

Perhaps but few people of this locality realize, that the celebration to be given here on July 17th, is to be one of the biggest events ever pulled off in this locality. It is the log rolling or annual gathering of the Modern Woodmen of this part of Indiana and Ohio, embracing eighty camps. Thousands of Woodmen are expected to be here, and every one else is invited to go to Steele's park on that day and enjoy the various festivities and contests. Take your family. It's free and you will have a good time. Remember you don't have to be a Woodman. Go any way for you are invited. The big bills being put up today give a number of features of the day, including a big military drill, various kinds of races and amusements, merry-go-rounds, etc., also a real log rolling contest between two eight-men teams, and speeches by such prominent Woodmen as Charles A. Wheelan, of Madison, Wisconsin, the king of all Woodcraft orators; John D. Volz of Indianapolis, and others. There will be several bands in attendance and music and fun will be mixed in a proper way all day. It's the largest picnic ever given in this county, and if you are aching for a good old-fashioned, enjoyable day, get ready to go. The order will serve dinner and refreshments on the ground, and you are invited to eat with them, at a reasonable price. It looks like a big day, sure enough. During the afternoon and evening fifty candidates will be given the degree work at the hall. Prizes are to be given for the dirties, meanest, shortest, longest, widest, hungriest and ugliest Woodmen.

Frank P. Judson, cashier of the Bankers' National Bank of Chicago, and A. F. Mitten, cashier of the Northern Bank of Toledo, came in from Fort Wayne Thursday and spent two pleasant hours with the officials of the Old Adams County Bank, taking dinner at the Murray with E. K. Ehinger, C. S. and Jesse Niblick. Both these gentlemen are up in the financial game, being at the head of two of the best banks in the country, besides they are known all over the central west. Their visit to this city at this time is merely a social visit, and it is quite a compliment to those who entertained them while here. They were at Fort Wayne attending the meeting of bankers there, and they took the time to come here while so near. Quite a large block of stock in the Bankers' National of Chicago is owned in this city. It is one of the great banks of Chicago and does a large as well as lucrative business. Of course in seeing Decatur, they see one of the best little cities in the country, a fact they were willing to testify to after but a few short hours among us.

At 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the home prepared by the groom for his bride, at the corner of Seventh and Madison streets, occurred the marriage of Mrs. Emma Robinson to Mr. John Glancy. The event was witnessed by the immediate relatives and a few friends, and the ceremony was performed by the Rev. L. C. Hessert, pastor of the German Reformed church. The happy couple will enjoy a wedding trip westward, going to Nebraska for a visit, and then on to the coast, where they will probably visit the big exposition. Returning home after a few weeks, they will be located in the house on Seventh street, where the wedding occurred. The wedding came as rather a surprise at this time, for while it was known that they were to marry soon they fooled their friends by saying that the date was near the middle of July. Both are well known here, the bride being a sister of Sheriff Eli Meyer, and the groom a bridge man employed by the Grand Rapids and Indiana Railroad company.

#### THEY HAVE THE GLUE

Promoters of the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina Railroad Ready for Work. Although the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina traction line has been assured for several months, it was only yesterday that the financial arrangements were completed so that the building of the road was made assured. Now nothing stands in the way of the construction of the line and July 1 the grading gang will be started out and will begin the construction of the grade. The promoters of the line have been working hard to launch the enterprise for several months. They have been ably assisted in their efforts by the citizens in the towns along the line, resulting in the business men of Linn Grove and Geneva raising \$75,000 for the work. The job of raising the remainder of the money is what has been keeping the promoters busy and they are naturally a happy lot now that they have completed arrangements. There will be no bonds issue, as all of the work will be paid for from money which is gotten from the sale of stock.—Bluffton Banner.

The commissioners of Adams county want the weeds out along all the highways in the county, and they are appealing to the landowners along the roads to clean the roads of these obnoxious growths. Any landowner can do this and get a receipt from his supervisor that will count in the payment of land or poll tax. The commissioners also want to call the attention of the township trustees and the road supervisors to this road improvement that they may see that the work is done. There is nothing that so improves a farm and the public roads as to keep them clean and especially is this true as to the obnoxious weed. Adams county has the government records behind them in the possession of the best macadam roads in the country, and more miles of them at that. This being true, pride, if nothing else, should see that they are kept free from every semblance of dirt, filth and especially weeds. In many parts of the county this work is now going on and the improvement is great in every instance. Adams county farmers should and will show their progressiveness in making their highways shine with cleanliness. It will take but little time to do this work and the result in itself will pay a big investment for the time spent.

#### CAN'T GIVE BEER TO FRIENDS

According to the Decision of an Elwood Court.

In passing sentence upon James Bulger, who was convicted at Elwood of operating a "blind tiger," at his home, Judge Zerface, of the city court gave an interpretation of the law, yesterday which if it holds good may result in sensational prosecutions in many cities. Judge Zerface holds that any person or persons who purchased beer from an agency at their home or on a pleasure trip, such as a fishing expedition, etc., and permitted their friends to drink it were subject to fine and imprisonment. According to the judge each man must purchase his own beer individually and consume it himself. He held also that a company selling liquor to a person not having a license of a quantity more than they can themselves consume is liable to punishment. The case at Elwood showed that a number of cases of beer, more than he could consume himself, had been sold to Bulger.—Bluffton News.

#### FUNERAL THIS AFTERNOON

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Gnepper was held last Thursday from the Washington church, the funeral cortege leaving the house at half past one. Interment took place in the Beery cemetery, the services being in charge of Rev. E. L. Jones, of Ossian, and the former pastor of the deceased at Monroe. A large concourse of the relatives and friends attended and paid their last tribute of respect to the deceased.

#### ARE MAKING IMPROVEMENTS

Anderson & Dolch Are Improving Interior of Their Restaurant.

The Anderson & Dolch restaurant is undergoing some improvements which will add much to the appearance thereof. The display windows are being encased in glass and will be used for all kinds of fruits and vegetables. A handsome new range is being added to the kitchen and this will be used for all short orders and quick service. Several other things are under contemplation and quite soon that place of business will be as good as you will see any place.

#### NO CAMP OF STATE MILITIA

Indiana National Guard Not to Assemble this Year.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 23.—There will be no camp at Fort Benjamin Harrison this year for the Indiana national guard, according to the order which will be mailed tomorrow by Adjutant General Oran Perry. The appropriation is inadequate and the funds available for camp purposes will be used instead to provide the officers of the guard with the olive drab service overcoats and other necessary articles of uniform before the expiration of the appropriation, September 30.

The barn on the farm of Clayton Jichold, one and one-half miles west of Tocsin was struck by lightning early Saturday morning killing a valuable draft horse, which was in its stall and doing fifteen dollars damage to the structure. The horse was valued at \$200 by Mr. Jichold and he carried fifty dollars insurance which was paid. The other animals in the barn received severe shocks, but all recovered within a short time. The barn did not take fire as the owner was at first afraid of, this kept the loss from amounting to a great deal. Insurance was carried on the structure and the loss was paid in full. No other damage was done in the neighborhood.—Bluffton Banner.

The program for the union Sunday school picnic which is scheduled for the Lehman grove at Berne, on the fifth of July, has been completed, and it includes an address by Congressman J. A. M. Adair, who has promised to attend and make a speech in the afternoon. The first thing scheduled for the day is a parade which is announced for nine o'clock in the morning, and which forms on east Main street in Berne, and the march made to the grove where the morning program will be given, and after its conclusion a picnic dinner will be enjoyed and it is the hope to have large delegations of Sunday school workers and others present at this dinner and to enjoy the pleasures of the day. In the afternoon Mr. Adair is on the program, and it is expected that many of his personal friends in the county will attend just for the purpose of seeing and hearing him upon this occasion. The officers of the Adams County Sunday School Union are all working to make this the greatest event of the kind ever pulled off in the county, and that they will succeed we have no doubt.

#### WILL BE INTERESTING MEETING

Election of Officers and Partial Report of the Building Committee.

There will be an interesting meeting at the K. P. hall this evening, which includes the annual election of officers and a partial report of the building committee, who have in charge the new K. P. home which will soon be a reality for this order. The election in itself is an interesting event and there will be a crowded house in the session at the Knight's hall this evening.

A verdict in favor of the plaintiffs was returned by jury at 9:30 Thursday evening after about five hours' deliberation, giving the 125 acre farm which has been in litigation for so many years to the plaintiffs and along with it damages amounting to \$2,000. The court concluded his instructions at 4:30 and the jury retired immediately. The first ballot is said to have resulted nine to three for the plaintiff, and the other three soon agreed. The original case was filed in Wells county more than five years ago, and has been threshed through all the courts. The title of the cause was Thomas Faylor and others, there being thirty-seven plaintiffs in all vs. David D. Studabaker. The verdict as returned by the jury follows in full:

We, the jury, find for the plaintiff. We further find that the plaintiffs are the owners in fee simple and entitled to the possession of the following real estate mentioned and set out in the complaint and situate in the county of Wells, in the state of Indiana, and described as follows: to wit, All that part of the southeast quarter of section twenty-nine, in township twenty-seven, north of range twelve east, lying south of the Wabash river and containing 102.75 acres; also the following described real estate in said Wells county in the state of Indiana, to wit: Commencing at the northwest corner of section twenty-three in township twenty-seven, north range twelve, east, thence south to the section line dividing sections thirty-two and thirty-three, twenty-three chains and fifty links, thence east eleven chains and seventy-five links to the Wabash river, thence north westerly with the meandering of said river to the place of beginning, containing twenty-three acres more or less. And that the plaintiffs title in and to all of said real estate and his claim thereto is wrongful, unfounded and without right. We assess the plaintiffs damages at the sum of two thousand dollars. Charles T. Payne, Foreman.

When the verdict was returned, the attorneys and several of the plaintiffs and the defendant were in court. The plaintiffs seemed well pleased with the result. It is quite probable that the case will be again taken to the supreme court, though no action of the kind was taken last evening. The case began here June first and continued eighteen days of actual trial. The jury and the lawyers are all nearly worn out from the hard grind and were glad of the end.

Henry Bolmann, one of the most honored and respected residents of Root tp., died at 5 o'clock Thursday evening after a long illness with cancer of the stomach. While his illness has lasted during the entire winter, yet he was not confined to his bed but a part of that time. Only Wednesday of this week he walked a mile or more, and every day was up and around some. After arising that morning he was taken worse and continued to decline all during the day, during which he suffered much until five o'clock when death came to his relief. Mr. Bolmann was one of the most progressive citizens of the county, and his estate is comprised of four hundred acres of valuable Adams county land. This is the accumulation of a life of rugged honesty and thrift, and he died honored and respected by his score and more of

friends and acquaintances. His wife died four years ago and there now remains six children to mourn the society and friendship of a kind and loving father. They are Henry, Fred and William Bolmann, Mrs. Cris Selking, Mrs. August Selking, Mrs. Christian Macke and Mrs. Henry Berne. The deceased came here when he was nineteen years old and his vast estate is the fruits of a long life well spent. The story of his early life includes many struggles that would appear new and novel to the present day and generation, but he waged the fight and won, and the living now honor him the more for it. His age was seventy-four years, and the funeral services incident to paying the last marks of respect to the dead, occurred Sunday at the St. John's church, the Rev. Jaus in charge.

The funeral cortege left the house Sunday morning at ten o'clock sun time, the services at the church being at eleven o'clock.

Fort Wayne, Ind., June 25.—Business sessions of the thirteenth annual convention of the Indiana Bankers' association came to a close last evening with the election of officers and the adoption of a resolution recommending to the executive council the selection of Evansville as the place for holding the 1910 convention. Officers elected were: President, John W. Sale, Bluffton. Vice president, Charles H. Worden, Fort Wayne.

Chairman Executive Council, J. A. DeHority, Elwood.

Treasurer, Harry H. Ogden, Evansville.

Secretary, Andrew Smith, Indianapolis.

Members of Executive Council—M. C. McCormick, Knox; J. R. Voris, Bedford; J. Ross McCulloch, Fort Wayne; Lucien Harris, Rising Sun; J. L. Randel, Greencastle. In addition to these, J. S. Royce, of Terre Haute, was chosen on the council to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of H. C. Royce, of Terre Haute, and E. F. Hiatt, of Richmond, was elected to the place made vacant by the death of J. D. Johnson, of Kokomo. With C. E. Bond, of Fort Wayne, presiding, the American Bankers' association representatives elected Jonce Monahan, of Orleans, as a member of the executive council of the national association; J. L. McCullough, of Marion, as vice president for Indiana, succeeding Mr. Bond, and A. Grant Lupton, of Hartford City, as a member of the nominating committee of the American Bankers' association.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hart, a pioneer of this city and one of the best known ladies in this section, died very suddenly at 3:15 Thursday afternoon. She had been in good health until a half hour before her death and was about the house, when she became affected by gas forming on the stomach. Dr. H. E. Keller was summoned but before he arrived the ailment had crowded the heart, causing that organ to become paralyzed and death came before the physician reached the house. The announcement of the sad occurrence caused many sad hearts. Mrs. Hart was a native of Wayne county, Ohio, where she was born in Sugar Creek township, January 18, 1836, her age at death being seventy-three years, six months and six days. When a young lady she was married to Adolph Hart, who many years ago conducted a shoe store here, and who died thirty-four years ago. They came to this state in 1864, locating at Vera Cruz, but a year later came to this city where the deceased had since made her home. For twenty-five years she has lived with her daughter, Mrs. Herman Tettman and her death occurred at that home on south Third street. She was a splendid lady in every way, a Christian, of noble traits, a kind mother and a neighbor whom every one loved. She is survived by three children, six having preceded her to the better land. Those living are Mrs. Tettman and Mrs. John Johns of this city and Adolph Hart of Montpelier, Indiana. Other relatives are one brother at Ashland, Ohio, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. The funeral services were held Monday morning at nine o'clock sun time, at the St. Marys church, Father Wilken officiating. Interment at the St. Joseph cemetery.

Mrs. Catharine Niblick was honored Thursday night by all the members of the Niblick family at her home on Second street. Mrs. Niblick celebrated her eightieth birthday yesterday and the children and grandchildren gathered in a family reunion. Six o'clock dinner was served to the happy guests. During Mrs. Niblick's long residence in the city she has become acquainted with a large number of people, who have always found her to be a very lovable and good woman. Perhaps there is no other person in the city who has lived here as long as this lady. She came to this county in 1839, when she was ten years old. She was born in Marvinger, Prussia in Germany. Before

coming to this county her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Closs, lived for several years at Maumee. In 1851 she was married to Mr. Jesse Niblick in a tavern that stood where the Niblick and Company store now stands. For the last generation the members of the family have been among the best citizens of Decatur, and they have become known to every one in the county. The children who were present last night were John Niblick, James K. Niblick, Charles S. Niblick, Amelia and Dan Niblick. Other relatives and the grandchildren were Mrs. John Niblick and daughter Helen, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Niblick, Arthur Suttles and children Mary and Josephine, Mrs. James K. Niblick and daughter Verena, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Holthouse and son William, Mr. and Mrs. Charles X. Niblick, Mrs. C. S. Niblick and children, Naomi, Stewart, Charlotte and Margaret, and Mrs. Christena Niblick and son Jesse G. Niblick. Mrs. Dan N. Niblick and children Omar, Mildred and Harold, Mrs. Catharine Closs and Miss Mary Closs, Mrs. Eckart and granddaughter, Laura Sweeney of Chicago. The homestead of the family on Second street is attractive on account of its age. It is a very large well built house with large home-like fire places, and a place where the children especially, like to go. Last night's event, one of so much pleasure, will be remembered long by those who attended.

#### MRS. REED'S WILL PROBATED

Divides Her Seventy-Three Acre Farm in an Unusual Manner.

The will of the late Matilda Reed of Root township was probated Friday and that lady divided her farm in that township among her relatives as follows: Six acres of the north side of the farm to her son, Victor Reed, six acres adjoining that to her daughter, Mrs. Ella Small, six acres to her daughter, Mrs. Tillie Showers, four acres to her daughter, Polly Reed, twenty acres to her son Charles Reed, eleven acres to her grandchild Warren Reed, twenty acres to her son John Reed. She nominated Sylvester Spangler as executor of the estate, but owing to his health he has declined to serve and the duties will be looked after by A. N. Sellemeyer. The will was written December 22nd and was witnessed by Jacob Spangler and Samuel Reed.

#### ONLY TEN MILLION DOLLARS

Appropriation for Taking Thirteenth Decennial Census.

Washington, June 25.—On the eve of the expiration of the current fiscal year, the house authorized an emergency appropriation of \$10,000,000 for defraying the expenses of taking the thirteenth decennial census. In presenting the bill for that purpose, Mr. Tawney, chairman of the committee on appropriations, explained the situation with respect to the permanent census measures still in conference and announced that unless the money was forthcoming the census bureau would be compelled to suspend all business next Wednesday. Notwithstanding this warning, the bill met with much opposition, and it was only finally passed after Mr. Bacon, of Arkansas, has forced a roll call on a point of no quorum.

#### CENSUS OF PENAL INSTITUTIONS

Foreigners Will Be Sent Back to Their Mother Country.

Indianapolis, June 25.—Governor Marshall directed Amos W. Butler, secretary of the board of state charities, to take a census of the penal population of the state institutions, with a view to ascertaining how many prisoners committed felonies within three years of their admission to this country. Under the federal laws immigrants committing felonies within three years of their admission to this country must be deported. The theory of the law is that immigrants found guilty of a felony within three years are of criminal tendencies, and therefore, undesirable citizens. The board of state charities is in charge of all the state's penal and benevolent institutions. There is no way of estimating how many, if any, of the inmates of the Indiana institutions may be subject to the deportation act.

The recital to be given tonight by Miss Faye Smith promises to be largely attended and a pleasure for all those who hear it. Miss Faye Smith will be assisted by her sisters Norah and Rose. The program will commence at eight sharp, tonight at Presbyterian church.

Miss Winfred Burke will leave tomorrow afternoon for Richmond on her way to Casey, Ill., to visit her uncle, Perry Burke and family, where she will enjoy a week's visit with her friends and other relatives. On returning she will visit at Colfax and Darlington on her way home. She will be gone several weeks.

County Superintendent Opliger has received a copy of Governor Marshall's proclamation in which is set out the action of the state board of education in the adoption of school and text books for the coming five years, and this settles a long drawn out contest in which many book firms tried to draw first money. The board has contracted with Charles Scribner's Sons for the Howe primer, and the Howe readers, first, second, third, fourth and fifth, and with D. C. Heath & Co. for Walsh's new grammar school arithmetic and new primary arithmetic, and with Eaton & Company for the New Era System of copy books number one to five. The retail and exchange prices of these books are as follows:

Books.	Retail Price	Exchange Price
Primers .....	\$.15	\$.08
First readers .....	.15	.08
Second readers .....	.20	.10
Third readers .....	.25	.13
Fourth readers .....	.30	.15
Fifth readers .....	.40	.20
New Era system writ.	.05	none
Gram. school arith.	.45	none
Primary arithmetic.	.22	none

As will be seen by the above old readers and primers can be exchanged for the new books and thus save half the cost of the new books. This saving should be taken advantage of by every one who purchases books for next year's school work. All information in this regard as well as all others will be furnished by the county superintendent.

Washington, June 29.—The senate has made 941 changes in the tariff bill passed by the house. The changes will approximate one thousand before the bill goes to conference. On the face of this showing it would appear that there would be abundant opportunity for the conference committee to make some such law as the country expected congress to enact, but as a matter of fact the important items—the bulwarks of the protective system—are not to be in dispute. Senator Aldrich and the Republican members of his finance committee have, with a keenness of foresight characteristic of the leader, increased the duties on a large number of items over those fixed by the Payne bill and on others over the Dingley rate. Having done this, Mr. Aldrich can make a large number of "concessions" for the effect they will have on the public mind. Unquestionably he plans to do this, but the fact will remain that in most instances his "concessions" will put the duty back to about where it is under the existing law. Of the 941 changes made since the bill reached the senate 543 were made by the committee on finance and 348 on the floor of the senate. Many of these changes are, of course, merely verbal.

Washington, June 29.—Acting in his old-time capacity as judge, President Taft wrestled with the question, "What is whisky?" Before him were attorneys representing practically all the interests that have been waging a fight over the original decision of Dr. Wiley chemist of the department of agriculture, in regard to what is whisky and what should be labeled "imitation whisky." Joseph H. Choate former American ambassador to Great Britain, was prominent among the array of counsel for the manufacturers, while among those opposing him was John G. Carlisle, former secretary of the treasury, as the representative of distillers.

#### LOOKING FOR STRAY BOY

Senator Beveridge Helping a Worried Mother.

Washington, June 29.—Senator Beveridge today began a search for Arthur Hoagland who left his mother's home at Warsaw, Ind., eight years ago and who has not been heard from since. The senator was moved to take action by a pathetic letter from the boy's mother, Mrs. Barbara Hoagland of Warsaw. "I have a boy somewhere, if living, that has been gone from home eight years," Mrs. Hoagland wrote. "I could not express my gratitude for you in case you should trouble yourself with my trouble enough to try to find him if living or dead." The boy was sixteen years old when he ran away from home. His mother suggests that he may have enlisted in the army. At Senator Beveridge's request thorough examination of the records to ascertain whether there is a young man of that name in the army. His relatives think he may have changed his name to conceal his identity and if so it will be very difficult to find him.

G. C. West, of Lima, Ohio, and Miss Ella Nussbaum, of Linn Grove, were married last Thursday at the home of the bride by Rev. John Rees, pastor of the Evangelical church at Linn Grove. Immediately after the wedding the wedding of the couple left for Fort Wayne and from there to Bluffton, Ohio, where they will make their future home.—Berne Witness.