

William James Bobo, a well known and popular young man, died at his mother's home in this city at 5:40 o'clock Tuesday morning. He had been in rather poor health for several years, afflicted with lung trouble which developed into tuberculosis. He was a printer by trade and worked at this office for several years. Here he was loved by all the boys for his good nature, his kind disposition and his many other good qualities. When his health showed signs of failing he went to El Paso, Texas, and a year there seemed to restore his vitality to such an extent that he returned here. About two years ago he felt the old symptoms returning and again sought the southwest, going to El Reno, Oklahoma, where he worked for some months, going from there to Colorado, where he remained for several months. He returned here last December very much discouraged and gradually became weaker until Sunday, when a relapse came and he sank gradually into the long sleep. Besides his many friends he leaves to mourn the mother, Mrs. Almira Bobo, five sisters, Mrs. E. D. Eson and Mrs. A. G. Barton, of Kingman, Kansas; Mrs. Hugh Crouse, of El Paso, Texas; Mrs. C. L. Archbold, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. E. B. Wells of Chicago, and three brothers, Rollin, Patrick and Ned. Though a young man he was skilled in his trade and his sober, industrious habits made his services sought after. He was born in this city June 24, 1886, and at the time of death lacked two months of having reached his twenty-third birthday. The funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock, standard time, from the St. Marys church. Interment at St. Joseph cemetery.

The eighth district meeting of the Indiana Federation of Clubs will be held at Anderson on the twenty-eighth of this month. Decatur will be well represented at this session, Mrs. John Tyndall and Mrs. Ellingham are delegates. The latter will deliver the response to the welcoming address. It is now near the close of the club year, and the session at Anderson was a called meeting to transact important business. The election of the new officers of the state federation will occur in the near future. Three Decatur women have been elected to prominent offices with the Federation, although only a few know it. These women are now serving for the present year 1908-1909. They are Mrs. John Niblick, Miss Hattie Studabaker, and Mrs. Morrison. The consolidation of the Indiana State Federation of Women's Clubs occurred at Fort Wayne October 13, 1906. Work and study for the year appears in each manual and to systemize the work each department is in charge of a committee. Mrs. Niblick is chairman of the department of Womens Prisons and Girls' Reformatories; Miss Hattie Studabaker is vice chairman of the Forestry department and Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison of the Literature department. The clubs have been a source of much pleasure for those who belong with a wide field before them, for the studies pursued are good and will be a great benefit to them and to those concerned in the problems they are trying to solve.

THEY ARE GAINING GROUND

Lafayette, Ind., April 20.—The "wets" will not make any big demonstrations in the present campaign, but will work quietly to bring about a victory for the licensed saloon. There has been quite a change in the sentiment in the county and while it seemed at first absolutely certain that the "drys" would carry the county by a sweeping majority, it looks now as though the result will be very close with a chance of the "wets" carrying the day. This change in the wave has been brought about by the Taxpayers' League, which is composed of farmers, merchants, business men and bankers, all heavy taxpayers, which is not allied with the brewers or saloon keepers, but is working for a cause of its own.

BOUGHT GOVERNMENT BONDS

South Bend, Ind., April 20.—Mrs. Thomas E. A. Byerley, mother of Samuel Byerley of New York, who gained fame as a purchaser of government bonds by an investment of two cents in a postage stamp a few years ago, died at her home near South Bend last night aged 79 years. She had been married fifty-three years and had seen South Bend grow from an Indian trading post to a city of 50,000.

Dr. Landfair is not discouraged because the state medical board did not take any action on his application to be reinstated as a physician. He believes that at the next meeting of the board the application will be acted upon favorably. Owing to the fact that the application of the Bluffton doctor was he first to be received under the law as passed by the last legislature they wish to have a full quota.—Bluffton Banner.

Rome, April 20.—The pope, responding yesterday to an address by the bishop of Orleans at the reception of a deputation of French pilgrims, thanked the pilgrims for their devotion and exhorted them to remain united. He said their reward would be the welfare of their country, as it was religion that guaranteed order and prosperity in society, and the interests of both religion and society were inseparable. The pontiff denied vigorously that the church desired the faithful to become enemies of their country. On the contrary, he said, love of country was stronger when it was united with devotion to the church. "To politicians who declare war on the church; to sectarians who do not cease to calumniate with a hatred worthy of hell, the false paladins of science who try to render her odious to sophism and to accusations that she is an enemy of liberty, civilization and intellectual progress, I reply, boldly that the Catholic church is the mistress of souls, the queen of hearts and the dominator of the world because she is the wife of Christ. The depository of truth, she can only bring back the people to veneration and love." In conclusion the pope felicitated the French Catholics who had enrolled themselves under the banner of Joan of Arc.

A long, happy and useful life closed Tuesday morning at 2:30 when occurred the death of Mrs. Margaret Miller, wife of George Miller, one mile south of Freidhelm, the usual causes prevalent to one of her years being the cause. She was born in Germany, July 30, 1830, and came to this country in 1852. On the good ship which brought her to this land, she met Mr. Miller and the romance ripened into a marriage which occurred after they reached this country. They came immediately to Adams county, where they have since resided, and where they have done their share toward the development of the then land of wilderness into fertile fields and profitable lands. Mrs. Miller was a noble woman, a loving wife, mother and neighbor. She leaves the aged husband and several children. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Preuss at the Freidhelm church, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

MARKLE WOMAN WANT DIVORCE

Her Husband Has Deserted Her and Children are Scattered.

Mrs. Lucinda Sours, daughter of Daniel Wilcoxson of near Markle, Saturday filed suit in the Wells circuit court for divorce from Eugene Sours, and alleges abandonment and also that her husband was unduly intimate with other women. The couple were married on Easter Sunday 1891, and resided together until July 11, 1908, when she alleges he deserted her at Fort Wayne and has provided in no way for herself or children since that time. She says she believes he is at Grover Hill, Ohio. After he deserted her she earned a living for herself and children by taking in washings until August, 1908, when she went to the home of her parents, Daniel Wilcoxson and wife, near Markle. She wants control of six children, namely, Jesse, living with her and aged sixteen; Elzey, fourteen, with Ora Wilcoxson; Ethel, eleven, living at Ossian, and Andrew, six, Alva, four, and Henry at the Wells county orphan's homes.—Huntington Herald.

The G. A. R. feel that they are indebted to the members of the W. R. C. for the many kindnesses shown them by the ladies at various times and they are going to show their appreciation of same by entertaining them in proper style at the Grand Army hall on Thursday evening. The invitations as issued request the attendance of the Grand Army members and their wives and the Relief Corps and their husbands. Of course it will be a happy occasion, that's the sole purpose and the army boys know how to entertain. An address, appropriate for the occasion, is to be delivered by one of the ladies, there will be music, refreshments suitable to the hour, and the evening will be one of those which leave a bright spot on memory's wall. The hour for opening the entertainment has been fixed for 7:30 and at that hour no doubt the hall on Madison street will be well filled with the boys who wore the blue and the women who prayed for and helped them in so many different ways.

Samuel Neff will leave tomorrow for Canada, where he intends to invest in Canadian land. Mr. Neff came into possession of eighty acres of land on the day of his maturity several months ago, besides other property, the property being left to him by his mother. He has sold his farm and left the domain of Uncle Sam, thinking that he can get more land for his money in Great Britain's territory.—Bluffton Banner.

DECATUR BOYS HELP WIN.

Yesterday "Curley" Ellis, Ed. Coffee and Charles Pennington of this city assisted the Bluffton base ball team of the "Trolley League" in defeating the Montpelier boys in a game of base ball, the score being 3 to 2 in Bluffton's favor. Harry Troutman, editor of the Montpelier Herald, umpired the game, and according to the local boys who were in the game, his decisions were fair and impartial, which were much to the satisfaction of all. A return game will be played at Bluffton soon, at which the local players will participate.

W. P. Anderson was in the city today making a visit with his brother, N. C. Anderson and his many friends. He stopped enroute to his home in Gideon, Mo., from Chicago.

Dr. Homer Sowers returned this morning from Winona, and resumed his osteopathy practice. He was accompanied by his daughter, Hazel, who will remain with him this week.

The ball game between Decatur and Van Wert high school teams resulted in favor of the former. The score was six to three. The locals put up a good game, however, and expect to win the game at Van Wert in the near future.

Colonel Fred Reppert left this morning for Kentland, Indiana, where he will auctioneer a Hereford cattle sale for Mr. McCray of that place. He was accompanied by A. J. Smith who expects to make a purchase for the firm of Smith & Ullman.

Joseph Burns has disposed of his interest in the law firm of Burns & Jump, at Montpelier, to his partner, F. E. Jump. Mr. Burns will spend the summer on his farm near Keystone. Joseph Burns is the father of Attorney John Burns, of this city.—Hartford City News.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. True and Rev. and Mrs. Richard Spetnagel and son Richard left today for Warsaw, where they will attend the Presbytery, which is in session at that place. Mr. True is representing the congregation. Very important business will be transacted at this session and the local church will be well represented.

Lloyd Dalrymple, formerly of this city, was seen yesterday by W. H. Eichhorn on his trip with the state board of charities. Mr. Dalrymple is at the present time at the head of the baking department of the Plainfield home for boys and stated that he liked his work very much. He was employed in bakeries here several years ago.—Bluffton Banner.

Buffalo Bill and his train of Indians passed through the city late Friday afternoon on their way to Lima. Those who saw the cars and the Indians at the windows say that they were gaily clothed in handsome and valuable blankets. And that in the glimpse they obtained as the train was passing through, that the natives looked like genuine red men.

Lewis C. Justus, Clem Kain and Jack Edmunds have been designated a committee to go to Marion tomorrow to represent Bluffton at a base ball meeting and things begin to look like Bluffton may get a team this season. There is to be an investigation and if things look favorable an effort will be made to raise \$1,500 to \$1,800 to finance a team. A new park would be necessary and new grandstand and it would require about \$1,000 besides a reserve to start out with.—Bluffton News.

William Anderson, of St. Louis, and Henry Mumma, of Gideon, Mo., are here for a visit with relatives and friends, they having formerly lived in this county. Both have accumulated fortunes in the southwest, where they were engaged in the timber business.

The prompt arrival of a physician, hurriedly summoned by terrified neighbors, prevented a successful attempt at suicide by Mrs. Clem Frye, well known here and living in Hartford City. Mrs. Frye swallowed nine morphine tablets and was in a serious condition when discovered by Mrs. Lanning, who occupies part of the house with the Fryes. By heroic work the physician succeeded in saving her life, although it was found necessary to pump her stomach out three times. It is said that family troubles caused Mrs. Frye to make the attempt on her own life.—Bluffton Banner.

The remains of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Summers, of Monroe, was taken to Kokomo, the old home of the family for burial. Henry Summers was born in October, 1907, and died April 19, 1909, in Monroe township, of spinal disease. All the remedies known for the disease were tried without avail. The bright face of the little boy will be greatly missed in the home circle. The funeral party besides the parents, consisted of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Summers, a brother of the infant, a sister, Mrs. Leah Kenworthy and William Schaefer. The family have lived in this county less than five years.

The treasurer's office will from this time until the tax-paying season is ended, keep the office open during the noon hour and also in the evening until eight o'clock. There is thirteen days more in which to pay taxes, and they will have to go some to get in all the amount yet due within the specified time. Half of the collection is yet to be made and but thirteen days to do the work. The amount yet unpaid is about eighty thousand dollars and this will give a faint idea of the work those at the treasurer's office have to do in the short time remaining. Saturday was a disappointment to the treasurer, as ordinarily it would have meant lots of money paid into the coffers of the county. Friday the day of the horse sale, brought in quite a number, and the amount collected fell off the day following. Monday, May 3 is the last day, and following the law as laid down by the state authorities, every cent not paid on or before that day is delinquent and the penalty will have to be added. Treasurer Lachot has closely followed the law since taking the office, and in doing so he has made an exceptionally good officer in every sense of the term. We expect that when the curtain rings down on the night of May 3, the slate will be cleaned and Adams county taxes will have been paid in full.

John S. Falk returned Sunday night from the sunny south after a sojourn of more than two weeks in Florida's beautiful country and physically he has derived a great benefit from the pleasure tour, beside viewing the magnificent scenery in that state. Mr. Falk left about three weeks ago in hopes of benefitting his health and while gone visited Sanford and Orlando, Florida. During his absence he gained ten pounds in weight and this is indicative of the value of the expedition to him. While in Florida Mr. Falk looked over several business propositions, incidentally, and it is not improbable that he will return to the southern state and enter business, although as yet no action to this end has been taken. Orange groves and the growing of celery and lettuce is the most profitable business in the south with the possible exception of cotton growing and it is possible, if Mr. Falk returns to Florida, that he will go into that business.

Herman Reinking, senior and junior, left over the Erie Monday for the Panhandle of Texas, where they both will remain for some time and where the latter will likely live permanently. They own two hundred and eighty acres of land in the German Lutheran colony there, and it is for the purpose of putting the same under cultivation that the Reinkings leave at this time. Later on there will be several Adams county families and an equal number of Allen county farmers leave with the idea of taking a permanent residence in this section of Texas. The colony own several thousand acres, and they have a church which, if not now under erection, will be just as soon as a sufficient number of that membership take up their residence there. In a year or two the Lutherans will be thick and plenty there, and there is no gainsaying the fact that the best farmers in the business will go from this and the immediate section surrounding here. Texas or that part of it which has the soil, will show great strides within the next few years, and the land purchased by this colony will several times double itself in value.

HE SUFFERED A RELAPSE

Will Bobo Suffered a Relapse and His Condition is Critical.

Will Bobo suffered a sinking spell this morning and for a time it was thought that he could not survive. He recovered and since then has been resting easier, although his condition is extremely critical and at the best cannot survive many days, and the end may come at any time. A telephone was sent to Ned Bobo and he came in at noon and will stay at the bedside of his brother until a change for the better or worse comes.

The state encampment of the G. A. R. meets this year at Crawfordsville and the Clover-Leaf railroad has opened negotiations with the members of the local post which it consummated will result in a special car and a special rate for the Bluffton and Wells county veterans. The part will probably leave on the morning train west at 7:51 and will go all the way without leaving the car. The encampment will take place on the 19th and 20th of May.—Bluffton News.

Dr. C. E. Neptune has sold his dental office here to Dr. Fred Patterson, of Terre Haute, formerly of this city, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patterson. Dr. Patterson will assume ownership of the office about May 1st. Dr. Neptune will very likely leave here, having not fully decided as to his future intentions. The deal was closed Monday afternoon.

Misses Margaret, Dorothy and Helen Walters pleasantly entertained the Misses Johnson, Dunathan and Smith at their home Saturday evening. At a late hour refreshments were served to the guests.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Sellemeyer celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary quietly at their home on First street Sunday. A family dinner party consisting of the host and hostess, Miss Esther Sellemeyer and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sellemeyer partook of a bountiful dinner at noon yesterday. Mr. Sellemeyer and his brother Harmon were married on the same day. The latter observed his anniversary at his home in the country. All the children were present to assist in the eating of an excellent dinner prepared for the occasion.

Rev. Freeman, of Pleasant Mills, united in marriage Miss Lulu Steele, of that place and Mr. Edwin Steven, of Decatur, Saturday evening at the M. E. parsonage. The bride and groom are both well known here, the former is a very popular and accomplished girl, the latter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stevens of this city. He is employed in the freight office of the Erie railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens will live in the city.

The Aid Society of the Methodist church will meet next Friday afternoon with Mrs. Henry Krick on Adams street. All the members are requested to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Studabaker celebrated the latter's eightieth birthday at a family gathering at their home in Bluffton Sunday. Mrs. Baumgartner enjoys good health and does not look more than seventy. An excellent dinner, like in other festivities, was very important part of the day's entertainment. An automobile drive in the city was enjoyed by all. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Baumgartner of this city, W. A. Bowman from west of town, Mrs. Charles Helm and daughter Helen of Elwood, Mrs. F. M. French, Domestic, Mrs. E. L. Huffman and sons Waldo and Dale of Wells county.

Hogland, a thriving and prosperous little town north of this city a few miles, is to have a bank in the very near future, thus adding to the convenience of the people of that locality. Though much business is transacted there, they have never enjoyed the many advantages of a banking house, it being necessary for the citizens there to do this kind of business at Fort Wayne or Decatur. Recently a Mr. Robinson from Kentucky stopped there and realizing the possibilities, organized a company for this purpose. The capital stock will be \$15,000 and beside the organizer there are several stockholders, from the farmers and business men of that locality. The work of erecting a beautiful and convenient new banking house was begun this morning and will be hurried along. It will be a cement block structure and will add to the appearance of that town. The new bank will no doubt do a prosperous business, as it is located in the very heart of one of the richest communities of eastern Indiana.

WANTS IN SOLDIERS' HOME

Wishing to get in the Soldiers' Home, but not knowing just how to go to it, Jacob King, Geneva, walked all the way to this city last night and today, thinking that he could operate better from this city than Geneva. He went to Trustee Linn at first, saying that he wished to go to the county infirmary. Afterwards, however, he showed his discharge papers from the army and said that he wished to go to the Soldiers' Home. The man appeared to be very nervous from his long walk and did not know exactly what he was doing. He apparently had no conception of how he would have to go about the preliminaries to get in the home. According to his discharge papers he served in a volunteer regiment in Ohio during the civil war. The veteran said that he had been making his home with his son at Geneva, but suddenly came to the conclusion that he wished to go to the Soldiers' Home. He said he had been receiving a pension of ten dollars a month. Effort will probably be made to have this amount increased.—Bluffton Banner.

Mrs. A. M. Foreman and children, of Willshire, passed through the city enroute to Maldon, Wash., where they will make their future home. Mr. Foreman has been out there for some time, where he purchased land and built a home which is all ready for occupancy.

Jesse A. Steele, a former resident here, writes us from St. Louis, where he conducts the largest and best dairy product store in that city and is prospering. He is sending out a handsome souvenir in the way of a pocket bill and card leather folder. He says he is feeling fine and sends regards to all his Decatur friends.

Charles F. Rinehart, for many years a Decatur business man, during which time he has owned interests in the bakeries and restaurants now owned by N. C. Anderson and Frank Purrish, will leave the latter part of this week for Kingfisher, Oklahoma, with the view of entering business at that place. It is probable that he will purchase a restaurant if a good proposition in this line is presented to him. It is not certain that he will locate in Kingfisher, but if a suitable location is not obtainable at that place he will go elsewhere and continue on his expedition until he finds a proposition which will appeal to him. He will then return for his family. Mrs. Rinehart will leave the city with the well wishes of his many friends, although they are loath to lose his companionship. That he will succeed in the southwest is an undeniable fact for he is possessed of the qualities which mean success for an individual.

Portland, Ind., April 19.—Alonso Uptegraft, the Jackson township man charged with attempted assault, was admitted to bond Saturday in the sum of one thousand dollars, and is now again at his home in Jackson township. Friday Judge LaFollette refused to permit the bond to be given by the two brothers, Emmett and Otto Uptegraft, alone, as they were non residents of the county. This morning they returned with Clayton Wells of Jackson township, this county, who joined them in the recognizance bond. The law requires the accused to be personally present in court, and in order to comply with this provision of the statute, the two brothers, Waldo and Walter Hardy, carried the wounded man on a cot from the county hospital. Just inside the south door of the court room, the party halted, and without interrupting the Shackleton vs. Armstrong trial being heard by Judge Macy and a jury, Clerk Frank Gillespie took the bond. The terms of the bond requires Uptegraft to appear in court on the first day of the next term of court, and from day to day thereafter, until his case is finally disposed of, or until he is discharged according to law. Since it was reported Thursday evening that a plan had been laid to assist Uptegraft to escape, Sheriff King has had William Walters stationed at the institution as a guard. Uptegraft is recovering rapidly from his wound. A bandage still worn on his head and he is very weak.

John P. Sacks, who for many years has been a resident near Boise, Idaho, left here Monday for Cincinnati after a several days' visit with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Phipps. From the Ohio city he will proceed to Washington, D. C., where he expects to make his future home. He has accumulated a sufficient amount of the world's goods to last him and keep him very comfortably during the balance of his days and proposes to spend the time at the national capital. In 1888 he left this country and went to Washington state, where he lived until 1897, when he went to Idaho. That's the country for any man, says Mr. Sacks. In the dozen years he lived there he made more money than in the rest of his life and made it easier. He has several sons, all of whom are still located there and who are prosperous. When Mr. Sacks arrived there he had but little money. He bought a small tract of land for \$260 which is today worth \$5,000. He says that ten acres is about all a man can farm there, and that will make as much money as a good big farm will in this country. He says it is a very common thing to raise fifteen tons of hay off a ten acre tract, cutting it four times in one year. Beside this there are the opportunities in mining and other industries and the constant change of property gives one chance to deal safely and at a profit. He advises every young man who can to go to Idaho as quick as the train will take him.

The April diploma examination of students of the eighth grade, was held in this county Saturday, the tests being conducted at this place and at Geneva. At the Central school building here sixty-two took the examination, while at Geneva there were seventy-six in the class, making a total of 132. At the March examination, there were 231 took the work and this makes a grand total of 363, who have tried this spring. The final examination of the year will be held on the third Saturday of May the fifteenth to be exact, and will be held only in this city. At that time those who have failed and those who have not yet tried and are eligible may do so, and if successful will graduate at the county commencement to be held in June, and this diploma also admits them to any high school in the state. Quite a large per cent of those in the first class were successful, and it is believed the per cent of those fortunate enough to secure the coveted diploma will be much larger this year than last. Superintendent Opliger has charge of the examinations.