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Information relative to the whereabouts of fifteen-year-old Minnie Blazer is revealing itself more each day and now it is all but a certainty that the lass has been disposed of in Chicago to the perpetrators of the white slave traffic, by the Kizer woman, who for several months was in Decatur. It has developed that the Kizer woman dressed Minnie in an abbreviated costume and placing her in the care of a conductor, instructing that she be put off the train at Chicago. It is the opinion of those conversant with the circumstances surrounding the case that a white slave agent awaited her arrival in the Windy city. All evidence obtainable at this time points to the conclusion that the Kizer woman is a confederate of the white slave traffic and that she is engaged in the damnable profession of enticing young girls from their home and selling them to the unscrupulous landlords who hold them in the bondage of the most debased of sin for a few paltry dollars. Not a word has been heard from Minnie for nine weeks. A letter has been written to the Chicago chief of police in which an appeal is made for the recovery of the girl and until an answer is received no further plans will be made for the hunt of the girl.

A GREAT HORSE SHOW

The horse show at the great Fort Wayne fair, September 14-18, will be the most extensive and the finest in the history of the fair. Among the exhibits will be the magnificent one of J. Crouch & Sons, of Lafayette, Ind., who will have their string of imported Percherons and English Shires, which are the finest in the world. G. W. Souers & Son of Huntington, Ind., will have a superb string of Belgians and Percherons. The former will include a team of four draft mares, each weighing over a ton, all matched dapple grays, and the champion Belgian mare of Belgium.

Miss Ada Springer is spending the day in Fort Wayne.



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Stockton, Cal., Aug. 25.

Decatur Democrat.—We left Chicago June 16th and opened in Spokane, Wash., June 21st. Spent a very pleasant week there. Met Chicago friends there and took dinner with them on several occasions. Our next stop for a week was at Seattle, Wash. Was out to the exposition four different times and seen all there was to see of interest. Hastily packing our baggage after the show Saturday night in Seattle, took the boat Princess Victoria up Puget Sound to Vancouver, B. C., and played a week's engagement there. While there the whole party, nineteen of us, made up a coaching party using the large English tallyho coach and went out to Stanley Park and visited the big trees one of which is the largest in the world, being 1,700 years old and three generations of Indians were raised under its branches.

From Vancouver we took the steamer again back to Seattle, spent Sunday there and then went to Tacoma, Wash., for a week. We visited everything of interest in Tacoma, which by the way is a very beautiful city, with a magnificent harbor. Here is a city where a person can invest in real estate and nearly double their money in five years. From Tacoma we went to Portland, Oregon, the city of roses, and while there had the pleasure of meeting the boy with the perpetual smile—Chas. Elzey. We spent four days with himself and wife and had an enjoyable time, but of course Charlie has told you all about it. From Portland we went to Sacramento, Cal., passing on the way Mt. Shasta, noted the world over for its spring water. In Sacramento we found it very hot during the day, but at night when the sun went down it was delightful, the evenings being extremely cool. Here we visited the state capital which is a beautiful structure, surrounded by a park composed of palm trees and flowers. While here Police Sergeant O'Connor who by the way was a good fellow, took us out slumming one night after the show. He took us all through Chinatown, Chinese gambling houses, also through the Chinese Masonic temple. Also visited the jail, the oldest one in California. We also visited the Tenderloin and dance houses, which were a sight to see. There were seventeen of us in the party, six of whom were ladies, including my wife. We wound up at a large cafe at 2 a. m. and had a delightful lunch and refreshments. We met eastern friends here as we have so far in every city we have played. Our next stand was Frisco, playing a week at the Empire theater, and one at the Star theater. Here we found the weather so cool we were compelled to get our winter wraps and coats out. We spent one whole day out at Golden Gate park, which by the way is ten miles long. Also spent one morning out at the Cliff House and sat quite a while on the veranda in those large shelllike basket chairs, with large marine glasses watching the seals on Seal Rock. Also took a stroll over the beach here and saw a dead seal, which had washed ashore. Killed no doubt by some of its mates. We visited the city hall ruins which cost six millions to build. It is the worst wreck I ever saw. We crawled under some of the girders, that is my son Clifford and I, and secured some relics. They have been working at the ruins for three years to clear the ruins and you cannot see that they have made any headway. Now in regards to the fire, they do not speak of it as the earthquake, always the fire and the business people you meet try to belittle it, but we know better, as we have talked with hundreds of eye witnesses and the outside world never knew the real horror of it. They are finding bodies every day in the ruins but it is a fine to have it mentioned in the papers; also as to the shocks which happen every day or two. We could write a very interesting book, from what we have heard from actual sufferers. The people are uneasy all the time, expecting another hard shock at any time. Wherever there are large ruins they are surrounded by high bill boards, so that strangers cannot see the deadly destruction that took place. Last week when we were playing the Star theater in San Francisco, we lived out in the Mission district, corner of Mission and 24th street. We saw the ruins of the old Spanish Dolores Mission. This part of the city was not damaged by fire, but every brick and stone structure crumbled to pieces. From our windows at the hotel we could see the spire of Emanuel Baptist church, where Theodore Durant killed those two girls, Williams and Lamont, whose nude bodies were found one in the belfry and the other in the studio. We visited this church one morning and saw where one of the bodies was found. We are now playing this week in Stockton, only 30 miles from Frisco and the weather here is terribly hot during the day. Here in Stockton is the large state insane asylum and we are going all through it tomorrow morning. In this asylum are hundreds

of patients who went insane at Frisco during the earthquake. In San Francisco I met old friends and some that I looked for lost their lives in the quake, and some also have never been seen alive since. We go to San Francisco again next week for two more weeks engagement. We will play on way back to Chicago by way of Reno, Nevada, Salt Lake City, Denver, Pueblo, St. Joe, Mo., Kansas City, etc. We are all well and enjoying a splendid trip. Am making arrangements to make the same trip again next year. Notwithstanding all our pleasures we will be glad to get back to Decatur again and visit the places of interest such as the Burt House ruins and Curley's restaurant.

With best regards to all of our Decatur friends will close this letter. Anything addressed to us care of Pantages Empire theater, San Francisco, Cal., while we are on the coast will reach us. Best wishes to the Democrat and its staff.

Yours truly,
FREDERIC LADELLE.

Taking unexpected possession of the old Katy Faylor farm, northwest of the city, along the Wabash river, Jacob Stout and Peter Faylor, two of the heirs who have been assisting in the long hard seven year fight for the farm sprung a surprise this morning upon D. D. Studabaker, the opposing litigant in the celebrated lawsuit, when he went to the farm on business and was ordered by Stout and Faylor to keep off the place. He obeyed the injunction and hurried back to the city to consult his attorney, W. H. Elchhorn, and an interview by a News reporter brought the information from Mr. Elchhorn that it was expected to have action started seeking to have Faylor and Stout ejected and that the first effort along this line will be to seek to have them prosecuted criminally for trespass.

The facts concerning the suit for possession of the big farm of 120 acres is too well known to the reading public for details to be necessary again of the whole story. It will be remembered that the heirs of Catherine Faylor alleged that Studabaker secured a deed for the big farm by undue influence over the aged woman and action was brought to set the deed aside. Four trials were held and the last trial at Decatur, after the case came back from the supreme court, gave the verdict for the heirs, granting them the farm and \$2,000 damage. Since this verdict no further action has been taken, the court at Decatur not having entered judgment yet because the verdict came in during vacation. Attorneys for Studabaker had declared that a motion for a new trial would be filed and claim that until the case is finally settled that Studabaker is legally entitled to possession of the farm and on this claim seek to have the prosecution pushed for trespass.

Jacob Stout and Peter Faylor went to the Faylor farm yesterday, the News is informed, upon the advice of their attorneys and provided with a cot, established themselves in the old house on the place, in the rear of the brick house occupied by John H. Miller and wife, who intend to move the coming week to the county infirmary, at which time Stout and Faylor expect to live in better style by taking up their residence in the brick house.

Mr. Elchhorn informed a reporter of the News that Faylor and Stout had ordered Mr. Studabaker to have his stuff all off the place by three o'clock this afternoon and to keep off in the future. Mr. Studabaker took no steps to obey the order as to removing anything, but announced his intention to continue the fight for possession.

Messrs. Stout and Faylor and their attorneys contend that there is no ground to sustain action for trespass, claiming that Studabaker has no right and never has had any right to the farm. Possession is always quoted as nine points in law, and by the action of Stout and Faylor yesterday the advantage of possession, so long enjoyed by Studabaker, is taken from him.

At three o'clock this afternoon no action had been started. Mr. Studabaker said that he had ordered Stout and Faylor off the place, the matter had been put up to the latter's attorneys and he was waiting to see what they intended to do. Since the other attorneys advised taking possession it is not likely they will do anything further until Studabaker starts something.—Bluffton News.

Charles Adlesperger, a former Decatur resident, who has spent the last few years in newspaper work in El Reno, Oklahoma, and who has been visiting his mother in this city for two weeks past, left at noon Monday for Cleveland. After attending to business of importance in that city, he will leave for the southwest to resume his work, after some weeks rest, during which time he recuperated from an operation for appendicitis. That he has great faith in the future of Oklahoma and of El Reno in particular, is evidenced from an interview

which he granted this morning and in which he said:

Oklahoma has a future, the brightness of which those unacquainted with existing conditions can scarcely realize. Unique in the hustling and progressive character of her inhabitants, the new state has been especially favored by nature with a climate and adaptable soil found nowhere else in the country. Cotton and corn grow side by side; a wheat crop eclipsing the Minnesota and Dakota yields is harvested early in June; and four or five crops of alfalfa are each year marketed by the average farmer. In the face of these conditions, it is not to be wondered that hogs and cattle of Oklahoma are considered superior to those of any other section. Hundreds of healthy animals grazing in acres of alfalfa is a sight that inspires the average Oklahoman with more confidence than any industrial venture thus far attempted, and the Maud Miller in an Oklahoma field would have to be beautiful indeed to distract the attention of even a poet from the new mown hay around her.

Of this great state, El Reno is and always will be the metropolis. She is situated in the geographical center of the state, surrounded by an unrivalled agricultural vicinity, and within easy access or unlimited fields of oil and coal. With the recent erection of a monster packing plant in this city and the still more recent financing of another similar industry, El Reno has jumped to the front as the recognized packing center of the southwest. The new packing plant will bring 2,000 people to the city this year and twice that number within the next year. El Reno is a division point of the Rock Island with shops, terminals and offices, employing hundreds of people, the city being headquarters for Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Shipping facilities are unexcelled and this fact has already made El Reno a jobbing center and is a powerful argument in securing manufacturing establishments. The city has a street car system, fifteen miles of paving, splendid sewerage and the only Great White Way in the southwest. Social and educational advancement have kept pace with industrial progress and while her past record is one to be proud of, El Reno is in her infancy. Her growth is just begun and her future possibilities are admittedly superior to those of any city in the west. El Reno will probably not expand forever, but conservative men now on the ground see nothing to prevent a record breaking growth in the next ten or twenty years.

Laredo, Tex., Aug. 30.—Death, desolation and sorrow followed in the wake of Saturday's awful flood at Monterey, Mexico. The waters of the Santa Caterina river continued on their raging course throughout the night and to add to the horror of the situation the rain commenced to fall and caused untold suffering to the thousands of homeless persons who had congregated on the various plazas their only home in the extreme emergency. The destructive flood, due to the continued fall of rain for the last ninety-six hours, swept everything before it and hardly a vestige is left of what a few days ago a conglomeration of small huts swarming with families belonging to the poorer classes. The loss of life, which can not be accurately estimated for days—perhaps weeks—was among the poor classes and is variously placed at from 400 to 1,000 souls. The flood reached its crest between 11 and 3 o'clock and many families were swept away with hardly a chance to fight for their lives. With the onrush of the water pandemonium reigned, and as the poor wretches were swept from their homes, on the tops of which many had sought shelter, never for a moment anticipating that the water would reach an unprecedented height, pitiful appeals for assistance could be heard rising above the roar of the waters by those on higher ground, but who were powerless to render aid of any kind. It is thought that the damage will be far in excess of first estimates. The Monterey smelter, one of the largest in Mexico, suffered a loss by water, from the deluge of rain and not as a result of a rise of the river that is variously estimated at from \$1,000,000 to \$3,000,000. The Monterey steel plant, the only plant of its kind in the republic and which cost originally \$10,000,000 to construct, is reported to have been damaged to the extent of \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000. The electric light and street railway system of Monterey, a modern system in every respect, which was constructed about three years ago by a Canadian company, in which the McKenzies of Toronto are heavily interested, was damaged to the extent of approximately \$1,000,000. The Monterey water and sewerage system suffered a loss which is estimated at \$1,000,000 or more. This damage together with the loss resulting from the complete annihilation of approximately 5,000 families or huts, adobe houses and some structures of more

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pretentious appearance, together with the contents, all ruined by the inflow of water, will bring the financial loss up to approximately \$7,000,000. Other estimates run as high as \$12,000,000.

Berne, Ind., August 30.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—The twenty-sixth annual conference of the Mennonite church, middle district, convened at this place yesterday and the initial sessions, comprising Mission Sunday, were not only largely attended, but from every viewpoint, were most successful. Representative members of the various churches of the district have gathered to participate in the ever important meetings and the Berne people, always hospitable, are entertaining their guests royally. The conference will continue until Wednesday night and meanwhile much business bearing upon the church as a whole will be transacted. Three the church lawn eating apartments the chure blawn eating apartments have been constructed and the visitors as well as any other person who so desires can obtain meals there at the nominal cost of fifteen cents or two meals for a quarter. The proceeds derived therefrom will be appropriated to the noble cause of advancing the mission department of the organization. Many people who are high in the counsels of the Mennonite church are at Berne lending their efforts in making the 1909 conference the most memorable held in years. After the conference the members of the local church will begin a vigorous campaign in securing subscriptions for the erection of the proposed new edifice, plans for which have already been submitted and decided upon.

Mrs. Mary Caroline Turner, the wife of E. S. Turner, of Poneto, died Friday evening at 7 o'clock after an illness of about a year. For the past fourteen weeks she had been confined to her bed, and was each day growing weaker, although she remained conscious until the hour of her death. She was suffering with a complication of diseases and her death came as a consequence of the illness.

Mrs. Turner was a daughter of Gideon and Eliza Mellett, and was born in Bedford, Pa., February 19, 1842. When six years of age her parents moved to Randolph county, Indiana, and she resided there until about thirty-one years ago when she moved to Wells county. She was united in marriage to E. S. Turner, October 16, 1882. To the union nine children were born, five of whom are living: Ed Turner, of Macon, Mo.; Mrs. W. H. Speece, Hartford City, Ind.; Mrs. Naaman Dickason, Poneto, Ind.; Mrs. James Snyder, Poneto; Mrs. J. H. Hook, Manitou, Okla. There are also nine grandchildren and one great grandchild who survive. John Mellett, of Decatur, and Melvin and William Mellett, of Ridgeville, brothers of Mrs. Alonzo French, of Poneto, a sister, also remain.

The deceased was a member of church from her early days, and at the time of her death was identified with the Baptist church. The funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the house. Monday interment will be made at Deerfield cemetery, near Deerfield, Randolph county. Telegrams announcing her death have been sent to relatives and friends, and her daughter, Mrs. Hook, will arrive from Oklahoma, for the services. Her son, Ed Turner, came about two weeks ago.—Bluffton Banner.

SOLD TO PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

Yes Maggert, the former hard-hitting center fielder of the Bluffton team, has been sold by Springfield, of the Connecticut state league to Oakland of the Pacific coast league for \$1,500. Maggert, along with Tommy McCarthy, formerly of this city, who is playing with Hartford, is one of the best batters in the league. His average is .314. McCarthy is not only the leading pitcher but is also leading the league in stick work. He has an average of .885.—Hartford City News.

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