

Mr. and Mrs. Ellwood Blazer have, after many letters of inquiry, at last found a slight trace of their seventeen-year-old daughter, who, nine weeks ago mysteriously disappeared from the city and who hasn't written a line since her departure. A Smith girl has disclosed the fact that one Miss Florence Kizer who, for more than a year, worked in a local hotel, decoyed Miss Minnie away, stating before she did so that she expected to take her to a summer resort where they could live easy. The Kizer woman also stated that she would never allow her to return to her parents. The parents and other relatives have been caused no little worry over the prolonged absence of the young girl, and the fear that she has been the victim of foul play at the hands of the woman or her confederates. The officers at all surrounding cities have been apprised of the girl's disappearance and the authorities at the various summer resorts will be notified to be on the lookout and by this means the parents expect to recover their daughter. It is hinted that a man is also implicated in the apparent kidnapping scheme and should the decoys be captured they will be vigorously prosecuted.

#### SEVERAL CRIMINAL CASES

**Wells County Will Have Considerable Court Business.**

Ethan Secrest, prosecutor of this judicial district, was in the city this morning, arranging some details in reference to the criminal matters, which will come up at the September term of court. There will be a lot of work cut out for the grand jury at the next session, and Secrest and Dalley are getting ready for this business. Monday the grand jury will be drawn. It may be ordered to report at the first week of court and from that time henceforth there will be all kinds of work for the jury to do. There are a large amount of misdemeanors for the body to investigate at the coming session, despite the fact that the jury at the last term of court cleaned things up pretty well. The alleged violations of the blind tiger act will come up before the body and Clarence C. Clark, the civic league detective, will probably be called here to tell who he bought the large quantities of booze from. If he bought any. The raid on the Manson Reiff place will also be investigated. —Bluffton Banner.

H. C. Andrews, for many years a resident of this county, but who now resides at DeWitt, Arkansas county, Arkansas, is here for a two week's stay with friends and relatives. He is very much in love with the south, says his health is excellent and that he feels ten years younger than when he left here. One reason for this he says is the fact that he struck it rich when he went there. He purchased a 170 acre farm and next year his income from this land will be \$5,000. He has opportunities to sell at an increase of \$34.00 per acre, a healthy growth in values for two years, but he expects to keep it as he don't know where he could invest the money so well. One of the big products in his country is rice, and he has rented 110 acres of his farm for next year, and has samples of rice raised in his country, which may be seen at this office, also samples of wheat. They also raise two crops of potatoes a year and raise everything else that can be produced anywhere. He has the agency for several good farms in his locality and will explain anything that any person may want to know about his country, if they see him while here. He is very enthusiastic over Arkansas and its future and feels that he has a right to be.

#### MYSTERIOUSLY DISAPPEARED

**Myrtle Wright Left Her Home in Huntington County.**

There is considerable excitement at Huntington over the mysterious absence of Myrtle Wright, 14, daughter of Charles Wright, sexton of Mt. Hope cemetery. On Wednesday night she went to the city to visit friends, as her parents supposed, but when an investigation was started upon her failure to return it was learned that she had not been to see the friends and had last been seen in the company of a Jew traveling man, whom she accompanied to Fort Wayne. The couple were traced to the latter city but no further and there is a belief that she was enticed to Chicago and possibly lured into white slavery. Police of several cities are helping in the search. —Bluffton News.

#### This Is An Easy Task

Sprinkle Allen's Foot-Ease in one shoe and not in the other, and notice the difference. Just the thing to use when rubbers or overshoes become necessary, and your shoes seem to pinch. Sold everywhere. No. Don't accept any substitutes.

Parson I. R. Hick's forecast for the month of September has been issued and according to his prognostications the weather will be practically one continuous round of storms starting with a reactionary storm period central on the 3, 4 and 5. The moon being on the celestial equator on the second day of the month indicates that decided barometric fluctuations will appear in many places at that time. During the 3rd, 4th and 5th these disturbances will pass eastwardly over most parts of the country and will be followed with rising barometer and clearing, cooler weather for several days.

A regular storm period is central again on the 10th but the parson calculates that the new moon or the moon's conjunction with the sun on the 14th will retard the final culmination of this period. The magnetic crisis occurring annually from the 8th to the 15th of September falls in this period and high temperature and low barometer may be expected by the 10th, when storms of notable character will organize and take up an eastward march with the conditions growing in magnitude and force during the 11th, 12th and possibly to the 14th. Should the high barometer and change to cooler follow immediately behind storms about the 10th, 11th and 12th, the new moon on the 14th will lend its perturbing power to the reactionary period immediately following. On or about the 11th the earth passes a point in its orbit where earth currents, auroral perturbations and volcanic unrest, as a rule appear in maximum intensity. This period of course according to Hicks, is nearing the full force of the autumnal equinox and storms peculiar to this season should not be allowed to surprise and overwhelm those who are naturally most exposed to their violence.

Again a reactionary storm period is central on the 15th, 16th and 17th and should the preceding period not subside before the new moon on the 14th threatening to stormy conditions will continue on and touching the 16th in a very positive and forceful disturbance. A marked change to higher barometer and cooler may reasonably be expected from about the 16th to 19th and frosts in the northern extremes should not surprise residents of that section of the country.

A regular storm period is central on the 21st the central day of the autumnal equinox. This period will bring prompt changes of temperature and barometric pressure as early as the 19th in western parts of the country and by the 21st the conditions will bring on storms of rain, wind and thunder attended by high temperature much humidity and stiffl, southerly wind storms will be severe in many localities. High barometer, stiff gales from the northwest and change to very cool nights will most probably follow the storms of this period bringing frosts to numerous localities in the states to the northward.

On the 26th, 27th and 28th another reactionary storm period is central which leads into the mercury disturbance beginning about the 27th and running into October.

#### Every Woman Will Be Interested.

There has recently been discovered an aromatic, pleasant herb cure for woman's ills, called Mother Gray's Australian-Leaf. It is the only certain regulator. Cures female weaknesses and Backache, Kidney, Bladder and Urinary troubles. At all Druggists or by mail 50 cts. Sample Free. Address, The Mother Gray Co., LeRoy, N. Y.

#### WILL CALL LINCOLN PENNIES IN

**They Do Not Wear Well Say the Critics.**

For good and sufficient reasons it is likely that new Lincoln one cent pieces will likely be taken out of circulation as soon as congress can get a chance to act in the matter. The principal objection to the Lincoln penny is that it does not wear well. The head of the martyred president and the lettering around it shows abrasions after a few days' circulation. Then there is the sentimental objection to imitating the habit of foreign countries in putting the faces of their kings, emperors and presidents upon their coins. Those who oppose the innovation demand the restoration of the old "Indian head" cent, as they call it. They overlook the fact that there is no Indian head on the old coins—only an Indian bonnet on the head of a pretty girl. Penny-in-the-slot machine men also complain that the new cents won't work in their machines, being a trifle larger than the old ones.

Miss Aloysius France will arrive here from Rome City today and will remain here for some time.

Rev. W. E. McCarty has resigned as superintendent of the Fredericksburg Mission in Oklahoma, and will devote his time to evangelistic work. He has been invited to go to Wilkesburg, Pa., to assist Rev. W. A. Hill of that city in a series of meetings and he will probably accept. —Portland Sun.

#### FRANCE CONTER OPERATED ON

France Conter, the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conter, underwent a severe operation Monday a. m. for the removal of adenoids and his tonsils. The operation was very successfully performed by Dr. Earl Coverdale, assisted by Drs. J. S. Coverdale and S. D. Beavers. It is believed the lad will get along nicely and his parents feel that the operation was one which will save France much suffering in the future.

Four business men from Kalamazoo, Mich., arrived over G. R. & I. Monday afternoon, the purpose being to inspect the Coppock Motor Car company with a view to making a proposition which will probably take this plant to that bustling city. A traveling man circulated the facts at Kalamazoo that the company were in need of financial aid and several business men at once authorized the statement that "if as represented they would subscribe for \$100,000 worth of stock if the plant could be moved to that place. They went over the factory this afternoon and spoke very enthusiastically about it. There is no question that the men are in earnest and will gladly take the stock if the plant can be taken there. They realize the future and being located close to Flint, where the Buick factory has caused a boom unequalled in the country they are anxious to locate a similar concern. If the Coppock goes there it will no doubt soon be a thriving concern and there is no reason in the world why it cannot be just as big here, if a few more thousand dollars could be raised. The Kalamazoo men were accompanied here by Mr. Vesey, of Fort Wayne. The latter city is also very anxious to have the plant.

Peter Shy, residing three miles southwest of Monroeville, suffered a big loss Saturday afternoon as a consequence of a conflagration which consumed his barn, its contents and a grain separator. The threshing outfit was at the home of Mr. Shy. A spark from the engine ignited the barn and within a very short time the large structure was but a mass of flames. By timely work the horses were rescued from the burning barn, but the hay, grain and other contents were entirely consumed. An effort was made to save the big separator but unavailing, and it was totally destroyed before the sweep of the mighty flames. The loss sustained will be at least \$5,000. The barn will be rebuilt in the very near future. The many Adams county friends of Mr. Shy will regret to learn of his misfortune.

#### Fifty Years' Experience.

Mrs. W. W. Ralston, Hopkinsville, Ky., says: "I have been raising chickens for fifty years and Bourbon Poultry Cure is the most satisfactory remedy I have ever used or chicken cholera and gapes. I would not be without it. Sold by H. H. Bremerkamp."

Last Saturday a post mortem examination was held over the body of the late Irvin Carter by Drs. J. M. Miller of this city, and J. W. Vizard of Pleasant Mills, revealing the fact that he had suffered from what is termed hydro-pneumo-thorax. The right lung was completely atrophied and had been cramped badly. Dr. Vizard, the family physician, stated before the post mortem what he thought the prevailing conditions were, and he was right on every point. However, medical aid could not relieve the affliction. Mr. Carter some time ago had several ribs broken on the right side and growing together the lung was forced upward in such a manner as to affect it seriously in a course of time. The funeral services were held from the late home this morning.

#### A Certain Cure for Aching Feet.

Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder. It cures Tired, Aching, Callous, Bloating, Swollen feet. At all druggists and shoe stores, 25c. Sample Free. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

The four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Enos Lord died Saturday evening at ten-thirty o'clock after suffering for several weeks from summer complaint. The funeral services were held from home Monday morning at ten o'clock and interment was made at Meadmouth. During the past few weeks many infants have passed away as a consequence of that dread ailment and many are reported as being seriously ill at this time therefrom. The change in the atmosphere from excessive warmth to cool and vice versa is, it is thought, in a measure at least responsible for the lives claimed by the disease, and other ailments peculiar to infancy. No less than ten infants have died in this vicinity during the past few weeks from summer complaint thus entailing bitter sorrow in as many households.

#### THEY LAND A GOOD CONTRACT

**Butler Sons & Peterson Bid a Ditch Contract at Albion.**

Butler Sons & Peterson landed a good contract Saturday at Albion, where they bid for and secured a ditch contract which figured to the sum of \$5,894. The ditch is three miles long and the contract is considered a mighty good one for the contractors, and will be completed some time during the coming winter. This firm of contractors are among the best in the business and have done work all over this part of the country.

#### CURED HAY FEVER AND SUMMER COLD

A. S. Nusbaum, Batesville, Indiana, writes: "Last year I suffered for three months with a summer cold so distressing that it interfered with my business. I had many of the symptoms of hay fever, and a doctor's prescription did not reach my case, and I took several medicines which seemed only to aggravate it. Fortunately I insisted upon having Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly cured me. My wife has since used Foley's Honey and Tar with the same success." THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

#### THEY TRIED TO BREAK IN

**An Attempt to Rob the Zeser Saloon Saturday Evening.**

A window light was taken out of the Zeser saloon on Monroe street Saturday night, but were frightened away before they got further on their mission of making a cleaning of cash and wet goods, which might be found laying around loose. Evidence around the rear of the saloon showed that the job was premeditated and but for the timely arrival of the night police they might have succeeded in getting a swag.

No matter how long you have suffered, Foley's Kidney Remedy will help you. Mrs. S. L. Bowen, of Wayne, W. Va., writes: "I was a sufferer from kidney disease, so that at times I could not get out of bed, and when I did I could not stand straight. I took Foley's Kidney Remedy. One dollar bottle and part of the second cured me entirely." It will cure you. THE HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

#### TOOK ILL WHILE ON VISIT

**Miss Opal Merica Suffers With Typhoid Fever.**

Opal, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Merica is seriously ill with typhoid fever at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Emma Zircle, of Decatur. Word of the little girl's illness reached here yesterday and Mrs. Merica went to Decatur last evening to be at her bedside. Mr. Merica will go over tomorrow and if there is any possibility will bring the child home where she can have the benefit of the family physician and who is thoroughly acquainted with her constitution. The little girl is the same one who a few months ago went through an attack of pneumonia. —Bluffton News.

#### TWAS A GLORIOUS VICTORY.

There's rejoicing in Fedora, Tenn. A man's life has been saved, and now Dr. King's New Discovery is the talk of the town for curing C. V. Pepper of deadly hemorrhages. "I could not work nor get about," he writes, "and the doctors did me no good, but, after using Dr. King's New Discovery three weeks, I feel like a new man, and can do good work again." For weak, sore or diseased lungs, Coughs and Colds, Hemorrhages, Hay Fever, LaGrippe, Asthma or any Bronchial affection it stands unrivaled. Price 50c. and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Sold and guaranteed by all druggists.

#### RAN AWAY AND JUMPED FENCE

**Took Flight at Automobile—Rig Demolished—No One Seriously Hurt.**

While John Evans and his family were out riding Sunday night, they met C. D. Murray and his family driving in their Jackson car. The horse took fright and ran away, throwing the occupants out and the horse leaped a barb wire fence, took the buggy along and before he was stopped completely demolished the rig. Mr. Evans was slightly injured about the face, but the rest of the family escaped unharmed. Mr. Murray settled for the damages this morning, satisfactory to Mr. Evans.

#### Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children.

Successfully used by Mother Gray, nurse in the Children's Home in New York. Cure feverishness, Bad Stomach, Teething Disorders, move and regulate the Bowels and Destroy Worms. Over 10,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Mr. and Mrs. Will McBenett of New Bern, N. C., and Miss Mayme and Mr. James McBenett of Fort Wayne, Ind., were the guests of Mrs. Mary Weimhoff over Sunday and returned home last evening.

Several months illness from a siege of dropsy has culminated in the death of Mrs. John Zehr of near Geneva, which occurred Sunday. The decedent resided with her husband three and one-half miles northeast of Geneva. Mrs. Zehr was taken ill some time ago from dropsy and although every effort was made to prolong her life, the seriousness could not be relieved by medical aid and she passed peacefully into eternity. The funeral services were held from the Mission church west of Monroe Tuesday afternoon, Rev. A. M. Clouser officiating. The deceased was widely beloved. She has been an active worker in the Mission church for many years and has liberally contributed her energies to the cause of right during her lifetime. Her death has not only caused sorrow among the family members, but to the community as well. Mrs. Zehr is a prominent Wash township farmer. He is joined by a large following of friends in mourning the great loss sustained by the death of his estimable companion.

#### ARE HOME FROM ROME CITY

**Decatur Delegation Arrives—Others Will Come Within Week or So.**

The Decatur delegation to Rome City are thinning with each day. Mrs. C. V. Connell and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Meibers and children, Mrs. L. G. Ellingham, Sheriff Meyer and family and J. W. Tyndall and family have returned home. The children of D. M. Hensley will arrive some time this week, while Mr. and Mrs. Hensley will remain over next Monday to witness the Labor Day celebration, always a big affair at Sylvan, where the cottagers association are in charge and give a program including launch races, swimming and boating contests and many other events which furnish amusement.

The Missionary Society of the Christian church will hold its monthly meeting with Mrs. Jacob Eady on south Tenth street Thursday afternoon. A good program will be given.

The Werder sisters entertained at dinner Sunday for Miss Lizzie Huber of New Washington, Ohio, and the affair proved most enjoyable. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wetter, Miss Letta Wetter and W. H. Stults and family.

Mrs. Mary Weimhoff was hostess at a six o'clock dinner party given Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Will McBenett, of New Bern, N. C., who are visiting with the former's parents at Fort Wayne, Ind. The out-of-town guests included: Mr. and Mrs. Will McBenette of New Bern, N. C., and Miss Mayme and Mr. James McBenett, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. A. H. Sellemeyer and daughter entertained at dinner last evening Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sellemeyer and daughter Martha.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Jahn and family entertained at a chicken dinner Sunday. With several automobile trips during the afternoon, croquet and music the day passed pleasantly. The musical program was exceptionally good. Those who composed the company were Dr. and Mrs. D. D. Clark and children, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Niblick and children, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Yager of Kirkland township, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Reppert, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Benz of Berne. Messrs. John Lind, who is a talented pianist, of Cincinnati, George Yager, Charles Kraft, Clark Jahn, Ralph Jahn, Roy Jahn.

The affidavit against Al Knavel, for assault on Bob Peterson, as charged in a former one filed before Mayor France, and later dismissed, will not be filed in circuit court until next Monday. Prosecutor Heller said that as nothing could be done toward a trial for several weeks, he would not file the case until court convenes. The suit follows the trouble at the fair grounds last Friday, when Knavel who was a special police officer ordered Peterson back off the track and when the latter persisted in crossing the officer struck him with his club, inflicting a wound on the scalp.

Real estate transfers: Jeremiah Lugnbill to Amos Elleberger, 80 acres in Monroe township, \$10,000. Christian C. Sprunger to Jesse Rupp, pt. lot 429 Berne, \$250. C. C. Sprunger to David C. Welty pt. lot 429 Berne, \$250. C. C. Sprunger to trustees of First Mennonite church lots 483, 484, 485 and 486, Berne, \$1. Jos. M. Peel to Menno Schindler, 40 acres Jefferson tp., \$4,000.

A. F. Wilden, of Goshen, sued a tenant for failure to pay \$3 rent and based the prosecution on the late law making it necessary for parties vacating to deliver the key to the landlord within twenty-four hours. The tenant left the key in the door.

The Mission band have sought another location for their meetings, and they are now located in the Moser building, on south Second street. It will be remembered that for several months they held forth in the Bremerkamp building on Madison street. The proprietor proceeded to collect the rent due and ordered the building vacated. Even the church organ was levied upon to satisfy the indebtedness. The mission workers quietly removed their furniture and stored it for a short time. A few days ago they rented the Moser building and opened services therein last Saturday night, a goodly audience being present for the initial session. How they will get along without an organ is not known, but it is thought that music will be plentiful ere the meetings progress very long. Teamsters today placed all the necessary paraphernalia in the new room for protracted meetings which will, it is said, begin in the near future.

Harlow Mann, an aged and highly respected resident of Monroe township, was the victim of a severe stroke of paralysis late last Friday night and since then he has hovered between life and death, with but very slight chances for recovery. Mr. Mann had attended the Great Northern fair on the previous day, and was as well as usual after returning home. The paralytic stroke crept stealthily upon him, however, and his condition became so serious that his sons-in-law, Frank Gilpen and Charles Lammerman, who were in Decatur at the time, were sent for, it being feared that life would become extinct within a very few hours. He, however, seemed to rally somewhat, but not to a sufficient degree to give out much hope to the anguished family. The ripe old age of the afflicted man renders his chances of recovery slight, although hopes have not been abandoned. Mr. Mann has innumerable friends who will receive with regret the sad tidings of his affliction.

W. P. Biggs of the Crystal theater went to Fort Wayne this morning, where he will secure some first class vaudeville performers for his air-dome. He is going to get the best in the line.

The likeness of A. D. Moffett, of Elwood, appears in the latest issue of the American Press. An accompanying article tells of his efficiency, as an editor and as third vice president of the National Editorial association. Mr. Moffett will be remembered by Decatur people as being superintendent of our schools years ago.

Tommy McCarthy seems to have covered his arm or else he has got back into the company he is fast enough for. At any rate Tommy is the leading pitcher in the Connecticut league and has won six games, tied one and lost one. He is with Hartford. The Connecticut league is Class B, the same as the Central, and plays pretty fast ball.

Charles Oetting has contracted for the sale of eighty-five tons of fertilizer to farmers residing along the Fort Wayne & Springfield interurban. Two car loads were shipped this morning and another will follow tomorrow.

Five thousand people attended the Union day celebration at Wolf Lake Thursday and Congressman Cline was among those who delivered addresses. Whitley county union growers won the sweepstakes prize for the best showing.

The appraisers were appointed this morning in the condemnation case by the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina traction line against Lloyd Brown. They are Isaiah Bush, John C. Deam and Nathan Roberts. They will report some time during the coming term of the circuit court. —Bluffton Banner.

Mrs. F. G. Mack and son Robert, of Birmingham, Alabama, who have been visiting a week with her mother, Mrs. R. B. Allison, of Decatur, have returned to Decatur to continue the visit after spending Thursday and Friday here with her aunt Mrs. Alex. Rayn of west Race street. —Portland Sun.

Cal Robison, who several days ago received painful injuries as a consequence of falling a distance of twenty-four feet at the gas tank, is sufficiently recovered to be about on the streets. Cal has suffered intensely but considers himself fortunate in escaping so luckily. It was at first thought that his right kidney was seriously affected, but later developments are indicative of his early and ultimate recovery.

Frank Connor, of South Auburn, bought a new pipe and tobacco Saturday morning and entered the county jail to lay out a fine of \$1 and costs or ten days. This was his choice between paying his dog tax or going to jail. He declared he would not pay it and with grim determination he undertook the task of carrying out his avowed intentions. The reason he gave for not paying was because Marshal Brown shot and killed the canine while tied in his yard because of a complaint laid in by a neighbor.