

Headed by the Geneva band—and they are some band, by the way—the stock show occurred on the tracks at the Great Northern Indiana fair, beginning at exactly 11:35 Friday. It was a pretty sight. Leading the way was President Baltzell and Secretary Adams and other officers of the fair association, all of whom have worked hard and to whom much credit is due for the success of the exhibit of this week. Closely following came the exported herd of Norman coach horses owned by Frisinger & Co., together with many other horses, all the finest that ever graced the race course. Then came the Aberdeens, the Sohrthorns, the Herefords, the Red Polled, the Holsteins and the Jerseys, all being perfect pictures and the best blooded animals that live. The awarding of premiums has been completed and as it should be, the Adams county exhibitors all landed good colored ribbons. Nidlinger & Son are not only there on Durocs, getting everything on class shows but their number of champions were even hard to count. Besides they got first and champion on Holstein bull, first on aged cow, champion on cow, first and third on yearling heifers, first and second on calves, and second on derby herd. In addition to this they took first on matched team, second on light harness, and first and second on Brahma chicks. This certainly shows that Nidlinger & Son are going some. Smith & Ullman was there with a hand full of ribbons, getting everything in class show, which means all the first and seconds, and also third on herd. Wilson Bros. of Muncie, with their Aberdeen Angus, got first on beef herd, and Pampate & Sons took second. In the citizens premiums Frisinger & Co. took first and second for best draft stallion, first and second for best draft stallion two years old. For best brood mare Frisinger & Co., first, James Dalley second. For best brood mare two years old, James Dalley first. For the best suckling draft colt Dayton Moses first, and James Dalley second. On best road stallion any age R. A. Hunfor first, and C. E. Magley second. For best road mare Moses first and Tony Heckman second. For best roadster suckling colt, Michael Miller first, and J. W. Broadbeck second.

Today is the closing day and a fair sized crowd attended. Threatening weather probably prevented the attendance of the biggest Friday crowd ever present at an Adams county fair.

The Races.

One would travel a long ways in search of better racing than that at the Great Northern Thursday. The big crowd watched every event with interest and there were no sure things on the program, each heat being closely contested from the wire to the stretch. The drivers were all in earnest as was evidenced from the fact that after each heat there was a rush of the drivers for the judges stand, each trying to talk himself into a better position. However the program was carried out smoothly and the crowd was delighted. The 2:25 pace was taken by June Bug, the best time being 2:17½. Nathan Mack won the 2:30 trot in straight heats and Gena took the half mile run. It was great sport. There were seven starters in every heat of the twenty-five pace. Van Dillard took the first heat easy, but fell back to fourth place in the next and June Bug won three straights and the race with Van second money and Bessie Cook third. The summary:

June Bug 5 1 1 1-1
Van Dillard 1 4 2 2-2
Bessie Cook 2 2 6 6-3
Charlie Patchen 3 3 3 4-4
Black Lad 7 5 4 5-4
Quor Toy 4 7 5 3
Lima Boy 6 6 7 7
Best time—2:17½.

Nathan Mack found easy picking in the 2:30 trot and only had to go in 2:25½ to win the fastest heat. At that it was a good race to watch as Raggedy Bill and Outcay Dillon were after him all the time. The summary: Nathan Mack 1 1 1 1-1
Raggedy Bill 2 3 2-2
Dutchy Dillon 3 2 3-3
Stranger 4 4 5-4
Diman Girdle 5 5 4
Best time—2:25½.

The running race furnished all kinds of sport and the big crowd cheered the favorite when he won the two last heats and the race after a colored rider on Belle of Rockford had done some dirty work at the turn in the home stretch of the first heat. There were only three starters, Belle of Rockford, Otsego, owned by Haviland of Geneva, and Gena owned by Mae Simpson the lady driver. It was the general opinion that the Belle would win and she led in the first heat clear around to the stretch but with Gena only a neck behind and riding close. At the stretch the rider of Belle, did some jockeying, forcing Gena away, and during which the latter stumbled and her rider was thrown to the ground, the horse finishing without a rider. The judges saw the dirty work and gave Otsego who after the accident came in second, first place, Gena second and the Belle third. In the next heat the

Belle and Gena ran away from Otsego, Gena winning the heat after an exciting drive down the stretch. This put the Belle out as the two winners of heats had to fight for the money, and there was nothing to it but Gena who cantered in. The summary: Gena 2 1 1-1
Otsego 1 3 2-2
Belle of Rockford 3 2
Best time—52.

Ruth Chalotte, three years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Van Camp died Thursday morning at eleven-twenty-five o'clock after suffering for less than a day from a complication of diseases peculiar to infancy. The child was taken ill Wednesday evening at seven o'clock and was subjected to severe spasms, later her condition growing weaker with the passing of each hour. Physicians were unable to diagnose the case, inasmuch as the ailment had not sufficiently developed for a thorough examination. The little girl was born March 11th, 1907. The parents and family are grief stricken over the sad death. The funeral services were held from the home Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, the Rev. Wise officiating and interment will be made at the Decatur cemetery.

A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. John S. Cramer Wednesday night and Son are going some. Smith & Ullman died a day later. The baby was buried Friday morning.

Mrs. Emma Lewis, of Mansfield, O., sister of C. E. Suttles of this city, and well known by many Decatur people, left Thursday for her home after being here for several months. Mrs. Lewis came to Decatur last June for a visit with Mr. Suttles and family and while here she found it necessary to submit to a very delicate operation. She was taken to Hope hospital where the surgical work was performed, and the affliction was removed. The operation was most successful and after remaining at the hospital for a few weeks, she came to Decatur and has remained here until ultimate recovery was attained. Dr. Porter of Fort Wayne ably performed the operation, and the woman is now hale and hearty as ever. The Decatur friends of Mrs. Lewis will be glad to learn that she has been fortunate and no doubt the news has been received at Mansfield with much satisfaction among her family members and friends.

After a lingering illness of more than two years, during which time she suffered from a lung affection, Mrs. Ella, wife of Marion Oliver, Monroe, died Friday at two o'clock a. m. and thus another noble life is ended. Mrs. Oliver was taken ill about two years ago from a complicated affection of her lungs. She did not suffer intensely, however, until about four weeks ago, her case then assuming a grave seriousness which was positive indication of her early demise. The energies of skilled physicians were concentrated in an effort to relieve the affliction but unavailing and she gradually sank into the deepest of affliction, doomed never to survive its ravages, thus signaling the most poignant of sorrow among her innumerable and devoted friends. Though the untimely demise came unattended by surprise, its announcement will enlist expressions of profound regret from every recipient of the sad news, especially those who knew of the ideal life of the departed noble woman. Mrs. Oliver, always a true, devoted christian, has cast about influences which will find expression in the lives of those with whom she had been affiliated. Her life has been a living monument of ideality in its true definition and her social and church activities will be sadly missed in the vicinity in which she lived. Surviving to mourn the loss of a loving mother and devoted wife are the husband, M. L. Oliver and three sons, Chauncey, Homer and Edward, all of Monroe. Mrs. Adeline Wisner of Decatur, mother of the deceased also survives. The funeral services will be held from the Monroe M. E. church Sunday morning at ten-thirty o'clock with Rev. McNeary officiating. The deceased was forty-two years old.

Formidable plans are under way and bid fair to consummate, relative to the organization of a cattle breeders' association in Adams county, and as the initial movement to that end a very important meeting will be held at the office of Colonel Fred Reppert, above the Burns' harness store Saturday, September 4th, at ten o'clock a. m. The promoters of the proposed association extend to every lover of pure bred cattle of all breeds to encourage the movement by their presence. The object of the association is to promote the pure bred cattle business and to arrange for annual combination sales, etc. In Adams county there are a large number of cattle breeders who have been desirous of such an organization inasmuch as it affords much better market prices for their stock, it also carries with it other advantages not obtainable when unorganized. The association will un-

questionably be formed and those who fail, to attend the first meeting will be missing a rare opportunity to hear able speakers discourse upon the different features which serve as incentives for the organization of a cattle breeders' association in Adams county.

Attorney William Drew of Geneva, has filed a new law suit, in which the title appears: Hiram W. Kranor, Caroline Stanley and John O. Kranor vs. Saluda J. Sailer and Dillah A. Hart, a petition for the partition of real estate. The suit is one which affects lots seventy-one, eighty and eighty-one, in the town of Geneva.

Real estate transfers: F. M. Schirmeyer to Sarah Bartlett, lot 21, Decatur, \$225; Gideon Gerber to Peter S. Steffer, 63 acres in French township, \$10,050. John Johnson to Mary Ann McPherson, tract in Jefferson township, \$20.

Graden Light who lives on the A. J. Smith farm south of the city, came to the fair Thursday and during his absence burglars effected an entrance to the house and ransacked every room and everything else in the house, but so far as learned but few articles are missing. About a week ago, Mr. Light while here purchased a Colts revolver and supposed himself protected against prowlers. When they started for the fair yesterday, he carefully locked the gun in the trunk. The burglars riddled the lock and stole the revolver, the only article of any value which is missing.

Stroup Brothers of Lagrange, were Friday morning arrested by Marshal Butler, following the filing of an affidavit by Harlow Mann charging that they refused to stop their automobile when he ordered them to. Mr. Mann being in a buggy. The arrest was made this morning on Second street. A hearing will be given them today. Stroup brothers were fined fifteen dollars by Mayor France Friday morning, which they paid and were released.

Two men who operated gambling devices at the fair grounds were arrested Thursday noon by Marshal Butler and placed in jail to await a hearing. A young man named Burkhalter after losing forty-one dollars with the grafter reported same to the police and caused his arrest. Last night at seven o'clock the men were brought into court where they and the Burkhalter settled matters by the payment of thirty dollars to the latter and the proceedings were dismissed.

Miss Florence Sprunger gave a delightful party Wednesday evening at her home on First street in honor of her visiting guests, the Misses Frances Bryson of Portland, Lou Graves of Sandwich, Ill., Marjorie Smith of Spencerville, and Bessie Deam of Bluffton. On arriving the guests were met by the hostess on the porch, which was prettily decorated with Japanese lanterns and ferns and made cosy with rugs and pillows. The first hour was spent in a pleasant social way, the out of town visitors and the guests in the meantime getting better acquainted. During the evening several novel contests were in order, Miss Marjorie Smith securing first prize. Later in the evening luncheon was served at small tables in the parlor and dining rooms. With a red candle shaded in pale green in the center and on the table wreaths of smilax surrounding it each table was attractive. Red and white carnations being favors. Following a short time spent at conversation Miss Maud Shoaf entertained with two splendid readings and the Misses Deam and Graves, and the hostess at an excellent musical program, the former gave a solo and favored her hearers with a second solo and the hostess and Miss Graves sang a duet. For the past week the house party has been an enjoyable one for every day something has been planned which has proved to be pleasant. Miss Ruby Wyler of Portland, is a guest today. Out of town guests last evening were Miss Gertrude Hilgeman of Fort Wayne, Maud Shoaf of Oxford, O., Chas. Adelsperger of El Reno, Okla.

One of the most pleasant events we have had to chronicle for some time was the reception given for the high school class of '91, at the home of Miss Nellie J. Schrock on Rugg street Thursday night. The class was composed of eleven members: Mrs. Nettie Winn Miller of Muncie, Mrs. Nellie Hart Oakes of Chicago, Mrs. Stella Vore Seaney of Fountain City, Mrs. Olive Hale Peterson, Mrs. Eva Patterson Quinn, Mrs. Leona DeVoss Graham, Mrs. Grace McConnehey Walters, Miss Laura Alban, Miss Nellie J. Schrock Mrs. Marie Grater Wright of Oak Park, Ill., and Mrs. Ianthe Gregory Townsend of Peoria, Ill., all of whom were present except the two last. The evening was spent in reminiscences of school days and the

scanning of old photographs. There was a great deal of gaiety and laughter and an unusually good time had by every one present. Mrs. Edward J. Bailey Mr. W. J. Myers and Mr. Charles Dugan, former instructors of the class, were present and added to the occasion by stories of former school days. A two-course luncheon was served, the hostess being assisted by the Misses Helen Hart Oakes, Gladys Graham and Reba Quinn.

Irvin Carter, well known and widely beloved, died at his late Pleasant Mills home Friday noon after suffering for four months and a half from a serious case of asthma, death coming as sweet release from the excruciating ailment, although causing untold grief to the family and his many friends. Until seven years ago the deceased resided on his farm one-half mile east of Pleasant Mills and was one of the most prominent of St. Marys township farmers. The dawn of a rip old age demanded his retirement from activity and seven years ago he, with his family took up their abode in Pleasant Mills, where they have since resided. The aged man had been very seriously ill for several weeks and those conversant with his condition knew that death was inevitable. The many friends of the deceased and his bereaved family extend their sympathy and will join mourning the loss of the most estimable man. Besides the widow the following children survive: William, Calvin, Sanford, Nettie, Elizabeth and Mrs. Hurless the latter residing at Wren, Ohio.

Indianapolis, August 27—After being thoroughly instructed in the state laws governing the duties of their offices, the auditors closed the third annual state meeting of the County Auditors' association of Indiana with a session at the Denison Hotel. The auditors voiced their opinions that the meeting was beneficial and that the task of establishing a uniform system of accounts in all the county auditors' offices in the state will be simplified by the conclusions reached on matters which had previously puzzled them. General talks made by members of the state board of accounts, W. A. DeHorty, William M. Fogarty, J. H. Boltz and Deputy State Auditor John Reed, furnished themes for general round table discussions, which occupied the greater part of the afternoon. The auditors told of the difficulty encountered in keeping the school funds of the separate congressional townships segregated as the old law requires and a movement was set on foot to bear on congress to repeal the old law and pass a new one whereby the funds can be merged in the respective counties and the work of the auditors thereby greatly simplified. President Thomas Nugent appointed the following auditors as a committee to lay the proposition before Indiana representatives in congress: Albert Salm, Marion county; chairman; W. T. Richards, Madison county, and Auditor Nafziger, Wabash county. It requires a special act of congress to effect this change. Many years ago when the state was in its infancy congress passed a law that Sec. 16 in each congressional township be reserved for school fund purposes. The money from the sale of land in these townships must be kept separate according to the law. If these could be merged, the auditors say, the school fund loans could be made as usual, but the accounts would be greatly simplified.

A MEETING OF SCHOOL BOARD

Miss Winifred Johnson Chosen as a Teacher in the Public Schools.

At a meeting of the school board last Thursday Miss Winifred Johnson was chosen to teach the coming year in the second room of the south ward. She was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. C. L. Walters, who will not teach the coming year. Miss Johnson is a graduate of the Decatur high school, and also take a course at Indiana university an dis well qualified for the place.

HE GOES TO CUTLER SCHOOLS

Ed S. Christen is Given an Advancement in his Chosen Profession.

Ed S. Christen, of Monmouth, has resigned the superintendency of the schools at Lawrence, Indiana, and accepted the same place with the schools at Cutler, in Carroll county. The new place carries a handsome increase in salary and has many other advantages over the former place. The schools there begin on September 13, and he will soon leave for his new and temporary home.

WEDNESDAY AT PORTLAND FAIR

Wednesday, Sept. 1, will be a big day at the Portland fair. The following program will be given in front of the grandstand on that day: Concert by bands.

Grand Stock parade.
2:29 trot, first heat.
Grand Military Drill by Indiana National Guard.
Free for all pace and trot, first heat.
Rosards "Comedy Acrobats."
2:29 trot, second heat.
Comedy "Trick house," Katzenjammer Castle.
Free for all pace and trot, second heat.
The Great Flying Baidwins.
2:29 trot, third heat.
Motorcycle race, 10 miles.
Free for all pace and trot, third heat.
The Marvelous "Dehmores."

DECATUR LADIES WERE GUESTS

At Delightful Social Event at Fort Wayne.

Miss Marie McMullen entertained delightfully on the beautiful and spacious porch of her residence, west DeWald street, last evening in honor of her three house guests, Misses Anna McLean, Celeste Wemhoff and Agnes Costello of Decatur. The porch looked very pretty in its artistic decorations of maple branches, flowers and Japanese lanterns. The early part of the evening was spent in card playing, the prizes being won by Miss Winifred Dalley, Miss Elizabeth Gelb and Messrs. Lyman Garman and William Harbor. After refreshments had been served dancing was enjoyed. Out of town guests were Miss Eva Mason, of Chicago; Messrs. Herbert Bremerkamp and John Wemhoff of Decatur. Mr. Wemhoff and Miss Strey furnished several delightful musical selections.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

Georgia Margaret McIntosh, little baby of Mr. and Mrs. George McIntosh, died Thursday afternoon at 2:30 age six months and fourteen days. A loved voice forever is still. God has chosen our darling. In sorrow we bow to his will. Although how lonely without her. But we will try to think it best. She will have no troubles or sorrows. She has gone where there is rest, sweet rest. Funeral services at the house Saturday morning at ten o'clock.

CARD OF THANKS.

The Buhler children wish to thank those who assisted them during the burial of their beloved mother, Mrs. Rosanna Buhler. Rev. Imier and the Rebekah lodge are especially thanked for their services.

The fair has come and gone, the red lemonade has been passed up for another year, and with it goes the toy balloons, the souvenir whips and cups the red hot peanuts and even Horace Porter's corn pones. The crowds this year were better than last year, but not as good by half as they should be. However, every one had a good time, and all the stand men did a thriving business. Friday was the last day, and the crowd was fairly good. They lingered until evening and there seemed to be some regret to quit. The exhibits by the various business men were attractive. In the art hall those who showed were Schaub, Gottenmoller & Co., Gay & Zwick, Holthouse, Schulte & Co., Elzey, Vance & Hite, Myers & Daily, Niblick & Co., True & Runyon, Boston Store, Schafer Hardware Co., Holthouse Drug Co., M. Fullenkamp, John Spuller, Yager Bros. & Reinking, Moses & Meyers, Teepie, Brandyberry & Peterson, J. H. Vogeleweide & Son, Singer Sewing Machine Co., and A. B. Bailey with the Saxonia lamp. On the grounds Schaub, Gottenmoller & Co., Schafer Hardware Co., Atz & Steele displayed their wares in tents while Laman and Lee had their line of goods in their own building. A. F. Moses & Co., of Berne, had a display of Almo gas engines, operating an electric light plan on a small scale. E. J. Neuenschwander was in charge. A display of merit was that of the Acker Cement Works, showing their line of cement blocks in an attractive way. This firm has progressed rapidly in the past year and a year or two more will find them much larger we predict, from the strides they are making now.

The Races.
The two grandstands were again comfortably filled Friday, when the races started at two o'clock. This part of the program was up to the standard, with the exception that the mule race had to be called off for want of starters. An effort was made to fill in with runners, but this could not be done, and the race program was all over by four o'clock, as both the 2:14 pace and the 2:19 trot were won in straight heats. At that they were good and while they lasted proved as interesting as any day of the week. In the trot there were only four starters out of fifteen entries and the money was taken by independence. He took the two first heats easily, but the last one made him travel as he broke the first turn and had to make up a distance of 100 yards

on the last quarter, but he did it, winning by a length. The summary: Independence 1 1 1-1
Violetta 4 2 2-2
Rexes B 2 3 4-3
Spot L 3 4 3-4
Best time—2:22½.

Van Brown was an easy winner of the 2:14 pace though he had to go some every heat and he had three fast ones pushing him every inch of the way. The summary: Van Brown 1 1 1-1
Dandy Carroll 2 2 5-2
Lady Great Heart 3 3 2-3
Peter Tranby 4 4 3-4
Prince Oyama 5 5 4
Best time—2:13½.

The races were conducted in a fair and impartial manner by Judge William Farrer and who made no effort to play to the grandstand. He was ably assisted by the local men, and their work pleased all who had any interest in the horses or who witnessed the races.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Elvert W. Shirk, president of the First National bank of Tipton, Ind., man of wealth and refinement, was arrested at the Ca'met Club, 1935 Michigan avenue, by the federal authorities yesterday afternoon on a charge of misappropriation of \$24,252.50 of the funds of the bank, of which he is president. Not perturbed over the charge Mr. Shirk willingly discussed it while a bond of \$24,000 was being prepared before United States Commissioner Mark A. Foote. W. H. Marker, cashier, and his brother, Noah Marker, assistant cashier, he said were the defaulters. "I held a note of the bank for \$24,252.50," he said, "but the Markers failed to give me credit for it. I drew for the amount on the First National bank of Chicago, our correspondent here. I had left Indianapolis for Chicago before the charge became known, and it happened that I drew the check the day before it was discovered. When the bank examiner came along and found an apparent shortage of \$24,252.50 in my account it was the most natural thing for him to presume that I was not entitled to it. The reason for this is that the Markers, undoubtedly because of their excitement, for it could in no way benefit them, neglected to credit me with the bank's note. The result was that the bank examiner discovered a seeming shortage in my accounts. Anyhow the usual method of the government is to seize all within reach and thrash out the facts in court. When the shortage was discovered I contributed \$50,000 to make it good, so what would it profit me to take half of that amount? Noah Marker returned after the shortage was discovered and said he had been on a fishing trip, but he was taken into custody and I have been informed that his brother was arrested today. When the case reaches court I will be able to prove easily that my draft was only for the amount of the bank's indebtedness to me." The shortage, which was discovered July 22, is said to reach \$103,000. It was discovered immediately after the Markers had left, and the government becoming interested, detailed Wesley M. Bennett, special bank examiner, to make an investigation. Special Assistant District Attorney James H. Wilkerson with Assistant District Attorneys Shirer and Medaris was notified of the case and acted with Mr. Bennett in the investigation. Mr. Bennett went before Commissioner Foote this morning and obtained a warrant against Mr. Shirk.

Although the state treasury will close the present fiscal year September 30, with a large amount of cash on hand, the auditor of state is preparing to issue a call in October for advance payments of state moneys by county treasurers under the law enacted by the last general assembly. It is estimated at this time that the amount called for will be approximately \$900,000. An unexpected flow of state warrants to be drawn against appropriations made available October 1, the beginning of the next fiscal year, will so deplete the treasury that no funds will be on hand to meet regular October bills unless the advance is received. Institutional boards, which received specific appropriations for buildings, repairs, etc., instead of waiting until October to begin work, have had their work under way for some time, it being agreed by the contractors that no moneys on account should be asked before the beginning of the next fiscal year. By such an arrangement new buildings will be in such an advanced state of construction by cold weather that winter will not interfere with their completion, and in the matter of repairs an early start was taken in order that they might be completed by cold weather.

Miss Emma Schooner of Geneva, was in Portland Friday, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Minnie Schoonover, of north Harrison street, while enroute to her home from Lima, O., where she has been visiting since May with her brothers, DeLoss and Emron Schoonover.—Portland Sun.