

Making Good.

There is no way of making lasting friends like "Making Good;" and Doctor Pierce's medicines well exemplify this, for their friends, after more than two decades of popularity, are numbered by the hundreds of thousands. They have "made good" and they have not made drunkards.

A good, honest, square-deal medicine of known composition is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It still enjoys an immense sale, while most of the preparations that have come into prominence in the earlier period of its popularity have "gone by the board" and are never more heard of. There must be some reason for this long-time popularity and that is to be found in its superior merits. When one gives a fair trial for weak stomach, or for liver and blood affections, its superior curative qualities are soon manifest; hence it has survived and grown in popular favor, while scores of less meritorious articles have suddenly flashed into favor for a brief period and then been as soon forgotten.

For a torpid liver with its attendant indigestion, dyspepsia, headache, perhaps dizziness, foul breath, nasty coated tongue, with bitter taste, loss of appetite, with distress after eating, nervousness and debility, nothing is so good as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It's an honest, square-deal medicine with all its ingredients printed on bottle-wrapper—no secret, no hocus-pocus humbug, therefore don't accept a substitute that the dealer may possibly make a little bigger profit. Insist on your right to have what you call for.

Don't buy Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription expecting it to prove a "cure-all." It is only advised for woman's special ailments. It makes weak women strong and sick women well. Less advertised than some preparations sold for like purposes, its sterling curative virtues still maintain its position in the front ranks, where it stood over two decades ago. As an invigorating tonic and strengthening nerve-tonic it is unequalled. It won't satisfy those who want "booze," for there is not a drop of alcohol in it.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, the original Little Liver Pills, although the first pill of their kind in the market, still lead, and when once tried are ever afterwards in favor. Easy to take as candy—one to three a dose. Much imitated but never equalled.

Many people of Decatur will remember with glad hearts the kindness of the Elks lodge last Christmas, when they distributed dinners to about one hundred and twenty-five families and others will note with pleasure the fact that the same thing will be done this year, that is baskets will be distributed to the deserving poor and each basket will contain a chicken, potatoes, a can of corn, celery, cranberries, bananas, bread and butter, cake and candy for the "kids." If you know of any poor persons who you believe entitled to these baskets you should send in the names and they will be made happy if a good Christmas dinner will do it. At a recent meeting of the lodge a committee was appointed whose duties it will be to select the articles and purchase same in preparation for distribution, which will occur on the afternoon before Christmas day. This committee includes David E. Smith, Nick Miller and C. O. France. The B. P. O. E. boys are nothing if not benevolent, and they have a reputation the country over for kind deeds. The Xmas dinner is a good idea for on this day of all others every one should be happy and how, pray tell, can any one feel just real good on an empty stomach, and this is the evil that the boys will try to overcome.

The Decatur Horse Sale company known the country over as one of the best concerns of the kind to be found anywhere, are anticipating the greatest year in their history, and are planning accordingly. The first sale will occur on Friday, January 8th, and the number of horses entered and the number of buyers who have sent word they will be here assures the managers that their expectations will not be in vain. From that date on every two weeks, a sale will be given until June 11th. The Decatur Horse company is one of the greatest institutions in the county, and we doubt if many people realize the vast business they transact, doing a half million dollars worth of trade each year. The farmers have an opportunity to buy or sell at the highest price all the time, the best market in the world right here at home. Besides these sales bring to Decatur hundreds of people from far and near and each spends his share for this class of people are anything but cheap. In every way figured the company is a good thing for the people of this county, and they deserve the support of every one. We hope the year may exceed any former one several fold. The men who conduct the sales, Beery, Boch and Rice have gained a reputation for squareness and honesty that assists them greatly in their building a constantly increasing business.

As the first fruits of the splendid revivals which took place last month under the local pastor and Evangelist George Gable, Rev. A. H. Brand, of the Presbyterian church yesterday administered the baptismal sacrament and admitted into the church twenty new members. He announced this morning that if it is so decided the church will receive two or three new members every Sunday for several weeks. The session, however, may decide to admit the new members in another large class some time during the coming month.—Bluffton News.

One of the most pleasant social events reported for some time occurred Sunday at the home of ex-county commissioner Joseph E. Mann, in Root township, when the sixty-fourth birthday anniversary of that clever and popular gentleman was duly celebrated. The guests were the immediate family, including the nine children and their families. An unusual feature in the history of this family is the fact that it consists of nine children, who with their wives, husband and children number thirty-one and not a member of the entire household from grandparents down to grandchildren has been called by death. As may be imagined a reunion of this circle is always a happy one and yesterday was no exception. A big dinner was served and the rest of the day spent in a pleasant way. The children are Mrs. W. J. Archbold, John and Harlo Mann, Mrs. J. C. Grandstaff, Robert Mann, Mrs. Jesse Singleton, Frank Mann, of Bloomington, Mrs. Shelby Vance, of Willshire, and Miss Nettie Mann.

One of the most interesting union meetings of the young people's societies ever held in Decatur was that of Sunday night at Evangelical church when representative members of the various religious societies rendered a very appropriate program. The musical and literary numbers were of much interest to the large audience which assembled. A song by the congregation opened the meeting, followed by prayer, song and the scripture reading. Thomas Perkins gave an address on "Influence of Literature on the Mind, and I think he did well, supporting his theme by the presentation of logical thoughts. Miss Della Sellemeyer then rendered a beautiful vocal solo and was followed by an address upon "Influence of Literature on the Morals" by Homer Knodle. Don Burke then cleverly executed a violin solo, after which Rev. L. C. Hesser, in his usual interesting manner, gave a talk upon the "Influence of Literature on the Community." Miss Elsie York rendered a solo which was very pleasing, after which Attorney C. L. Walters gave an excellent talk upon the theme, "Relation of Mind to the Soul." A. Van Camp appealed favorably to his every auditor in a talk upon "Kinds of Literature That Strengthen." Miss Irene Schirmeyer played an instrumental solo. The young people were much encouraged by the presence of a large audience and another such event would not be out of order.

George Aumiller, a well-to-do Wabash township farmer, who is fifty-two years of age, took unto himself a bride of eighteen summers last Saturday, Squire James H. Smith employing a beautiful ceremony in binding the matrimonial ties. The bride, Miss Laura Lawson, is a daughter of James W. Lawson, of Jefferson township, and is well known in the southern part of Adams county. The wedding occurred Saturday evening after which the couple repaired to a furnished home in Wabash township. The groom has been married before, having been divorced from his first wife. The many friends of the contracting parties wish for them much success on their matrimonial career.

Squire J. H. Stone in his usual impressive manner spoke the words that joined the lives of Benjamin Gross and Miss Frances Brandyberry Saturday afternoon and the happy couple went on their way rejoicing. Both parties reside in Monroe township.

Ex-Representative E. B. McDowell of this city, has announced his active candidacy for appointment as chief doorkeeper of the house of representatives at the coming session of the Indiana legislature, which will convene in January. He stated today that he will go to Indianapolis next Tuesday, when there will be a gathering of democratic lawmakers, for the purpose of meeting old friends with whom he served in the house several years ago, and to solicit their support and of other members whom he will meet. He has personally written to every representative, asking for his support, and has received replies from practically all of the old members with whom he served, promising him their support. The appointment is one of the best to be made. There are several other Wells county democrats who are mentioned as possible appointees by the new governor. Frank Christman is out for a place and will probably seek the office of state oil inspector. He admitted today that he will seek an appointment. E. M. Rinear, of this city, is being mentioned for the office of state fish commissioner. He has not taken up an active campaign, but his friends are urging him to get into the race. M. J. Sawyer is a receptive candidate for a remembrance from his party. He was out at first for doorkeeper, but has withdrawn from this race and will throw his support to E. B. McDowell. There are several others here out for plums but will not yet authorize statements.—Bluffton Banner.

Washington, Dec. 14.—Congress is in a state of great commotion over the president's latest move in his controversy with the lawmakers. The information which has just become known, that the president has used the secret service to "dig up" the records of congressmen who have not bowed to the strict line of public duty and that he intends to hurl this information at congress in the shape of an epistolary broadside has caused a sensation. The quietude of the Sabbath was broken by numerous congressional indignation conferences when the action of the president in turning the secret service sleuths on congress, gave rise to talk of the most warlike character. It was spoken of by the angry congressmen as action of the highest disrespect to a branch of government that is at least supposed to be co-ordinate with the executive. Many congressmen are on the anxious seat tonight, not knowing whether their names are included in the list of those whom the president will try to smother. All that is known definitely is that the president, through the agency of the secret service, is preparing a report on congressmen, who, he believes, have been servants of the special interests and otherwise delinquent in their duty to the general public; that in his report he does not deal in generalities, but mentions names and assails reputations. The connection between men in the public service and big corporations will be set forth in circumstantial detail, and the report, on the whole, will be as hot a characterization of congressmen as ever fell from the pen of any of the so-called muck-rakers. Acting under instructions from the white house, Chief Wilkie of the secret service has been gathering all of the evidence brought out against congressmen in the land fraud and other cases, and such other facts as his sleuths have been able to secure, showing the relations between public men and private interests. Even where direct connection is not established the way will be left open for inferences and deductions that will put the members assailed on the defensive. The president is not averse to having it known that he has this shot in his locker and that it certainly will be fired if congress proceeds to rebuke him, even in mild terms, for the section of his annual message in which he reproved congressmen from limiting the activities of the secret service bureau. In that message he intimated that the restrictions were put upon the secret service by congressmen who feared investigation at the hands of the secret service officers and if congress rebukes him he will slap back by trying to prove his point.

Three marriage licenses were issued Saturday afternoon, the parties being George Aumiller, aged fifty-two, a farmer, and Lora P. Lawson, aged eighteen, the groom has been married once and was divorced in 1895; Benjamin Gross, 19, a farmer, and Frances Brandyberry, 18, of Monroe; Harvey L. Kessler, 25, a farmer, of Monroe, and Emma Steele, 24, of Decatur. The latter couple were married at Judge Merryman's office, that official saying the words that made the young couple happy.

Not a single case is set for trial in circuit court this week, and it looks like a "dead one" in the news line.

Real estate transfers: Noah Luginbill et al. to Lewis J. Habegger, inlot 192, Berne, \$1,250.

County Assessor George Gents is busy these days getting ready for his duties of 1909.

Treasurer Lachot and Auditor Lewton are closing up the year's work in their respective offices.

A junk dealer's licenses has been issued to W. A. Comer and Denver Robison, of Pleasant Mills.

A gentleman from Bluffton representing the F. O. E. of that place was in the city Sunday night for the purpose of conferring with members of the local order in regard to extending the hand of charity and sociability to Mr. Jacob Blew, the Third street blacksmith, who is confined to his home on account of serious illness. Mr. Blew was taken ill some time ago, but had never made the fact known to the Decatur Eagles. His condition was reported to the Bluffton organization, however, hence they immediately dispatched a representative to this city. Arrangements were made to the effect that the Decatur Eagles will see that Mr. Blew is well taken care of and the same will be paid by the Bluffton order of which the sick man is a member. This courtesy is not to be extended for the reason that Mr. Blew is in destitute circumstances, but because it is the duty of the F. O. E. to care for their sick.

Ed S. Moses left this morning on a business trip to Celina, Ohio.

Hartford City, Ind., Dec. 14.—The effort of Albert Musser, a life prisoner at Michigan City prison, who ten years ago was convicted here of the murder of Mrs. Eliza Stoltz of Portland, to obtain a pardon, recalls one of the state's most famous trials and crimes, and also a singular fate of nearly all officials and attorneys who were connected with the case. Albert Musser came originally from Adams county. At Anderson he worked in a paper mill and his companion was William Marshall, another paper maker. They worked little and caroused much. Neither had much money and for several days after the murder of aged Mrs. Stoltz they spent money with such recklessness that they aroused suspicion. They also talked some, indicating the money was not earned by them. An investigation followed which proved that the men had been in Portland about the time the crime was committed. Several months afterward they were arrested at East St. Louis, Ill. They were brought to Indiana. Marshall was tried at Winchester and Musser in this city. Hershel LaFollette, a crippled boy of Portland, who, it was believed, had written a postal card to the Portland marshal directing him to call at the home of Mrs. Emma Stoltz near the stove factory, took his life by cutting his throat with a razor when the officers approached his home to arrest him. When the officer called at Mrs. Stoltz's home in the afternoon he found her dead with a chair cover stuffed in her mouth and evidence of robbery on every side. He supposed the crime had been committed the night previous. The coroner thought so also and so rendered his verdict. When Marshall's trial came up at Winchester he was able to prove an alibi on this date and secured his acquittal. Shortly after the coroner who rendered the verdict died. Then from grief and sorrow Marshall's father committed suicide. Attorney Williams, who was Marshall's principal attorney, learned that Mrs. Stoltz had been murdered the second night previous to the afternoon when her body was found. He is supposed to have gained the information from Marshall. He refused to assist in the Musser case and secretly aided in the prosecution of Musser here that resulted in his conviction. Shortly after the conviction of the prisoner Williams died. During the trial of Musser his mother died. Judge Joseph C. Dally, of Bluffton, a former state supreme judge, who heard the case, dropped dead at his dinner table. John T. France, of Decatur, who made a plea for his client that attracted much comment for its brilliancy, died suddenly after the trial. Judge George Bergman, who secured the evidence both against Marshall and Musser and the reward for the conviction, shot and killed himself in his office a few years later. Attorney S. W. Cantwell of this city, who was speaker of the Indiana legislature, was one of the prosecutors of Musser and has since died. Only two attorneys identified with the case are still alive, A. M. Waltz, who was prosecutor at the time, and J. A. Hindman, who defended Musser. Both live here. The supreme court refused Musser a new trial after it was carried up from this court. Musser attempted suicide while in jail at Anderson and after the conviction here. He always asserted his innocence. Marshall is serving a sentence for forgery in the penitentiary at Frankfort, Ky. The murder of Mrs. Stoltz, a rich old German woman who lived alone in the outskirts of Portland, attracted more than statewide attention. The body of a man found in a corn shock along the railroad was always believed to have been a "pal" of Musser, who was killed in a quarrel over the division of the money, supposed to have been at least \$3,000, most of it in gold.

RECOGNITION FOR DONALD HALL

It is stated on reliable authority, that Donald Hall, son of George W. Hall, of Portland, has been offered and has accepted the position of private secretary to Congressman J. A. M. Adair, and will begin his active duties immediately after the adjournment of the present short session of congress. There will be plenty of work for the new secretary with the opening of spring, both assisting in work in the departments and in mailing out the congressman's annual quota of garden seeds. Hall was employed by Adair during the greater part of the recent campaign in the Portland headquarters and is said to be thoroughly familiar with the work that will be required of him in the new position.

EATS FORTY-TWO BANANAS

Wabash, Ind., Dec. 13.—Homer Lewis, 20, of Lagro, this county, has the championship in gastronomical feats for this county. On a wager he ate forty-two bananas. His feat accomplished he was taken quite ill and medical aid was rushed to him. Treatments relieved him and he will recover.

HANLY BUYS A RESIDENCE

Governor Pays \$15,000 for New Home at Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Dec. 14.—Governor J. Frank Hanly has bought the residence property at the southwest corner of Meridian and Twenty-first streets, and will make it his home. The property is attractive, the house being a frame, ten rooms and the lot of ample size. There is eighty feet frontage on Meridian street and the lot is 162 feet deep. There are several shade trees on the ground. The price paid was \$15,000. The governor will take possession January 1, after extensive repairs have been made. Samuel R. Artman, former judge of the circuit court of Boone county, who will be Governor Hanly's law partner after the latter's retirement from office, has bought the property at 1921 north New Jersey street, and will take possession before the first of the year. The consideration was \$10,000.

As a result of a business transaction of Saturday, Med Miller has become the sole proprietor of the Grand moving picture show. Mr. Fristoe has disposed of his interest in the business. Professor Fristoe has decided to go to the Sun vaudeville circuit, where he will play the piano as he did last winter. He will go to Springfield, Ohio, within a few days to assume his new capacity. A very lucrative position is awaiting his arrival at Springfield. Mr. Miller will engage the services of an expert piano player at once and will continue to show to the public the best performances that films will reproduce. The Grand has proven to be an up to date amusement place and the shows are well patronized by the people. The mechanical effects add much to the interest of the shows. The friends of Mr. Fristoe and Mr. Miller wish for them much success.

By the terms of a deal just completed, Anson Van Camp has sold a one-half interest in the Oak Roller mills, located on First street to Mr. W. W. Whitney of Bloomington, Michigan, and that gentleman will arrive here this week to assume charge of the mill, which will be almost entirely in his hands. Mr. Van Camp devoting his time to his constantly increasing business at the machine works. Mr. Whitney is one of the best mill men in the state of Michigan and has had charge of some of the best plants in that entire state. He is an expert and will please the people of this section. He will move his family here at once and will become a real part of Decatur. Mr. Leiter, the hustling manager of the mill will very probably continue in the employ of Mr. Van Camp, but may be transferred to the machine plant, and spend a portion of the time on the road. The sale of the big mill has been under negotiation for several weeks, but was just culminated.

Many of the chickens belonging to the farmers throughout the county are dying and it is thought that the cause of this is the overfeed of corn. At no time are the fowls sick, but die during the night. Corn feed during an open winter will affect a chicken in this way and the owners will have to secure other feed for their fowls.

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Decatur postoffice for the week ending December 12, 1908: N. W. Swank, Frank G. Kintz, Frank A. Kintz (special), Max Broski, Messrs. Ketchum & Mathews, Mrs. Esta Liddy, Dr. C. R. Lowder, John Schneider, Mrs. E. K. Ray, Mr. M. Alley, Mr. John Baller. Persons calling say advertised giving date. M. A. Frisinger, P. M.

Employees of the C. B. & C. railroad are once more made happy by a pay day. The envelopes this time contained full pay for the latter half of the month of October. They are also expecting another pay day this week, at which time they will receive their wages for the first half of the month of November. The short line bids fair to catch up in its pay days, and to soon have a specified date for the payment.—Portland Sun.

Attorney Abe Simmons is in Springfield, Ill., where he is appearing before the supreme court as one of the attorneys in a big law suit over oil property in Illinois. When he appears in court there he will be attired in a handsome new Prince Albert suit which he had made here this week. In the Illinois supreme court the attorneys appear in dress suits and Mr. Simmons will follow the custom. Dress suits in the local courts would attract much attention.—Bluffton News.

The weather has moderated very much during the past forty-eight hours, and it certainly reminds one of the good old summer time.

Hugh Woods returned to Warsaw this afternoon after being the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Woods for some time.

A GOOD STOMACH.

Means Good Health, Cheerfulness, Ambition, Persistency and Success

Mi-o-na will cure your dyspepsia or any other stomach trouble by building up the flabby walls, and making the stomach so strong that it will digest food without pepsin or other artificial aid.

In other words, Mi-o-na cures dyspepsia by removing the cause.

Holthouse Drug Co. is the agent for Mi-o-na in Decatur and they say to every reader of the Democrat whose stomach is weak, who has indigestion or dyspepsia, that Mi-o-na is guaranteed to cure or money back.

The price is only 50 cents a large box, and one box is all you need to prove that you are on the right road to health and happiness.

"I can't say enough for Mi-o-na tablets; they have done more for me in one week than all the doctors have for the two years I have been under their care, and I will do all I can to recommend it to my friends. You can also use my name in your ad. if you like, for Mi-o-na is better than gold to me. I am like a new man, and am able to work once more for the first time in over a year."—W. A. Ennis, 328 Green St., Syracuse, N. Y.

BY A WOMAN-HATER.

No woman is as truthful as her mirror.

Few women waste money—if they have not got it.

The meddlesome third party causes many a divorce.

It's nothing to a man's credit if no one will trust him.

It's a sign a girl likes to be kissed if she says she doesn't.

A woman never attempts to hide her jealousy under a bushel.

Even a wise man can't tell when a woman's hat is on straight.

When a girl yawns it's up to the young man to get in the homestretch.

It's easy to see the blessings of poverty through the eyes of a millionaire.

If a girl is in love with a young man she can't see any one else in a crowd.

Many a homely woman derives a lot of satisfaction from the belief that she is clever.

A girl takes advantage of a golden opportunity when she bleaches her hair.

At 16 a girl thinks about roses and poetry; at 36 her thoughts run to cabbage and money.

Mr. and Mrs. Ormsby, of Indianapolis are in the city. Mr. Ormsby is the newly appointed representative of the Smith-Premier typewriter in the Fort Wayne district, and is out getting acquainted. He has the new number ten, the best typewriter ever put on the market and is selling them so rapidly the company is back with their orders. He is also selling older models at a greatly reduced price, and is making his headquarters at this office, and will be here about ten days or two weeks.

Robert Blackburn has received a communication from Fort Wayne stating that his sister, Mrs. Ada Abbott, whom he recently accompanied from her home in Kansas to the Lutheran hospital at Fort Wayne, is growing worse each day. The physicians have pronounced her ailment as incurable Bright's disease and she becomes weaker with each passing day.

Chris Beers, east of town, has one of the smartest Scotch collie dogs in the county. The family lives far back off the road but are saved the trouble of going out to their box each day for the mail. The dog sits on the porch until he sees Mail Carrier W. H. Krill approaching from down the road and he then races down the lane to meet him. Rearing his front feet to the buggy bed he patiently waits until the carrier places all of the family mail into his mouth and he then proudly runs back to the house. He has never been known to miss a delivery when entrusted to him.—Bluffton News.

The only way that Patrolman John Robinson could sever his connection with the police force was to resign of his own accord, since it became apparent that the metropolitan police board of this city was willing that John Robinson should go to jail while holding a commission as an officer. Robinson called at police headquarters this morning and handed in the following resignation: "Gentlemen—Please accept my resignation as a member of the police force to take effect at once. (Signed) John Robinson." The resignation was written by Captain Thompson and signed by the late officer and placed on file. It will be submitted to the police board at their meeting one week from tonight.—Marion Leader.

GUILTY OF COUNTERFEITING.

Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate coughs and heals the lungs.

THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.