

Henry Wislameyer residing between stops eighteen and nineteen along the route of the interurban line was injured Friday night by being struck by a car in charge of Floyd Ritter. Ferdinand Wyneker of Fort Wayne, a friend of Mr. Wislameyer, was visiting with him and in order for the visitor to board the car it became necessary to flag it as it was not a regular stop. This Mr. Wislameyer did, and falling to get off the track in time he was struck and hurled twelve feet, sustaining a broken hip as a consequence thereof. The car was fairly under control even at the place where there is no stop, but it was impossible for the motorman to stop the motor in time to prevent the accident. It was first thought that the man was seriously injured but later developments do not denote serious results. Physicians were hastily summoned and the injured cared for. We are informed that the motorman has been exonerated from any blame by the injured man who concedes that the fault was his.

Noah Yoder is free. He was tried Friday in circuit court on a charge of forgery and the jury acquitted him. He was accused of forging the name of Emanuel Wanner to a note for \$100, which Christian Gerber cashed for him. The arguments were concluded at about four o'clock yesterday afternoon and a half hour later the case went to the jury. At eight o'clock they returned a verdict for the defendant, signed by the foreman, Fred Koldeway. Yoder is a young man living at Linn Grove. According to the testimony his reputation has not been the best in the world, but he paid the note when it became due or shortly afterward and he has a wife and five small children. These facts more than any other are probably accountable for his freedom today. It is said the first ballot stood seven to five for his acquittal and those opposed to his going free gave in to the argument from those who believed he should go free. If Noah profits by the lesson taught him at this time he may avoid future trouble for the next time he may not escape so easily.

Mr. Haggard of Monroe township, has sent in the copy for a sale bill which was posted in Pike county, Mo., more than sixty years ago. At that time the California gold craze was just starting and Pike county is said to have been a great place for the man with the western fever to rest up. As a consequence the people of that community caught the contagion. The sale bill follows and shows considerable change from those of today, the names being fictitious:

#### PUBLIC SALE.

State of Missouri, county of Pike to whom it may concern: The undersigned will on Tuesday, September 29, A. D., 1846, sell at public outcry for cash on premises where Coon creek crosses the old Missouri road, the following chattels to-wit: 6 yoke of oxen with yoke and chains, 2 wagons with beds, 3 nigger wenches, 3 buck niggers, 3 nigger boys, 2 prairie plows, 25 steel traps, 1 barrel pickled cabbage, 1 hoghead of tobacco, 1 lot nigger hoes, 1 spinning wheel, 1 loom, 13 foxhounds, a lot of coon, mink and skunk skins and a lot of other articles. Am gwine to California.

JOHN DOE.

Richard Roe, Cryer.

Free head-cheese, apples and hard cider.

Dallas E. and Mary Grim vs. Zerrona Grim and Melinda Burns et al, partition, bond for \$12,000 filed by Dore E. Erwin, commissioner and approved. The bond was signed by D. U. Erwin and A. H. Sellemeyer and L. L. Baumgartner.

Effie and John Springer were in court again today, the former asking for the payments for the support of her child, as ordered by the court. Springer filed a showing and the court ordered that the defendant at once comply with the order; no costs were taxed in the case.

The real estate docket at the county recorder's office showed the transfer of inlot 732, Decatur from Mathias Kirisch et al to William Sellemeyer, for \$1,700.

County Assessor George W. Gentis has received notice from the state board of tax commissioners, giving the time and places over the state when and where will be held the meetings of instruction and to which it is earnestly requested that every assessor be present at least one day. In this section of the state, the meetings are scheduled for Muncie next Monday and Fort Wayne next Tuesday. Mr. Gentis has decided to go to Fort Wayne.

Jerry Archer is here from Midland, Michigan, visiting his mother and other relatives and friends. He reports his Michigan home as being more than satisfactory, and that he likes the place and the people immensely. He will return the latter part of the week.

#### LAURIE MEYERS MAKES GOOD Is a Favorite at and About Monroe-ville.

Dr. C. L. Meyers, the veterinary surgeon of this place has his office located in his new quarters fitted up in the old Breese office building one door east of the general store of Lew Wright and one door west of Dossin Taylor's jewelry store on South street. He made the change from the office he has occupied on the second floor over Sweeney's drug store, since locating in our city, last Monday. His change was made to avoid climbing stairs and make it more convenient for his many customers. Since opening up practice in our little city Dr. Meyers has built up a large and lucrative practice plainly demonstrating to the people, more especially the farmer with whom his practice is mainly among, that he understands his business as to all diseases of the animal kind.—Monroeville Breeze.

Will Straub met death last July while assisting in unloading a car of coal on the Chicago & Erie tracks, a train backing down on the side track and striking the car on which he was carelessly standing on the bumpers when he was knocked under the train and received injuries which proved fatal in a few days. Later his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Straub filed a suit against the Erie, demanding \$2,000 damages. Thursday Attorney A. P. Beatty settled the case for fifty dollars. The railroad contends that they were in no way to blame for the death of the young man and that they simply made this settlement because it was cheaper than trying the law suit. The money was paid to Mr. Straub at the office of his attorney, L. C. DeVoss. The case in court will now be dismissed by agreement of the parties.

#### EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION

Will Be Held at Fort Wayne in June—Rev. Mills on Program.

The annual convention of the Fort Wayne district Epworth league will be held in this city June 22 to 24 inclusive. The sessions will take place at the first Methodist Episcopal church and leading workers in the league from all over the district will participate, as will also a number of the state officials. An especially interesting announcement to the members of the organization will be that Rev. M. J. Mills, the celebrated singing evangelist will be present and will have charge of the singing at the convention. He has recently been assisting in great evangelistic meetings at Anderson and will be heard at the sixty-sixth session of the North Indiana conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to be held at Greentfield beginning next Wednesday and continuing for about a week.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Hon. Judge R. K. Erwin and wife, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Thomas Comparet, Fort Wayne; Mrs. P. Potoff and Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Baker, Marion, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cross, Decatur, Ind., and many other relatives of the late Mrs. J. A. Barkley were here last Monday attending the funeral.—Monroeville Breeze.

#### HANDED OUT A PLUM

C. C. Matson Appointed a Member of the State Tax Board.

Indianapolis, March 30.—C. C. Matson of Greencastle, formerly a member of congress and a Democratic candidate for governor in 1888, was appointed a member of the state board of tax commissioners by Governor Marshall yesterday. Mr. Matson will succeed Parks M. Martin, the present Democratic member of the board, whose term of office will expire this year. The appointment will be for four years and carries with it a salary of \$3,000 a year. Owing to a difference in opinion as to the expiration of Mr. Martin's term no formal commission has yet been issued to Mr. Matson. Governor Marshall has written a letter to both, suggesting that they come to an agreement between themselves as to the time the new member will assume his duties. The records in the office of the governor show that Mr. Martin's term will expire on May 1, but Mr. Martin believes that his term will not expire until August 24 of this year.

H. H. Skiles, record keeper of the Maccabees lodge, this morning received a draft from the main offices of the lodge for \$3,000, payable to Mrs. R. W. Bair, whose husband died about a month ago in Pennsylvania. Mr. Bair joined the local Maccabees and took out the insurance policy while he was working in the Wells county oil field a number of years ago. The payment of the \$3,000 to his widow, who now lives in Pennsylvania, makes a total of \$9,000 that this order has paid out in the last eighteen months.—Bluffton News.

E. W. Lewis, a philanthropist of Chicago, has interested a number of Decatur women in the good work. They have organized and selected a name for their society, the "True Chapter of Decatur." Mr. Lewis is a member of the Lewis Publishing company of Chicago, which publishes the "Woman's National Daily," "Woman's Magazine," "Beautiful Homes" and "Woman's Farm Journal." Those who are most interested in the movement now are Mrs. James Frisette, Mrs. Charles Dier, Mrs. Carrie Sutherland, Mrs. C. D. Murray and Mrs. Walter Murray. The officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Frisette; secretary, Mrs. Dier; treasurer, Mrs. C. D. Murray. The society has not been thrown open to membership yet. Only ten members are needed when a twelve hundred dollar chapter house will be built for women by Mr. Lewis. The building will be one of architectural worth and beauty. A one-story edifice in a suitable style of architecture. There will be a rest room, kitchen and reading rooms with all modern improvements. The Evansville chapter has erected a home at that place. The country women and girls will especially be welcomed and find it very convenient. The town people, too, will find it handy; all of the clubs will be invited to have their meetings there. The society here was named in honor of True Frisette. Help the movement along if you can, and see a new public institution built.

David Wullman, aged 31, a farmer of French township, and Laura Haggard, aged 20, of Monroe township, have been granted a marriage license.

Real estate transfers: George W. Alexander et al to William W. Stewart, 11 acres in St. Marys township, \$1,000; John B. Jones et al to Henry T. Sherry pts. of inlots 109 and 110 Decatur, \$1,600.

William Hilgeman, executor of the George H. Hilgeman estate filed an inventory which was approved.

E. Woods has filed suit against Frederick Bussick demanding \$150 for services and labor rendered in building the J. A. Cline macadam road, since July 1, 1907. E. B. Adams is attorney for plaintiff.

L. C. Justus, who was over the line of the new Bluffton, Geneva & Celina Traction company this week is very enthusiastic over the prospect. Besides the fact that the towns of Geneva and Linn Grove have come fully up to expectations in the placing of \$75,000 worth of stock, Mr. Justus said today that he had some very good news concerning the new line, which however, he did not care to give out today. One thing that now appears to give this route greater promise of being built that the one projected by way of Berne is the fact that practically all of the right-of-way between this city and Geneva is still held by the company. It will be remembered that two years ago the right-of-way was secured, but when the panic in money matters came the road could not be built at that time. The right-of-way leases still hold good however, for there was a clause in them which provides that in case of panic or similar event the right-of-ways should be extended and not lapse at the end of two years. Therefore the company still has the right-of-way, with the exception of only three or four pieces, and practically all of it was contributed by the land owners in order to get the road. The preliminary surveys of this route were all made two years ago. The Berne line has many friends here who hope also to see it built.—Bluffton News.

#### TWO MORE COUNTIES DRY

Orange and Elkhart Counties Now in the Dry List.

Indianapolis, March 25.—By a majority of 800 the temperance forces today carried Elkhart county in a local option election. Orange county, where a second election was held, voted "dry" by a majority of 677. Thirty-eight counties are now "dry" through the operation of the county option law. The victory in Elkhart county, which had been regarded as doubtful, is regarded as significant. The "wets" carried the city of Elkhart by 697 votes, but the "dry" majority in other parts of the county overcame this. Contrary to the expectations of the liquor men, the city of Goshen voted "dry" by a majority of 76. Orange county was "dry" previous to the election today, the saloons having been ousted by remonstrances. French Lick township in which are the cities of French Lick and West Baden, voted "wet" by 129 majority. Fifty-nine of the ninety-two counties of the state are now "dry" either through option elections or remonstrances.

Letters remaining unclaimed for week ending March 29, 1909: Mrs. Rose Grimme, Miss Edith Horman. Persons calling say advertised giving date, M. A. Frisinger, P. M.

A message received Friday, a. m. from Indianapolis brought to Decatur the sad tidings of the death of Mrs. William Brokaw, sister of Mrs. Harriett Gilpen of this city and mother of Frank Brokaw of east of the city. The deceased was seventy-three years of age. She was born and raised to womanhood in this county and has a wide acquaintanceship in the city and county. A number of years ago she with her husband moved to the capital city. There they prospered until the dread disease pneumonia developed and ushered into eternity the soul of the estimable woman. Death occurred yesterday and the relatives here were notified at once. Funeral services were held from the Indianapolis home Friday and the remains arrived in Decatur Saturday afternoon, interment being made in the Decatur cemetery. Much sorrow has been caused as a consequence of the death as the deceased was beloved by her every Adams county acquaintance. She is survived by the following children: Dr. Rueben of Portland, and Frank of this county, William of Cleveland, Ellen, south part of Indiana, Lillian Piffar North Dakota, Laura McKinley, Portland.

David Elchar, one of the most highly respected residents of this community passed away at his late home one mile east of town, Wednesday morning at about four o'clock. The immediate cause of his death was heart trouble, with which he had been suffering for some time, together with pleurisy and bronchial affections. Mr. Elchar was born March 4, 1830, being 79 years and 20 days of age at his death. He had been very poorly for some time but his death was sudden and unexpected at this time. At half past two o'clock Wednesday morning Mrs. Elchar and Dot had been up with with and turned him over, and at four o'clock he was heard to move a little, but nothing more was heard of him until upon arising he was found to be lifeless. He had spent practically all of his life near Pleasant Mills, until he moved to the farm east of town, except when a young lad, he went to the California gold fields, being one of the original "forty-niners" and one of the few who survived the hardships of that time. The funeral services will be held at the house Friday morning at ten o'clock conducted by Rev. J. H. Walters, and the interment will be in the cemetery at Pleasant Mills.—Willshire Herald.

A business change of considerable importance occurred last Thursday when the firm of Anderson & Baker dissolved and Mr. Baker retired from the firm. The new proprietor is Mr. N. C. Anderson who has been in the place for the last four years, and who is one of the successful business men of the city. He will continue the business as sole proprietor, and as a matter of fact, will succeed as he has succeeded during the time that he has been in the restaurant and even increased the large volume of business done by this firm. Mr. Baker has been for eighteen years in a Decatur restaurant, and it will seem strange indeed not to find his smiling countenance behind the counters where he has been a moving spirit for so long. He has not fully determined what he will get into, but it is not likely that he will be idle long. His long service and devotion to the cares of business are not calculated to make him satisfied with little or nothing to do. For the present, however, he will settle up his present business affairs and take a good rest, after which he will likely enter some other line. He desires to express his appreciation of the many courtesies extended to him by the public, during the long time he has been connected with this business. Mr. Anderson who accedes to the sole control, also desires to say to the public that he will be more than pleased to extend the pleasant relations that have existed for so long between this well established business house and the public.

#### ROBINSON TO LEAVE SOON

Cal Robinson, of this city, has been notified that transportation will arrive about April 1st which will convey him to Dallas, Texas, where he has signed as a pitcher in the Texas league for the coming year. Cal has the goods and his friends believe he will stick in the southland where so many ball players secure their first professional experience. If he makes good this year he will likely go in faster company next season. He was signed by the northern scout for the Dallas team, C. O. France.

By a deal consummated this morning Francis S. Hanna sold her 125 acre farm in Lancaster township to a Mr. Reynolds, whose home is in Illinois, for the sum of \$10,000. Mrs. Hanna took several pieces of Marion residence property in the deal in addition to some cash and a mortgage. Mr. Reynolds will possibly move here.—Bluffton News.

#### THE NEW INDIANA LAWS.

It is Thought They Will Be in Force by April 15.

It is expected that county Clerk Haedling will have a copy of the bound volumes of the laws passed at the recent session of the legislature not later than April 15. The acts as sent to the printer by the secretary of state make 180 new laws. Two hundred and fifty six pages have been officially O. K'd and 12 of these pages have been run off the press. The volume of the acts of 1907 contained 697 pages and 300 laws. Deputy Secretary of State Frank Grubbs who has charge of the work in the absence of the Secretary of State Fred A. Sims, said that virtually all of this week will be required in preparing the index for the volume. Mr. Grubbs is doing all the official proofreading. The first volume of the acts of 1907 was received at three o'clock on the afternoon of March 23, and it required 17 days to issue the remainder and to place them in the hands of the county clerks.

Miss Hermina Wiecking, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wiecking of south Main street, who is now teaching school at Maumee, Ohio, is making preparations to go to Germany shortly after the close of her school for the summer vacation and she will spend three or four months abroad. She will go to Bransche, Germany, where her brother Fred, is now located while attending a German college. They have two uncles at that place and many other relatives with whom Miss Wiecking will spend a most enjoyable vacation. She does not go to Germany for the purpose of study but for a good visit amid the scenes of her father's boyhood days. Her brother Fred, went to Germany last summer intending to take a two years' course of study following his graduation from the Bluffton high school, but he has made such rapid progress that one year will suffice and he expects to come back to Bluffton with his sister, in September. His uncle, Herman, who has been in Germany for an extended visit, has announced that he also will come home with his niece and nephew in the fall. Miss Hermina will be home Friday from Ohio for a visit of a week during spring vacation.—Bluffton News.

Peter Lora, a well known and respected citizen of Bluffton, Ohio, died at his home at that place recently. The aged man was seventy-seven years of age. He was an uncle of Mrs. Eli Sprunger of this city, and a brother of Mrs. Eli Riesen of Berne. During his long life, the deceased, the only brother of the latter, often visited at Berne. These visits were very enjoyable to his friends in the county, and he had many friends here. He was an auctioneer and stock buyer, and in this way came in contact with a large number of Decatur people. Most of the men connected with the Decatur Horse Sale company were acquaintances. They speak highly of his ability as an auctioneer. Mr. Lora could sell when other auctioneers were unable to do anything. Ten children, of a family of fifteen children, survive. They are Theophilus, Samuel, Peter, Eli, Chris, Albert, Amos, Lena, Rena and Susie. Mr. Lora had seventy-nine grandchildren, fifty-four of whom are living. During the last few years of his life the old auctioneer discontinued active work, one of his sons taking up his work.

#### RECEPTION TO GOV. MARSHALL

Indianapolis, March 25.—A reception, with Governor Marshall and his wife as the guests of honor, will be given by the Indianapolis board of trade, Wednesday evening, March 31, beginning at 8 o'clock. The reception will be for the members, their families and their friends, and will be held in the social rooms of the board of trade building. One of the features of the evening will be the music, for in addition to an orchestra, there will be a chorus of forty trained voices and several soloists. During the evening a buffet luncheon will be served in the dining room. The governing board of the board of trade will serve as a reception committee.

Wisconsin Lumber Co. vs. The Cardwell Box Co. et al, suit on drafts, demand \$1,100, leave asked and granted plaintiff to file supplemental complaint; objection by box company overruled and supplemental complaint filed. This case is before Judge LaFollette of the Jay circuit court, who heard the action Thursday.

Real estate transfers: Emma Skillman to Louis Wels Jr., inlots 803 and 804 Decatur, \$850; Louis Wels et al to George C. Steele, inlot 804 Decatur, \$425.

Miss Kate Ehrman returned to her home at Peterson, after enjoying a visit with her brother, Ferdinand at Fort Wayne.

#### BIG PIPE LINE COMPLETED

Last Work Done on 550 Miles of Oil Pipe Laying.

Piqua, O., March 24.—Today marks the completion of the big pipe line that is being laid from Pennsylvania, across Ohio and Indiana into Illinois by the Tide Water Pipe Line company. A stretch of pipe 550 miles long now extends across three states, and will at once be put into use for the conveyance of oil from the Illinois fields to the eastern markets. Some six hundred men were used continuously in the construction of the line. Two miles east of Greenville two hundred and fifty men worked in the close from the west to meet another gang of 275 men southeast of Sidney. The meeting point was two and one-half miles southwest of Sidney, where the last connection was made today. Two weeks will yet be needed to complete the construction of the telephone line and the proper replacement of the trenches. Why this construction work has progressed so rapidly is answered by the system used in employing the men. One gang of men went along ahead on the right of way, digging the trenches. Following was a gang who first painted, then connected, and laid the pipe in the trenches. Another gang followed and threw the dirt back into the trenches. The telephone line gangs were divided similarly, one gang digging post holes, another setting the poles, and still another following strutting the wire.

#### FIRST CALL FOR ADVANCE TAXES

State Requests Ten Per Cent of Cash from Counties.

Indianapolis, March 24.—The first call for advance payments of taxes owing to the state from the various counties will be issued by Auditor Billheimer tomorrow, and will be payable on April 1. The request will be for 10 per cent of all the taxes paid to the county treasurers for the state, and another call will be issued for May 1, when a request for 20 per cent of the taxes will be made. It was decided to issue the call for the first payment today when the state board of finance met in the office of Governor Marshall. The advance payments will be made under the provisions of a law passed by the last legislature, which was enacted when Mr. Billheimer and Governor Marshall conferred on the deficiency in the state's finances. The call is made necessary because of the lack of sufficient funds to meet the current expenses of the state. The entire amount which the state will receive in the first advance payment will be more than \$200,000.

Harry O. Grove arrived from his home in Texas and will spend a few days among his Adams county friends. In a brief time he made it plain to a representative of the Democrat that Texas was about the whole thing, and that there was no other state in the union worth talking about. This in a measure will give his expression of his new Texas home, and will denote the fact that he is more than satisfied with the change from Indiana to the lone star state. He is here for only a few days and came to interest prospective buyers in the realty there. He pronounces the opportunities as being about ten to one, and says that any one with small capital can go there and make good and all the money he ought to make from the investment. The climate is fine, the soil fertile and the seasons favorable, and there is nothing in the way for laying the foundation for a comfortable competence in the future. This is what Mr. Grove thinks of it, and we give it as he would have it. While we think that Indiana is about the best place in the wide, wide world, yet we are willing to admit that there are others, and that Texas, or at least parts of it, have many garden spots and whose futures are bright and rosy.

Charles Mason and Miss Gertrude Webb were united in marriage last evening at the residence of Rev. Father Cattani who officiated in the presence of Miss Agnes Mason and Joseph Mason, brother and sister of the groom. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Webb and is a most attractive and charming girl of unusual beauty. Mr. Mason is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mason, and will be in business with his father at Big Bay where he will make his home. The young couple have the good wishes of a host of friends for a life of much happiness.—Jonesboro (Ark.) Evening News.

The above young man is, as stated, a son of J. B. Mason, who formerly lived here and has many friends who wish him a happy voyage through life.

Ex-Senator Parks, of Plymouth, Ind., is a patient at Hope hospital. Mr. Samuel Menzie, of Pierceton, and Mrs. Burton S. Field, of Van Wert, were also brought to the hospital yesterday for treatment.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.