Successful Affair.

The Methodist ladies who have just closed a rummage sale in the city building are delighted with the success and they certainly have a right to feel good. The credit side of their bank book shows a balance of about two hundred dollars as a result of the ten days in business, and besides this they fitted out a number of poor families who will bless them on many a cold day this winter. They also saved about twenty-five dollars worth of goods with which to pack their missionary barrel. The ladies are likewise more than ever certain that it pays to advertise. They sold quite a number of articles through the notices given them in the Daily Democrat and were very earnest in their thanks for same. One man came thirteen miles to secure some of the bargains after he had read of the sale, and several others told them in plain language how it happened that they knew of the sale.

One of the most delightful events of the season was the surprise party given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James K. Niblick in honor of their daughter, Miss Verena, it being her seventeenth birthday. The evening was spent in playing many amusing games, one of which was Pedro. Miss Gertrude Omlor secured first prize and Miss Ruth Patterson second. A three-course luncheon was served and after which at a late hour the guests departed wishing Miss Verena many more such happy birthdays. The victim received many beautiful presents. Those present were the following: Misses Josephine Schuhmaker, Vera Rademaker, Emma Schultz, Sophia Fahrenbach, Ruth Patterson, Naomi Niblick, Agnes Weber, Agnes Meibers, Agnes Kohn, Agnes Starost, Celesta Mylott, Marie Kintz, Lena Meyers, Irene Gerard, Esther Corbett, Gertrude Omlor and the victim.

Friday evening was the scene of a delightful time at the home of Edward Barger. It being the anniversary of his 50th birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in a social chat; music was furnished by John Grim, Orval Grim, William Grim and Arta Shady. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Barger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arnold and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Barger and family, Mr. John Barger and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Grim and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Longenberger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Porter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart and family, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Frauhiger and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Shady and daughter Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Thos Griffith and son William, Mr. and Mrs. Moltz, Mr. and Mrs. Crist Mankey and family, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Worthman and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gahman, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Beineke, daughter and son, Mrs. Rosa Haffner, Mr. Chas. Bryan, Ada Elliott, Cora Frauhiger, Dessie Bryan, Flossie Chronister, Velma Bryan, Elda Gahman, Bertha Bridegan, Christina Borne, Ethel Shady, Edith Shady, Pearl Brentlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brentlinger, Mr. Mart Shady, Elmer Bryan, Curtis Wibel, Oscar Shady, Grover Neuenschwander.

Friends and neighbors numbering about seventy-five, most of whom were members of the W. R. C. and G. A. R. went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Russell, the newly wedded aged couple, where an old fashioned belling was given. The bellers were invited in the house and the groom distributed cigars to the men, while the ladies contented themselves by an old-fashioned taffy pulling. Games and music furnished amusement until the wee hours of the morning, when the guests departed declaring it the time of their life.

A small company of friends were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Archbold last evening. The playing of "500" was indulged in for several hours, two tables being surrounded by the guests. Dainty refreshments were served. The party consisted of Messrs. and Mesdames W. H. Wiley, C. A. Dugan and C. C. Schafer.

A program consisting of music and speaking has been prepared for tonight's meeting of the Rebekah lodge. A great time is promised and a full attendance is desired.

The Shakespeare Club will be entertained at the home of Mrs. Emma Daniels tomorrow afternoon and the hostess is to read a paper on Alaska. An interesting meeting is assured.

The Historical Club will meet with Mrs. M. Burns tonight and a continuation of the study of Christ's ministry will ensue. Mrs. R. K. Allison will have the principal paper and sub-topics will be read by others of the club.

A Van Camp went to Fort Wayne this morning on a special business trip.

Apple and cherry trees valued at \$2,000 were destroyed by fire on the George Harnish farm, south of Bluffton Thursday. The fire is believed to have resulted from a spark thrown by a Lake Erie and Western locomotive.

William Hickman and Dennis Hallisay, of South Bend, were indicted by the federal grand jury for making and passing counterfeit half dollars. Martha Wise, of Wakarusa, was indicted for sending an objectionable letter through the mails.

That every Decatur industry is in operation at present is encouraging. The wage earners are promised employment throughout the winter and in this event it is not probable that so many families will be in destitute circumstances.

Squire J. H. Smith disposed of a case this morning in which Perry Everhart was fined one dollar and costs. The State vs. Everhart for assault and battery on the person of Jecen Essex was the title. The defendant pleaded guilty.

The best of C. W. Mercer's numerous attractions this season is the breezy comedy drama, "The Cry Baby" with the well known character actor, Carlton Guy, as the star. Mr. Guy is remembered for his connection with the famous Guy Stock company, in which he was featured for many seasons. A strong acting company is in his support in his new play.

Mrs. W. P. Gilpin, living two miles north of this city, her brother David S. Ray, two and one-half miles northwest of town, left Monday for Monroe, summoned there on account of the death of their brother, Lemuel Ray, who died suddenly Monday morning at three o'clock after a short illness of heart disease. The deceased was thirty years of age and is survived by a wife and five children.—Portland Sun.

Deputy Sheriff Ed Green was at Kendallville Monday looking for a man named Deams, who formerly worked for the Decatur Produce company. While here Deams was fixed out with some household goods by his employers, but which did not belong to him. When he got ready to leave he sold the goods and kept the money. An affidavit was filed and Ed went north. Deam heard of his arrival and hid, but was discovered and his employers at Kendallville finally paid the bill and Deam was released.

The Decatur public schools are being largely attended this year, and the superintendent and school board are appreciative of same. Interest is at high tension in every room and the pupils are accorded the best of instruction. It seems that a little visiting by the parents as was done last year would help to put the proper ginger in the schools. Nothing should be neglected which tends to advance the interests of young manhood and young womanhood.

The beautiful winter weather we are enjoying at present is very acceptable to all. We have long hoped for rain, however, without getting any amount mentionable. Rain would be of little value to the farmers now, anyway, unless to fill their cisterns. The wheat could be benefitted little if any and in fact but a half crop has been planted. The weather of this winter and next spring will determine whether or not the wheat that is planted will turn out well.

The wedding of two old people in Decatur Saturday is of interest here because of the fact that the groom is the father of Marion, Sylvester and Charles Fouts, the carpenters. The couple was Timothy Fouts, aged 76, and Mrs. Jane Wibel, aged 72. They came from their home in Geneva accompanied by Rev. G. M. Myers, of that city, and securing license were married in the east room of the clerk known as "Lovers' Retreat" in the court house of Adams county. The only witness to the ceremony was Clerk Roop. The bride is a nurse by profession and has been married twice, while Mr. Fouts is venturing his third time into matrimony. They will reside on his farm near Geneva, to which place they repaired at the conclusion of the ceremony.—Bluffton News.

Harvey A. Harper was compelled to pay a fine amounting to \$34.50 because he pursued a rabbit that ran from Wabash county into Grant county. Harper was about thirty feet over the line when he was nabbed by Deputy Game Warden Elmer E. Hiatt, who was disguised as a hunter. Harper was hunting in his home township of Wabash county and the law permits a man to hunt rabbits in his own township without having a state license. Harper was hunting in his home township Thursday afternoon when he scared up a bunny that broke all speed records in making its getaway. Harper followed the rabbit, and the chase carried him out of his township. Unwittingly he had left the boundaries of his own township. He pleaded guilty at Marion to hunting without a license.—Bluffton News.

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Chris Keefer, of Preble, was a visitor in Decatur last evening.

Wooden water mains which had been in service at South Bend thirty-six years have just been replaced by iron pipes. The mains were in a good state of preservation, and it would have been possible to use them several years longer.

The federal grand jury at Indianapolis failed to return an indictment against Amos Hetzler, charged with the robbery of the postoffice at South Whitley more than a year ago, and he was released. Hetzler was arrested at Toledo some weeks ago.

George Burkit, the nine year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Burkit, living east of Craigville, who fell from an apple tree some time ago, breaking his arm, is in a precarious condition and it is feared that he will be unable to recover from the fall. When the young boy met with the accident it was not thought that it would be serious other than the break in the arm, which it was thought would soon heal. Since then, however, internal injuries have come to light and the life of the little fellow is despaired of.—Bluffton News.

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