

A Hammond paper gave the following account of the death of Charley Rice, formerly of this city, and whose funeral occurred here Sunday:

A 15-year-old boy is the latest victim of the railroads. The boy is Charley Rice, son of William Rice, night man in the Hammond building. Charley Rice was employed in the Erie yards as call boy and while on his way to deliver a message last evening he was struck by Erie passenger train No. 3, due in Hammond at 4:45. He did not notice the train's approach because of the fact that he was stepping out of the way of a switch engine, which was coming from the opposite direction. The boy never knew what struck him, he having failed to regain consciousness in the fifteen minutes that he lived. He was rushed to St. Margaret's hospital in Emmerling's ambulance, but all efforts to revive him were hopeless, as his neck was broken and his skull crushed. The inquest was held Saturday morning, and will be conducted by Coroner Shanklin, after which the body was taken to Decatur, Ind., the former home of the boy.

#### MEDICINE THAT IS MEDICINE

"I have suffered a good deal with malaria and stomach complaints, but I have now found a remedy that keeps me well, and that remedy is Electric Bitters: a medicine that is medicine for stomach and liver troubles, and for run down conditions," says W. C. Kiestler, of Halliday, Ark. Electric Bitters purify and enrich the blood, tone up the nerves, and impart vigor and energy to the weak. Your money will be refunded if it fails to help you. 50c at all dealers.

#### The Auditor.

New Adams county officers have filed their bonds the same having received approval of the commissioners. The Auditor-elect, H. S. Michaud, gives bond for ten thousand dollars, the Sureties being J. F. Leaman, John W. Craig, F. C. Foreman, Peter Soldner, C. D. Lewton, J. F. Lachot, J. N. Fristoe, L. L. Baumgartner, Henry Michaud, Andrew Gottschalk, John J. Soldner, Samuel Simison and Amos Hirschey.

#### The Coroner.

Coroner John C. Grandstaff gives a bond for five thousand dollars, and the following well known names are found on his bond: D. D. Clark, C. A. Dugan, T. J. Durkin, John S. Falk, William F. Jaebker and August Werling.

#### The Surveyor.

C. C. Ernst begins his active duties as surveyor of Adams county on January 1. His bond calls for one thousand dollars and is signed by J. B. Holthouse and John Baker.

#### The Sheriff.

Eli Meyer begins a second term also on January 1. His bond of five thousand dollars is signed by Jacob Huser, Abraham Meyer, Ernst Schlickman, John G. Hoffman, M. Kirsch and C. S. Niblick.

#### MARKED FOR DEATH.

"Three years ago I was marked for death. A graveyard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and hope had fled, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bac, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and throat diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee by all dealers. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

Bloomington, Ind., Dec. 8.—Every county in the state was represented at the chapel exercises at Indiana university last week, held in honor of the Indiana legislative committee. This committee, appointed by the governor to investigate the condition and needs of the state institutions, has just completed its inspection of the university, its buildings, grounds, accounts, reports, etc. The committee consists of Senator Horace Hanna, Plainfield, and Representatives Grieger, of Laporte, and Sicks, of Lebanon. This is only one of three reports that the university makes to the state. In addition to his one the university officials report biennially to the governor of the state and semi-annually to the state auditor. "The fact that Indiana university is a state institution cannot be emphasized too strongly," said President W. L. Bryan today. "It belongs to the state, is supervised by the state and makes its accounting to the state. It is a part and parcel of the free educational system of Indiana."

#### A PERSONAL APPEAL.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colds and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of forty years of cures.

THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

I have opened a blacksmith and general repair shop on the E. W. Meriss farm, six miles east of Decatur, on R. R. No. 9, and solicit your business. Satisfaction guaranteed. W. I. Crozier.

#### A DANGEROUS OPERATION.

is the removal of the appendix by a surgeon. No one who takes Mr. King's New Life Pills is ever subjected to this frightful ordeal. They work so quietly you don't feel them. They cure constipation, headache, biliousness and malaria. 25c. at all dealers.

Do you expect to send your mother, sweetheart, or friend a Christmas present this year? If so, and you find it necessary to patronize some express company, it would be well to bear in mind the following suggestions submitted by an expressman:

First, Ship your package early, by the 18th of December, if possible. The express company will give you a small label to paste on the package reading: "Don't Open Until Christmas." This will insure the package reaching its destination before Christmas and give the additional pleasure to the recipient of the gift of having it Christmas morning.

Second, Use wooden boxes for packing. Glass or fragile articles should be well protected. It may cost a few cents more, but the danger of loss or damage is very much reduced. True if the shipment is lost or damaged the express company will pay for it, but that will give your friend no pleasure.

Third, Write the address in full. State, County, City, Street and Number, on the box or package with ink, or crayon. Tags are frequently torn off and lost.

Fourth, If you want to prepay the charges, write the word "Paid" in large plain letters on the package.

Fifth, Insist on a receipt and see that the amount paid is marked on the receipt and package, and the value of the package declared thereon.

Sixth, Write your own address in full somewhere on the package following the prefix "From ....."

Seventh, Enclose a card in each box or package reading:

From .....

(Your address here.)

To .....

(Consignee's address here.)

This in order that should the outer markings be destroyed the inner mark will insure prompt forwarding and delivery.

Eighth, If not convenient to ship in wooden boxes, use strong wrapping paper (not newspapers), and tie with strong cord.

Ninth, If package contains anything of perishable nature, write the word "Perishable" in large plain letters on the box, or package, to insure special attention and first delivery.

If you will observe these suggestions, you will greatly assist in insuring the prompt delivery of your gift in good condition.

Valair, Bohole, Sept. 20.

Dear Folks—You speak of your menagerie in your room, but you ought to see this place. Lizards, snakes, cockroaches, locusts and everything else.

We came across a green snake the other day that looked exactly like a green branch. One fellow saw it swinging and didn't realize that it was a snake until he was within four feet of it and then he jumped about twenty. It was long and slim like the American garter snake and deadly poisonous. One of the Philippines killed it with his bolo. One lizard we have here looks just like a small alligator. There are bats here whose wings measure seven feet tip to tip. They look like an American eagle coming when you see them in the distance. We also have musical mosquitoes here in such numbers that we put special nets over our beds at night. Ants of all kinds are in great abundance. The queerest thing I ever saw was a bug one of the men found at Camp 6. It was thin like it had been pressed. Legs protruded from the sides. I wish I could show you how this country looks. We are on a plateau now about 950 feet above sea level. There are little knolls all around us one hundred to two hundred feet high.

As to the news, there I am the same as ever nothing doing. You spoke of your picnic. I guess I told you of my races on the Mongolia and how I got a Hawaiian coat of arms. Your story of letting an umbrella take you back puts me in mind of an experience we had here in coming up to Lobok from Loay to commence our survey. There is a tidal stream comes up there. The current is very swift, when the tide goes down. We loaded our stuff and our rodmen into two boats and told a couple of natives to row them up the river, expecting of course, that our men would help. We started the boats at 6:00 and started to walk at 8:00. We got there at 9:00 went over to see the president and found an American school teacher, who had us come to his boarding place to eat. We loaned him our Chinese cook with the instructions to get some of our stuff as soon as it came and get a good dinner. 11:00 came and no bancos. We got uneasy and gave the cook some money to buy supplies. It was three o'clock before the boats got there and then we saw what was the matter. In one boat heavily loaded all the rodmen had

sat down and were letting the tow do all the rowing and the other boat had hoisted the sail and expected a light wind to blow them against an outgoing tide. They had gone two miles in nine hours.

I wish sometimes that I could get back for Sunday for a good time there and get out of this cussing mess, but the salary and the work are extremely interesting. I went to church this morning and saw their method of service. The women here all have to wear a white craping. The women sit on the floor, the men sit in seats. The women enter the church at the side, the men enter at the front. The churches here are out of all proportion to the size of the town. We are living here at Valair in a portion of the church. The entire party is in the church, with the comforts of life for all and still we do not use anywhere near the entire house. At Lobok we lived in the padre's house, tomorrow we go to Carmen and I don't know what we will strike there, probably our tents, as we're supposed to strike all of the time.

I forgot to tell you about the locusts here. Yesterday our line went through a place that was rice as far as you could see either way. I saw what I thought was leaves flying although I haven't seen any leaves fall here. Then they got thicker and thicker, as thick as a heavy snow. I asked the rodmn what they were and he informed me that they were rice locusts or grasshoppers. We have the rainy season now. It rains every day, commencing generally at about 12:00 to 2:00 and lasting indefinitely. The other day one of the laborers on the transitman's party wanted to light his pipe. He got a piece of dead bamboo and split it. He rubbed the split place with another piece of bamboo and soon had a little stack of smoking sawdust, which he put in his pipe. I'll never be out of fire now. The women here are very poor at arithmetic. They bring mangoes to the camp to sell. Offer them \$1.20 a dozen for them and they won't take it. They must have \$1.50, but they will sell for 10c apiece. One of the fellows sent out a washing. The customary price for washing is 5c a piece. This woman sent the washing back saying she wanted 10c. He had three large pieces and 6 small ones. He told the boy to take them to another woman and that he would give 6c a piece. He came back saying that the woman would wash the small pieces for 5c and the big ones for 8c. He let her do the washing.

This is all I think of now. Save these letters. I am trying to make my letters and pictures make a description of what I have seen of the world. So long.

BERT.

#### FOUR MILLIONS OF BLOOMS

New Castle Florists Expect to Pick That Many for Holiday Trade.

New Castle, Ind., Dec. 6.—The best conditions which have prevailed for years are reported by the several big florist firms in this city for the "ripening" of all kinds of blooms for the holiday demand, and it is said that the supply will be larger than it has been for five years. In the next few weeks thousands of blooms will be shipped to Chicago and other large cities, and the total holiday business is expected to be close to 4,000,000 blooms of all kinds. Thirty-six-inch stem roses are commanding a high price.

#### ECZEMA AND ALL SKIN DISEASES

Are quickly cured by Zemo, a clean liquid for external use. Zemo's record has never been equalled. Smith, Yager & Falk, the druggists, say "Zemo is the best remedy they have ever sold for the cure of Piles, Eczema, Dandruff, Ringworm, Tetter, Rash, Prickly Heat, and any disease of the skin caused by a germ. See display and photos of cures made by Zemo."

Sheriff Meyer received a communication Friday morning from clerk of the Allen county court instructing him to arrest Theodore Bauer and deliver him to Fort Wayne authorities, that he may answer to the charge of contempt of court. Mr. Bauer, an employee at the Decatur Packing house, lived at Fort Wayne for some time prior to coming to Decatur. His wife applied for and secured a legal separation from him some time ago and Bauer was instructed to pay to the court \$50 within five days or appear and explain why. This, Bauer failed to do and as a consequence he is called upon to face the serious charge mentioned above. Mr. Bauer is a butcher by trade and is said to be an expert in this line. He has proven to be a valuable man to the Decatur Packing company. When arrested this morning he stated that he had written a letter to the court making explanations, but communications would not serve the purpose. It is thought that misunderstanding by Bauer is the cause for the arrest, as he has the appearance of being honorable in every respect.

The young people's societies of the city will hold a union service at the Evangelical church next Sunday evening. The young people of the city as well as the old are cordially invited to attend.

The Christmas programs usually rendered at the M. E. church have been miscellaneous ones and many have taken part. This year, however, a cantata will be rendered and but a limited number will be called upon to help.

The Ladies' Mite Society of the M. E. church will be entertained at the home of Mrs. J. D. Hale Friday afternoon and an interesting session is promised. The members and friends of the society are urged to be present.

Mrs. Oscar Jones, of Seventh street, assisted by a number of neighbors and friend, perpetrated a surprise upon her husband Saturday evening which proved a very happy social event. The occasion was in honor of Mr. Jones' thirty-seventh birthday. That gentleman came down street Saturday evening to do a little shopping and when he returned at eight o'clock he found the house dark. Surprised he entered cautiously, and no sooner had he reached the center of the room than the lights were turned on and he half startled out of his boots when he beheld the gathering of smiling faces. He recovered soon enough to enjoy the evening with the guests. Music and games, taffy and popcorn helped the minutes to fly and Mrs. Jones served a very delicious three-course luncheon which closed a happy affair.

Mr. Perry Hunt, who moved on Albert A. Butler's farm in September, was 28 years old Sunday and his wife gave him a surprise that he will remember for many a birthday by inviting thirty-eight of his relatives and friends in to help her show him how they do in Adams county, as this was his first birthday in this county. Mr. Hunt and family went to church in the morning and on arriving at home was surprised to find so many people. And he could not say anything only that the people did not do this in Tipton county. Those present were Geo. Lett and family, Albert A. Butler and wife, John Evans and family, John Lett and family, John Townsend and family, Mary Ray, George Peters, Charles Henry, Della Jannes, Chas. Hawkins and wife, Harry Butler and family, Meryl Coppock, Carol Smith and wife, Thomas Dewitt and wife. After partaking of a dinner fit for a king the afternoon was spent with music and a general good time was had. The guests left wishing Mr. Hunt a long life and many such birthdays.

#### MRS. McRANEY'S EXPERIENCE

Mrs. M. McRaney, Prentiss, Miss., writes: "I was confined to my bed for three months with kidney and bladder trouble, and was treated by two physicians but failed to get relief. No human tongue can tell how I suffered, and I had given up hope of ever getting well until I began taking Foley's Kidney Remedy. After taking two bottles I felt like a new person, and feel it my duty to tell suffering women what Foley's Kidney Remedy did for me."

#### THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

Mr. Chauncey Lautenhizer, the young lawyer, who has practiced here for about a year past, left yesterday for Berne, where he will open an office and do a general practice. He is a bright young man, well fitted for his profession, and will make good in his new field. He is a son of Norman Lautenhizer, one of the best known farmers of Blue Creek township, and besides having a good common school education, he is a graduate of the law department of the Valparaiso university, where he spent two years. He has been appointed by Prosecuting Attorney Henry B. Heller as his deputy for the south part of the county and will thus start at Berne with a certain amount of duties. He is clever and will soon be popular in that part of the county, where he already has a number of friends and acquaintances who realize his worth. During the recent campaign he took an active part, speaking in various districts of the county, and thus added to his acquaintanceship. His Berne offices will be located over Schug Bros. store, and within a few days Chauncey will be comfortably located there and ready for clients, or for such other honorable business as comes to his profession. His Decatur friends certainly wish for him all kinds of success.

A. H. Snowbarger, of Huntington, county, sold \$400 worth of honey this year from forty stands of bees. That is, he had forty stands to start the year with, but the number was increased by additional swarms to sixty-three. It was not a good season for honey making, as the bees had to be fed up to June before they could make enough honey to keep them, and then the dry weather from August on was against him. To clear up the \$400 Snowbarger was at an expense of \$75. Well handled, there should be some money in bees.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 7.—Uncle Sam is spending too much money. If the old gentleman doesn't button up the flaps of his pockets soon and reduce his rate of living, he will have to borrow money to make both ends meet. While it is true that the receipts of the treasury have begun to improve a little, and while this is an unfailing evidence of returning prosperity, the expenditures continue to mount up in a shocking fashion, and the deficit is little short of startling. As a result of this condition of affairs, word has been passed along that the estimates submitted by the department are to be slashed unmercifully in congress. There must be most rigid economy to prevent a bond issue inside of a year. The policy of paying cash for work on the Panama canal already has been abandoned completely. There is plenty of money in the treasury at the present time and there is no fear of bankruptcy, but the available cash balance is growing smaller every day, and it is only a question of time—and that, too, not far in the future—when the balance will disappear entirely or become so small that a bond issue for the payment of current expenditures will be absolutely necessary. This is the most striking feature of the financial situation as it will have to be met at the opening of the Taft administration. The present congress makes appropriations for the fiscal year beginning the first day of next July. No one knows yet what effect the revision of the tariff will have on revenues. The chances are that if the rates are cut there will be an increase in the revenue, because in many of the schedules the duties are now prohibitory and there are no importations at all, practically speaking. As matters now stand, expenditures have exceeded receipts for five months by the dangerous total of \$54,019,018. At that rate for this fiscal year would exceed \$125,000,000. The receipts are increasing slowly, and would continue to do so, owing to the recovery from the financial stringency, if it were not for the prospect of lower tariff rates which will cut down importations to some extent until after the new law goes into effect. The expenditures are slightly smaller in the latter half of the year than in the first half. Taking every favorable circumstance into consideration, however, the deficit for the year is certain to be considerably in excess of a hundred million of dollars.

Various Democrats over this county are receiving letters from the candidates for the United States senatorship, requesting their support.

David Studabaker, one of the typhoid patients continues to improve, and it is not believed he will have any serious complications from this time on.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank France, of Muskogee, Oklahoma, are expected to arrive here about the fifteenth of this month for a several weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

John Hey, of Bingen, was here today and went home with a liquor license which will permit him to continue in the saloon business at his place, where he has operated for a number of years. An effort was made to secure a remonstrance against him, but failed, as a sufficient number of signers could not be obtained in Root township.

Mrs. Elmira Thomas of four and one-half miles east of Geneva transferred here Saturday morning enroute to Hartford City. While there she will visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Haynes and participate in a surprise party on her father, in honor of his sixty-ninth birthday. The gathering will be at the father's home four miles south of Hartford City.—Portland Review.

Letters unclaimed at Decatur post-office for week ending Dec. 5, 1908: Mr. Jay Cook, Carl Holdrege, Mrs. Sylvia Bolener, Mr. Cal Kenglar, Mrs. W. H. Kilman, J. O. Mooier, Carlos C. Palmer, S. C. Neiman, Charles Thomas, S. I. Weston, Mrs. Kittie Bailey. Persons calling for the above please say advertised, giving date. M. A. Frisinger, P. M.

W. E. Smith returned yesterday from Garrett, where for some time he has conducted a cafe in partnership with Frank Bradley, of Auburn. Smith Bradley did a good business, but owing to the ill health of Mr. Smith the place was disposed of to Jesse Smith of this city, who has taken possession of same. The cafe is located near the interurban station and is well fitted.

Captain Stewart M. Frice, son of the late United States senator Calvin S. Frice, of Ohio, who married Mrs. Harry Mount, was Friday after a hearing before a commission and a sheriff's jury in New York City, declared insane and incapable of managing his own affairs. Frice was present at the hearing but was not placed on the witness stand. Some questions were put to him but he seemed not to understand them. His property was found by the jury to be worth \$75,000.

The dockets have been completed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court, and all is now in readiness for the opening of the December term of that body, which will convene on Monday morning. The criminal docket for the term contains but eight cases. The most important of these is the charge of voluntary manslaughter against Perry Shatto, of Dunkirk, for the shooting of George Somers, a few weeks ago. This will be referred to the grand jury, which will report during the first day of the term and be instructed by Judge LaGollette. On the civil docket there are 169 cases, the most of them productive of more litigation. This is considered an unusually heavy docket for the Jay circuit court. Fourteen of the cases are applications for divorce. In one or two of these latter cases the decree has been granted and the case is now on the docket pending action on some subsequent motion. Perhaps the largest live case is that of George Paille, the Berne Amishman who is seeking damages in the sum of \$5,000 from Joseph Swartz and other elders of the Amish church for the alleged alienation of his wife's affection. Paille insured his property, contrary to the teachings of the Amish church and when he suffered from fire and accepted the money of the insurance company in settlement it is charged the churchmen influenced his wife, and family to desert him. Another case of some importance is that of James R. Sullivan against the G. R. & I. Railroad company. He charges that fire started by the railroad people was responsible for the destruction of his property in Geneva, and asks damages in the sum of \$1,650.—Portland Commercial-Review.

In sacred remembrance of their departed brethren, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of this city conducted most impressive memorial services at the Bosse opera house Sunday afternoon, where a large audience joined in paying a fitting tribute, not only to the deceased, but to the great charitable organization as well. Decorated in purple and white, the stage assumed an appearance consistent with the solemn occasion, and the services were introduced by a piano selection by True R. Fristoe. The members of the lodge assembled at their hall at 1:30 o'clock and in a body marched to the opera house. The exalted ruler auspiciously opened the services after which a male quartet composed of Jesse O. Sellemeyer, Dr. E. G. Coverdale, D. W. Beery and H. B. France rendered a very pleasing selection. Ritualistic work of the officers followed, after which the opening ode was sung. The invocation was pronounced after which Mrs. J. O. Sellemeyer rendered a beautiful vocal selection. Judge J. T. Merryman then in a talk replete with logic paid a tribute to the occasion, emphasizing many interesting thoughts to the audience. Hon. A. P. Beatty followed with a discourse upon the subject, "Our Associates." Beginning by relating facts relative to associations which were formed in ancient times, the able attorney vividly portrayed the effects associations have upon individuals. His talk was well received and in closing he eulogized the order of Elks. The male quartet favored the audience by the rendition of another song after which Judge R. K. Erwin delivered one of the most masterly lectures on "Immortality" ever heard in the city. The judge, always eloquent, presented a theme to his audience which was enthusiastically received by all, and the thoughts he presented have found lodgment in the minds of his every auditor. L. E. Steele followed with a bass solo which was very pleasing. Rev. Richard Spetnagle pronounced the benediction.

#### DR. WILCOX A BUSY MAN.

Dr. C. B. Wilcox is one of the busiest Men in Decatur

Not only does he deliver many popular lectures and have the pastoral care of the Methodist Episcopal church of our city, which is one of the largest churches in the North Indiana conference but he is also the owner and publisher of one of the largest and best weekly newspapers in the state of Michigan, "The St. Louis Independent," which has a circulation of 2,000 copies each issue and circulates in the heart of the sugar beet industry of Michigan, an industry where two factories pay out six hundred thousand dollars a year to the farmers for sugar beets from which these two factories make two million pounds of granulated sugar a week.

Mrs. J. Q. Neptunes won the thanks of her neighbors Saturday evening by distributing a liberal quantity of venison roast and steak to each of them. The deer was one shot by Dr. Neptune on his recent trip to northern Michigan and change from the ordinary meats was one fully appreciated by all remembered.