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At the close of this conference year, which will be in the spring, Rev. E. L. Semans, pastor of the M. E. church of this city, will retire from the ministry, after thirty-nine long years of active service. Rev. Semans has been pastor of the local church for the last two years, and during that time he has made many devoted friends who regret that he has decided to quit the ministry. They fully appreciate, however, Mr. Seman's long service as a pastor, during which time he has been a hard and faithful worker. He has been active in all the departments of the church. The friends that Rev. Semans has made during his two years' stay in this city are not confined to the membership of the Methodist church, by any means. In all the churches of the city he has many admirers.—Winchester Herald.

# POLICE NOTIFIED

## Young Lady Visiting at Os- sian Thought She Had Been Robbed

Valued at Four Hundred  
Dollars Jewels Found in  
the Bed Springs

What was reported this morning as a "mysterious diamond robbery" at the little town of Ossian, ten miles north of Bluffton, proved when finally the mystery was solved, to be a good joke on Miss Cora Hood, a sister of Miss Alda Hood, a Bluffton school teacher, and her guest, Miss Etta Houk, of Noblesville, Ind. When Miss Hood and her guest retired at 10:30 last night Miss Houk, as was her custom, placed her four valuable rings, a large solitaire diamond, two smaller diamonds, and a large ruby ring worth over \$400, in a handkerchief, in which she securely tied them and then placed rings and handkerchief in the pocket of the gown in which she retired for the night. When she awoke this morning she and Miss Hood were caused the greatest of alarm from the fact that the four rings and handkerchief had strangely disappeared. Diligent search was made of the bed and the room, but this first search failed to reveal anything of the missing jewelry and further mystery was added for the time being from the fact that, although the ladies concluded a thief had been in the house they could not account for the fact that he had not taken either of their purses or bothered jewelry or other valuables in open sight on a dresser. The window of the room was raised about a foot as they had left it and the theory adopted was that they had been chloroformed by a thief who was choicy and had an eye for diamonds only. The rear door was unlocked also and the two ladies and the sister and mother of Miss Hood were not positive whether they had left it unlocked or the "thief" had done it. Being unable to explain the mystery or get any clew to the rings, the ladies telephoned to Sheriff Lipkey of this city to the Fort Wayne police and to all jewelers to be on the lookout for the jewelry and the thieves. Sheriff Lipkey went to Ossian on the 9:45 car to help in the investigation and arrived just about the time that the rings were recovered. In another and more careful search the ladies found the four rings all safely wrapped in the handkerchief, still in the bed. During the night they had slipped from Miss Houk's pocket, and worked down into the bed springs, where they were found.—Bluffton News.

### DISTRIBUTION OF LEEDS ESTATE

New York, Dec. 29.—The state tax appraisers' report filed today at Milnola, L. I., shows Mrs. Nannie Stewart Leeds, widow of Wm. B. Leeds and his second wife, receives \$5,593,533 of the estate proper and a villa at Newport and other holdings to bring the total to about \$7,000,000. Wm. B. Leeds Jr. son of his second wife, receives \$1,611,059, while Rudolph Gar Leeds of Richmond, Ind., son by his first wife receives one million outright. Leeds died in Paris in June.