

Frank Crawford, inmate at the Adams county jail, where he awaits commitment to the East Haven asylum at Richmond, Friday escaped from the jail premises and before he could be captured he had gotten in the alley at the rear of the Schafer Hardware company store. Crawford's confinement had been telling on his physical condition and Sheriff Meyer decided to allow him to be in the yard for a short time yesterday and left him in the care of Joseph Eley a prisoner. Crawford was outside the jail but a few minutes when he started on a dead run down First street. Eley followed in pursuit but could not overtake the man until he had reached the down town district. He caught up with Crawford behind the Schafer store and was about to capture him when the latter secured a paving brick and threatened to hurl it at his pursuer. Eley succeeded in getting him down and held him there until the officers arrived. The man was taken back to jail.

At a called meeting of the school board Friday night the contract for four car loads of coal was let to J. D. Hale of this city, his price being the lowest of a number of bidders who sought the contract. The contract provides that Mr. Hale is to furnish four carloads and the board has an option on one or two more cars, at the price of \$3.20 per ton. The Wards cast iron coal will again be used in the schools next winter. After awarding this contract the resignation of Prof. William Beachler as superintendent of the Decatur schools was read and accepted by the board. Mr. Beachler has been here for two years, and during that time labored industriously for the betterment of the schools. He has several offers, but as yet has not decided which he will accept. In whatever field he may engage his Decatur friends will extend to him and family their very best wishes. The school board has received two applications for the superintendency, but they will not engage the services of either until they have gone thoroughly into the matter. The board expects to secure a well qualified man to take the place.

Friday afternoon at four o'clock the trial of Red Wentzer, charged with camping on a public highway, occurred and after evidence was submitted on both sides subsequent to a plea of not guilty, Squire Smith assessed a fine of one dollar and costs amounting in all to eleven dollars. By a number of reputable witnesses Wentzer proved that he was not a gypsy, as it was first intimated, but that he was a dealer in horses, and a man of unquestionable repute. He gave as his reason for camping west of the city that one of his horses became sick and that he could not go further with the animal. Attorney D. E. Smith represented the defendant, and the case was fought bitterly. Following the judgment of the court the defendant and a number of horsemen who had gathered discussed the feasibility of appealing the case to the circuit court, and at a time it appeared that such an action would materialize. However the amount involved was so meager that it was decided later not to urge such an action. Wentzer resides at Marion, and is known over the country as a horseman of note. Attorney Chauncey Lautzenhizer, deputy prosecutor, represented the state, and he demonstrated his ability in making a good case, one that would stick. Attorney Lautzenhizer is a brilliant young attorney and will be heard from in the future.

GENEROUS BUSINESS MEN

Gas Magnates Are Kind-Hearted People—At Ossian.

S. E. Mulholland, assistant manager and Attorney Huffman of the Indiana Lighting company, spent some time here recently securing the right of way for the new pipe line. It enters the town at the alley near the Krewson residence and thence south through the town on the first alley east of Main street. The town trustees wisely considered this best as Main street has been put in good condition and it is best to let it remain so. The company is managed by generous, kind hearted business men who will treat the people nicely if given a proper chance to do so.—Ossian News.

The epidemic of German measles which is now raging in Logansport has caused a postponement of the commencement exercises of the primary department of the Baptist Sunday school. Thursday it was discovered that there are only four children out of the big class of graduates who are not confined to their homes with measles. There are hundreds of other cases in the city. Already three deaths have occurred, but in each case the victims were small children.

Saturday was the closing day of the April term of the Adams circuit court and considerable time was occupied in the allowance of bills, and the routine usual to the end of a term.

Fruchte & Literer are attorneys in a petition for a drain filed by them and signed by Sophia and Louis Conrad and a number of others. The cause was set for docketing on September 6.

A demurrer was overruled in abatement filed in the divorce case of Rosie Passwater vs. Charles Passwater.

Judge O'Rourke came Saturday to hear evidence in the cause of Julius Haugk et al vs. Erastus Fritzinger et al, suit on street lien and it being impossible to hear all the evidence in the case, this being the last day, the cause was postponed until July 1, 1909, at 9 o'clock a. m.

An entry was made in the Faylor-Studabaker case, providing that since this trial is in progress and has not been completed that the term be extended so far as this cause is concerned. However this does not allow any other matters to be disposed of.

Last Saturday being the last day of the term, the case of Conrad D. Gallmeyer, trustee, vs. Edward Gallmeyer et al, the big case heard about three months ago, cannot be decided before September. Judge Macy has been sick for some time, and for this reason has been unable to render his decision.

W. B. Weldy, guardian for Francis Laman, filed a petition for an order to buy a piano for the ward, which was granted, piano not to cost more than \$300.

In the Cory E. Irwin estate, David Zehr, executor, the widow, Belle Irwin filed a petition for a distribution.

Proof of publication of final notices were filed by Paul G. Hoper, administrator of the Anna Mallonee estate and by Alice Ray, administratrix of Shelby Ray estate.

In the William Sheets estate, Clara D. Sheets, administratrix, a petition was filed for an order on the administratrix to show cause why claims are not paid; petition sustained and administratrix ordered to make a report within twenty days.

The horse season is closing. Another auction was held at the First street barn Saturday a. m. and about fifteen head of rejects were disposed of, cleaning up the stock on hands in good shape. Yesterday's sale was as good as any held this season, but the company has not decided whether or not to try another sale, as two weeks from now will bring it mighty close to the first of July, a dead time in the horse business, and while a sale was announced yesterday, it is possible that it will be called off and that the 1909 season is over. It has been a wonderful one, proving that square business such as the Decatur Horse Sale company does will pay in the long run. They are not done growing yet by any means. Yesterday there were more buyers here than at any former sale, and next year will find this the best market in the country, in fact it is now the equal of anything in the west. People of Decatur do not realize, at least the most of them, what this company means for this section of the country, because they do not stop to think of the immense business done. This year's sales started on January 8th and have been held every two weeks since. In that time a few over three thousand head of horses have been bought and sold. At an average of \$200 and those who have attended the sales know that this is a fair estimate, the total amount of money received for the animals is \$600,000. Further than this every deal made represents two, that is to say, that the horses must be first bought up by the company here and are then resold on sale day to the buyers, who come from all over the country. Thus the enormous sum of \$1,200,000 has been handled by this company. They have made some money, we are glad to say, not fortunes, but enough to encourage them to continue in the business, and this means that the farmers and stockmen of this section of the state may continue to have the best market in the world right here at home. The firm buys their horses over this and about twenty other counties in this section, and they have a reputation for fairness unequalled in the country, every horseman and every farmer speaking of them in the highest terms. Here's hoping that he next season will double this one.

Temperance workers in DeKalb county have decided to call a local option election in that county during the latter part of August. The county is already dry by remonstrance.

John M. Frisinger, of the firm of Frisinger & Sprunger, dealers in imported horses, is arranging his affairs to leave on his annual trip to Europe where he will purchase a large number of Belgium and Percheron stallions and mares. The past year has been a record breaker for the firm. Last October they had on hands fifty-five head of handsome animals, the greater number being stallions. Now they have only about a dozen. The firm is one of the oldest in this country and their fifteen years of fair and square dealing has given them a reputation that is the best asset they have. Mr. Frisinger will probably leave here in about two weeks and will not return until late in the fall. He may, however, ship an advance load of horses that they may be able to show at the various big fairs, always an opportunity for advertising. Mr. Sprunger of the firm, has been in rather poor health for a few weeks, and is at present at Martinsville taking a course of baths. It is believed this will return him as sound as ever and Mr. Frisinger will then leave on his trip abroad. He has crossed the ocean each season for the past fourteen years. Consequently the novelty of the trip has long ago worn off, and it is now purely business with him. The firm sold one of their horses today, it being shipped to Michigan. He expects to buy from sixty to seventy-five head of horses on this trip.

Guy Mercer, known over the country as J. Carlton Guy, and one of the proprietors of the Guy Stock company which has often visited Decatur, is an inmate of the Athens Insane asylum at the present time, where he languishes with memory blank and an exceedingly feeble mind. Mr. Mercer has been known over the country as one of the most clever young actors on the stage, and from his pen many deep and interesting plays have found inception. Mr. Guy wrote the play "The Cry Baby" which showed in this city some time ago and this piece made a hit over the country. Of late he had been playing that weird role of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, and became so infatuated therewith that his mind became affected and his commitment to the asylum followed. While now imprisoned, every afternoon at three o'clock he goes through the play, and by those who have watched him he is said to have done it cleverly. Mr. Mercer certainly had a great future before him as an actor and it is to be deplored that he has suffered such a sad plight. He is well known by Decatur people all of whom will regret to hear of his misfortune.

County Recorder H. Steele is the recipient of a souvenir from the Hawaiian islands which he appreciates very much and which disseminates knowledge relative to the faroff islands very interesting to the reader. The souvenir is in the form of a periodical which is descriptive of the industrial advantages dating from the reciprocity treaty with the United States until the present time. The edition details the advances of the Hawaiian Islands which finally effected the treaty with the United States viz: She repeatedly asked that such a treaty be made, but was refused by the United States. Meantime the owners of the large sugar and tobacco plantations ascertained that they could at that time secure higher prices for their product in Australia and simultaneously obtain provisions from that country at a lower rate of cost. Establishing a relationship with England the owners of the plantations learned that they could import English laborers whose wages would be very meager and consequently they began the importation of Englishmen. This awakened the United States government to the fact that unless the treaty materialized the dominating factors of Hawaii would soon be English. The reciprocity treaty followed. The periodical was sent here by a cousin of Mr. Steele, who has been in the Hawaiian islands. His name is George F. Steele, and he is a son of the late William Steele, formerly of this county, who later moved to California, where he has long since died. A sister of the former has also been in the Hawaiian islands for ten years, but is now visiting relatives in California. She will return soon.

CONTESTS WILL AND WINS

Indianapolis Man Receives Verdict From Jury at South Bend.

South Bend, Ind., June 11.—The jury in the case of Erastus Eisenbeis of Indianapolis against the estate of his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Eisenbeis in which he asked that her will disposing of \$30,000 be set aside, returned a verdict today for the plaintiff. The case was before the court for two weeks. Under the will a son, Dr. Charles M. Eisenbeis of Elkhart, postmaster, was the principal beneficiary and was to receive the bulk of the estate.

Attorney A. P. Beatty filed a new case entitled Cribben & Sexton vs. Decatur Hardware company and Mary A. Loch, notes and account, demand \$350.

In the case of Catherine Snyder vs. William Elcher, for possession of real estate and \$50.00 damage, a motion to dismiss was sustained with judgment for costs against the plaintiff.

The final report on the Sylvester Tinkham drain, was allowed and the superintendent was discharged.

Fred Leichty was appointed guardian for Ralph and Nola Schupp, and filed a petition for the sale of real estate. Sale ordered and guardian ordered to pay the sum of \$153.98 to Mary Schupp and \$253.33 to Arthur Schupp.

A marriage license was granted to John F. Haggard, aged 18, son of J. M. Haggard and Nola M. Cook, 18, daughter of Elmore J. Cook.

Norman G. Lenhart vs. A. R. Bell et al, partition, final report filed and approved and clerk ordered to pay funds in his hands to parties entitled thereto as shown by the commissioners report.

Miss Clara, daughter of the late Jacob Mangold, is confined at Hope hospital, Fort Wayne, to await the crisis of a very serious ailment which in all probability will usher her spirit into eternity. Since the untimely death of her father, Miss Mangold has suffered much. Worry over her father's death preyed upon her mind until she partially lost control of her mental faculties. She was admitted to a Fort Wayne institution some months ago in hopes of gaining relief from the mental depression, but without avail and a short time ago she was taken to Hope hospital, where she could have the advantage of skilled care. She has grown worse each day, and now her death is momentarily expected. The afflicted woman is well known in Decatur and her pitiful condition will be deplored by her many friends. Attending physicians state that it will be but a question of a short time until death will come.

BUBB CASE GOES TO BLUFFTON

Suit for \$10,000 Damages Taken There on Change of Venue.

A \$10,000 damage suit was filed in circuit court here this morning on change of venue from the Allen circuit court at Fort Wayne. The plaintiff is George Bubb, and he files the suit as administrator of the estate of Anthony Bubb, in behalf of the latter's widow, Sarah Bubb, and her ten children. The damage suit grows out of a fatal accident on the Fort Wayne & Springfield Traction line, which company is made defendant in the suit. On January 10, 1908, Anthony Bubb was crossing the traction company's tracks between Fort Wayne and Decatur, when he was struck by a limited car, alleged to be running 60 miles an hour to make up eight minutes that it was late. Bubb's view is alleged to have been obstructed by a car standing on a siding and by trees and the company's employees are alleged to have been negligent in not being stationed so as to give warning especially the crew of the car standing on the siding. Bubb had a place of business opposite the traction company's station and it is alleged he was crossing the tracks on business purposes to deposit freight for shipment. The firm of Colericks, of Fort Wayne are plaintiff's attorneys.—Bluffton News. The case was tried at Auburn during the past winter and the jury disagreed.

Frank Petters, of Jefferson township, paid a fine of \$16.75 in the court of Squire Smith Friday morning after pleading guilty to the charge of assault and battery which was instituted by Harvey Lawson. Petter conducts a dancing platform in Jefferson township, and on Saturday night Harvey and James Lawson, together with a number of other men got into a controversy about some trivial affair. Petters admonished the boys that he would not tolerate trouble on the grounds and that if they wished to quarrel to go off the premises. They ceased the wrangle for a time only to begin again and when reprimanded by Petter, Harvey Lawson became abusive. In return for his abuse Petters landed a heavy blow which hurled him a number of feet, and the dispute was settled for the night. However, Lawson filed an affidavit against Petters and Constable Smith Thursday served the papers. He came to town Friday morning and paid the fine and it is quite likely that he will institute charges against Lawson charging provoke.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Meyers, of Pleasant Mills, went to Fort Wayne to spend the day.

A very pretty wedding was that of Mr. Henry B. Heller to Miss Pearl Alma Butcher at 9:30 a. m. Thursday. The event occurred at the home of Judge and Mrs. D. D. Heller and was attended only by the immediate family of the groom, Mrs. Jennie Fuhrman, of Marion, Ohio, and Miss Vera Ebinger. At the appointed time the bride and groom, led by the Rev. Sherman Powell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, took their places in the front parlor of the beautiful home and there the words were said which united the two lives in the holy bonds. It was a very pretty ceremony, the ring service being used, and after receiving the congratulations of those present, Mr. and Mrs. Heller left on the ten o'clock car for Fort Wayne, from where they will go this afternoon to Toledo, Detroit, and other cities of the east. They will return the first of the week and will be at home in their own cozy cottage, already prepared for them on north Fifth street. The bride wore a handsome gray going-away suit and the groom was dressed in black. Mr. Heller is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Heller, and one of the popular and most highly respected young men of this city. He is a graduate of the Decatur high school and the Indianapolis Law University. He has been a member of the firm of Heller & Son, attorneys, for a number of years, and is now serving his second term as prosecuting attorney for the twenty-sixth judicial district. His prospects for future success are very bright. His bride is one of the most clever and attractive young ladies of this city, where she has made her home for the past four years. Her home formerly was at Columbus, Ohio. She is a graduate of the Angola college, and since coming to Decatur has served as bookkeeper at the Decatur Furnace company's plant, where she has proven most capable. She is a charming young lady and the couple start life's journey with the promise of a happy future.

The marriage of Miss Mary E. Voglewede to Mr. Thomas Haefling occurred Thursday at 8:30 a. m. standard time at the St. Marys Catholic church. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Voglewede and the groom is the son of Mrs. Bridget Haefling. The ceremony was impressively performed by the Rev. H. Theodore Wilkins, the bridal party entering as the wedding march commenced. The ring ceremony was used. The bride looked very beautiful in a princess embroidery gown and wearing a white hat. Her sisters, Misses Rose and Agnes were bridesmaids, the former wearing a pink and the latter blue princess dresses with hats to match, the bridesmaids looked very pretty. The groomsmen were Mr. Leo Pilliod of Grand Rapids and Mr. Gerald Dailey of Bluffton. Ushers were Mr. Frank Wemhoff and Mr. Bernard Terveer. Following the services the wedding party and friends were conveyed to the Voglewede residence where an elaborate wedding breakfast was served at eleven o'clock. At the door the guests were received by Miss Mathilde Berling. The parlor, living rooms and the dining room were fragrant with roses in vases everywhere, and the chandeliers in all the rooms were hung with smilax. In the dining room the decorations were green and white, the smilax and ferns were on the tables and there were bowls of white roses. One table was given to the Bachelor Maids Club, of which the bride was a member. During the breakfast four girls, the Misses Genevieve Berling, Louisa Brake, Leota Bailey and Bertha Kinney served. A number of guests from other places were present. They were Leo Pilliod, Grand Rapids, O.; Gerald Dailey, Bluffton; Mr. and Mrs. Dan Haefling, Fort Wayne; Miss Blanche Hart, Fort Wayne; Mr. Frank Fisher, Cincinnati; Edgar H. Kilbourne, Detroit. The bride and groom will leave on the 12:49 over the Erie for Chicago and other places for a week or ten days trip. On completing the trip they will live in an already furnished house on north Seventh street. Both Mr. and Mrs. Haefling are well known and popular young people and the best wishes of their large number of friends go with them.

TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

County Superintendents to Assemble in Indianapolis June 29-30.

Indianapolis, June 11.—The Indiana county superintendents' association will hold its fifty-seventh annual meeting in this city on June 29-30. Those on the program are: A. J. Reifel, of Franklin county; Richard Park, of Sullivan county; Eli P. Wilson of Union county; Charles W. Jordan of Wayne county; Edgar Mendenhall of Decatur county; Ira Potts of Huntington county; William S. Corn of Brown county; John F. Haines of Hamilton county; Lee L. Driver of Randolph county, and State Superintendent Robert J. Aley.

Miss Ina Hunsicker, of Lima, Ohio, is visiting relatives in the city.

A splendid representation of Adams county youth Thursday a. m. gathered in Decatur and in a procession more than a square in length marched from the central school building to the Bosse opera house, where, after exercises strikingly appropriate to the occasion, they were presented with diplomas, which evidenced the fact that they had completed the common education provided for in our public schools. Arrangements had been made to hold the session in the Central school yard, but the inclemency of the prevailing weather conditions necessitated a change in this part of the program, hence the opera house was prepared for the ever important event. As early as 8:45 o'clock this morning admirers of the graduates and supporters of the cause represented began to assemble at the opera house, and long before the graduates arrived the house was packed almost to its capacity. The monotony of an unavoidable delay in the arrival of the class was relieved by several inspiring selections by the famous Hamrick orchestra, pleasing to say the least. At about ten o'clock the 148 graduates headed by Prof. L. E. Opliger and the trustees of the various townships, appeared, and were seated on the stage, the trustees, speakers, ministers and Prof. Opliger occupying the first row and the class the remainder. A selection by the orchestra signalled the rising of the curtain and following this the Rev. Richard Spetnagel delivered the invocation in a few well chosen words. The Temple quartet of Huntington, and an organization of note, rendered a selection which evoked vociferous applause from the audience. They responded with an encore. Prof. Opliger then introduced Prof. George H. Tapy, department of education Wabash college, who delivered one of the most scholarly addresses ever listened to by an Adams county audience. Introductory to the discourse the speaker illustrated that if an average American was asked why he was proud of the United States, he would give as his reason that it is the largest nation in the world the richest in the world and has the best environments. Prof. Tapy admitted that Uncle Sam enjoys the distinction of having these assets and admitted that they were valuable but he insisted that it is not the greatest possession of the American people. Great things do not find origin in the large nations during the time of their prosperity, continued the speaker and he vividly illustrated this fact by stating that Christianity found its inception in the small land of Palestine; Protestantism in Holland and gave other illustrations. Prof. Tapy emphasized that material wealth and bigness were relegated to the rear when the greatest things of the country are referred to. Intellectual attainment and purity of character are the greatest things that can come into the lives of the people. The discourse was replete with logic and the auditors absorbed the thoughts presented with great satisfaction.

The Temple quartet followed with another very pleasing selection after which Prof. L. M. Sniff, president of Tri-State Normal college gave a very interesting talk to the class, exemplifying the fact that christianity should play an important part in the lives of the scholars as well as education. He said: "Education is something you cannot lend, you cannot borrow nor lose and it is therefore quite different than any other asset belonging to the human race. Prof. Sniff talked forcefully and was well received by the audience. His remarks were often interrupted by applause, demonstrating the appreciation of the audience. He presented the diplomas to the graduates from the common branches and did it gracefully. The Temple quartet again favored with a selection after which the audience sang "Onward Christian Soldiers." The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Sherman Powell and thus closed an important event in the lives of the class members. It is indeed gratifying to know that so many of the Adams county youth aspire to acquire an education. It is also gratifying to know that one hundred and forty-eight were this year capable of completing the common branches. Adams county has a system of education which year after year is equipping young men and women for busy and useful lives and to the men in whose hands the destiny of our public schools lies is indebted the congratulatory inclinations of the people. Prof. Opliger has worked vigorously for this year's attainment, he has left nothing undone which would advance the interest of the scholars and the teachers and much credit is due him.

Miss Alma Bowen has received a letter from her brother, Clyde, who is an operator near Helena, saying that he likes his work at that place, and is getting along fine. The country there is well settled. In some parts of the state the work is not as pleasant as there is some danger of holding a position as operator.