

Columbia City, April 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—John Petersohn, the manager of what the people of this section knew as the Fort Wayne Tailoring company, was acquitted by the jury which heard the case filed against them here by S. F. Ort, charging them with being transient merchants, and operating without a license. The case went to the jury at 7:30 last evening, and the verdict was returned at 8:55. This morning attorneys for the defendant moved to dismiss a similar case against Petersohn and also one against his partner, a Mr. Kizer, but the motions were overruled and these cases will be tried at some future date, the time not having been fixed as yet. The prosecution say they will be able to make a stronger case the next time, and believe they will be able to convict the men. There was much interest in the outcome here and also in Decatur and Adams county, where the men worked before coming here. The plan is to visit a community and open an office, insisting that they are a permanent institution. They give in their property for taxation and thus avoid paying the license of ten dollars a day as required by law for transients. After about two months, when they have thoroughly worked the county, they move along to another place, and do the same thing. Petersohn was acquitted on the second ballot, the first standing eleven to one in his favor.

An hour's travel through the various departments of the Ward Fence company plant will satisfy the most skeptical that it is a great institution, and that they are doing a great business, and that some day, and that day not far distant, everybody will want to shake hands with themselves and be glad that the Ward Fence company is a part of the manufacturing and business interest of this city. They are right now in the midst of their busy season, and in every department business is humming. Fence machines are busy to the limit, ornamental fence is being manufactured as fast as their force of men can turn it out, and apparently every inch of the large and commodious buildings are filled to the brim. Tuesday a representative had the pleasure of going through the plant, and we must confess that we really were amazed at the gigantic proportions of the concern. Five cars were standing on their siding, and two of them were being filled with the various shipments of the plant, and these shipments were going to nearly every state in the union. The New England states and the east, California and nearly every other western state was included, as was also Florida and the southern states. Hardly a state was missing in the receipt of some of the product being sent out by this Decatur concern. Fifty-two people are now on the pay roll, and it really would make any boster proud to take in all the sights to be seen at the plant of the Ward Fence company. The management hopes to make the concern grow and far exceed the present output, and we have no doubt they will succeed.

After eight months of suffering from complications, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Steele, wife of David Steele, one of the best known residents of Kirkland township this county, died Wednesday night at 9:20 o'clock. Her death has caused great sorrow in her community as well as here and other places over the county where she was so well known. She was born in Guernsey county, Ohio, July 18, 1844, and at her death was aged sixty-four years, nine months and ten days. She was married to Mr. Steele December 24, 1863, and they immediately located on the farm in Kirkland township, where they have since lived. To them were born nine children. These are William S., Lauretta E., Millard N., Charles F. and Walter E., who are living, and Ethel A., Cinderella M., Lewis V. and Bessie E., who have preceded the mother in death. The husband and other relatives also survive. Mrs. Steele was one of the best women of this county, and her death is deeply deplored. One son, Charles, is a resident of this city, being a member of the firm of Atz & Steele. Mrs. Steele became ill last August, and her decline was gradual. Everything possible was done, but the ravages of the ailments could not be checked and the suffering ceased only after she had closed her eyes in the sleep of eternity.

The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at two o'clock from the Beulah Methodist church near Peterson, the pastor of that church officiating. Interment was city.

Mrs. David Ochsenrider, who was kicked by a horse at her home Saturday morning, recovered consciousness Sunday morning and the attending physician now gives good hopes for her recovery, although her condition is serious at the present time.—Bluffton Banner.

Mrs. Lucien P. Ferry, the oldest settler of this locality, honorary vice president of the Allen County Pioneer's association, and who has made her home for a number of years in this city with Dr. and Mrs. W. W. P. McMillan, gave a very interesting account of early days, and we consider ourselves fortunate in hearing and publishing it.

Years ago, in times which we consider historical now, Mrs. Ferry's father, Louis T. Bourie, lived in Montreal. He was a Frenchman, and had a brother who was Mayor of that city at one time. It makes one think of this uncle as a man of great dignity, riding in a carriage and cheered by the populace. In England and most of its colonies, the mayor is a man of rank. Perhaps the father was living at the time when Montcalm, one of the noblest men in history, participated in the French and Indian wars. The mother of Mrs. Ferry was a Canadian woman, and the scene of her birth and childhood was on the battlefield of the French and Indian wars. Many of the skirmishes were surprise attacks from behind the trees of the woods, according to the mode of Indian warfare. Mrs. Bourie's father, Mr. Milush, had a mill on a stream; there a battle was fought between the French and Indians and the British, 'till the stream was red with blood.

Mrs. Ferry was born in 1814. She is very active and appears full of life for one who has reached so great an age. She reads with interest several of the city newspapers, and the home daily papers. For years she has read good books, and made beautiful lace. Before Mrs. Ferry was born, her parents resided at Detroit, where her father was an Indian trader. The beautiful city was then but a trading post with a fort, and the forest surrounding was filled with Indians. It is interesting to hear a story of an incident that occurred while the family resided there, for the deed itself was done by those who figured in history as the brave men who won our battles, and General Harrison himself straightened up matters. About the time of the famous battle of Detroit, the Bourie family entertained the soldiers. With the disappearance of the food prepared, the spoons also disappeared. Mrs. Bourie having discovered this, the general was informed, and he reproved the soldiers for stealing the spoons from his friends, who had been so kind as to entertain them. The camp was searched, and in a certain tent was found the spoons which were returned.

In those days the older members of the family attended ball at the fort, where they dressed in grand style, the ladies with powdered hair, and brocades and silk. The gentlemen wore the satin cravats and ruffled stocks always, and appeared at their best at the fort festivals. Mrs. Ferry's mother was very dignified in manner, and was always called Lady Bourie. Before the fort was built, Mrs. Ferry's father came to Fort Wayne. The English fort was located on the west bank of the St. Marys river. It was located by Captain D'Vincennes, founder of Vincennes. Gen. Anthony Wayne traced the fort in 1794. The parents of Mrs. Ferry became warm friends of Anthony Wayne. Later the family returned to Detroit, and in 1814 came back. The second trip was made in a pirogue, a boat hewn from a large log, and propelled by paddles. In this boat were placed trunks, bedding, provisions and passengers. When Mrs. Ferry started to school in 1822 she was taught by a Baptist missionary in the fort. She went to school in the council room and in the jail. When she grew older she was sent to Detroit to school. On her return she met her husband, a young lawyer and in 1831 they were married and lived in Fort Wayne. By degrees the little hamlet grew into the large and prosperous city it now is. Mrs. Ferry is an accomplished and lovable lady, to whom it is certainly a pleasure to talk.

CAME HOME FROM THE SOUTH

Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Coverdale came home Thursday from an extended absence in the south, where they went in search of better health. They spent some time at Memphis with Clark Coverdale and family, but the doctor spent the most of the time in southern Alabama, near Mobile. He returns much improved, and says he is better in every way, the climate in the south being the tonic that did the work. He will immediately resume his practice and hopes to be able to regain his oldtime vigor.

The management of the Wawasee Inn at Wawasee lake has arranged for the establishment at the Inn this summer of a health resort similar to that of William Muldoon on the Hudson river in New York, where wealthy prominent business men, worn out and run down by business worries or dissipation, are taken in hand and after a course of treatment are sent back to work in the best of condition.

A perplexing question has confronted county auditors throughout the state as to where they are to get funds with which to reimburse saloon keepers in "dry" counties for unexpired licenses. The question was put to Robert J. Ale, state superintendent of public instruction, and he in turn has relayed it to Attorney General Bingham. There is a provision in a statute which requires \$100 of each saloon license be turned over to the school tuition fund for the county in which the license is granted, and the question which the auditors are perplexed about is whether the money that is to be refunded to the dram shop keepers shall be paid out of that fund or some other fund. The question was first brought to the attention of Mr. Ale by the auditor of Fayette county, where there is not a sufficient amount in the tuition fund with which to reimburse all of the saloon keepers who were ousted by the county voting "dry." Nearly all of the tuition fund in Fayette county had been apportioned before the question of refunding to the saloon keepers was brought up, and the auditor of that place is now in a quandary as to what course to pursue. He appealed to Mr. Ale to help him out of his difficulty, and the latter sent a request to Mr. Bingham for an opinion. The questions that have been put to the attorney general are: "From what source are the auditors to derive the funds with which to reimburse the ousted saloon keepers and what course shall they pursue in the event the tuition fund has been apportioned?"

In this county, however, it is believed there will be no inconvenience at least nothing that will cause very much worry. County Auditor Michaud says that while he has not investigated the matter, he is of the belief that all will be necessary here is to call the county council and allow them to appropriate the money for this purpose, as there has been a sufficient amount paid in by the applicants for licenses since the first of the year to pay out those who have a rebate coming. He will take the matter up at once and will be prepared for the business when the time comes.

A beautiful tribute of love for the young, and patriotism as well, is exhibited by the members of the Women's Relief Corps of this city, at this time, for they are arranging to present to the Decatur high school, a handsome American flag, ten by eighteen feet in dimensions, and made of the best bunting. The gift has been purchased and is expected to arrive within a few days. The presentation of the flag will be made at the high school room some time before Decoration Day, the exact date to be announced later. An appropriate program will be rendered and it will be an inspiring occasion, to which the public is most cordially invited. The W. R. C. are always doing something which will be of benefit to others and this gift, made as it is, in a spirit of love, is one which should and certainly will be, thoroughly appreciated. May its beautiful folds, the stars and stripes, be unfurled to the breezes for years to come, and may it waft to the young people the patriotism and love of country that it has inspired in so many American breasts, thus making us the greatest nation in the world.

DETAINED FOR THE DEFENSE

F. C. Dalley, of Bluffton, to Defend Alonzo Uptegraft.

F. C. Dalley, this city, has been retained as one of the attorneys to defend Alonzo Uptegraft, who is charged with attempted criminal assault on Miss Bonnie Owens, aged 18, a niece of Uptegraft's wife. The case will probably be tried within a few weeks in the Jay county circuit court. One of the brothers of Uptegraft was here this morning in consultation with the local attorney in the case. Nearly all of the Uptegrafts live in this county, although the defendant lives in Jay county and the deed was committed just across the line. The reputation which Mr. Dalley has made for himself within the past few years as a criminal attorney resulted in the retaining of Mr. Dalley. The defense will contend that no attempt at assault was made and that the girl only imagined that the defendant had any such intentions. Uptegraft is getting better since he was released on bond and the wound which he got by being shot by the marshal at Bryant is healing well.—Bluffton Banner.

Indianapolis, May 4.—Governor Marshall has been kept to his room since Sunday night with a mild attack of colitis resulting from indigestion, and in consequence of his illness the usual Tuesday night reception at the Marshall home on north Pennsylvania street will not be held tonight. Several years ago Mr. Marshall had a severe attack of colitis, and after his dinner Sunday night he suffered a recurrent attack. Yesterday morning Dr. O. G. Pfaff was called.

Fully aware of the pending danger but not thinking of the atmospheric changes which had impaired the insulation of a half-inch wire carrying 6,600 volts of electricity from the Fort Wayne & Springfield trolley wire to a switch near the interurban gravel pit, Ben Schroelucke, for several years an employee of the local traction company, grasped the heavily charged wire Friday night at 4:30 o'clock, and in an instant fell on his face cold and lifeless, his features so badly distorted by the severe burns that he was scarcely recognizable. The unfortunate man together with Wash Pyle, James Smith and Henry Harmeyer had been working at the gravel pit during the day. They ceased work at about 4:20 o'clock and following the spur they proceeded to the interurban track, where the men expected to board the southbound car due to pass that point at 4:35. During the wait one of the party unconsciously passed near to the wire which enters a switch at a point where the sidetrack leads from the main line, and Schroelucke admonished him not to get too close. He (Schroelucke), however, remarked that he guessed there was not much danger, as the wire was heavily insulated, and but a minute later he leaned against the post and thoughtlessly grasped the wire. His arm was drawn double by the powerful voltage, and in some inconceivable manner the wire struck the right side of his head, burning his ear entirely off and inflicting a deep wound in his head, his brains falling upon the ground. His feet and hands were severely burned and the shoes he wore were almost burned from his feet. Death was instantaneous. The storm of Thursday night had impaired the insulation of the wire, hence the accident. Coroner Kessler, of Fort Wayne, was hastily summoned, and he issued a permit for the removal of the body to Adams county, where an examination of the body and circumstances surrounding the untimely demise was instituted by Coroner Grandstaff, resulting in a verdict of accidental death. The remains were taken to the Moses & Meyer morgue, where many people have witnessed the charred body.

When the news of the awful accident and its fatality to her husband reached Mrs. Schroelucke, who is in a delicate condition, she was overwhelmed with grief and the shock rendered her case extremely serious. The deceased who was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schroelucke, of New Knoxville, Ohio, was among the first to be employed by the Fort Wayne & Springfield railway company, and since he began work he has officiated in almost every capacity which has to do with the operation of the cars. He proved a mechanic of ability and was a valuable man to the company. Mr. Schroelucke removed his family and took up his abode in Decatur more than two years ago, where they have enjoyed the fellowship of many friends, whom they have made by their cleverness. That the hand of death should pluck the companion of the grief-stricken woman and the father of three little children is more than mind can fathom. The sympathies of a host of friends are extended to the bereaved ones in their hour of sorrow.

The deceased was a member of the local camp of the Modern Woodmen lodge, and carried insurance in the amount of \$1,000, which will be promptly paid to his widow. He is the first member of the local camp to pass into eternity.

The decedent had passed his thirty-second milestone by one month and twenty-three days and at the time of the accident was in the best of health. He was born in Ohio from which state he came to Decatur. Mr. Schroelucke will not only be sadly missed by the bereaved wife and children, but by the traction company as well, to whom he has been so faithful during the years he has been in their employ. The mind shrinks from contemplation of such a dire calamity which has befallen the relatives of this young man, and all in all, it is but another evidence of the uncertainty and brevity of human lives. The widow of the unfortunate man is bearing the unfathomable grief incidental to the awful occurrence well, according to reports from the home this afternoon, but words of consolation fail to appease the sorrow to which she has been subjected.

MAY LOCATE A GLASS FACTORY

Portland, Ind., May 4.—Stock is being subscribed for a bottle glass factory to be established in this city, with a capital of \$50,000. With the subscription books open but a day, \$12,000 has been pledged, and more will be as soon as the parties can be seen. The shares have been made \$25 each, the idea being to enable people of small means to aid themselves in securing employment. It is the intention to secure a competent glass man as resident manager, the plant to be managed by a board of directors.

Dr. H. E. Keller, secretary of the city board of health, has issued a notice that will be of interest to every property owner in the city. The notice in question requires the removal of all rubbish and filth from your premises, and it really should require but a suggestion from this office to get the result desired. It is the time of year when a general cleaning up is not only good to look at, but good health requires it, and the Indiana laws now compel property owners to remove everything that looks objectionable to a health officer. It is even unnecessary to notify property owners, and this form of notice will be dispensed with by Dr. Keller. He rightly expects the citizens of Decatur to be clean, and that every one who sees the notice he gives them and which is printed elsewhere in this issue, will forthwith begin the process of cleaning out the dirt. The law is strict and permits of the prosecution and a fine if the law is not followed. The time limit is May 10, and we advise the good people of Decatur to get busy and to clean out the bad smelling places. By the way, Dr. Keller has made an efficient health officer, and we desire now to commend him upon the strict enforcement of the various health rules.

THE DISTRICT CLUB MEETING

The Federation of Clubs Had a Splendid Meeting at Anderson.

Mrs. L. G. Ellingham came home Friday from Anderson, where she attended the district meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs. The entertainment there showed the hospitality of the club women of Anderson. The program of the day included some well prepared and delivered addresses touching upon all the subjects of interest to the club women of the state. A district organization was made and hereafter this will be a permanent feature of their future work. The state officers were all present and the meeting was in every way a success. Mrs. Ellingham was on the program for a response to the address of welcome.

SAY ADAM MOSURE IS INNOCENT

Bluffton Lawyer Inlets His Client Was Wronged.

The Elsie May Martin case still remains a mystery which is unsolved and which probably never will be solved. If the public ever knows the true history of the case there is a strong possibility of Adam Mosure being released from the state prison. F. C. Dalley, who was the attorney for Mosure, said this morning that he was confident that his client was innocent. It is the custom of attorneys to always claim innocence for their clients before a trial, but an attorney who has had considerable practice and dealings with the people of the underworld, get so they can usually tell whether a man is guilty or innocent. Mr. Dalley said that if he ever saw a man who was innocent Mosure was that man.—Bluffton Banner.

WILLSHIRE MAN INJURED HERE

Horse Ran Away and J. L. Crowe Was Hurt.

J. L. Crowe is confined to his bed suffering from bruises sustained when his horse scared and upset the buggy at Decatur, Saturday afternoon. He was just starting home with two tubs of ice cream and some ice when the buggy ran into a rut and caused one of the tubs to fall out which frightened the horse and it started to run, over-turning the buggy and throwing Mr. Crowe to the ground under the remaining tub and the ice, and as a consequence he is suffering excruciating pain, and it will be some time before he will be able to be up and around, and will necessitate his using crutches for some time after he is able to be up.—Willshire Herald.

KIPLING'S AIRSHIP STORY ANTICIPATED.

Writing from Rome to a friend in America, Rudyard Kipling says that the Wrights are ahead of his story, "With the Night Mail," the date of which is 2,000 A. D. Mr. Kipling, by the way, wrote supplementary matter for this story in the way of Aerial Regulations, Answers to Correspondents, Book Reviews, and Advertisements supposedly taken from a magazine of the same future date. But already the London Times has published twice a full page of actual advertisements of Dirigibles and Flying Machines.

Mrs. Jessie E. Luttman, has been appointed postmistress at Magley, where she and her husband, Mr. Ed. Luttman, are conducting a general store, and are prospering. They have succeeded Mr. Robert Case there. The appointment was included in the list sent out from Washington yesterday.

The marriage of Miss Sophie Elchenger and Mr. Henry Hildebrand occurred Thursday at the latter's home, about thirteen miles north of the city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Brimericht, before a large company of guests, friends and relatives of the bride and groom. A delicious dinner was served at noon and the friends all stayed during the afternoon and the evening when a delicious supper was served. The newly married couple have a host of friends in this city, who wish them a happy future life. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Briner, of near Peterson, attended.

Agent C. K. Bell, of the Wells-Fargo Express company, today received official notification of the acquiring by his company of the express privilege on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul road as well as on six other lines which have heretofore been under the Adams and United States Express companies. This makes the fourth route the Wells-Fargo company controls to the Pacific coast.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

This was the beautiful May Day that is the way it reads in the poet's book, but gee whiz, it would have taken a lot of nerve to have ever looked at the green. The day snowed in on schedule time and at eight o'clock a brisk snow storm was raging. Well, there's this consolation the snow is not likely to last many weeks, and the ice men are not arranging to take off the delayed crop of that soon very salable fruit.

Miss Mayme Dorwin left Friday evening for Spokane, Wash., where she expects to assume a lucrative position as a stenographer. A crowd of about a dozen of her friends and relatives accompanied her to the 10:17 Clover Leaf train. She will leave St. Louis today. Miss Dorwin has had several years' experience at her work and will no doubt be successful in the west. She has worked here for some time for the Decatur Abstract company.

Badgley Anderson, one of the pioneers of Hartford township, was in the city Saturday paying his spring installment of taxes. Mr. Anderson is eighty-one years old, but he is still active and does considerable work, although he does this from the desire to be busy and not because he needs to work. He is having considerable improvement done to his buildings on his magnificent farm, which is already one of the best improved pieces of realty in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Hite and son, Hugh Richard, arrived Friday evening from Oaxaca, Mexico, where they have resided for the past year. They have been engaged in the mining business. They will reside here. While the business opportunities are great in that country, the life among the people, the natives being large Indians, is by no means pleasant, and the Hites prefer life in Indiana. They left there last Sunday, and made their long trip in surprisingly short time. All are well and happy to again be with their relatives and friends.

An old dorky wanted to join a fashionable city church, and the minister, knowing it was hardly anything to do and not wanting to hurt his feelings, told him to go home and pray over it. In a few days the dorky came back. "Well, what do you think of it by this time?" asked the preacher. "Well, sah," replied the colored man, "Ah prayed an' prayed on 'o good Lawd, he says to me, 'Rastus Ah wouldn't bodder mah hab about dat no mo. Ah've been trying to get into dat church hater for de last twenty years and Ah ain't done hab no luck.'"

Margaret, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Engeler, of Bern, died Thursday morning at the Engeler home in Bern. She had been ill with spinal trouble since birth, and several weeks has been in a very serious condition, its life being despaired of. She was born December 24th, Bern. The parents and a brother, Gordon, aged 3 years, survive. Mr. Engeler was formerly Miss Hildebrand's husband. The funeral services were held this morning at the home, and this afternoon burial was made at Fairview cemetery this city.—Bluffton Banner.

The Aid Society of the Christian church met with Mrs. John Fleming Friday afternoon. After the business session was completed, Mrs. Fleming entertained her guests by serving refreshments and by a rebus in verse of poetry for them to solve. The verses were written on green card with purple ribbon, suggestive of spring. The verse which was composed by Mrs. Fleming was as follows:

Verdant is old mother earth, In the season of your birth, Of fair nature's fairest dower, Lovely little woodland flower, Emblem of a modest maid, Truehearted and half afraid.

Mrs. Jacob Eady was successful in was the first one to solve the rebus. The answer was Violet, the first letter of each line spelling the word.