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Adam Ritchie, of Craigville, was a visitor in this city today and while he imparted the information that two Craigville youths got badly left last evening. The two ardent swains in question were Messrs. Davenport and Robinold, facetiously known to their intimates as "Cotton Top" and "Flink." They went a courting two pretty misses living about four miles from Craigville and while they were within doors pressing their respective suits the horse which had hauled them thither broke loose and went back to town so that the two boys had to walk in. Adam says that the statement that the boys got left refers to the horse not to the girls.—Bluffton News.

THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

The Ossian Mutual Live Stock Insurance Association won its first suit this morning at Muncie, where one of the parties sued for a premium confessed judgment in the sum of about \$30. Two other suits are pending to collect premiums and more will be filed if the policyholders do not come forward and pay promptly. If suit is brought the premiums will have to be paid and costs on top of the premium.

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For the first time in the life of the Democrat's job department, unequalled by the way, for good work in that line, we are this week printing an eight page program for the Indiana Duroc Swine Breeders' Association, to be used at the annual meeting of that organization at the annual meeting which will be held at the parlors of the English Hotel in Indianapolis, on Wednesday, January 6th. This work comes to Decatur this year because of the fact that Mr. John D. Nidlinger, the well known Union township farmer and stockman is the honored secretary of the association, and he is likewise the treasurer. A splendid program has been arranged for the occasion and the event is to close with a barbecue, served at the English in the evening, as the programs state it, a "prettily prepared, petted, pampered, pedigree pig barbecue to a queen's taste." The State Live Stock Breeders' Association will meet the day following and the Duroc breeders will take advantage of the opportunity to attend both sessions.

Word received here from Congressman Lincoln Dixon, of Washington, announces that the investigation in the immigration offices at New York of foreigners who voted in Lake county at the last election is being pursued with vigor. Sheets giving the records of 225 foreigners who voted in Lake county have been received by those in charge of the investigation in this state. Of the 225 whose names were given, 137, it is said, had obtained first papers in Lake county in a fraudulent manner. About 2,000 more names are to be investigated. Sheets showing the records of these foreigners on file in the immigration office will be used in the contest case of Edward Simon, who was the Democratic candidate for Representative in Lake county and in the contests of Democratic candidates for state offices.

Train No. 5, east bound, hours and 29 minutes late." This was the message that brightened the depot at Decatur last evening, when the regular Sunday evening callers from this city were thinking of home and mother. The fire was out and the thermometer stood about zero in the little shack, known to the Clover Leaf officials as a depot. The engine pulling the Commercial Traveler went to pieces at Willshire, O., and there the passengers waited for a new locomotive from Delphos. Some of the more industrious in the Bluffton bunch scoured the tracks for coal and succeeded in building a fire to keep warm until the delayed train arrived. When the train did arrive in the Adams county city the trip home was comparatively short until they reached the steep grade east of the city and the engineer whistled for a clear signal at the Wabash Valley junction. Here the passengers were again halted and for some time could hear nothing but the lost blasts of the locomotive whistle, which awakened every resident between Butter Milk cut and Craigville. Again the Bluffton boys showed their right spirit and climbed from the train and went to the tower where they found the supposed to be operator of the signals apparently in deep slumbers. He claimed he had not been asleep and the engineer had not sounded the whistle. The train could not be started for several minutes on account of the conductor and the operator chewing the rag and the Bluffton party hoofed the trip to town claiming that they would prefer the C. B. & O. to the Clover Leaf.—Bluffton Banner.

Bluffton people would not be startled by the fact that representative chaps from their town remained in the depot here a few minutes overtime if they knew that they usually stay with their lady friends too long to catch the train and then go to the station and bunk on the seats or floor until morning, soiling their white vests but saving two bits for a bed. The operator has been instructed to extinguish the fire on Sunday evenings as the railroad company does not care to engage in the hotel business.

The teachers of St. Marys township met December 12, 1908, at District No. 2. The morning session began at 9:30 a. m. with all teachers present and a number of visitors. The teachers responded to roll call with quotations from various noted educators. All visitors were voted members of the institute and manifested great interest in the discussion. The forenoon was spent in discussing topics from "The School and Its Life" in which all teachers and others took an active part. The subject of "Spelling" was then thoroughly discussed. At the noon hour all were hospitably entertained by the teacher and patrons of the school and a sumptuous dinner was enjoyed. The p. m. session began at 1:30 o'clock with the discussion of "The Theory of the English Government." The institute studied the lives of some of the most noted educators. The program was interspersed by music by the teacher and school, a recitation by Miss Bunner and a solo by Mr. W. G. Teeple. The institute was favored with an interesting talk by Rev. D. O. Wise. After the assignment of the topics and place of meeting for the next institute an address was given by the trustee, Mr. W. H. Teeple, in which he expressed his gratitude for the hearty co-operation between himself and teachers during his administration as trustee. He closed by expressing his best wishes to each teacher. The trustee-elect, Mr. O. J. Suman was present and addressed the institute expressing a desire that the educational work should continue to prosper and assured his teachers that they would have his co-operation in all lines of school work. Mr. S. C. Cramer expressed his joys of being with the teachers and trustee of St. Marys again. A vote of thanks was given to the teacher, Mr. B. S. Colter, and the patrons of the school for their hospitality and kindness shown to

all, another to the trustee for his kindness shown throughout his term of office. The session closed at 4 o'clock p. m.

Rev. Jasper H. Winans, a native of this county, died at his home at Bellefontaine, Ohio, Saturday morning. The funeral services were held from the First Baptist church of that city yesterday afternoon. Rev. Winans is survived by a wife and four children, Mrs. Frances Kiser, Mrs. Grace Haughton and Mrs. Dove Haughton of Geneva and Edward L. Winans, of Bellefontaine. The Daily Index Republican of Bellefontaine said of this good man: "Death brought sweet release from months of illness which had fastened itself upon Rev. Jasper H. Winans, when this faithful minister was called from earth to the higher home, Saturday morning at 7:25 o'clock at his home on north Green street. Rev. Mr. Winans had been confined to his home for eighteen weeks not a day of which time he had been able to leave his bed. He approached the end with a firm reliance upon his Master, whom he had served faithfully and well and when the spirit left the frail body it was fully attuned for its existence in the heavenly kingdom, the upbuilding of which had been Rev. Mr. Winans' life work. Jasper Harlan Winans, son of Richard and Rosabel Winans, was born on a farm in Adams county, Indiana, December 14, 1851. He was educated in the public schools of Decatur, and at the age of 15 years united with the Baptist church at Pleasant Mills. He early chose the preaching of the gospel as his vocation and in July 1876 he was ordained as a minister of the Baptist denomination. His first pastorate was at Churubusco, Ind., and later he filled the charges at Warsaw, Rochester, Kokomo, New Albany, all in Indiana, the First church in Zanesville, O., St. Marys, O., and Ovid, Mich. During his pastorate at Rochester and Kokomo, he built large churches. Three other churches were erected under his supervision during this early ministry."

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State Senator-elect Steve Fleming, of Fort Wayne, is said to be making plans to be a guest at the Denison Hotel during the legislative session. Friends of Mr. Fleming declare the Fort Wayne man will have two rooms at the Denison throughout the session. The fact that Mr. Fleming will make his headquarters at a hotel which is the headquarters of Thomas Taggart and in which Mr. Taggart is interested is surprising to some who have watched the course of political events. For several years, or ever since Mr. Fleming was a candidate for the chairmanship of the state committee, he and Mr. Taggart have been at swords' points politically.

The directors of the Decatur Packing company held a meeting at their offices where a report was read covering the business of the concern for the month of November. The session was spirited, every director manifesting a deep interest in the progress of the institution. The report brought out the fact that \$75,000 worth of business was done in November, which exceeds that of November, 1907, \$8,000, a very noticeable gain. The promoters of the Decatur Packing company do not expect to do a big business during the winter months for the reason that many of the farmers and some townspeople have killed their meat and the demand will not be big until some time in April. Under the supervision of Mr. Hayward and an able board of directors this company is doing a business which exceeds the fondest expectations of the stockholders and although the winter comes with the sweet, there is no doubt but that the concern will, within a few years, pay big dividends. The stock buyers are experiencing no difficulty in securing enough hogs and cattle in the county to meet their demands, as they are paying topnotch prices.

Attorney Jacob Butcher, of Geneva, was a professional caller in town and has returned to his home.

Word from Craigville is to the effect that Dr. D. C. Huffman of that place, has been in a serious condition for several days with a peculiar affliction which has proven a puzzle to him and to his friends. His system appeared to become sluggish and at times his knees would give way suddenly beneath him and he would almost fall to the ground, and his system in other ways appeared to become numb and some of the organs almost refused to perform their proper functions. It was necessary for him to take to his bed and he has been confined there for several days. It is said that the doctor himself feared that he would be stricken with paralysis and much alarm was felt by him and his family. Today he is reported to be better and to be slowly improving and it is thought he will be able to be around again soon.

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There is a growing feeling among some of those who are keeping in touch with political affairs that all of the talk about a United States senator being chosen on the third or fourth ballot is not well founded. A belief prevails that the senatorship contest will drag out to considerable length and that the caucus may continue for three or four days or longer. Friends of Kern have declared that Kern would be chosen on the second or third ballot, and friends of Slack have said that their man would land safely not later than the third or fourth ballot.

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During his thirty-two years in the work, Rev. Winans baptized over 1,000 people and received into his church over 3,000 members.

The deep sweet odors of the dawning day
Arose around him, and athwart the skies
A robin fluttered, trailing melodies
As like a spangled song it sped away.
He stood there ankle-deep in yellow clay,
Watching with wistful, wonder-haunted eyes;
His pose, a masterpiece of sweet surprise;
His soul suspended on the robin's lay.

No laureled poet ever struck a mood
So wild as, inarticulate, there burned

Within his breast that moment while he stood

Beside his plow, unlettered and unlearned.

Ah, could the muse untie his tangled tongue

And breathe a life into the latent song!

—William McCormack.

Mrs. W. H. Fledderjohann and daughter charmingly entertained at a dinner party the following guests: Misses Ida and Emma Dirksen, Grace and Pearl Purdy, Hilda Loser, Désirée Mann and Mrs. Mary Baxter; Messrs. Kirtley, Edwin Fledderjohann and Samuel Katterheinrich. After dinner the party enjoyed an automobile ride.

Mrs. R. S. Peterson and Mrs. C. D. Kunkle, of Monmouth, will entertain on Thursday, the event being the result of an election joke. The affair is to take place at the Kunkle home and the guests will include A. R. Bell and family, R. S. Peterson and family, the Kunkles and J. H. Heller and family.

There is no doubt that within the next year or two several handsome lodges will be erected in Decatur. As is known the Knights of Pythias have made a part of their plans already and will likely be in their own home within a year. The Masons and Modern Woodmen are doing a little figuring and we have been reliably informed that the Knights of Columbus have decided to erect either a home or building shortly. In fact a committee has been appointed to "scoot around" and get their eye on a lot which will prove a suitable site. If they decide on a location in the central portion the building will probably be built for business rooms, while if they choose a site away from Second street a home will be the probable result. Whatever they decide upon however, it is practically assured that they will soon own their home and when they do build it is a safe prediction that they will do it right, and the block will be one that Decatur may well feel proud of. This lodge now has 172 members and is growing constantly.

Mr. Ormsby, the Smith-Premier salesman has about concluded his work here and has sold a number of machines. He will go to Berne tomorrow and then to Bluffton.

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Speaker Tells Earlham Man "Laymen Are With Him."

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 14.—Prof. David W. Dennis, of Earlham college in a letter to President Kelly, states that he recently had an interview with Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of the national house of representatives and that "Uncle Joe" appeared to be very confident of his re-election as speaker by the next congress, which meets March 4, next year. "The laymen are all with me," said Uncle Joe to Prof. Dennis. Mr. Cannon, who was formerly a student at Earlham when it was just a boarding school, told Prof. Dennis of his experiences as a school boy in years gone by and said that he would always have the kindest recollection of the old Quaker institution.

The prevailing weather conditions are decidedly favorable to the wheat and the farmers are extending hopes for a good harvest of the grain.

Mike McGriff, of Geneva, was a caller in Decatur today and went to Bluffton this morning.

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