

Miss Rose Christen and Mrs. Dolle Durkins were hostesses Thursday afternoon to a company of their friends at their home on Adams street. The spacious rooms of the house were decorated with vases of flowers and profusion of smilax. A delicious luncheon was served. The guests were entertained by contests and an enjoyable afternoon was spent by those at the party, who were the Misses Nettie Moses, Laura Alban, Gusta Cramer, Bessie Congleton, Eva Acker, Lizzie Peterson, Jessie McClain, Vera Johnson, Florence Johnson, the Mesdames C. J. Lutz, W. H. Lee, C. F. True, J. C. Paterson, Eli Myers, Richard Spetnagle, John Heller, W. A. Lower, Tom Reid, Fred Huer, O. L. Vance, David Hensley, Frank Schirmeyer, Chas. Dugan, Will Kuebler, C. O. France, Bart France, John Peterson, Chas. Myers, French Quinn, John Tyndall, Chancy Fuhrman, Chas. Christen, Fred Oaugh, Harry Moltz, L. A. Graham, Frank Burns, Robert Gregory, Geo. Flanders, Dick Christen, Bruce Christen, Flora Smith, Kate Place, Fred Mills and Frank Gast. Miss Jessie Brineman, of Huntington, was an out-of-town guest.

George Wolfe, residing southwest of the city, was kicked a terrific blow by a furious animal at the First street sale stables Friday a. m. and it was at first thought he was seriously if not fatally injured. The young man was standing near the auctioneer stand when the horse was being led back and forth to be shown to the buyers, when in an instant the animal leaped to the side of the barn, kicking simultaneously and Wolfe was caught in the leg by the horses hoof. His body was hurled a short distance, bystanders catching him before he reached the ground, and he was laid in the rear of the stable where he soon revived. His leg is badly bruised, although it is thought no serious complications will develop. He was able in a few minutes to be about although he is suffering much pain.

The horse sale held Friday at the sale stables on First street under the auspices of the Decatur Horse Sale company, was without question the best sale that this company has as yet experienced, not only in the number of horses sold or the buyers present, but in the manner in which they were sold as each and every horse sold high and a small profit was made on each and every animal. The sale as per schedule started out promptly at twelve-thirty o'clock, Auctioneer McNabb, of Bucyrus, Ohio, holding the hammer and immediately after he notified the buyers present concerning the conditions of the sale the first horse was trotted in and from that time on until the two hundred head were disposed of, the bidding was brisk and spirited. Foreign buyers from all over the country, including New York, Boston, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Buffalo and Chicago, not to say anything about the buyers from the smaller places, were present, and each and every buyer present was sold one or more horses and each animal offered under the auctioneer's hammer found a new home. The majority of the animals sold will be shipped to eastern markets, where they will again be resold and placed to work. The horses offered at this sale were clean cut animals in every respect and with each sale went a special guarantee that the horse was sound in every respect. The horse sale company during the past two years has gained a reputation for honesty and fairness toward foreign buyers, and because of this treatment these same buyers are always found at the next sale ready and anxious to buy if something is presented that they want. From the way the sale progressed a hundred more head could easily have been sold, had they been quartered in the stables. However, the sale will be repeated in several weeks that those who did not buy will thus have the opportunity presented to them again.

Carl, the fifteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Smith of north Second street, who some time ago discharged a revolver while asleep, the cartridge penetrating his hand, is now reported as being very seriously ill as a consequence of blood poisoning setting in and the members of the family are alarmed as to the probable outcome of the new development. The young man, it will be remembered arose in his sleep some time ago and obtaining a revolver in the adjoining room, he repaired to the dining room, where the weapon was discharged, the bullet penetrating his hand. A physician administered medical aid and it was thought that the boy would recover without inconvenience. During the past few days, however, the case has assumed a seriousness which may necessitate the amputation of the hand, although all that can be done is being done to avoid the operation, and thus save the member. The hand is badly swollen and is causing the youth much pain.

Senator Beal's bill providing that engines used in switching shall be equipped with footboards and proper headlights was passed by a vote of 42 to 0.

Fleming's bill making Good Friday a legal holiday for all banks was passed by a vote of 30 to 15.

After a discussion that lasted nearly all day in the senate, the Mattingly bill, known as the housing bill, the purpose of which is to make sanitary regulations for the construction and maintenance of tenement houses, apartment houses and flat buildings, was passed by the senate by a vote of 37 to 6, yesterday afternoon, but not until after it had been amended out of all resemblance to its original form.

The first bill up for passage was that introduced by Maas, providing for the creation of boards for examination of plumbers in cities of more than 5,000 population and for licensing master and journeymen plumbers. The vote was 61 to 30.

Only one negative vote was registered in the senate yesterday against the veto bill allowing sheriffs of the state in and out fees, when that bill was considered on the motion of Senator Wood. The vote was 43 to 1. The bill was passed by the last legislature, but was vetoed by Governor Hanly. It has already been passed over the veto in the house. The bill fixes the fees for practically all of the duties performed by sheriffs in the state, but the most important of all the changes is the one wherein it gives the sheriff 25 cents for locking in a prisoner in the county jail and 25 cents for discharging each prisoner and fixes the price at which prisoners shall be boarded while in jail at 40 cents a day. The bill also fixes the pay of riding bailiffs at \$2.50 a day, the number and length of their terms to be determined by the judge of the circuit court of the county. The supreme court has held that under the old law the sheriff was not entitled to the in and out fees and several sheriffs throughout the state have been compelled to pay back to their counties the money which they received for such fees. Two Marion county sheriffs had to pay back large sums on this account. Two years ago the Indiana Sheriffs' Association had this bill prepared by William Bosson, attorney for the association, and it was introduced in the house by Representative Edwards by request. When it was passed Governor Hanly vetoed it. When it was known that the bill would come on for passage over the veto at this session a lobby of sheriffs from over the state came to town and have been camping with the legislature ever since. The bill will be a law as soon as it is signed by Lieutenant-Governor Hall and Speaker Honan.

Senator Shafer introduced a bill to provide that each county farmers' institute of the state shall draw from the county 25 cents for each square mile of territory in the county. At present the county institutes receive \$100 from the county minus the membership fees of the institute. Senator Shafer says his bill would provide for about the same amount of financial aid from the county treasuries, but that it would be distributed among the counties more satisfactorily.

A bill by Senator Halleck would amend the present pharmacy law so that any person who has held a license for twenty-three years continuously as an assistant pharmacist and has been continuously employed as a pharmacist shall be entitled to a license. Unemployment for periods of not more than six months at any time within the twenty-three years would not prohibit the assistant from obtaining the license as a pharmacist. It is provided that the person applying for such licenses shall present affidavits from two licensed physicians as to the length of time he has held a license as an assistant pharmacist.

WASHINGTON ONCE GAVE UP to three doctors; was kept in bed for five weeks. Blood poison from a spider's bite caused large, deep sores to cover his leg. The doctors failed, then "Bucklen's Arnica Salve" completely cured me," writes John Washington of Bosqueville, Tex. For eczema, boils, burns and piles its supreme. 25c at all druggists.

When Rev. Earl Nafziger, of Hartford City, leaves March 1 for his new pastorate at Bellingham, Wash., it will mean the disbanding of the famous North Indiana conference quartet, which has sang at many religious gatherings in the northern half of the state.

When baby loses flesh, looks pale, is fidgety, and nervous, the little one is not well nourished, and should be given a soothing, healing tonic. Holister's Rocky Mountain Tea is the best tonic for babies; purely vegetable. 35 cents.

SMITH, YAGER & FALK.

Judge LaFollette, of Portland, arrived this morning and occupied the bench and completed the issues in the case of Page vs. Niblick, the foreign attorneys who were interested in this case and present were Judge Vesey, of Fort Wayne and Eben Lesh, of Huntington.

A new case entitled Menno S. Leichty vs. Emil and Katie Franz was filed this morning by Attorney A. B. Bailey, of Monroe, the suit being on note and foreclosure of mortgage, the demand being \$150, the complaint was filed and summons ordered returnable February 19th.

Michael Miller this morning qualified as guardian for Otto and Milo Baumgartner his bond being fixed at \$1,000, which was approved by the court.

Attorney A. B. Bailey today filed a petition in the auditor's office which was signed by forty-six taxpayers of Monroe township, asking that John F. Crist be appointed to the office of justice of the peace of that township, the appointment being necessary owing to the resignation of Squire Bailey some time ago. The commissioners will no doubt act on the matter on next Monday when they meet.

Marriage licenses were issued last evening to John J. Hilty, aged forty-three years, of Monroe township, and Anna C. Amstutz, aged thirty-four, also of Monroe township; Clarence Bell, aged twenty-five, of Van Wert county, Ohio, and Elma Swaggart, aged twenty-one of Adams county.

The license issued last yesterday afternoon which Clerk Haefling refused to divulge, was G. Blaine Monroe, aged twenty-five, of Warren, Pa., and Miss Jeannette H. Porter, aged twenty-two years, of Geneva, Ind. Miss Porter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Porter of Geneva, and is well known in this city, in fact she has a number of relatives who reside here. The young couple left on the five-thirty car for Fort Wayne, where the ceremony was undoubtedly performed.

County Treasurer Lachot informed us today that another name had been taken from the delinquent tax list, which now cuts the list down to three names. He fully expects the other three to come in this week, which will be the first time in the history of the county. Come on boys get busy, and settle up an dmake a clean sheet.

Four cases veueed from Allen county arrived this morning and are now on the docket of this court, the cases are entitled Herman Hackemeyer re-application for liquor license; Frank J. Gerardat re-application for liquor license; William J. Beauchat re-application for liquor license, and C. F. Gladioux re-application for liquor license. These are the men to whom liquor licenses were issued some time ago in Allen county by the board of commissioners after remonstrances had been filed by the temperance forces which were held not to be sufficient by the board, the temperance people refused to abide by the action of the board, appealed the same to the Allen circuit court, and the liquor men took a change of venue and the cases were sent to this county, where the question of the validity of the licenses will be tried in the near future.

Attorney Jesse C. Sutton, acting as attorney for the administratrix of the estate of Shelby Ray, deceased, this morning sold at public auction at the front door of the court house some real estate owned by the deceased, which was disposed to Liechty Bros. & Company, of Berne, for \$2,750.

In the case of Page vs. Niblick, the defendants filed an affidavit for a change of venue from the county, which was granted by Judge LaFollette, who sent the same to Wells county, where the cause will no doubt be tried.

The case of the Fort Wayne & Springfield Railway company against the G. R. & I. Railway company was tried this morning before Judge Mertryman and resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff. The defendants then asked for an appeal to the supreme court, which was granted by the court after defendants filed a bond for \$200,000. The court gave them sixty days to perfect their appeal.

#### THE SECRET OF LONG LIFE.

A French scientist has discovered one secret of long life. His method deals with the blood. But long ago millions of Americans had proved Electric Bitters prolongs life and makes it worth living. It purifies, enriches and vitalizes the blood, rebuilds wasted nerve cells, imparts life and tone to the entire system. It's a godsend to weak, sick and debilitated people. "Kidney trouble had blighted my life for months," writes W. M. Sherman, of Cushing, Mo., "but Electric Bitters cured me entirely." Only 50c at all druggists.

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 5.—Despite the vigorous protest of President Roosevelt the California assembly today, by a vote of 48 to 26, passed the bill demanding the segregation of Japanese in the public schools. The assembly had hardly taken action before Governor Gillett received a thunderbolt telegram from the president asking to know if it could be possibly true that the assembly had passed an anti-Japanese bill, which Mr. Roosevelt described as "the most offensive bill of all and clearly unconstitutional." The president's telegram was as follows:

"Washington, Feb. 4. "J. N. Gillett, Governor of California—Your kind letter just received. What is the rumor that the California legislature has passed a bill excluding the Japanese children from the public schools. This is the most offensive bill of all, and in my judgment is clearly unconstitutional, and we should at once have to test it in the courts. Can it be stopped in the legislature or by veto?"

"Theodore Roosevelt." Governor Gillett immediately wired a reply to the president and asked for an answer at once. He refused to discuss the nature of the message to Washington, but will make all correspondence by wire public on receipt of the president's next telegram if possible. Grove L. Johnson had introduced three anti-Japanese bills in the assembly. Mr. Johnson's other bills prohibiting aliens from being members of boards of directors and restricting them in residence districts at the option of boards of supervisors were defeated, the first by a vote of 54 to 15. The second failed of passage because of a tie vote, the friends of the bill being unable to muster the required forty-one votes. Roll call finally stood 37 to 37 after a call of the house, and several changed from aye to no and vice versa. Johnson changed his vote from aye to no and moved to reconsider tomorrow. Walter Leeds of Los Angeles changed his vote from no to aye on the school bill and moved to reconsider that also. There was little support for the corporation measure, the votes for the bill falling thirteen short of the number cast for the Drew bill. The principal debate was upon the residential segregation bill. Many who voted against the land and corporation measures announced they favored order segregation of undesirable aliens calling it "effective anti-Japanese legislation."

Elections will be held in Monroe, Jefferson and French townships next Monday for the purpose of voting subsidies to the Bluffton, Berne and Celina traction company, which contemplates extending its line through the southern portion of Adams county, and there is much speculation as to the probable outcome of the balloting. There are a great many residents of the above mentioned townships who are enthusiastically in favor of the project, and we are informed that there are a number who are exercising every effort to defeat the subsidy. In Monroe township, some of the heavy taxpayers are against the proposition for the reason that the amount asked for, \$16,000, is more than one and one-half per cent of the taxable property of the township. They contend that the amount is exorbitant, while others discuss the proposition from a different viewpoint; \$1,000 is asked from Jefferson and French townships respectively, and it seems that sentiment is divided there also. Geneva and Berne are in a wild state of rivalry as a consequence of the proposed line, each of the corporations being anxious that the line extend through their town and information has reached us to the effect that business men in each of the towns have signified their willingness to give a bonus to the company and in addition thereto, subscribe stock. What the outcome of the election will be no one has as yet ventured to predict.

Here is Relief for Women. If you have pains in the back, Urinary, Bladder or Kidney trouble, and want a certain, pleasant herb cure for women's ills, try Mother Gray's Australian-Leaf. It is a safe and never-failing regulator. At Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample package FREE. Address, The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y.

Messrs. H. B. France and John Reiter are now comfortably located in their new quarters, and are busy greeting their many friends. These gentlemen expect to make the Adams county club most desirable to their many customers and they will no doubt succeed.

#### When Rubbers Become Necessary

and your shoes pinch. Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder to be shaken into the shoes, is just the thing to use. Try it for Breaking in New Shoes. Sold everywhere, 25c. Sample Free. Address, Allen S. Cimsted, LeRoy, N. Y. Don't accept any substitute.

Save your hands from the Don Cavalier and get the present at the Mod-

Geneva, Ind., Feb. 5.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—The populace of this city was shocked this morning when the news became circulated upon the streets that Miss Jeannette H. Porter, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Porter, had eloped yesterday and was married late last evening at Fort Wayne, Ind., to G. Blaine Monroe, of Warren, Pa. The news came as a shock to the parents of the bride, who were not expecting anything of this kind, and they are heart broken over the turn of affairs. From what can be learned the parents had no objection to their daughter marrying Mr. Monroe, and they are at a loss to understand why they should pursue this course. Mr. Monroe came to Geneva Thursday morning and was seen on the streets with Miss Porter, they both leaving on the afternoon train for Decatur, presumably to visit with friends. However, it seems that upon their arrival at Decatur that they immediately repaired to the clerk's office where the license was secured, leaving that place for Fort Wayne, where they were married last evening. Mr. Monroe is at present engaged in the oil business in Pennsylvania, and from what can be learned, is well to do, he having large oil interests in and about Warren, Pa., where the young couple will no doubt make their future home. The bride is one of the most charming young ladies of this community, and is held in the high esteem of all who knew her, and her acquaintance spreads over a vast territory. Mr. Monroe and Miss Porter first met at Geneva several years ago, when the oil business was on the boom, and it is thought that that friendship ripened into the love affair that terminated yesterday in their marriage. Miss Porter is well known in this city, she having visited here upon several occasions with relatives and friends, and during these short visits made a host of friends who will no doubt be very agreeably surprised to learn of her marriage.

It will bring rich, red blood, firm, flesh, and muscle. That's what Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do. Taken this month keeps you well all winter. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. SMITH, YAGER & FALK.

A. B. Bailey, of Monroe, was in the city today looking after business affairs, and has returned to his home.

Luther Boyers will leave on the twelfth of this month for Evanston, where he will enter Northwestern university.

A drizzling rain of today made the weather decidedly disagreeable, but few people were seen on the streets as a consequence.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Vance, of Decatur, spent yesterday in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Miller—Bluffton Banner.

Trustee John T. Kelley of Jefferson township, was in the city making returns on the subsidy election held there yesterday.

Miss Tillie Menhardt, of St. Louis, who has been the guest of Miss Hattie Studabaker, returned to her home at St. Louis today.

Governor Marshall has accepted an invitation to deliver a address at the banquet of the National democratic club in New York April 13.

The St. Marys river has risen considerably during the past few days and it is probably higher now than it has been during the winter.

U. S. Drummond has returned to his home at Pleasant Mills, after looking after business interests in the city. He attended the big doings at the I. O. O. F. hall last night.

Passengers coming from Fort Wayne over the Interurban state that four inches of snow had fallen in Fort Wayne, and everywhere along the route as far as Monmouth.

The commissioners meet tomorrow, the purpose of the meeting being to sign macadam road bonds and appoint inspectors for the local option election, scheduled for the 23rd of this month.

The revival services in progress at the M. E. church are becoming more interesting each evening. Rev. Wilcox is delivering very interesting sermons to the large audiences which gather.

The members of the I. O. O. F. held a most interesting session at their hall last night when initiatory work was conferred upon candidates and a banquet royal was served. Many were present to enjoy the festivities.

The election commissioners made short work of the canvass of the vote for the subsidy election this morning. The canvass required but a short time, owing to the fact that the ticket was short as was also the record of the same.

Every Democrat subscriber is entitled to the premium we are now offering if they pay their subscription in advance for one year, and it is our hope that every reader will secure one of the great law books we are giving away. It will be a valuable acquisition to your library. Call and get one while they last.

The condition of John Williams of west Madison street remains practically unchanged. He is still seriously ill.

Peter Sether Sr. of west Monroe street is critically ill from dropsy and heart trouble. His life is despaired of.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Haugk are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy at their home. Mother and babe are doing well.

C. O. France returned last night from a business trip to Bluffton, where he was in the interest of the Conter Ice Cream company.

Dr. W. E. Smith, wife and son Lowell, who have been attending the funeral of the doctor's father, arrived home this morning from Columbus.

Miss Minnie Orvis returns to Decatur today after a few days' stay with Fort Wayne friends and relatives.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Smith returned this morning from Columbus, Ohio, where they attended the funeral of the former's father, Jasper Smith, who died last Saturday.

The funeral services of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Strickler were held yesterday at Monroe, Interment was made at the Ray cemetery south of Monroe.

That the interstate commerce commission will hold a session in Fort Wayne next Saturday, February 13, became known to government officials here today when Deputy United States Marshal Walter received directions to have the federal court room placed in readiness for the coming of the commission.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

It has just been discovered that no return was ever made of the marriage of George W. Aldrich and Miss Alvina DeLong, at Muncie, eight years ago upon a license issued in Allen county. Justice Moreland, who performed the ceremony, now resides in California. An effort will be made to have the record completed according to law.

The building committee of the K. of P. home who will hold a public reception Thursday afternoon and evening announce that they will not admit to the home, unless accompanied by their parents, children under fifteen years of age. The committee would not be prepared to look after the children if they were given free and indiscriminate access.—Bluffton News.

As the good old summer time draws nearer the base ball fans are thinking more seriously about putting an independent team in the field. At this time it seems that there is a probability of such an action. As the financing of the proposition is a different thing, however, it is a question of whether or not the money can be raised, which would be used in defraying the expenses of a team.

Mrs. E. M. Vancil, of Decatur, transferred here Monday enroute to her home from Fort Recovery, Ohio, where she visited over Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Money. Her sister, Mrs. Grace Conner, who returned a short time ago from Old Mexico, sick, was reported better. She was formerly Miss Grace Money and attended the local high school.—Portland Commercial-Review.

W. F. Huston, brother-in-law of Mrs. John Fleming, of this city, and until recently connected with the Huntington Evening Herald, has gone to Kewana, Ill., where he has accepted a position as principal of the schools at Kewana. Mr. Huston will receive a fine salary, being well qualified for the work, and having graduated from the state university. Formerly Mr. Huston was superintendent of the Dawson, N. M., schools.

The delinquent tax sale was conducted today by Auditor Garrett and Treasurer Dustman and thirty-four pieces of property on which there were delinquent taxes were sold. They may be redeemed within a year. One piece, lot No. 10 at Craigville, on which Hartman Williams owes \$6.32 in back taxes would not sell at its figure. There were no bids for it. Taxes on one piece were paid just as the sale began.—Bluffton News.

County Surveyor H. B. Sark and Contractor Butler, of Decatur, who built the big ditch in Jackson township to drain the lake territory, drove to the lakes today to view the ditch. It has been completed for three or four weeks, but the water has not yet been turned into it. The ditch was clogged for a time but the obstruction was removed. The contractor and Mr. Sark probably will have the water turned into the ditch.—Bluffton News.

During the past year it cost the townships of Wells county \$1,130.75 to pay for the sheep that were killed and maimed by dogs. Reports have been made by the trustees of the different townships to Auditor Garrett. One hundred and seventeen sheep were killed and one hundred and thirty-two were maimed. None of the townships have run out of the fund for this purpose, which is raised by the taxing of dogs, but several of the funds are getting rather low.—Bluffton Banner.