

Conscious of her surroundings until almost the last, bereft for the first time during her long siege of illness of the hopes for recovery and wonderful vitality which have so conspicuously characterized the days and months of suffering she has uncomplainingly withstood, Mrs. J. E. Moser known and beloved by many, sank into the deep slumber of death last evening at 5:40 o'clock, thus severing the earthly ties of innumerable friends in whom she has found implicit loyalty for many years. The last hours of the estimable woman were passed peacefully, calmly and although loath to leave the companionship of those dear to her, death came as sweet release from the excruciating pain which attended her dread illness during its several months duration. Mrs. Moser was a good woman. She was universally beloved responsive to her fidelity to all obligations which fall to a woman of high ideals. She was ever mindful of her duties as a mother, as a wife, and the life of the departed woman though ended prematurely, will serve as an inspiration to many. The awful results of a cancerous growth of malignant nature has robbed Decatur of the activities, the sociability, the uprightness of one of her most highly respected citizens, and words of consolation from the lips of mortal man will fall far short in assuaging the anguish of the bereavement of a multitude of friends, regardless of how well spoken. Mrs. Moser was first taken ill last July fourth, and her condition became worse and more perplexing each day. August seventh she was taken to St. Joseph hospital, Fort Wayne, where a surgical operation revealed a cancerous condition in an advanced stage. The surgeon as best he could relieved the complications and in a few weeks Mrs. Moser came home, feeling improved. She soon, however, relapsed into a siege of serious illness again and ten weeks hence was taken to the hospital for further treatment. The efforts of surgeons were all in vain, and the statement was given out that the woman could survive but a short time, at the most. She was brought home, and her wonderful vitality baffled surgeons and physicians alike. Mrs. Moser had hopes until the last day of her life and she battled vigorously and heroically against the coming of the death angel. The deceased was born near Willshire, Ohio, Nov. 10, 1868, and nineteen years ago on the same day of the same month she was united in marriage to J. E. Moser, the ceremony being performed at Willshire. Later they removed to this city and engaged in the photography business, Mrs. Moser taking an active part in the work of the studio and she developed into an artist of ability. Until her illness the deceased had charge of the china store which was conducted in connection with the studio, and she was always proficient in her work. She leaves beside a multitude of friends, a husband, son Ralph, four brothers, George Melvin and Joseph Roop, of Willshire, and Charles Roop of Van Wert, beside two half sisters to mourn her loss.

The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the Rev. Spetnagle officiating.

At a meeting of the Adams County Local Option association held on Saturday March 13, 1909, the following memorial and resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, at a special local option election held in Adams county, Indiana, on February 23rd, 1909 a majority of the qualified electors of said county voted in favor of prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage within the limits of said county, Therefore, be it resolved, that we congratulate the people upon their action in said matter, and the fairness in which said contest and election was held and conducted by all those interested, without reference to their views upon the question at issue.

Be it further resolved, That with malice toward none and with charity for all, we pledge ourselves to lend all honorable assistance to those who will be compelled to discontinue their business on account of the verdict of the people, in any legitimate business or occupation in which they may engage, and be it further resolved, that while we pledge ourselves in every honorable way to assist all those who will be compelled to quit the business which by the act of the people and by virtue of the laws in force they will be compelled to do, yet be it further resolved that we further pledge ourselves, our means and honest efforts to see to it that the laws governing the sale of intoxicating liquors and prohibiting the sale of the same are strictly enforced, and be it further resolved that this organization known as the Adams County Local Option association be made permanent in order that by organized effort the laws may be enforced, and we invite all the people of the county, irrespective of politics or creed, to join with us in

an honest effort for a strict enforcement of the laws.

Rev. R. SPETNAGEL, Vice-Pres.
Rev. I. IMLER, Pres.
E. M. RAY, Secy.

NEXT WEDNESDAY.

At the Bosse opera house the big Dudley Buck chorus of Fort Wayne. You can't forget the date, Wednesday, March 17th, St. Patrick's Day. This is one of the largest and strongest musical organizations of that city. They come here at a great expense, as they have chartered a special car on the Fort Wayne and Springfield railway and will arrive about seven o'clock Wednesday evening. You cannot afford to miss this great musical treat. The seats will be put on sale at the Holthouse Dry Goods store today at 1 o'clock instead of Monday, and if you want choice seats have them reserved today. Manager Bosse has just received order from Fort Wayne for 25 reserved seats opera chairs, as there will be a number of Fort Wayne people here on that night. If you want first choice of opera chairs, have them reserved at once. First come first served. The price is only 35c for opera chairs and 25 cents for blue chairs.

All morning long and a good part of the afternoon, the attorneys in the case of Conrad D. Gallmeyer, trustee vs. Edward Gallmeyer et al, battled and argued in a very able manner, completing the issues in one of the most complicated cases tried here for several years. The case is being tried before Judge J. W. Macy of the Randolph circuit court and the attorneys in the case are D. D. Heller & Son, J. C. Sutton, W. H. Eichhorn of Bluffton, C. J. Lutz, Peterson & Moran and Dore B. Erwin. There are several different interests in the case and various lawyers represent these various claimants in their rights. The docket records the action in the case today thus: Fred W. Jaebker asks leave to file a disclaimer which is sustained, disclaimer filed. Second paragraph of answer filed by August Conrad, demurrer filed by plaintiff and overruled, reply filed; Conrad and Maria Gallmeyer answer in person to cross complaint of William Gallmeyer. Answer filed by all other defendants except Jaebker and Conrad, Wilhelm and Dora Gallmeyer to cross complaint. Request for special finding of law filed by the trustee. The jury was sent into the jury room while the law questions were discussed by the attorneys. The case will probably require the rest of the week.

The sensational part of this proposed law suit is found in the cross complaint filed by Wilhelm Gallmeyer in which he says that Conrad D. Gallmeyer took advantage of his physical and financial condition and his ignorance in business affairs and by using this undue influence induced him (Wilhelm) to sign the contract whereby it was agreed to divide the property. He asks that said contract be rescinded and that he have judgment against his brother Conrad for \$1,500 and interest from date of sale.

The Bar Association attended the funeral of Mr. David Eley this afternoon and it was three o'clock before the cause was resumed.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 16.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Decatur Elks' bowling team scored creditably in the national tournament now in session at Pittsburg in a contest last evening. Their five man team scored 2,474 pins in three games and were only exceeded by one northern Indiana Elks team, that being Fort Wayne which pined up 2,523. South Bend's score was 2,458, while the Terre Haute club succeeded in overturning 2,436 pins. The tournament is proving very interesting and the Decatur men who are harbored in the Pennsylvania city are enjoying themselves immensely. The Decatur club bowled on alleys seven and eight. Although there is but little chance for the Decatur boys to capture the Elks' trophy, they are making a heroic effort to that end. The scores of the five men were all good, notwithstanding the fact that several bad breaks kept the totals down. The club will leave Pittsburg for their home within a few days, and in the meantime they will enjoy the exciting contests which are pulled off every day. It is probable that the next tournament will be held at Detroit, Michigan, that city having already made a strong bid for it.

France	.....182	158	171
Dorwin	.....172	179	158
Vaughn	.....144	154	154
Berling	.....156	164	183
Petersen	.....125	180	194
Total pins, 2,474.			

Tom Peterson carried away the honors with both the high and low scores which were 194 and 125 respectively.

The last will and testament of Mrs. Mary E. Moser was filed for probate in court Tuesday morning. After

the usual provision for the payment of debts and expenses the document provides that all her property, real and personal go to her husband, James E. Moser. He will also provide that Mr. Moser look after the education and care of her son Ralph, until he is twenty-one years of age. Her property as mentioned includes lot number seventy-eight, at the corner of Third and Jefferson street, and seven \$100 shares of capital stock in the Fort Wayne & Springfield Traction company. The will was written on January 8th, 1908, and was witnessed by Attorney J. W. Teeple and Perry G. Williams.

GIRL MURDERER MUST DIE

Youth Who Killed Sweetheart Is Denied Writ of Error.

Norfolk, Va., March 15.—The last hope for Benjamin Gilbert, the 18-year-old boy convicted of the murder of his sweetheart, Miss Amanda Moss, who jilted him, passed today, when the supreme court of Virginia denied him a writ of error. Governor Swanson, who has granted Gilbert several respites pending action by the supreme court, declines to interfere further, and without executive clemency he must die Friday next. Governor Swanson some time ago refused to commute Gilbert's sentence to life imprisonment.

STOCKED UP ON BUILDINGS

The Sixty-First Congress May Cut Them Out.

Washington, March 16.—It will be a disappointment to Indiana cities that are clamoring for public buildings to learn that there may not be any public building legislation during the Sixty-first congress, which has just begun. The capacity of the supervising architect's office is strained to such an extent that Supervising Architect Taylor will use his influence against any further appropriations during any of the sessions of the Sixty-first congress. "Enough appropriations already have been made to keep my office busy for three years turning out completed buildings at the rate of fifteen every month," he said.

MOSURE TO MICHIGAN CITY

Wanted to See His Adams County Friends Before Going.

Sheriff Lipkey will take Adam Mosure to Michigan City tomorrow to enter upon his term of 2 to 21 years. He was to have gone today, but Mosure wished to see some of his relatives from Adams county and sent word for them to be here today and for that reason the trip to Michigan City was postponed a day. Mosure has had little to say since sentence was passed upon him, except to still protest that he is not guilty and that an innocent man is being sent to the penitentiary. Sheriff Lipkey will be accompanied to Michigan City tomorrow by Andy McGuldrick, and the latter will go from there to Gary to look over the new city and Sheriff Lipkey probably will accompany him.—Bluffton News.

DENY THE LIBEL CHARGE

New York World Editors Plead Not Guilty to Panama Charge.

New York, March 16.—The Press Publishing company, publishers of the New York World, through its counsel, Delancey Nicoll, pleaded not guilty before Judge Holt, in the federal court yesterday to the charge of criminal libel in West Point and the New York postoffice in the Panama canal case. Counsel for Caleb Van Hamm, an editor of the World, also entered a plea of not guilty to a similar charge in behalf of Mr. Van Hamm. Counsel will have one week to prepare a special pleading as to the jurisdiction of the court. Mr. Van Hamm did not appear in court, but upon the entering of a plea of not guilty by his counsel, Samuel Untermyer, he was paroled in Mr. Untermyer's custody.

A BANQUET POSTPONED

Commercial Club Want Governor Marshall to Be There.

It has been practically decided to postpone the banquet of the Commercial club, which was to have been held at the Anthony hotel on March 25, to a later date when Governor Marshall can find it possible to be present. In all probability the dinner will not be held this month. Hon. Charles M. Brown, of Madison, Wis., has accepted the invitation of the club to be present as a speaker. Mr. Brown, who is an attorney and vice president of the Commercial National bank at Madison, has been a leader in the movement for a more beautiful city in Madison, and it is hoped to have the benefit of his suggestions as to a similar movement in Fort Wayne.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Miss Bessie Baumgartner is clerk at the Baughman store on account of the absence of Mrs. Baughman.

Miss Nora King went to Bluffton to visit with friends for several days.

Era LeBrun is seriously ill at his home with a severe attack of pneumonia.

Miss Fannie Amsbaugh of Berne, went to Bluffton today to visit friends for a week.

David Hensley returned last night from Rome City, where he had been on business.

Cigar makers at Logansport have started a boom for Representative Kleckner for mayor.

Miss Hattie Studabaker went to Fort Wayne today to visit with her sister, Mrs. W. J. Vesey.

Charles Colter of the Smith & Bell company, went to Fort Wayne last evening on a business trip.

John Webber went to Fort Wayne today where he will visit with his parents and transact business.

Mr. and Mrs. Israel Schnitz, of Van Wert county, Ohio, have come to the city for a visit with friends and relatives.

Several people from Geneva were in the city this morning on legal business, and have returned to their homes.

Albert Burke of Blue Creek township went to Fort Wayne, where he is taking treatment for his eye from a specialist.

A large number of eggs have been shipped into Decatur. The Everett & Hite store bought nine hundred dozen last Saturday.

Adam Mosure, convicted at Bluffton of criminal assault, has been sentenced to the penitentiary for from two to fourteen years.

Emil Franz stopped in the city this morning enroute from Berne to his home at Garrett. He is doing well at his new place of abode.

Mrs. George McClain and daughter Thelma, who have been visiting her brother, Warren Reed, returned to their home at Robison, Ind., today.

Should any Democrat subscribers fail to get their paper regularly this office should be notified at once that any defect in service can be remedied.

Mrs. J. W. Tyndal is suffering from an ulcerated tooth which has caused her more or less uneasiness for several days, but which now seems to be on the mend.

Do not forget the entertainment to be given at the Modern Woodmen hall tomorrow night. It will be a rare treat to the music and literary loving people of the city.

Miss Frances Merryman will return tomorrow from Greencastle, where she is attending DePauw university and will spend the spring vacation with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Merryman.

The entertainment to be given at the Modern Woodmen hall tomorrow night will be very interesting. The program will represent some of the best talent in the city. The public is invited to attend. Admission fifteen cents.

The Dudley Buck male chorus of Fort Wayne will appear at the Bosse opera house tomorrow night and without doubt will be greeted by a large audience. This chorus is said to be one of the very best on the road and they will please those who attend.

The weather man's predictions are certainly coming true this month. He has promised the people a little of everything in atmospheric conditions, including snow, sleet, rain and storms. Thank goodness there are just fifteen days more in March.

The teachers of the city are expecting a great time when they attend the North Indiana Teachers' association meeting to be held at Indianapolis April 1, 2, 3. Almost every teacher in the city will attend this meeting which promises to be the most interesting.

Mr. H. L. Conter, proprietor of the Conter Ice Cream plant in this city, arrived home this morning from Chicago, where he has been looking after business for a week or ten days. He is preparing for the biggest year in the history of his factory, and if the weather conditions are favorable he will not be disappointed.

Some time this week the democratic city committee will hold a meeting with W. H. Eichhorn, democratic city chairman, for the purpose of naming the date of the city primary this spring. While the date may not be arranged at this time, the city committee will be re-organized and a plan of action established.—Bluffton Banner.

Lon Batson went to Marion today, where he began taking the survey for the dam to hold back the water for the artificial lake, which the M. B. & E. traction company is having dug at Goldthalpe park. The pond is being constructed north of the tracks and will cover several acres. There will be boats for rent during the summer, a bathing beach and, practically everything that is found at a summer resort on a lake.—Bluffton Banner.

Helena, Mont., March 13.—The judiciary of Montana has been removed from the domain of politics, and accordingly from the domination of political parties, by a bill which was signed by Governor Norris. Hereafter no political party or political convention can nominate candidates for the bench. Candidates in future can only be named by a certificate of nomination, signed by a certain percentage of the electors. The death blow is thus administered to the possibility of a political judiciary in Montana, this state having in the past frequently been made the subject for criticism as to the alleged close connection between some of its judges and the politicians. This was particularly true during the litigation in Butte over the copper mines, in the days when the war was on between the Amalgamated and F. A. Heintze. The measure which now becomes law provides that candidates for the bench shall be nominated by the filing of a certificate of nomination, to be signed by not less than 5 per cent of the electors, who voted for the same office at the last election within the county, township, ward or other political division where the certificate is filed. The certificate is to contain, in addition to the name of the candidate, information as to who he is, where he lives, where he practices, how long he has been at the state bar and other facts about the man seeking to don the ermine.

MAKES EIGHTY-TWO DOLLARS

Gust Werling Works a Cincinnati Post Puzzle and Gets Money.

Gust Werling, of Preble, is ahead of the game just \$82, and he made it in one evening while he was watching the pumps at the oil station where he has worked for a long time, and for that occupation he draws nice long money. He received the amount of money for working a puzzle which was in the Cincinnati Post, and for which a prize was offered. Gust saw the puzzle in the evening, worked it that night, and sent his answer to the Post the next morning. The reply coming now with the enclosure made that about the best night's work ever done by Mr. Werling. His friends are now busy congratulating him over his good luck.

That Bluffton will endeavor to have the next session of the North Indiana conference held in their city is now an assured fact, as resolutions have been passed to that effect. They were after the 1909 session, but Greenfield being the stronger contender, was given the meeting, which begins the last day of this month. The following from the Bluffton Banner states their position in the matter:

At an adjourned session of the fourth quarterly conference of the Methodist church last evening, it was decided to make a bid for the next session of the North Indiana conference, a unanimous rising vote was extended to Rev. Cecil to return to this charge another year and resolutions were unanimously passed asking the conference to return to this district Superintendent C. U. Wade. A motion was made that this church invite the next session of the North Indiana conference, which was carried, and a committee appointed to extend the invitation to that body, which will be in session at Greenfield this year. As Bluffton was a strong contender for the honor last year, but was beaten out by Greenfield, with the expectation of letting Bluffton have the next meeting, in all likelihood Bluffton will have no opposition and the invitation will be accepted for the next year.

Mortgage exemption affidavits are rapidly being filed with County Auditor Michaud, the first week of the period fixed by law for filing such documents having expired. In addition to the large number from real estate owners in out townships, Decatur property owners also are availing themselves of the privilege. Considering the large number of affidavits filed annually comparatively few abuses are noted. Once in a great while an affidavit is made that a mortgage exists on certain real estate, but when the papers are compared with the county records it is found that the mortgage has been released by the owner. Despite the fact that the newspapers have annually sounded the warning to persons entitled to be exempted on account of mortgages that new affidavits must be made each spring and that those of previous years will not apply, it appears that a goodly number of realty owners still retain this erroneous idea. Many also do not know that non-resident property owners have the same privilege as those in the city, for the affidavit may be made out before any notary anywhere, if the proper facts are set forth, and the affidavit then mailed to the county auditor.

The announcements of the various business men should be read by the public. Decatur merchants have large stocks of spring goods on hands and they invite the public to inspect their lines.

"Section 15. The said grants heretofore made, the successors and assigns, including the Indiana Lighting company, its successors and assigns, shall have the right under this ordinance to manufacture, sell and deliver artificial gas for light, heat, and power purposes, which shall be of not less than sixteen candle power, and not less than five hundred British Thermal Units to be delivered to the consumer at not less than two-inch water pressure, but subject to the laws of the state of Indiana, and the ordinances of the city now in force or which shall hereafter be ordained relating to public health or welfare, and to supply such gas to consumers and shall have the right to charge and collect therefor the sum and price of \$1.15 per thousand cubic feet, and no more, provided the minimum amount of charge to any consumer for any one month shall be fifty cents, which shall include meter rental, and provided further that the amount due for the gas consumed during any one month shall be paid on or before the tenth of the next succeeding month, but if any consumer shall fail to pay for such gas within said time, an additional ten cents per thousand cubic feet may be charged and collected for any month for which such consumer shall fail to pay."

Peterson & Moran entered their appearance for the defendant in the case of Watkins vs. Melbers.

Nancy Sheets, guardian of Ruby V. Sydney S., and Noah T. Sheets, made a report which was ordered recorded.

Albert A. Butler, administrator of the estate of Jesse Butler, deceased, filed petition to sell all personal property at private sale, the usual time being given, one-third cash, one-third in one year, and one-third in two years.

William Hilgeman as executor of the estate of George Hilgeman deceased, filed bond of \$2,000, which was approved.

Through his attorneys Dailey & Simmons, of Bluffton, James S. McCray receiver, will sell at receiver's sale at the east door of the court house in this city, all the leases and personal property belonging to the Philmont Oil company. The sale will be on Saturday, April 17.

Noah Rich of Monroe township, and Adella Schindler, of French township, were given a marriage license today. They are two of the highly respected young people of the southern part of the county.

Harry R. Ward came in last night from an extended absence and visit in the south. He spent the most of the time in different parts of Florida, being at Tampa, Jacksonville and in fact in every part of importance in that state. He likes it in spots, there being much if it that is simply beyond endurance, while at places there is much to admire and live for. It is entirely new to one living in this part of God's domain, the cultivation of the orange groves, celery, lettuce, pineapple and other vegetation being interesting, and it is paying, too, where business principles are involved in the manner and methods of its cultivation. The south is, generally speaking, making great strides in the right direction, and in many places is coming out of the kinks, northern methods and blood being responsible for this increase in the activities there. Many of these places are prospering and new people are going there constantly and as a result there is no denying the fact that there is a new south much nearer to a renaissance than many people may think. Mr. Ward enjoyed every minute of the time spent in his travels over this new country, and also came home much benefited in health.

WAS TAKEN TO JEFFERSONVILLE

Orville Crum to Serve Two to Twenty-One Years.

Sheriff Lipkey left this morning on the 7:10 car over the Union Traction line for Jeffersonville with Orville Crum in his charge and the young man is by this time lodged in the state reformatory and has begun serving his sentence of two to twenty-one years for the killing of Peter Poffenberger. Sheriff Lipkey made the trip today unaccompanied by a deputy and there was no necessity for the extra man whom the law provides may be taken, for there was no danger of trouble with young Crum. Sheriff Lipkey also did not subject him to the indignity of handcuffs. Crum seemed perfectly cool and collected this morning as he swung onto the car to start to prison. Only a few persons were at the car, as it was not generally known the hour he would depart, and the good-byes were few.—Bluffton News.

The three months' old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Charley Meyers, of Preble, is recovering from pneumonia.