

Opening on Tuesday evening, June 22, and continuing until Thursday evening, June 24, the Fort Wayne district Epworth League convention will be held at the First Methodist Episcopal church in this city. It promises to be one of the largest affairs in local churches this season and will be attended by several prominent clergymen. Prof. M. J. Hill, of Wellsboro, Pa., will have charge of the congregational singing during the convention, and special music will be furnished by leaguers from various portions of the district. Rev. M. C. Hartzell, D. D., of Park Avenue M. E. church, Chicago, is one of the live wires of the church, as is witnessed in his recent crusade against the saloon element in Chicago. Rev. M. C. B. Mason, D. D., corresponding secretary of the Freedman's Aid Society, is one of the distinguished colored orators of Methodism. Both Rev. Hartzell and Rev. Mason are on the program for addresses at the convention. The musical setting of the latter's lecture will be a carefully selected program by Schlatter's orchestra, whose work in connection with previous affairs of this nature has called forth very favorable comment. Another speaker will be Fred Kohrer, editor of the Berne Witness, who made Berne dry by remonstrance despite the dynamiting of his own home. Prof. Lester B. Rogers, a member of the faculty of the Tri-State normal school at Angola, will be heard during the convention. The Epworth League in this city has five branches, which form what is known as a city cabinet. All have been working earnestly for the success of the coming event, and it is expected to be one of the most notable affairs they have ever given in this district. The district officers are: District superintendent, Rev. C. U. Wade, D. D., Fort Wayne; president, Miss Nellie E. Mason, Bluffton; first vice president, Frank S. Hickman, Fort Wayne; second vice president, Paul Bachelor, Angola; third vice president, George Warner, Fort Wayne; fourth vice president, Leota Burke, Geneva; secretary, Etta Mallonee, Decatur; treasurer, J. C. Tritch, Decatur; junior superintendent, Jay Griffith, Portland.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

In the presence of a few friends and relatives a very pretty wedding ceremony was performed Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Rice when their daughter, Mary Fanchon, became the bride of Amos Yoder, a prominent Fort Wayne young man. The ceremony was performed at six o'clock by the Rev. Sherman Powell, the bridal party marching to the altar amid sweet strains of "Meditation" played by R. J. Lyons of Fort Wayne, and Mrs. William Wormald, of Barberton, Ohio, they being intimate friends of the bride and groom. The vows of the happy young couple were pledged by the use of a pretty ceremony employed by the Rev. Powell and after receiving showers of congratulations the bride and groom together with the friends present, partook of a sumptuous wedding supper, which had been well prepared for the occasion. The bride is a young woman of many accomplishments. As a musician she is popular and she possesses those qualities which go to make a really ideal girl. Her following of friends is large and unwavering and as she starts on her matrimonial career she has the well wishes of innumerable friends for a life attended only by happiness, that which she deserves. The groom is a promising young carpenter residing at Fort Wayne, who is held in the highest esteem of all who know him and upon him the congratulations of Decatur people are bestowed for his ability to win the hand of such a popular young woman. The couple left last evening on a wedding tour and will be at home in Fort Wayne in the near future. Those present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Butler, R. J. Lyons, Fort Wayne; Mrs. William Wormald, Barberton, Ohio; Mrs. Edward Rice and son Newell, Berne, and the Rev. and Mrs. Sherman Powell.

BUGGIES COLLIDED AT GENEVA

Tuesday afternoon while Marion Connor and A. G. Briggs were driving the former's bay horse to a buggy and leading a sorrel horse behind the buggy from the farm, they met with an accident that proved very serious to Mrs. George Fink. The horse Mr. Briggs was leading jumped upon the hind wheel of the Briggs' buggy, and could not get off, finally breaking the buggy down and throwing them out. They let go the lines to the horse they were driving, and it ran down Railroad street, colliding with Mrs. George Fink's buggy, throwing herself and little girl out. The little girl was uninjured, but Mrs. Fink suffered an injured jaw and a broken knee cap. She was taken into what is known as the Schell house and a physician summoned who made a careful examination.—Geneva Herald.

Valparaiso, Ind., June 4.—Porter county at the polls yesterday declared in favor of the licensed saloons by a majority unofficially placed at 375. This is the eleventh county in the state to vote "wet" under the option law. The "wets" carried Valparaiso by 102 majority, and carried ten of the twelve townships. The township majorities are reported as follows: For the "wets"—Center, 134; Liberty, 38; Washington, 10; Morgan, 27; Union, 21; Westchester, 203; Jackson, 21; Pine, 75; Porter, 23; Pleasant, 45. For the "drys"—Boone, 199; Portage, 25. Six saloons and several "quart shops" are operated in the county. The saloon victory, however, means that this city and county will be regarded as a fertile field for the liquor men hereafter. The effect of the Laporte county election, which resulted in such a great "wet" majority, was very apparent in the voting. A big percentage of the total vote was polled and it seems from the result that the county had a large element which feared loss of business in favor of Laporte county should this county vote "dry." The option election was the culmination of the most intense political battle ever waged in Porter county. With splendid weather following a night of storm and rain that did not, however, dampen the ardor of the workers, the vote came out early. Excitement at the polls gave way to an earnest, silent effort to get out the vote that proved unusually successful. Women worked at the polls in Pleasant, Boone, Westchester, Jackson, Morgan and Union townships furnishing an incident of much interest in what has been a spectacular campaign. The Vidette, the Republican organ, came out editorially strongly for the "drys," though it gave space to the "wets." The Messenger was neutral, giving space to both sides. A big factor in the fight was that the "wets" were helped by some thirty of Laporte county's prominent citizens, who helped along the victory in that county.

THE FIREMEN'S TOURNAMENT

Hartford City Making Great Preparations for the Event.

Of amusements at the tournament of the Northeastern Indiana Firemen's association in this city, June 24, the water battle will doubtless be a feature. Hartford City firemen attired in rubber garments will choose sides and with two strings of hose will fight, the side succeeding in drowning out the other being declared the victor. Pearl Cox, Jacob Moore, Isaac Waters, William Leonard, Frank Smoots and Guy Ducey have been appointed members of the committee to arrange for the battle. An exhibition fire will be given by the local department. A structure will be erected on the vacant lot just east of E. Smilack's junk house. The Fort Wayne Electric Works company's department sends word that it will be accompanied by the Packard band, one of the finest musical organizations in Indiana. Bluffton will ask for the 1910 convention. There are now two cities—Bluffton and Fort Wayne—pulling strings for the next meeting.—Hartford City News.

The Knights of Pythias and the Pythian Sisters had a very pleasant time Thursday night at the I. O. O. F. hall. A large delegation from Fort Wayne, thirty-five in all and eighteen from Berne, added to the pleasure of the evening by their presence. When the visitors and members arrived they registered. On completing their registration all enjoyed a social hour in the hall. During the initiation period, five candidates were taken into the Decatur chapter. The new knights are Messrs. Herbert Lachot, C. M. Hower, Ross Mills and Will Gains, and the new Pythian Sister, Mrs. Addie Barnett. Among the prominent guests were Miss Cora Hood, grand mistress of the records and correspondence, Mrs. Margaret Buyer, of North Manchester and Mrs. A. S. Elzey, of Ossian. Mrs. M. V. B. Archbold of Fort Wayne, was present. For several weeks the local order had been planning for this event and they were well pleased that they succeeded in so well entertaining the visiting orders, who said that they had had one of the best times they had ever enjoyed. On account of the large number of the company to be served and the elaborateness of the banquet, several hours was devoted to this part of the program. With the Mesdames Fred Linn, Charles Elzey, Sam Shamp, Emerson Beavers, C. M. Hower and Will Gains serving, the guests were royally taken care of. It was time for the twelve o'clock car before the Fort Wayne people were ready to leave. The Berne delegation returned on the late G. R. & I. train.

Elijah Nidlinger has become the sole proprietor of the Joseph and Colchin ice cream and candy store by the terms of a business deal which was consummated Thursday. Mr. Nidlinger has been negotiating for

the purchase of the business place for some time, but did not succeed in closing the deal until last evening. The new proprietor, with U. S. Drummond, purchased the Yager Pleasant Mills general merchandise store during the first of the year, the former disposing of his interest to Mr. Drummond later. Since then he has been trying to buy a suitable business. He has assumed control of the ice cream store, and has the best wishes of all for limitless success. Neither Mr. Joseph nor Mr. Colchin have decided what line of business to enter as yet. They have been partners for two years past, and have enjoyed a liberal patronage. Mr. Nidlinger will remove his family to this city in the near future.

Peter Meyer, who, until twenty-eight years ago a resident of Adams county, leaving at that time for Colorado Springs, Colo., for future abode, arrived here last Thursday to remain for several weeks as the guest of his brother, Eli Meyer, and other relatives. Mr. Meyer will be remembered by many Adams county people as being at one time proprietor of the Honduras grocery and general merchandise store. Leaving there he went to Lima, Ohio, where he resided two years leaving there for Colorado Springs. He has not been in Decatur since leaving Honduras. Mr. Meyer has enjoyed good health until a week ago, when suddenly he became seriously affected by rheumatism, the dread ailment rendering him practically helpless. The attending physician advised that he seek a different climate and he at once prepared to come to this city. He is unable to walk and was carried from the train to the vehicle which conveyed him to the home of Sheriff Meyer. It is hoped by the many Decatur friends of the afflicted man that he will soon recover from his illness. He is fifty-eight years of age.

Thursday with the approach of the eleventh hour came the death of Mr. Clayton E. Dailey, one of Decatur's well known citizens and thus closes the life of another of our estimable aged men. The deceased, 59 years, 9 months and 20 days of age, was born in Adams county, and grew to manhood within her boundaries. In early life he was united in marriage to Livona Neptune and subsequent to her death he married Mary Woodruff, who with her daughter, Annotti, survive to mourn his loss. The deceased became ill about five years ago from a lung affection which later developed into a lingering case of tuberculosis. He gradually grew worse, but displayed remarkable durability and lived much longer than was expected by even those with whom he affiliated. Mr. Dailey acted as rural mail carrier until forced to retire to inactive life by the dread plague. During the past few months his condition has been extremely serious, but he has been on the streets until about ten days ago. The deceased was an admirable man. He was always mindful of his duties as a man and as a patriot, and although he has passed into the great beyond his memory will always be cherished by those who had the pleasure of knowing him. He is survived by one brother, Jinks, of Kankakee, and several half brothers.

The funeral services were held from the Christian church Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and interment was made at Decatur cemetery.

An addition 22 feet by 132 feet is being added to the Berne Manufacturing company building which will add greatly to the facilities thereof and when completed will make the structure one of the largest in the town. Fifty-six girls are employed in the factory and six men are also on the payroll. It has proven a valuable asset to the business interests of the town. Workmen are busy completing the improvement.

Twenty-eight members of the Rebekah lodge of Geneva were royally entertained by the Berne chapter Tuesday night and during the session candidates were introduced into the mysteries of the organization, the Geneva team doing the work. The meeting was held in the spacious I. O. O. F. hall. The ladies were given a banquet royal and declared it the time of their lives.

The Adams County Sunday School association has been divided into two sections, the north and south halves and the south half has decided to celebrate the Fourth of July in great style, Berne being the place chosen for the demonstration. Twenty-nine Sunday schools will participate in the program which gives promise of being of unusual interest. In the evening of the Fourth fireworks will be displayed by the city and a grand time is anticipated.

Linn & Patton, and their force of men, began Friday a. m. the work of remodeling the room occupied by Cur-

ley Radmacher's saloon for many years past, and when completed they will have the room ready for a modern eating house, restaurant and short order cafe, which will be operated by Mr. Radmacher. The place is to be a modern one and will be one that will please the public. Curley is a hustler, and has catered to the public for so many years that it will be natural for him. It is needless to say that the new eating house will be a winner. Everything in season is to be served, in a style that will please any customer, rich or poor. Mr. Radmacher has many friends here and over the county who will be glad to know that he will continue as a citizen of Decatur, for he is progressive and wide awake. The new cafe will open as soon as arrangements can be perfected, probably about the fifteenth of the month.

at 5 o'clock Friday night the Fort Wayne & Springfield interurban railroad company ran the first car south to the city limits, thus meeting the terms of their franchise which provided that the tracks must be laid and the wires in place so that they can operate through Decatur before July 1st. Last evening they hauled two car loads of gravel to the city limits, near the Frisinger home, and several loars were run that far today. Mr. Fledderjohann said this morning that so far no arrangements had been made for a schedule which will give car service to the people in the south part of the city, but it is likely that within a short time some plan will be made to go to the railroads at least and perhaps further. There has been but little progress on the extension of the line between here and Monroe, because of the fact that the men and teams have all been used in the work through town, but as this is completed now it is likely that the line will be hurried on to Monroe and that cars will soon be in operation from there here. No further statement could be obtained, but it is likely that some action will be taken soon.

Dr. J. W. Vizard, of Pleasant Mills, returned Friday night from Ft. Wayne where he assisted in an operation which was performed upon Mrs. John Barrone of Rivarve, and which has proven very successful. Mrs. Barrone, who was suffering from a large tumorous growth was taken to Fort Wayne yesterday morning and entered at the Lutheran hospital. The anæsthetic was administered and the surgeons removed an ovarian tumor which was unusually large, it weighing about fifty pounds. The growth was removed without difficulty and the afflicted woman revived from the anæsthetic feeling greatly relieved. Her early and ultimate recovery is now assumed, and this news will be welcomed by the many friends of Mrs. Barrone. She has been suffering for many months from the tumor and it was thought that her case was very much complicated. The woman will probably be able to leave the hospital within three weeks.

Robert Blackburn, local pension agent, has just received notice that a pension has been granted to the widow of the late Ezra Cowan to begin at once. It will be remembered that Mr. Cowan died several weeks ago. He was a veteran of the civil war and received a pension and Mr. Blackburn made application for the widow, and there is much red tape to be gone through with before such a claim is granted. The application was sent to the pension headquarters May 12th and on June second notice was received conveying the news that the claim had been granted. That the widow pension bill has proven beneficial to many people is evidenced by the fact that to June second 632,592 widows have been placed on the pension roll and are receiving neat compensations from the government. This claim was gotten through with much haste and all concerned are appreciative of this fact.

A party was given Friday night in Union township, at which time the seventeenth birthday of Miss Laura Bleeke was duly celebrated. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Bleeke and the event of last night was given at their home, one of the most hospitable in the county. Games and a good time was thoroughly enjoyed ending with a luncheon, all of which comprised a happy time. Those present were Misses Hannah Krueckelberg, Della Schamerloh, Pauline Schamerloh, Luetta Koldewey, Louise Krueckelberg, Esther Grote, Bertha Krueckelberg, Clara Thiene, Marie Marbach and Messrs. Martin, Gust and Edwin Krueckelberg, Edwin Steele, Adolph Schamerloh, Louis Koldewey, Martin, Richard, Hugo and Walter Thiene and Adolph Marbach.

Ed Neunenschwander, for many years a resident at Linn Grove, but for the last few years located at Vera Cruz, was a business visitor in the city today, for the first time for several years.

Bluffton, Indiana, June 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The directors of the Studabaker bank, one of the best financial institutions in this part of the state, held an important session at their offices here today and some changes of interest were made. Henry Arnold, who has served as president of the bank since the departure of Hugh Daugherty, resigned owing to his health and the multiplicity of his duties and he was succeeded by Mr. Ralph Todd who has served as cashier of the bank. Mr. Todd is about thirty years old and is perhaps the youngest man in Indiana to hold the position as active president of a banking house of the size of the Studabaker. He is succeeded by Charles H. Plessinger, who for a number of years past has acted as secretary for the United Telephone company. It has not been announced who will succeed Mr. Plessinger. The bank changes have caused considerable comment here and the new officers are looked upon as fully competent. Though very young Mr. Todd is considered one of the best bankers in the state and his friends believe he will be so recognized far and near within a few more years.

O. B. Guiley, who killed his brother-in-law, Edwin Wright, at Rome City last February, was acquitted by the jury at Albion after balloting the entire night. The verdict was not unexpected, and it is doubtful if any other would have satisfied the public. The jury went to their room at five o'clock and it is said the vote all night stood eleven for acquittal and one for conviction. After being out fifteen hours the opposing jurymen gave over and within a few minutes the verdict was being read in court. During the trial, while the examination of the last witness was in progress, an unusual thing happened. One of the jurors rose in his seat and wanted to know if there was more than one door to the room in which Wright was killed, and if it was possible for the defendant to run away when he was attacked instead of staying and defending himself. This juror is said to be the one who insisted on a conviction. Both Guiley and Wright were well known to many people from this city, and opinion is divided here as to what the result of the trial should have been.

John E. Taylor vs. William H. Taylor et al. partition, default of Margaret and Jacob Drake. Finding for plaintiff, that plaintiff and defendants Taylor and Margaret Drake are owners in common of land in question. Sale ordered, John C. Moran appointed commissioner and his bond fixed at \$10,000.

Rosie Passwater vs. Charles Passwater, divorce, demurrer filed by plaintiff to plea in abatement.

The trial of the Poling-Holthouse accounting case sent here on change of venue from Adams county, has again been postponed, this time until June 25th, when the evidence will be completed and the argument of the attorneys heard.—Portland Daily Sun.

A marriage license issued to Russell E. Waggoner, aged twenty-three, a Monroe township farmer and Goldie I. Calderwood, aged 21, of Blue Creek, daughter of George Calderwood, of Dunkirk.

Morton J. Martin, administrator of the Elizabeth C. Martin estate, filed a petition to compromise a claim filed.

Daniel N. Erwin was appointed guardian for Grace Ellen Freaug, and filed bond for \$1,000, signed by D. B. Erwin and J. F. Lachot.

M. E. Hutton, guardian for Jennetta A. Baughman and others, filed his account current which was allowed.

The Faylor vs. Studabaker case suspended Friday evening until Monday morning, to allow the attorneys and jurors to go home over Sunday or attend to business on Saturday.

Attorney Dore B. Erwin filed a new case entitled Daniel N. Erwin, guardian of Grace Ellen Freaug vs. Christena and Jesse G. Niblick, petition for partition. The property in question are in lots 286 and 287 in Decatur, Indiana.

Portland, Ind., June 4.—Three more Jay county saloons closed their doors last night. Two, run by Michael Grady and James A. Stephens, were at Redkey. At Bryant Joseph Bonifas goes out of business, leaving but one saloon operating there. The next saloon to retire from business will close July 8, when Leonard French, James H. Fraze and David O. Stout, Redkey; James Coughlin, Peter Knott and Henry McGee, of Dunkirk, retire. Martin L. Bantz, whose license will expire in November, is the only saloonist in the county entertaining doubt as to when his right to do business ceases. Unless compelled by legal process to close, he expects to keep open until November.

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The funeral services for Ralph Ledyard York were held from the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at two o'clock, the Rev. Imier officiating. Everything possible was done to resuscitate life, after the body of the young man had been recovered, and for an hour Drs. Beavers and Costello and a number of men worked incessantly trying to restore life, but to no avail. For a time there was slight hope when a better color seemed to manifest itself in the boy's face but finally the effort was abandoned, and the body was brought to the Gay & Zwick undertaking rooms, where they were prepared for burial and later in the evening were taken to the home of the parents. Doyt as he was known, was a young man of many good qualities, in fact he was a model boy, and his parents and friends are almost prostrated with grief over the sudden death. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. York and was born in Van Wert county, Ohio, September 14, 1885, being aged at the time of death, twenty years, nine months and nineteen days. He came here with his parents several years ago, and was admired by all who knew him. He was an active worker in the United Brethren church and Sunday school and was an industrious and splendid fellow. During the past winter he taught successfully a term of school near Willshire. He is survived by his parents, four sisters and one brother, besides numerous other relatives and friends. Coroner J. C. Grandstaff was notified Thursday night and came to this city at once, where he held an inquest, his verdict being that death was due to asphyxiation caused by drowning. The doctors who saw the boy taken from the water say that death was due to cramps and strangulation. Many believed that owing to the fact that there was but little water in the body that death had been caused by heart trouble, but this theory is not given credence by the physicians. It is believed that Doyt sank at about 2:40 and the body was taken out at 3:35, being in the water almost an hour.

Ossian, Ind., June 4.—Bluffton is not the only place in which there is trouble with the Indiana Lighting company. A fight will probably occur at the meeting of the town board tonight when the subject of a franchise for the company will come up. The company is insisting in Ossian as in Bluffton that the old franchise still holds good and that there is no necessity of a new franchise. The corporation at present is not wanting to do anything more than get the right to put the pipe line through the city, or at least there have been no communications in regard to rate. The members of the town board are not objecting to the company laying a line through the town, but the board members believe that the board ought to be considered in the interests of the town in regard to the route which will be used. The old franchise gave the company a right to go down Main street. This is the cause of the contention between the gas men and the trustees. The trustees have agreed to permit the company to go through an alley on the outskirts of the town, but will not consent to the taking up of the main street. They argue that this would necessitate the tearing up of the main street and putting it in bad condition.

The Indiana Democratic Editorial association will hold their summer meeting at Bloomington, Indiana, on Thursday and Friday of this week. The event promises to be as pleasant as those of former years, and the various committees are busy preparing for the event. The sessions open with a business meeting on the afternoon of Thursday. At 7:30 o'clock that evening will occur the banquet with Dr. William L. Bryan as toastmaster, Mr. Bryan being the president of the Indiana University. The program includes an address by the president of the association, Walter S. Chambers, his subject being "The Indiana Democratic Editorial Association." The next number on the program is "The Editor's Wife," by Mrs. L. G. Ellingham of this city. This is followed by a toast "Good Citizenship," by Governor Thomas R. Marshall, and the affair closes with impromptu speeches. Friday will be enjoyed with business meetings and a good program which will be of especial interest to newspaper men. At 10:30 the party will attend the university convocation and the afternoon will be spent by making a trip to the famous stone quarries of that section.

Charley E. Robison et al to Mary J. Ray, 40 acres St. Marys township, \$2,200; Mary E. McGath to Mary J. Ray, 55 acres St. Marys township, \$3,000; E. B. Lenhart, commissioner, to Mary E. McGath, 36 acres St. Marys township, \$1,00.

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