

The Adams county board of education, composed of the trustees of the various townships and one member from each town board, met in semi-annual session at the office of Supt. L. E. Opliger yesterday and considerable business was transacted, looking toward the opening of the schools of the county soon. Those present were J. A. Fleming of Union, Charles E. Magley of Root, Daniel Hoffman of Preble, David Steele of Kirkland, O. J. Suman of St. Marys, Frank C. Wechter of Blue Creek, C. C. Beers of Monroe, J. T. Kelley, Jefferson and D. B. Erwin of Decatur. The program as published yesterday was rendered, important questions being discussed in a creditable manner by Trustees Beers, Wechter, Kelley, Suman and Erwin. A motion prevailed that the minimum term of school in this county be seven months this year if possible and that the county board of education put forth their best efforts to accomplish this. The board also discarded the primary history "American Leaders and Heroes" which has been used in the fifth grade because it was too heavy for the children and they substituted "First Steps in the History of our Country" by Mowry. The old book, "American Heroes" will, however, be used in the sixth grade this year and thus there will be no extra expense to the patrons and it is believed the new one will be much more satisfactory. The schools in Decatur and Geneva open next Monday, September 6th. St. Marys and Wabash open on September 20th, French on Sept. 27th, Monroe October 4th excepting the high school which opens October 13th as do the high schools at Linn Grove and Peterson where eight month terms will be given and where the work will be equal to that of first and second years in commissioned high schools, certainly a great advancement and one for which Prof. Opliger has worked for several years. The Berne schools cannot open for a while on account of the building under construction is not completed and no decision has been reached as to what will be done. All the other schools of the county, Root, Union, Preble, Kirkland, Washington, Blue Creek, Hartford and Jefferson will open September 13th. The board believe this will be the greatest year in the schools' history.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 1.—In two weeks President Taft will leave Beverly on what will prove to be in many ways a record-breaking presidential tour. The president's first stop will be in Boston in the evening of September 14, where he will be the guest of honor at a big banquet given by the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

The following morning at 10 o'clock he will start a 13,000 mile journey back to Washington. The way to the national capital will lead through Seattle, Los Angeles, the Grand canyon, the tip end of southern Texas, the Mississippi and many other points east and west. The details of the trip have been mapped out to the last minute and contracts have been made with railroads for every part of the long journey. President Taft is looking forward to the beginning of the trip with mixed emotions. He is anxious to visit the various places included in his itinerary and is never happier than when traveling, but at the same time he has expressed himself as "terribly sorry" that his vacation days are so soon to end. He appears in the best possible condition. He attributes this largely to the physical culture exercises he indulges in for an hour every morning before breakfast and to the three hours spent every forenoon on the links of either the Myopia or Essex Club.

Beverly, Mass., Sept. 1.—When it comes to digging up reasons to displace a man from a job on the government pay roll Georgia Democrats win the blue ribbon. A few days ago a supplemental complaint was filed with President Taft against a Republican who holds the post office in a well known Georgia city. The complaint said that the man was utterly unfit for the job. To prove it the complainants declared that recently a taxidermist moved into his town and put up a sign. The next day the Republican postmaster sauntered in, took off one shoe and asked the taxidermist to fix his corns.

Rev. Jaus, pastor of the St. Johns church, and who has had charge of the Zion Lutheran church, located at the corner of Monroe and Eleventh streets, in this city since the departure of Rev. J. H. Klausner, who resigned a few weeks ago to accept a

charge at Big Rapids, Michigan, is spending his time here this week, looking after finances, which will warrant the call of a pastor to this place. He says he feels that the church here is able to support its own minister and from the way he has been greeted on his rounds this week, knows he is right in the belief. He says the people he has called on have responded nicely and he will call a meeting for next Sunday afternoon, at the church here, when the congregation will issue the official call. They have a number of applications, and it is safe to say that the man chosen will be able and worthy. The church is growing and is composed of splendid citizens of the community. Rev. Jaus has been assisted in his work by Prof. Henry Lankenau and other members of the church.

Lewistown, Pa., Sept. 1.—One of the most audacious and startling holdups of a railroad train in the east for years occurred on the eastern slope of the Allegheny mountains early yesterday when a lone highwayman stopped a Pennsylvania railroad express train with a dynamite cartridge and at the point of a revolver compelled the crew to carry thousands of dollars in coin and bullion from an express car to a spot in the wilderness. When the conductor of the train attempted to interfere with the robber's plans he was shot in the hand and the bold bandit succeeded in making good his escape. In the darkness, however, he mistook a bag containing 10,000 new Lincoln pennies for gold coins and staggered away with it, leaving the real gold bullion to be recovered by the railroaders. When the news of the robbery reached the railroad and express company officials they were deeply concerned at its boldness and immediately ordered every available detective from the east and west to the scene in an effort to capture the robber. Bloodhounds were also put on his track, but up to a late hour no trace of the man had been found. Despite the appearance of three passengers who had been awakened by the shooting the robber calmly ordered the crew back on the train and compelled them to steam away, leaving the bullion beside the track. It was recovered later by a posse sent on a special train. When the train was leaving, he called out: "Goodby and good luck; I hope to see you again."

So far as learned here there is nothing new in the Taylor-Studabaker war, and it is likely that the peace effected by the injunction suit will continue for a week or so at least. Speaking of the case, the Bluffton News said last evening:

In his complaint in the injunction suit Mr. Studabaker alleged that he was owner in legal title and in fee simple, and had been in possession under the said title since July 8, 1902, and continuing further recites the filing of the original suit by the heirs in 1902, and gives also a recital of the four trials of the case and the appeal to the supreme court, winding up by alleging that since judgment has not yet been entered upon the court upon the last verdict returned at Decatur the case is still pending and unsettled and his title still holds good in view of the unfinished state of the original case. He recites how Taylor and Stout took possession of a small residence on the farm on August 27th and had refused to vacate, although ordered off repeatedly, and had sought to eject him by force, and that he had been informed and believed that the defendants were armed with deadly weapons and that they would continue in possession unless restrained. He recited also that he had a tenant whom he wanted to place on the farm and who had goods on a wagon on the highway near the farm, but had been kept off by Taylor and the Stouts. He said that he had crops on the farm and stock which needed the care of a tenant. He said that he had not been able to give notice of the intention to file a petition for a temporary restraining order because of the condition related as to threats of violence. The injunction suit, in its trial, means a rehash of practically the old suit for possession, and a hard fight on this new suit is promised, involving points fought out in the first case. The Decatur court will likely take up the verdict returned by the jury at the last term and enter judgment upon it shortly after court convenes, and it will then be up to Studabaker to settle or carry out his promised meeting for a new trial. The jury's verdict gave the heirs right to possession of the farm and \$2,000 damages.

The school board held a meeting Tuesday night with all members present, also Supt. E. E. Rice, and the business vital to the interests of every taxpayer and school patron was transacted. An important feature of the session was the reduction

of the levy two cents, a statement to that effect having been filed with the county auditor by Secretary Mills. The task of fixing the salaries of the various teachers of the grades and high school was deferred for a few days, until such a time as the general averages of the teachers are supplied by County Superintendent Opliger.

Local capitalists returned last night from an automobile tour to Decatur, where they personally inspected the new plant of the Coppock Motor Car Co., with a view to determining on bringing the concern to Fort Wayne. All those making the trip reported themselves as highly pleased with the plant as they found it. Today it had been intended for the committee, chosen a few nights ago, to go to Indianapolis to interview officials of companies using the Coppock commercial cars and taxicabs, but it is probable the trip there will be abandoned and that the committee will merely write for opinions of the users of the Coppock cars.

Those in the party to Decatur yesterday were Messrs. William Griffin, Willis Hattersley, L. A. Curdes, H. C. Rockhill, W. H. Kelly, W. J. Vosey and A. L. Randall. On arriving at Decatur they were taken immediately to the plant and shown through it by the president Mr. Brackett. They found a plant 60 by 200 feet in size, fairly well equipped with machinery. Perhaps fifteen cars of various patterns are under course of construction at this time. Several completed cars were also inspected and every one of the visitors was very favorably impressed with what he saw. It is probable the committee will be ready with a report on the proposition within a few days, as it is intended to delay the movement no longer than necessary. Should the plant move here, commercial cars will be the big end of the business, while some special attention will be turned to the manufacture of taxicabs, of which the Coppock company has some good ones in service in the larger cities.

Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Copenhagen, Sept. 1.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An American has finally located the north pole. The inspector of Greenland today reported that Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the Brooklyn explorer, reached the north pole on April 21, 1908. Since that date he has been fighting to return to civilization, finding this almost as much of an effort as it was to reach the coveted spot. Dr. Cook was practically alone in his voyage toward the pole, having had but one white man with him when he started on the last leg of the trip. This man was taken ill and returned to civilization, more than a year ago. Dr. Cook accompanied by a few Eskimos proceeded making a flying trip with dogs and sledges. No details of the discovery or the manner of getting the news to the world has yet been forwarded. Shetland, of which Lerwick is the county town, is a group of some 100 islands in the north Atlantic ocean, about 500 miles northeast of Orkney islands and constitutes the county of Scotland. When the little schooner Jeanie, that was sent out as a Perry relief ship, sailed from St. John, New Foundland, it was announced that the vessel would stop at Etal on the coast of Greenland and the belief is expressed that Dr. Cook has been found there where he was waiting for some ship to pick him up and bring him back. Before sailing Captain Bartlett of the Jeanie gave out this prophetic statement, "If Dr. Cook is still alive he will have an interesting story to tell. He went alone, unhampered by any party and his trip will be successful." If it was the Jeanie that picked Cook up, then the little vessel has secured communication with some other vessel from the frozen north which has put into some port and sent back the news. There was a great deal of dissension caused among the Arctic explorers by Dr. Cook's trip, the followers of Peary declaring openly that Dr. Cook had stolen a march on the naval officer, who had planned to follow out practically the same course in his dash for the pole. Only twice has Dr. Cook been heard from, the first time when he sent back his white companion, and the next time when his wife received a letter which said he would push on alone. Dr. Cook was born in New York in June, 1865, and has been a confirmed pole hunter since 1892, when he acted as surgeon in the Peary expedition.

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of the Pocahontas lodge, are at present busy this week, notifying members of the Pocahontas lodge, are at the September petit squad.

The Historical Club will commence its meeting on the twenty-first of this month. The club's books will be given out to the members this week. The books contain a full outline of the winter's study. Mrs. Jane Crabb, Mrs. L. C. Miller, Mrs. John Fleming and Mrs. S. D. Beavers were on the book committee and they have mapped out all the work in a good style.

Alaska and the other possessions of this country will be studied. The order of each meeting will be current event, study of lesson and entertainment.

Mrs. Chris Boknecht will be hostess at the regular meeting of the German Lutheran Aid Society Thursday afternoon.

The ladies of the Maccabees are planning for a delightful time at their lodge room on next Monday night September the 6th, the annual reunion will be held at that time. A good program is being prepared and refreshments will be served. Every member is requested to be present.

Miss Lillian Horn of Union City, was the guest of honor entertained Tuesday night by Miss Lula Schaub at her home on south Fourth street. The house was beautifully decorated with potted ferns and golden rod, which made it very attractive. The evening was spent in playing progressive euchre which afforded a great pastime for the entire evening. Those who succeeded in winning prizes were Miss Kint Vogelweide first, Mrs. Tom Haefling second and Ada Deininger third. A very neat and tasting luncheon was served by Miss Lula which was enjoyed by all present.

The invited guests were Bertha Kint, and Agnes Vogelde, Ada Deininger, Mrs. Tom Haefling, Mrs. James P. Haefling, Emma and Mayme Terveer, Rose and Mayme Conter, Edna Crawford, Louisa Brake and Edna Ehinger. E. E. RICE, Supt.

Justice caused an unfortunate and rather pitiful occurrence yesterday when Mrs. Katie Harke, was sent to jail for nine days, being thus compelled to leave her family of children one a babe who is ill with the whooping cough at home, with practically no one to care for them. The woman is the wife of a tailor who when sober works at various shops here. They live on Adams street in the old Mann grocery building. Next door lives Rosie Gross and her family, Mrs. Harke claims that one of Mrs. Gross' boys insulted her thirteen-year-old daughter. She took up the quarrel and said some ugly remarks to Mrs. Gross, who promptly had her arrested on a charge of provoke. Mrs. Harke plead guilty and there was nothing for the justice to do but to fine her, and he made it a dollar and costs, amounting to \$9.30. The convicted lady had no money and was sent to jail for nine days. She asked to have her little babe brought to her and this will probably be granted her. The trial occurred at eleven o'clock yesterday a.m. While it seems cruel to take this woman away from her home to serve a term in jail, it is perhaps all that can be done and it's likely the time will be more of a rest than the unfortunate lady has known in several years.

A marriage license was issued to Orva M. Smith, aged 18, son of Martin L. Smith, to Pearl Heller, aged 18, daughter of Edwin Heller a Berne merchant. The groom is just two days older than his bride. He was born December 24, 1890, and Miss Heller on December 26, 1890.

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Sheriff Eli Meyer and Deputy Pres-

ters of the Pocahontas lodge, are at the grand "pow wow." It is a big affair and lodge members from all parts of the state are present.

Sylvester Spangler and Mat Kirsch have planned to attend the Spangler reunion held in Ohio today. A week or so ago the Indiana Spanglers held their reunion at Maple Grove park. For some time there has been the idea among many of the members of the family that their should be but one reunion, since both branches of the family are related. The Decatur gentlemen will present the matter before the Ohio branch with the hope that the two will unite.

A crowd of young ladies left on the four o'clock car Tuesday night going to Maple Grove park for a picnic party in honor of Miss Lucy Kruezman, who is soon to become the bride of Mr. Ben Elzey. The members of the party were Misses Lizzie Knapp, Emma Mutchler, Ella Mutchler, Emma Schlickmann, Lucy Fruchte, Bertha Knapp, Matilda Sellemeyer, Lucy Kruezman, Margaret Weidler and Editha Hachmann of Fort Wayne. The party returned on the 7 o'clock car with empty baskets proving that they had done justice to their picnic dinner.

Thursday evening, September 2, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. I. Imler's the United Brethren ladies will meet and give in their dollar and experience in earning same. If you are not a member of the church come any how. Will be glad to welcome all who are interested in church work. Husbands bring your wives, and wives bring your husbands, and spend a social hour together getting better acquainted.

Miss Florence Springer has received a letter from her mother and father, written from Antwerp, Belgium, where they arrived safe and sound, feeling fine after a delightful trip. They enjoyed every moment of the time and expect to see many places of interest, while Mr. Springer is attending to business. They left here about a month ago, Mr. Springer going to represent the firm of Friesinger & Springer, horse importers. He will purchase a large shipment of Belgium horses for the trade here and will bring them to their farm here about November 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Springer left Antwerp on the day the letter was written for Nemour, Germany, where they will remain for some time, it being expected that the greater number of the horses will be bought. After completing the work there they will visit many cities of interest in the old country, and the trip will prove entertaining as well as profitable.

FOUND HIM UNCONSCIOUS

Charles Rossington Was Stricken Soon After Eating Dinner.

The remains of Charles Rossington the well known hotel man whose death occurred suddenly Sunday at Peoria, Ill., arrived in the city early this morning and were taken to the family home at Cass and Third streets. In a letter to friends, Dick Townsend, of the National hotel at Peoria, gives some additional details of Mr. Rossington's death which was due to apoplexy. He had reached Peoria shortly before noon and ate dinner at the National. Soon after he complained of illness and lay down upon a couch in the parlor. A little later Mr. Townsend went to his side and found the stricken man unconscious. Physicians were called and Mr. Rossington was removed to the hospital, where his death occurred at 2:30 o'clock.

GOT HIS FOR SCORCHING

New York, Sept. 1.—One of the severest decrees ever pronounced by a court in an effort to discourage automobile scorching prohibits Felix L. Drot, a professional chauffeur and participant in the Vanderbilt cup race, from ever driving a car in New York state. Justice Zeller in the court of special sessions suspended sentence in Drot's case today when he promised to regard these directions. Drot had been arrested several times for speeding and has spent some time in jail and paid a number of heavy fines.

Fred Meyers who was hurt by a board running deep into his knee, is getting along as well as can be expected.