

Geneva, Ind., June 17.—(Special to Daily Democrat) — Superintendent Poer, who served as principal of the schools here for five years, and as superintendent for four years, has accepted a position as principal of the central school at Gas City, Ind. He will move his family to that place soon, in time to begin his duties at the September term. The place is a good one, Gas City being a city of 4,000, and the pay is considerably larger than he received while here.

S. S. Acker has leased a cottage at Clear Lake, Indiana, and will leave here for that place with his family on Sunday morning. They will occupy the cottage during the summer season, Mr. Acker returning to his business here when needed.

The various committees who have been appointed to look after the big Fourth of July celebration to be held here, are looking after those duties carefully, and the occasion will be a huge one. The days fun will begin at 5:30 a. m. with the firing of the anvils. During the morning there will be a big automobile parade, open to the world, in which prizes will be given to the three cars the best decorated. A good program will then be rendered, including the address of the day by Hon. Clark J. Lutz, of Decatur, the reading of the declaration of independence by Hon. Jacob Butcher of this place, recitation by Miss Goldie Fink and other numbers of song, etc. In the afternoon will occur foot races, bicycle races, a ladies' hitching contest, and a big reel for sure balloon ascension at six o'clock. A great display of fireworks in the evening. Another feature of the day will be the presenting of rocking chairs to the two oldest couples present at the celebration, this to include the whole county, in fact the whole state and nation. The affair occurs July 3rd.

The convention held here by the Woman's Home Missionary society yesterday and this morning, closed at noon, and following dinner, the delegates left for their homes. The meeting was one of especial interest. The work is progressing and the membership of the various auxiliaries increased. The Fort Wayne district pledged for special work this coming year \$600.00. The program last night and this morning was carried out exactly as announced. Miss Snider, of Lerna, Ill., made the address. She left this afternoon for Hartford City, where she will speak tonight, going from there to other conventions. Yesterday afternoon an election of officers for the coming year was held. While some remain the same, there were a few changes. The result follows: President, Mrs. J. Niblick, Decatur; vice president, Mrs. S. Powell, Decatur; corresponding secretary, Mrs. H. H. Deam, Bluffton; recording secretary, Mrs. Della Edmonds, Trinity, Fort Wayne; treasurer, Mrs. Peter Quicksell, Wayne street, Fort Wayne; mite box secretary, Mrs. Jennie Stine, Poneto; young people, Miss Lillian Redding, Bluffton; supplies, Miss Ina Trisch, Trinity, Fort Wayne; temperance, Mrs. C. B. Jones, Garrett—Bluffton Banner.

Contracts for gas-making machinery which will double the present capacity of the gas plant in Fort Wayne have just been awarded by the Indiana Lighting company to the Western Gas Construction company, of this city. The order embraces a duplication of present gas-making equipment that will give the local works a capacity of two and one-half millions of cubic feet of artificial gas per day. General Manager Mulholland, of the Indiana Lighting company, said today that the improvement had been made necessary by the tremendous growth of the artificial gas business in Fort Wayne during the past few months, and the improvement will make the local works one of the most modern gas plants in the central west. The new contract means an expenditure of approximately \$50,000. The company has at the same time let to the Kerr-Murray Manufacturing company, of this city contracts for the manufacture and erection of gas holders at Frankfort, Lebanon, Decatur and Lafayette. The laying of gas mains between Fort Wayne, Bluffton and Decatur is progressing rapidly. The line is now down to within one mile of Ossian—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

The Fort Wayne Catholic High school for young men will open in September, 1909. It will be under the patronage of Rt. Rev. Herman Joseph Alerding, D. D., bishop of the diocese of Fort Wayne, who will take an active interest in its affairs. It will be conducted by the Brothers of the Holy Cross and supervised by the diocesan superintendent of schools, Rev. A. E. Lafontaine. Two of the cathedral clergy will be engaged as teachers of Christian doctrine and church history.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

The wedding of Miss Emma Selig of Fort Wayne, to Mr. Otto Kirsch of this city, occurred at Fort Wayne at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. In the beautifully decorated Salem Reformed church of that city the ceremony was performed by the pastor, assisted by Rev. Hessert, Decatur. When Mr. Kirsch attended business college at Fort Wayne, about four years ago, he met Miss Selig, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Selig. After a short wedding trip Mr. Kirsch and his bride will reside on north Third street, where they have furnished a home. Following the announcement of her engagement Miss Selig was given a number of showers. Last Monday she was given a miscellaneous shower at the home of a friend, and during that time she has been the honored guest at several parties. In Fort Wayne the bride is a very popular girl. For the past several years the groom has been a member of the firm of Kirsch, Seltemeyer and Sons. After graduating from the business college he gained experience as an employee of the Fuller Lumber Co., at Grand Rapids, the greatest center of the industry in the world. Having gained much experience in the business the firm advanced him, and he traveled in its interest for a year or so. With this skill and insight of the lumber business he is succeeding. The best wishes of all are extended to the couple for a prosperous and happy future.

Miss Bertha Heller was the hostess to about eighty guests at the home of her parents, Judge and Mrs. D. D. Heller on Fifth street, the event being a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Heller, who have just arrived home from their wedding trip. The affair was a delightfully happy one, in which each guest seemed to find pleasure. As they arrived they were met by Miss Heller, who was assisted in received by Mrs. D. D. Heller, Mrs. J. W. Tyndall and Mrs. J. H. Heller. The bride and groom were showered with congratulations and good wishes from the friends and the evening was devoted to having an informally good time. A musical program was rendered during the hours, those taking part being Miss Midge Smith, Mrs. J. Fred Fruchte, Miss Marie Patterson and Mrs. Louis Holthouse, the numbers including both vocal and instrumental selections. Paper hearts, bound with a red heart cover were distributed, on the front cover of which was a unique scheme for finding ones' partner. On the first heart, each guest was required to write a four line description of his partner, and the stories being all written in poetry furnished much amusement. These were read and Mr. W. P. Schrock was awarded a prize for his ability. In an advertisement guessing contest, Mrs. Roy Archbold was awarded a prize, for giving the most correct answers. Delicious refreshments were served, during which each guest wrote a wish for the bride and groom on one of the paper hearts and these will no doubt be kept for many years by the happy couple, and may be read at their golden wedding. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Warren Moses, of Great Falls, Montana. The home was tastily decorated for the occasion.

J. C. COUNTERMAN LIKES MICH. Has Bought a Farm Near Midland and Will Move There.

J. C. Counterman and Glenn Spitzer returned home from Michigan Saturday evening. They were in Midland county, and stopped for a while with E. Brown and family, and report them as getting along nicely and enjoying life in the Wolverine state immensely. Mr. Counterman just came home to return again, he having traded his property here for 76 acres of farming land nine miles from Midland and a half mile from Sanford. He paid \$2,000 for the farm and the crops and traded his property in on the place for \$1,000 and gets to keep his garden. The farm is all improved and under cultivation, has good buildings, and Mr. Counterman is well satisfied with his bargain. They will ship their household goods Tuesday and leave at once for their new home.—Willshire Herald.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles Pillars, of Paragould, Arkansas, arrived in the city last week with their babe and the latter will remain as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. U. Dorwin for two or three months. The Pillars child has been seriously ill for several weeks from an ailment peculiar to infancy, and the attending physician advised the parents to take it to another climate, if they wanted to spare the little one's life. Consequently they left for this city, and Mrs. Pillars will remain until the hot season is over. Mr. Pillars will return to Paragould within one month and meantime he will pay a visit to his many friends in and about this city. Miles is doing fine in Ar-

kanas. He is interested in the flour business, and he cannot remain away from his duties longer than a month. He is looking fine, and is enjoying the best of health. It is hoped that the baby will soon recover.

On Saturday morning, on his return from Willshire, David Fortney found a large crowd of friends and relatives had gathered at his home. All came with baskets filled with good things to eat and we enjoyed a splendid dinner. Everything worked out as planned in making it a genuine surprise, it being the 67th anniversary of Mr. Fortney's birth. He received a number of appropriate presents. To make all complete the "picture man" arrived and took a snapshot of the home and guests. Following is a list of those present: Sam Fortney and wife of Dixon, Christ Fortney and wife of Pleasant Mills, Orlan Fortney, wife and children, John Custer and family, Morgan Fortney and family of Monroe, A. F. Fortney, Middle Point, O.; Ethel Fortney, Middle Point, O.; Mr. and Mrs. Ross Hardin and son Clyde of Decatur, Ida Chapman and family of Decatur, Grandma Ahr, daughter Nora, Decatur; Mrs. Hunsicker, Decatur; Mrs. Mary Ahr and children, Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Brown and daughter Nellie, Harry Brown and wife, Mrs. Alleger, Marion, Ind.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Evangelical church will hold a public meeting the first Thursday evening in July. Each member of the society will tell her experience in earning a dollar which she will pay into the treasury. Sometimes the experiences, when told, are amusing. Perhaps the program which will be given will be one of the best for some time. At any rate preparations are being made which promise a most successful meeting. The members of the society extend an invitation to their friends and neighbors to be present at this experience meeting.

Mrs. C. A. Dugan has just returned from Richmond, where she attended a meeting of the alumni and others who had attended Earlham college. The festivities this year were greater than usual, as the fiftieth anniversary of the institution was celebrated. The campus was visited by a large number of people, who went through the old familiar halls and to add to their pleasure they saw so many of their old classmates there, who now were men of note in the world. Mrs. Dugan attended the college a year. During the week she attended most of the commencement exercises. The baccalaureate sermon was delivered by William Oxley Thompson, president of Ohio State university. The class address was delivered by Prof. Rogers of Yale. Commencement evening and on class day "As You Like It" was given. As the Romans did centuries ago so those in charge selected a rolling landscape, and on the side of a hill seats were erected with the stage lowered. Here the play was performed and everybody enjoyed it. Just before commencement festivities and the usual alumni gathering, Mr. and Mrs. Dugan enjoyed the pictures displayed in the galleries of the Garfield building. The former attended a card party given by Mrs. P. W. Smith. On completing this eventful week, Mrs. Dugan came home, thinking it one of the most pleasant weeks of her life in the recalling of old associates and oldtime college days.

Mrs. L. G. Ellingham in a letter tells that she and Winnifred Ellingham were entertained by Miss Fannie Frisinger at Bloomington. During the meeting of the editorial association, Mrs. Ellingham and daughter attended, and they were entertained Friday evening for dinner by Miss Frisinger at her chapter house. She is a member of the Delta Gamma society and her guests enjoyed the evening greatly. The Greek letter fraternities and sororities give the students the advantages of home life and self government. It happened to be visitors' night and they had the pleasure of meeting some of the finest young men in Indiana. Mrs. Ellingham says "There is no reason in the world why boys and girls with the right stuff in them cannot have a university education. Or why parents need fear to trust their children at the State University. The people of Indiana should be proud of such an institution, and the work it is doing, and give it hearty support."

The Bluffton Cement Block factory in which John B. Holthouse is a partner, is under a course of improvement at present, which will greatly add to the facilities of the plant. The output of the concern has increased until more room is needed. The Bluffton Banner has the following to say in regard to the business concern:

Work was started yesterday on a large addition to the factory of the Bluffton cement company, on west

Ohio street. With the increase in the output of the concern in the past year, the owners, Messrs. Holthouse & Markley, have found their present quarters too small for the work. The new building will be 10x30 feet and two stories high. The site for the addition will be just south of the present large cement block building. The new structure, which will be made entirely of cement, will be fitted with the most modern of heating and drying apparatuses and when completed will make the factory one of the most up-to-date in this section of the state. Since the factory was started in this city two years ago the output of the cement blocks, shingles and drain tile has made a rapid increase and the factory now employs from eighteen to twenty men. This force will be increased at the completion of the addition.

James W. Watkins, administrator to Mary Watkins, 40 acres in St. Marys township, \$3,110.

A certificate was filed at the county recorder's office, showing the election of M. E. Hutton, J. P. Scheer, L. N. Veley, G. B. Linton, A. G. Briggs, R. J. McWhinney, O. Haviland, W. D. Cross and S. W. Hitts as trustees of the M. E. church at Geneva and R. L. Poer C. O. Payne, C. F. Fink and W. B. Shepherd as trustees of the Geneva M. E. parsonage. The certificate is signed by Rev. C. U. Wade, D. D., district secretary of the quarterly conference.

Marriage licenses were issued to John Schlabach, aged 26, a hardware man from Canton, Ohio, to Ellen Mosser, aged 30, daughter of Solomon Mosser of Hartford township; and to William S. Elcher, aged 26, a Hartford township farmer, to Hazel Pontius, aged 18, daughter of Sylvester Pontius of Hartford township.

Charles Hocker of this city and Messrs. W. Newland and William Hendricks, of Monroe, returned last week from a several days' business trip to Gary, Indiana, the new town which sprung up three years ago, and which has grown rapidly since. These gentlemen while at Gary purchased a number of lots in a choice addition and they will no doubt reap a good reward from their investment. Though but three years old, Gary has a population of twenty thousand and has great industrial assets which foretoken a great future. The proposition of investing in real estate looked good to the Adams county gentlemen and they liked the city very much.

Prof. C. E. Hocker, who recently tendered his resignation as principal of the Decatur high school, has had a number of flattering offers of positions during the past few weeks. For reasons of other business relations he has deferred consideration of the offers for some time. He has not as yet fully decided as to whether or not he will continue in pedagogy, but if he decides to he will have the choice of four offers.

FARMERS ARMED IN FIELDS

Fierce Feud Breaks Out Near Cowgill, Mo.—One Man Killed.

Cowgill, Mo., June 17.—Farmers are working in the fields near Taittsville, fifteen miles south of here, with rifles swung over their shoulders. This condition was caused by the murder from ambush of Clyde Hatfield, a young farmer, last Sunday, and the shooting of Henry Berry by night riders, Sunday, May 30. The feeling in Taittsville is that several men must die or move from the community before the feud ends and peace is restored. Every house in the Taittsville district is supplied with firearms.

NEW TIME CARD NEXT SUNDAY

G. R. & I. Will Make Some Important Changes.

Transportation officials of the G. R. & I. are at work upon a new time card which will become effective next Sunday. The details have not yet been worked out and the time card cannot be announced today. One of the changes, however, will be of particular interest to the Rome City visitors who reside south of Fort Wayne. Last year Train No. 16, a train which runs out of Fort Wayne only on Sundays, was held here until 8 o'clock in the evening in order that people who came down from the resort on the last of the evening trains on Sundays could make connections with it for their home cities. The new time card will show this train leaving Fort Wayne at 7:15 just forty-five minutes before the arrival of the last train from Rome City, and Decatur people and residents of other cities south of Fort Wayne will have to leave the resort on the 5:30 o'clock train next Sunday and thereafter.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Sheriff Meyer, assisted by several deputies, including Albert Presdorf, Frank Smith and others made a raid on six saloons in this city at just six o'clock Thursday night and confiscated all the slot machines in sight, taking eight in all. For some months the machines have been in operation here. Yesterday James O. Ball went to the office of the prosecutor, where Deputy Lautzenhizer prepared search warrants entitling the officers to search the saloons for slot machines, and Mr. Ball signed them. The affair was pulled off in a systematic way, deputies being stationed at each place and at just six o'clock they walked in and took the machines, which were conveyed to the county jail. Next morning affidavits were filed against Albert Lehrman, L. E. Brokaw, Joe Tonnellier, Charles Omior, Will Badgers and Charles Zeaser, charging them with having a gambling device in their possession, and they were brought forthwith before Squire James H. Smith. They admitted their guilt and the squire assessed the lowest possible fine, twenty-five dollars and costs, amounting in each case to \$33.50, which they paid. The law also provides that the machines must be destroyed within ten days, and the squire stated that the money in the machines would be returned to the men from whom taken. When the raid was made last Thursday, the machines were carried out on the street, and the affair soon became the sole topic of conversation, crowds gathering wherever one of the instruments was set down and many gazed with awe on the little boxes which have caused so much trouble.

Michael C. Bannon a member of barrack No. 7 at the soldiers' home, who is seventy-seven years of age, is next to the youngest of a family of seven children, all living except Martha, mother of Michael McGriff, of this place. The combined ages of the living ones is 506 years. The Bannon family lives near Waynetown, Montgomery county, and the six brothers and sisters were present at a recent family reunion. The oldest is Elizabeth, who is ninety-six; Lewis ninety; Mary, eighty-five; James seventy-nine; Michael, seventy-seven; William seventy-five. Lewis Bannon, who is ninety, is the father of five living generations, he being the sixth. Four generations are not uncommon, five generations are unusual, and six generations are very unusual, as it runs into the third generation of grandsons. Michael C. Bannon, who is a member of the soldiers' home, is a young looking man and does not appear to be more than sixty years of age. He is active in both mind and body.—Marion Leader.

Boonville, Ind., June 18.—Warrick county voted "dry" by a majority of 237 (unofficial) in a local option election today. The election passed off quietly although the campaign had been bitter. The city of Boonville voted "dry" by a majority of 150. The election today was the last so far scheduled in Indiana. Most of the vote was in by 4 o'clock especially in the country. A large vote was cast in the country, practically 90 per cent. of it, on account of the rain. In Boonville at least 85 per cent. of the vote was cast. Both sides had buggies employed all day to get out the vote. The "wets" worked hard all day. Sympathizers from Evansville and other "wet" towns were on hand to lend any assistance. G. M. MacDowell, of Danville, Ill., has been directing the work of the "wets," with the assistance of the local officers of the anti-temperance organization. The women of Boonville held prayer meetings at the Presbyterian church at intervals during the day. Nineteen saloons in the county are affected.

Anna Holdner vs. Edwin C. Holdner and Julia Small, suit for support, is the title of a new case filed here on change of venue from the Allen circuit court, Emrick & Emrick being attorneys for the plaintiff. Anna and Edwin Holdner were married October 28, 1907, and lived together until October 13, 1908, when Edwin deserted his wife and has since failed to support her in any way. The complaint says that Julia Small is made a codefendant because Holdner works for her, and that she owes him money and it is believed he at least has a working interest in a certain business with her on east Columbia street at Fort Wayne. A temporary restraining order has been granted preventing Holdner drawing any wages or disposing of any personal property. Mrs. Holdner is not seeking a divorce but asks judgment for \$500 and \$25.00 per month for her support.

Real estate transfers: John Berning to Charles E. Magley et al, Inlot 816, Decatur, \$500; Jacob J. Elcher to John H. Smith, 39 acres in Wabash township \$5,800; Edward Sullivan to Luella Sullivan, part lot 321, Berne, \$700.

Mrs. Noah Mangold is quite ill at her home on First street.

HE RENTS THE WEBER YARD Mr. Schlickman Will Conduct Two Feed Barns—Is Experienced.

John Weber, of Fort Wayne, was here Thursday and leased his north Second street feed yard, and every barn to Mr. Ernst Schlickman, who took possession this morning and will operate a first class feed yard there. He will also continue to conduct the feed yard at the corner of Monroe and Third streets, operating both. Mr. Schlickman has had several years experience in this business, and will run a first class yard at the new place, and would appreciate any patronage sent his way. Mr. Ward will continue to conduct the garage at the barn, this not interfering in any way with the feed business.

COURT PUZZLED AT LAW

Judge Wrigley Takes Case Against Saloon Man Under Advisement.

Columbia City, Ind., June 17.—In the case of the state against James Grant of this city, who is charged with selling liquor illegally, he having secured a license Oct. 6, Judge Wrigley declared today he could not see that the question of when the local option act became effective could have anything to do with the merits of the case, nor the question whether the act ever contained an emergency clause. The question at issue, according to Judge Wrigley, was whether the legislature meant to distinguish between the classes of saloons "with reference to date of securing licenses," and to bar certain ones from running to the limit of the licenses and to admit others, declaring himself unable to decide. He took the case under advisement until next week.

KLING NOT TO BE MAGNATE

At Least President O'Neill Says That Pueblo Rumor is False.

Chicago, June 18.—President O'Neill of the Western League said today the report that John Kling, of Kansas City, formerly catcher of the Chicago National League team, is about to purchase the franchise of the Pueblo club of the western League and remove the Pueblo club to St. Joseph, Mo., is without foundation, so far as Mr. O'Neill knows. President O'Neill further says that all clubs in the Western League are in excellent condition and there is no reason why the Pueblo franchise should be removed to St. Joseph or elsewhere. Any prospective transfer, President O'Neill declares must under the constitution, be submitted to the members of the league for ratification before the transfer can be carried out.

NOTICE TO DECATUR CITIZENS

You have all been notified through the columns of this paper before this to muzzle your dog. Some have done so, while some have not. The council passed an ordinance to this effect and have ordered me to kill all dogs running at large on the streets, and which are not muzzled. This order I will proceed to obey and beginning next Monday morning, June 20th, and continuing until September 1st, I will kill any dog that I find loose without a muzzle on. I have been lenient with you, and have given you plenty of time to obey this order, and many have paid no attention to it, now don't blame anybody but yourself if Kalver gets your dog for he will get it if the dog is found on the streets without a muzzle on. This is the last warning. Albert A. Butler, Marshal. 145-2t

A BOY, SAYS ARTHUR SUTTLES

Mr. Arthur D. Suttles, bookkeeper at the Old Adams County bank, is stepping mighty high these days, and when the fact is mentioned, he smiles and says "A fellow has a right to step high when he owns as fine a looking boy as we do." The son arrived Wednesday, is handsome and healthy and his name is Arthur Daniel Suttles. The entire family is recovering.

Harry Jeffreys, of Decatur, was in the city Sunday enroute from Decatur to Rome City, driving D. N. Hensley's pony and cart. Mr. Jeffreys was the guest while here of J. Frank and Miss Anna Cramer—Kendallville Sun.

As a result of the visit of the parole officer of Jeffersonville reformatory to this city last week Len Monroe, who has been paroled, will be given a job here working for Charles Shaffer, painter. Monroe is expected to arrive home within a few days. Monroe was paroled some time ago, but the authorities at the prison never let the prisoners out without first securing a job for them, and it was on this account that the parole officer visited this place.—Bluffton Banner.