

Official information is given out that Dr. C. B. Wilcox has withdrawn from the ministry and from membership in the Methodist church. This action was caused by his recent marriage, a violation of the Methodist discipline, which upon this particular subject says: "No divorce \* \* \* shall be regarded by the church as lawful, and no minister shall solemnize marriage in any case where there is a divorced wife or husband living, except divorced parties seeking to be reunited in marriage." In compliance with the above section of the Methodist discipline, Dr. Wilcox is no longer a minister or a member of the church in which for several years he was a shining light. There is much that could be printed about this disagreeable affair, but we have no desire to do other than make the simple and plain statement of facts. Dr. Wilcox was a brilliant speaker, was polished in many ways, and his friends here and elsewhere will regret that he quits the ministry in such an unfavorable way. The standing of the local church demanded that they take such action, and they did it without any hesitation or equivocation.

The official board of the Methodist church at a meeting a few days ago, passed a resolution praising Mrs. Elsie Wilcox, now of Richmond, for her splendid character and good work while connected with the church in this city. A copy of the resolution was forwarded to her at her Richmond home. Mrs. Wilcox was a general favorite here and has many friends who will wish for her better and brighter days.

J. H. C. Smith, of Bluffton, filed a new case in the Adams circuit court, it being a suit in partition in which the plaintiffs seek to have real estate, part of which is in this county, appraised and divided among the heirs. The plaintiffs are George W. and Benjamin Fisher and Sarah A. Christman, and the defendants are Phoebe Fisher, Clara, Jennie and Ethel Beach.

Osie Christman of Hartford township, and Bessie Wheeler of Geneva, appeared at the clerk's office this morning, answered the proper questions and were granted a marriage license. They will be married this evening at the home of Noah Fuser at Linn Grove, the wedding ceremony to be accompanied by a good time to be enjoyed by the friends of the bridal couple.

A petition for partition is being prepared today by J. H. C. Smith in the Alexander Fisher estate. It will be filed in Adams county as it affects the farm owned by the late Mr. Fisher in that county. Early in the week a petition for the sale of the real estate to pay debts was made in the local courts, and as it is desired that the Adams county farm be included in the sale, a petition for it was necessary.—Bluffton Banner.

Adams county will be well represented in the commencement exercises to be rendered at Angola August twenty-seventh by the seniors of the Tri-State Normal. Those of the B. S. degree who will complete their course are O. F. Gilliom, Berne, Otis Hocker, Monroe, and J. H. Welty, Decatur. These young men will graduate from the institution with flying honors. Their work has been very efficient. A big home coming will be observed in the twenty-fifth and twenty-sixth at which time many who have graduated from the college will gather at Angola to meet both old and new friends. The exercises to be given on the twenty-seventh will be very interesting and it is understood that a number of the friends of the Adams county young men will be in attendance. At this time there are about twenty-five students from this county enrolled at the Angola college. They are doing very well, and this is good news to their friends and relatives.

Washington, Aug. 7.—In reply to what he terms "the misrepresentations of democrats in the papers," Champ Clark, leader of the minority in the house of representatives, today gave out the following statement regarding the course of the democratic members of the house in connection with the consideration of the Payne tariff bill: "The old saying that habit is second nature was never more strikingly illustrated than by the fact that many newspapers—generally republican or near republican—and more individuals keep mouthing about the dissensions among the house democrats and the unity among the republicans notwithstanding the truth known of all men who care to know it that house democrats came out thoroughly united on that question than they have been in a generation and the republicans came out of it worse shattered than ever before. Some papers, either through carelessness or malice, have gone so far as to say that had the democrats not been absent in large numbers unpaired we would have defeated the con-

ference report on the tariff bill. There is not a syllable of truth in it and to so charge is either unadulterated malice or criminal negligence. Now mark how plain a tale will put them down: Upon my motion last spring to recommit the Payne bill with instructions—which instructions constitute a comprehensive duplicate form so far as the tariff is concerned—all democrats voted for it except four. On the Payne bill itself voted on immediately after my motion to recommit was defeated, the republicans lost one vote and the democrats lost four, a net loss to the democrats of three—a more nearly unanimous democratic vote than has been cast on a tariff bill in a generation.

Farmers near here are beginning to doubt the extravagant talk about bumper crops. It seems that the old time cinch bugs are getting in their devilish work to a sweet fare you well, and that great damage is being done to the prospect of a large corn crop. Added to this the continued dry weather is helping add fuel to the flames and is daily lessening the chances for the proper development of the corn crop. Some of the best farmers in the county have been bringing in these discouraging reports and there is something serious in the air or they would not be so emphatic in their declarations. Rain is badly needed. All around us come reports of refreshing showers, but they all have missed this particular spot on the earth's surface, and as a result nearly every sort of vegetation is simply drying up, and is about ready to blow away. The weather man has threatened us several times but the real article of rain has failed to come. It is the hope that within the next day or two relief in a good shower will be with us. It is said that every corn field adjacent to a wheat field will not bring forth a half crop. We all trust that this will be a sooner, and that the corn crop will come up to the scratch.

Another deal in Adams county realty has just been closed and which will transfer the A. B. Cunningham farm of 138 acres in Root township to John H. Mabis of Champaign county, Illinois. The deal was made through the O. Gandy real estate dealers of Fort Wayne, the amount of the consideration being unknown. Mr. Mabis comes to this community well recommended and will make a welcome citizen here. The farm in question is one of the many good ones in this county, and the new purchaser got his money's worth, as every one else has done who has purchased land here. The future intentions of Mr. Cunningham are not known. He has lived on the farm just sold for some time, has it in a good healthy condition and it is good as a revenue producer for a long time to come. The Cunninghams are good citizens and it is the hope that they will continue as citizens among us, although it is not known to us, what they intend to do. O. Gandy & Company seem to be getting in their work in disposing of Adams county realty, as this is the second sale within the past two or three weeks.

Butler Sons and Peterson, of Decatur, landed a contract for the construction of fourteen blocks of cement sidewalk and they landed the plum in the midst of hot competition. The contract calls for the building of cement sidewalks on both sides of Creighton avenue from Broadway to Calhoun, a distance of fourteen blocks and the contract price hovers mightily near to the \$4,000 mark, thus making it worth while bidding for. The board of public works awarded the job and the Decatur firm will begin work after next to do the work. A force of about eight men will be put to work and they will be able to complete the work within four weeks, it is thought. Eight contractors had bids in for the job, but Butler and Company succeeded in landing it. They will also bid for the contract of grading a street in Fort Wayne next Thursday. The Decatur firm has built many feet of cement sidewalk in this section during the past few months, and their work has been highly satisfactory.

The lots in the Hocker addition at Monroe have all been sold, but one, since David Fuhrman closed a deal for the purchase of three yesterday and Mr. Hocker has already begun negotiations for the platting of another addition. Mr. Fuhrman will build a beautiful new home on the lots he purchased and Frank Maritz will erect a dwelling there in the near future. Monroe is booming as she has never boomed before. The new plat to be made by Mr. Hocker will embrace two acres of land and a number of ideal lots will be offered for sale at a little more than one hundred dollars each. They will undoubtedly be gobbled up.

Charles Hocker, who is the possessor of the new Monroe addition, is contemplating moving from Decatur to his farm in Monroe township.

The Monroe, Grain, Hay and Milling company is doing a big business at present. Much grain is being taken to the popular place of business.

The Monroe State bank is certainly a healthy institution and its business is by far exceeding the expectations of the stockholders.

#### ALABAMA HAS PROHIBITION

The Law Was Made by a Vote of 70 to 29.

Montgomery, Ala., August 7.—Amid scenes of wild enthusiasm the bill making prohibition constitutional passed the house late yesterday afternoon. The vote was 70 to 29, six more than the constitutional three-fifths majority. Speaker Carmichael closed the debate for the bill, and was constantly cheered by the gallery. The speaker several times threatened to clear the galleries. The bill provides, among other things, that buildings shall not be let for the sale of intoxicants; that any right or lease is forfeited in case a tenant violates the laws; that liquors shall not be advertised in newspapers; delivery to any public place is an evidence of sale; right to raid and break open any place thought to contain violators of the laws; grand juries must indict; servants may not be excused from testifying against principals; soliciting for outside houses prohibited; also, shipping from one point to another; prohibited liquors are to be contraband; the presence of a government license is prima facie evidence of guilt; that no one shall drink intoxicating liquors on trains.

#### AMOS STUCKEY IS DEAD

Amos Stuckey, aged 34 years, living two miles north of Vera Cruz, died at his home Thursday night, after suffering from an illness lasting only five days. His condition was due to acute intestinal trouble, which totally obstructed the bowels. His illness was not thought to be serious until a few days ago, when an operation was seen necessary and he was found unable to stand this. The deceased was a resident of the neighborhood in which he died for many years and was surrounded by scores of friends and relatives. With the young wife five small children also survive. The funeral will probably be held Sunday morning at the Numanese church, of which the deceased was a devoted member. Interment will be made in the cemetery there.—Bluffton Banner.

#### THE PRESS IS YELLOW

Mobile, Ala., Aug. 7.—The national convention of the Knights of Columbus before adjournment last night went on record deploring what appears to be an increased tendency on the part of a portion of the American press to give undue publicity to sensational trials and publishing in full testimony of a degrading and immoral character. It was also decided that the reserve fund of \$621,000 left over when the insurance rates were adjusted was the property of the order and could not be prorated back to insurers.

At the last regular meeting of the Board of Children's Guardians of Adams county, after transacting other important business, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Mrs. William Beachler has honestly, faithfully and conscientiously served as a member of the Board of Children's Guardians of Adams county, Indiana, since her appointment on the 17th day of November, 1907, and she has now removed from Adams county, Indiana, thereby vacating her position on said Board, therefore

Be it resolved, By said Board that by such removal the Board of Children's Guardians of Adams county, deeply feel the loss of the timely assistance, counsel and advice so cheerfully given by Mrs. Beachler. She has given, while a member of our board her time and services to the work unreservedly, and we, as individuals and as a board desire to adopt these resolutions as a mark of our profound respect for her and her services to the unfortunate of our county. Her good work will be an incentive to us.

Be it further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Mrs. Beachler, together with our best wishes for her health, happiness and prosperity in her new home.

Dated at Decatur, Indiana, this 6th day of August, 1909.

Mrs. D. D. Heller, President  
Attest:—Mrs. C. S. Niblick, Secy.

#### GET VOTING MACHINE FEVER

Wells County Officials Talking of Making Such Purchase.

Senator J. W. Rinear, of Liberty Center, was a business visitor in the city today and while here, expressed himself forcibly upon the proposed request of the county commissioners for

an appropriation of \$13,000 for the purchase of voting machines. Mr. Rinear is one of the members of the county council and at first declared that he was unalterably against the proposed expenditure at this time. When the proposition of the salesman, who agreed to allow the machines to be paid for from the amount saved at each election by their use was explained to him, he declared that such a proposition might put a different phase on the case but when he considered that it would greatly reduce the number of voting places and concentrate a large number of voters at each precinct, he declared himself against that feature.—Bluffton News.

#### TRYING TO LOCATE A FACTORY

Portland Business Men Are Trying to Put Life in the Old Town.

Portland is boosting for stock and bonus in a bottling factory, which they hope to locate, and which they claim will furnish labor to a great number of employees. The wage scale in such an institution is the best wages paid in any sort of an industry, and this fact is helping the boosters in shaking up the loose change that is lying around loose. They have subscribed for over thirty thousand dollars of the capital of the institution, and then they have to give ten thousand dollars more for the site and buildings. The committee in charge are succeeding, and they hope to land the enterprise.

Fort Wayne, August 9.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Frank Nicolai the defaulting Auburn assistant bank cashier arrived in the city about noon in charge of a United States marshal, the local officer at Auburn, and quite a number of the personal friends of the guilty banker. They appeared in the federal court where everything was cut and dried. His bond was fixed at \$3,500 and sooner than it takes to tell the tale, the bond was supplied and Nicolai was free until the case comes up in federal court. Much sympathy is coming to the surface in Auburn and it all tends to the making of a hero of the defaulting officer.

Auburn, Ind., August 8.—Facetious editorial writers who emptied vials of wrath and scuttles of scorn on the people down at Tipton who gave a public reception to a defaulting banker can get ready their quills for another outpouring. In this case Auburn will take the place of Tipton. For assuredly and beyond peradventure there is no more popular man in this loveliest village of the Hoosier plain than Frank H. Nicolai, the assistant cashier of the City National bank, who has confessed to having been systematically robbing the bank for three years. In the hospital ward of the jail today Nicolai received a good many callers, and some of the leading citizens of Auburn were among the visitors who assured him of their sympathy in his hour of great sorrow, as the rural cards of thanks have it. When Nicolai goes to Fort Wayne for preliminary appearance in the federal court tomorrow he will be in charge of F. E. Huffman, of Washington, D. C., a government secret service agent, and Sheriff Ralph Thomas and today it looked as though he would be attended by a guard of honor and a host of men of means who are not only willing but anxious to go on his bond. Mr. Huffman arrived in the city this afternoon. He expected to meet Bank Examiner Frazier of Warsaw, here, but there was some hitch in the arrangements and Mr. Frazier did not appear and could not be reached by long distance telephone. It is expected, however, that he will meet the detective in Fort Wayne tomorrow, when Nicolai is arraigned before United States Commissioner T. J. Logan. There is no doubt of Nicolai's ability to give bond. It is likely the bond will be fixed at \$5,000, but if it were twice or thrice that sum it would be forthcoming, for as I have stated Frank Nicolai is the most popular man in Auburn. Dan M. Link, at whose house Nicolai had living apartments, is representing him, and he stated that Mr. Nicolai would appear on time tomorrow in the federal court in Fort Wayne and something like a dozen other Auburn gentlemen assured me that there would be no difficulty about the bond business.

Court Reporter DeVoss is busy on a transcript in the Amacher ditch case. This court case has had so many triangular turns that we have long ago given up keeping in touch with the correct legal status of the case. At any rate this transcript is one that Amacher is having made to appeal a ruling in the circuit court of Allen county, on his prayer for a new trial which was overruled. Johnson secured a new trial on the ground of a faulty record in the case, and now Mr. Amacher wants a new trial on his own motion. The Amacher ditch case has been on the trial docket for in the minds of those spending any time around the court house for the past

several years, and its settlement would seem unreal.

The delinquents are beginning to take notice and pay that arrearage due on taxes at the treasurer's office. There is quite a number to yet make good their spring payment, all on personal property, and a campaign for the payment will be started that will bring something, is due in a short time. Some are coming in now and it is thought that not much trouble will be experienced in getting in the amounts due.

Laporte, Ind., Aug. 19.—At Saturday's session of the Ohio Kentucky and Indiana German Lutheran church synod, the following board of managers of the relief fund was named: Rev. A. Lange, Fort Wayne; Prof. Goekle, Cleveland and F. Schuermann, Lafayette. The synod elected William Melchoir of Cleveland, trustee of the Scheoewald fund and directed that in the future the income be used for the support of students who are studying for the ministry. The election of officers was completed as follows: Rev. A. Lange, Fort Wayne, first vice president; Rev. S. Wmabsgans, Columbus, Ind., second vice president; Rev. J. Keller, Cleveland, secretary; Rev. H. A. Bentrup, Holgate, Ohio, assistant secretary; Prof. C. A. Kampf, Cleveland, treasurer. The following representatives to the national meeting of the synodical conference were named: Rev. Wm. Moll, Fort Wayne; Rev. G. Schurdel and Rev. Paul Eickstadt, Laporte. The following official visitors were named for the six conference districts: Evansville district, Rev. C. A. Frank; Lafayette, Rev. G. Schumm; Northwest Indiana, Rev. T. Thieme; Northwestern Ohio, Rev. J. W. Fischer; Cleveland, Rev. A. S. Schmidt; Central Ohio, Rev. A. Kautz; Cincinnati, Rev. C. Fischer.

A. M. Fisher and G. W. Rupright came home Sunday, having been gone just thirty-two days, and in that time saw the greatest part of Kansas and Oklahoma. It was two days after they left here that they were caught in the floods and had a hair raising escape with their lives, the details of which were given the public at the time. It was even more than a thrilling experience and hardly one of the vast number of excursionists ever expected to get out with their lives. Both of the Adams county men were fortunate, although for a time it was thought here that Mr. Fisher had met the worst fate imaginable. After recovering from that nerve racking experience they went on their way, and saw most of the good country in that region, and after investigation they both purchased Kansas farms in Pawnee county, nine miles from market. Mr. Fisher now owns a half section, and Mr. Rupright a whole section. The country there is well improved, being properly drained and having the best buildings that a farm could have. The land there is rich and fertile and every acre is adapted for either farming or grazing and it is all adapted for either. The purchases were both made for an investment. Perhaps some of Mr. Rupright's family will go there and take charge of the Pawnee county realty, and Mr. Fisher will farm by proxy. Whatever happens the boys say they double their money within the next ten years, and we guess that is going some. The farms are located just a short distance southwest from the center of the state, and we have no doubt that the boys got their money's worth.

The trustees of the Methodist church held a meeting Monday a. m. and reported progress in the way of making improvements spoken of being made on the church property. The parsonage was painted and now a steam heating plant will be put into the church, the tower to be rebuilt and the Ladies' Aid Society of the church proposed and it was accepted to pay for the frescoing of the building, and this work will be done by Mr. Kover of Fort Wayne, and will cost about four hundred dollars. The trustees have been divided against themselves as to a rebuilding project. Some of the members want an entire new building, one that will cost forty thousand dollars, and the old church torn down, and this may eventually be done. It will be a few years yet before such a project is undertaken, as the present building is not yet in the stages of being entirely obliterated and besides the congregation is hardly able to undertake the load of debt that would be necessary to carry out such a project.

Rev. Wade, the presiding elder was present at a quarterly meeting of the congregation, in which reports of the church and the work done was reported. The first quarter since the coming of Rev. Powell finds the congregation meeting all expenses incurred, their finances being all that could be desired.

Mrs. Molly, widow of the late Joseph Weldy, formerly of this city, is

lying at the home of her sister near Craigville, suffering from a severe case of pneumonia and but very slight hopes are entertained for her recovery. Mrs. Weldy moved from Decatur to Chicago several years ago and was on her way to Adams county for a visit with relatives. She had just gotten to the home of her sister near Craigville last Friday when she was taken suddenly ill. A physician was hastily summoned and a diagnosis of the case revealed a serious case of pneumonia. Since Friday she has been notified to hasten to her bedside if they wish to see their mother alive. The afflicted woman is a sister of Alex. and John Barnett of this city, and is a cousin of Mrs. J. B. Stoneburner. The many Decatur friends of Mrs. Weldy will join in hoping that she is restored to health.

#### ADJUSTED THE FIRE LOSS

E. E. Gant of Greenfield, Indiana, was here Monday and adjusted Lower fire loss, which succeeded in burning Homer Lower's barn and doing considerable other damage. The insurance of \$850 was allowed in full, in about three minutes after the arrival of the adjuster. The insurance was carried in the Home company, and a draft for the amount will likely be along within the next few days.

#### MARRIAGE BANS ARE PUBLISHED

Frank Faurot and Miss Mary Appleman Are to Wed.

Rev. H. Theo. Wilken, published the bans that will later be followed by a marriage ceremony that will unite Mr. Will Faurot and Miss Mary Appleman as husband and wife. Mr. Faurot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Faurot and Miss Appleman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Appleman. Both are estimable people, well known by every one in this locality and with a host of friends who will wish them all the happiness possible.

M. A. Ripley and wife left Tuesday for an extended visit in the west, and will be gone from Adams county about five weeks. Leaving here they will go to Spokane where they will remain for a few days as guests of Mr. Ripley's brother, B. C. Ripley. From there they will proceed to Seattle to see the sights at the big exposition after which they will go to Longmont, Colorado, for a stay with nieces of Mrs. Ripley. From there they go to Lafayetteville, Arkansas, for a visit with another brother of Mr. Ripley, who is teacher in the schools there. From Lafayetteville they will return to Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. Ripley expect a most delightful time on their journey. They will visit many historical places in the west while gone, and will see relatives that they have not seen for years. Many Decatur people, have witnessed the Seattle exposition and they have all returned saying that it is simply great.

Impressed with the tone of his letters descriptive of the Philippine Islands and the industrial advancement thereof, the management of "The Contractor," a periodical published in Chicago, has written the Democrat for the address of Bert Segur, that they may be able to engage his services as a writer for their lows.

Dear Sir—I have a clipping from your issue of July twenty-seventh, giving a letter from Mr. Bert Segur, from the Philippines. Will you be kind enough to advise us the address of this young man? I imagine that he would be able to write some interesting matter for our paper. Thanking you for your kindness, I am

Yours truly, E. S. Hawson.

Mr. Segur has written some very interesting and scholarly letters from the Philippines since being there. His position with the government makes it possible for him to be conversant with the inner workings of the industrial movements in vogue and should the "Contractor" be able to secure his services his writings will no doubt prove interesting to their readers as they have so proven to Democrat readers. The engagement will mean a neat sum of money to Mr. Segur and he will no doubt accept.

#### GOVERNMENT LOTTERY BEGAN

Spokane, Wash., August 10.—Although the crowds of land seekers were not so large as they had been daily during the last three weeks, when filing applications for registration on the Coeur d'Alene, Spokane and Flathead reservations, several thousand people yesterday eagerly awaited the hour of 10 o'clock when the drawing for the Coeur d'Alene land began. Each of the 105,000 persons applying for Coeur d'Alene lands has one chance in 333; in the 100,000 applicants for Spokane lands one in four hundred, and of the 37,000 for Flathead land, one in fifteen.