

It seems to be an assured fact that the Bluffton, Geneva & Colina traction line will be built, as word comes from Geneva that the \$75,000 is all practically raised and that all that remains is for the promoters of the enterprise to go forward with their arrangements to build the line. Less than \$10,000 remain to be subscribed and those in charge of raising this amount of subscription to the stock fund know where they can lay their hands on the fellows that will disgorge to this amount, so the Geneva people have virtually done their work and it is now up to the Bluffton financiers to show their hand. This they will do, as they are anxious that the line be built, it amounting approximately to fifteen miles of road, and in one respect will be an extension to the Marion, Bluffton & Eastern line, which has been in operation for the past two or three years. Several of those interested in promoting the enterprise were in Geneva yesterday at which time details in the transaction were gone over more thoroughly and a complete understanding was had. The Bluffton News has this to say about the route out of Bluffton:

The exact route the new line will take out of Bluffton is not yet definitely settled. Three routes out of the city have been surveyed, one down Market street to the Wabash river and thence south on Wayne street; another down Washington street to the waterworks station and thence in a southeasterly direction to the Six Mile road, while the third provides for a line south on Scott street to Spring and thence across the Winters farm to reach the Six Mile pike. The route east on Washington appears to be the most favored and most feasible in the eyes of the engineers, for the reason that the line can be constructed without a sharp right angle turn in getting out of the city, and as the company figures on doing a heavy freight business and carrying big and heavy freight cars they want as few sharp curves as possible. As no franchise has yet been asked or granted by the city council the exact route out of the city is yet to be determined.

The deadly work of flames has plucked from the fond affection of its parents, Dorothy, the two-years-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Presdorf, of Woodburn, who until two years ago were residents of Adams county. The mother of the child had gone to the rural mail box and left the babe playing in the house. She returned within a few minutes finding the body of the infant completely enveloped in flames. By timely work she protected

its face and hands, although its body had been burned into a crisp. The sad occurrence happened Saturday and the child died yesterday as a consequence of the severe burns. Messrs. Ehl and J. D. Meyer of this city, uncles of Mr. Presdorf, received a communication last evening telling of the demise. The parents are inconsolable over the sad misfortune which has been wrought upon them, and when the news propagated through the streets of Decatur in regard to the affair profound sympathy was signalled on every hand. The father of the child was born in this county, as is known by many people, as is the mother, and they will not be alone in their hour of bereavement. The funeral services were held at Bluffton Tuesday and some of the Decatur people who will attend are as follows: Mrs. J. D. Meyer, Mrs. George Henneford, Mrs. Emma Robison and Miss Esther Presdorf.

A foreclosure was entered this morning in the case of Menno S. Lechty vs. Emil and Katie Franz. The defendants did not appear and judgment was rendered for \$85.35.

A re-appraisal of real estate was filed in the partition suit, Charles F. Rinehart vs. Charles F. Rinehart, administrator, before special Judge David E. Smith.

Three judges occupied the bench in the Adams circuit court this morning, they being Judges Macy, Merryman and Smith.

Real estate transfers: Samuel Butler et al to French Quinn, lot 26, Decatur cemetery, \$80; William P. Colchin et al to Fred Scheiman, 40 acres Root tp., \$2,400; J. S. Coverdale to Isadore A. Kalver et al, 30 acres Root tp., \$2,400; Ulysses Gfeller et al to Rose Hofer, 20 acres Monroe tp., \$2,000; Henry Sovine et al to John Smitley, lot 533 Decatur, \$2,000; John Smitley et al to Henry Sovine, tract in St. Marys tp., \$5,000; Fred E. Bunck to Ed Marshand, tract in Preble tp., \$2,350; Lonisa Magley to John Magley, tract in Root tp., \$1,000; Allen Shell to Isaac Smith, 80 acres in St. Marys tp., \$1,000; William Peal to William S. Peal, tract in Jefferson tp., \$2,000.

Smith Shoemaker, administrator of the estate of Manley S. Brown, filed final report, which was approved and the administrator discharged.

The injunction suit brought by Hannah L. Paxon et al, against Frank P. Adams, in which a new

trial was granted, was sent to Adams county on change of venue Monday morning. The change was asked by the defendant and twenty days was allowed in which to perfect the transfer.—Portland Sun.

Eight of the directors of the Great Northern Indiana Fair association met Tuesday a. m. in the office of C. J. Lutz, where the date for the 1909 season was chosen as well as the transaction of other business matters which have to do with the welfare of the association. Much enthusiasm was manifest among the directors who have so successfully conducted all former events and the 1909 fair bids fair to eclipse all former meets held in the county. The meeting called to order and after the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting the body at once got down to business. August 24-25-26-27 was chosen as the date for this year's session. The superintendents for the various departments were selected and are as follows: Privilege, H. Baker; police, J. Miller, Berne; water, C. Gillig; hacks, Henry Eiting; speed, D. W. Beery; horses, S. Pillars; cattle, S. Pontius, Geneva; sheep and swine, W. Schug, Berne; poultry, Michael Miller; fruit and agriculture, J. M. Duff, Geneva; canned fruit and culinary, Mrs. Calvin Teeter, Berne; floral and art, Mrs. Cal Kunkle. During the session a report was read by the committee appointed to revise the premium list and the same was accepted and approved by the body, the contract for the printing of them being awarded to the Democrat. Other matters of minor importance were looked after and the preliminaries of what promises to be the greatest fair ever held in Adams county have been gone through with. Another meeting will be held in the near future. The directors who participated in today's meeting were Messrs. T. Baltzell, Steiner, Teeter, Smith, Niblick, Kunkle, Ripley and Adams.

The Indianapolis Star has found a Republican candidate for congress in this district. They publish the following:

Miles J. Furnas of Winchester, who has served as member of the house of representatives during the last two sessions of the general assembly, is being urged to become a candidate at the next election for the Republican nomination for congress in the Eighth district, but he has not given an answer to those who are insisting that he run. If Mr. Furnas decides to become a candidate he will no doubt give the Eighth district a hot race, for he is reputed to be one of the

best campaigners and organizers in the district. During his two terms in the legislature Mr. Furnas has made a consistent record. His friends say there has been as little criticism of his actions as there has been of any member of the house. It is said he paid closer attention to the business of the sessions and was present and answered more roll calls than any other member. Mr. Furnas is a fighter and is able to take care of himself in debate. During the last few years Mr. Furnas has been prominent in Eighth district politics, and for some time past the talk of bringing him forward as a candidate for congress has been heard. His friends point out that he has never been mixed up in any factional trouble. This, they say, will be a strong point in his favor, and will add strength to his campaign in case he decides to enter the race for the nomination.

Washington, March 16.—The Democrats and insurgents of the house of representatives won and lost their fight on the adoption of the rules of the house yesterday. Just when the fruits of victory were within their grasp and it looked as if "Uncle" Joe Cannon was at last to be shorn of his power, a little fraction of the Democratic party, led by Representative John J. Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, N. Y., played into the hands of the regular Republicans, and the promised victory was lost. As a result of the trick turned by Fitzgerald, "Uncle" Joe Cannon is smilingly uppermost. Not only has he achieved re-election to the speakership in the face of threatened opposition, but the house machine with all its tremendous power has been perpetuated. The speaker will continue to appoint the committee on rules. He will continue to be the chairman of that committee and, through it, he will continue to dominate legislation. Thus ends the great fight between the speaker and the coalition of Democrats and insurgent Republicans. The coalition developed tremendous power. It had four votes more than enough to prevent the re-adoption of the rules of the Sixtieth congress, but when Fitzgerald, sided and abetted by the Cannon managers executed his flank movement, they were not strong enough to resist and the Fitzgerald amendment was adopted 211 ays to 172 nays, one member voting "present."

Washington, March 16.—Only five committees of the house will be named by Speaker Cannon for the present. These will be ways and means, rules, printing, mileage and accounts. The other committees will be announced

about the same time the special session is ready to adjourn. In making up the committees, it is stated on reliable authority, the speaker will consult with "every member of the house who desires assignments with him." This means that Minority Leader Clark will not enjoy the privilege accorded his predecessor, John Sharp Williams, of selecting the minority members. It was stated that Mr. Cannon, after a trial of six years, had reached the conclusion that the plan was not the best and that henceforth he will not shift any of the responsibility for committee assignments to the minority leader. The attitude taken by the Democrats at a caucus this evening after the house adjourned is in sharp conflict with the new policy of Speaker Cannon. A resolution was adopted to prevent members of the minority accepting appointment on any committee without the previous approval of the present Democratic minority leader, Clark.

The Holy Grail boys will give a banquet at the Methodist church this evening in honor of Will Conrad, who leaves soon for Cincinnati, and Harold Wilcox, of St. Louis, Michigan, a former member. The banquet table will be an elegant one. Everything good will be served. The committee on the toasts are Ben Beavers, Don Burk and Howard Wischaupt. Seven candidates will be initiated into the order. The first four to be taken in are Walter Wilkinson, Virgil Krick, Carl Beatty and Joe McConnel.

The Mite Society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. P. B. Thomas Friday afternoon. A good program will be rendered. The program will be published tomorrow.

The Rebekah lodge will meet this evening at the hall to prepare for initiatory work in the near future.

Miss Edith Porter will entertain the Priscilla Club at her home on Madison street Tuesday evening. Sewing will be the occupation. Refreshments will be served by the hostess. This will be the first meeting for some time, the club has had.

The Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will give their annual tea at the home of Mrs. F. M. Schtrmeyer Thursday afternoon. A musical and literary program will be given. Everybody is invited.

Jacob Spangler recently received a letter from his son, C. W. Spangler, written on birch bark. It is quite thin and of a yellowish color. The

Indian canoes were made of the same material and were very frail and light. Mr. Spangler tells a very interesting story in regard to its value to a lad who had wandered away and was lost.

The Historical Club will be entertained tonight at the home of Mrs. Rufus Allison, instead of R. K. Erwin. Mrs. Dore Erwin will have the paper.

Miss Norah Studabaker returned from Bluffton. She attended the six o'clock dinner at the home of Mrs. W. A. Bowman, west of town. The other guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Baumgartner, Mr. and Mrs. Lachot, Misses Lillah Lachot, Bessie Baumgartner, Pearl Baumgartner, John and Clyde Baumgartner, Herbert, Dwight and Noble Lachot.

The Euterpeans will suspend their studies at the next meeting, which will be held next Friday night and will have a St. Patrick's day party.

The Modern Woodmen and Royal Neighbors will have a house warming in their new hall, Wednesday night.

**NEW AVELINE HOTEL SUIT**  
Brother of Fort Wayne Fire Victim Demands \$15,000.

Fort Wayne, Ind., March 15.—Another suit against Susan R. Shoff, owner of the Aveline hotel, destroyed by fire last year and the lessees of that structure, was filed in the superior court this afternoon by Bailon and Hoffman, attorneys for Abraham Benjamin, brother of Charles Benjamin, who met his death in the fire. The suit was for \$15,000 and it is made the only specific charge so far made as to the cause of the fire. It is alleged that it was caused by the elevator motor which stood in a room near a pile of rubbish and that a careless elevator boy caused a short circuit which threw sparks into the rubbish.

Hugh M. Kapp left Sunday for New York City after a two days' visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Kapp. He is now traveling as a representative of William R. Hearst and is one of the advertising managers and solicitors for Hearst papers. He will be employed in various large cities by Hearst. Mrs. Kapp and her mother are still at Ocean Park, California.—Bluffton News.

An interesting meeting of the Yeomen was held last night at their hall and a good attendance was noted.

Dedicated to Mrs. AMELIA A. MEYERS.

# YOUTH'S PRIVILEGE.

(Forrecht der Jugend.)

THOMAS MOORE.

German Words by the Composer.

J. M.

*Allegretto grazioso.*

*mf*

1. What the bee is to the flow'-ret, When he  
What the bank with ver-dure glow-ing is to  
1. Wie die Bie-ne zu der Blü-te, Wenn nach  
Wie das Uf-er an dem Fluss-se Lockt die

*p leggiero.*

looks for hon-ey-dew waves that wan-der near. Through the leaves that do em-bow'r it, Through the  
Hon-ig-tau sie spürt, Vol-ler Lieb' und vol-ler Gü-te, Vol-ler  
Wel-len zu sich an, Bie-tet dar sich feuch-tem Kus-se, Bie-tet

*accelerando.*

leaves that do em-bow'r it, That my love I'll be to you, That my  
kiss-as while they're go-ing, That I'll be to you, my dear! That I'll  
Lieb' und vol-ler Gü-te, So hat's mich zu dir ge-führt, So hat's  
dar sich feuch-tem Kus-se, So ruf' ich dich, Lieb-er Mann, So ruf'

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love I'll be to you. But they say the bee's a ro-v-er, That he'll  
be to you my dear! }  
mich zu dir ge-führt. } Doch die Bie-ne ist nicht be-stän-dig, Wenn der  
ich dich, Lieb-er Mann. }

*piu cresc.*

fly when the sweets are gone; And when once the kiss is o-ver, Faith-less  
Tau von der Blü't ist fort, Und die Wel-len sind un-bin-dig, Kus-sen

*poco meno.* *a tempo.*

brooks will wan-der on! Nay, if flow'rs will lose their looks, If sun-ny banks will wear a-  
bald 'nen and-ern Ort! Wenn die Blü't auch wel-ken muss, Wenn's sonn'ge Uf-er auch ver-

*sf* *p colla voce.*

way, 'Tis but right that bees and brooks Should sip and kiss them while they may.  
weht, Ist's nur recht, dass Bie-nen und Flüsse, Sie so lang küs-sen wie es geht.

*cresc.*