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The Decatur public schools opened Monday morning, a short session being held to make all assignments for books and supplies. The teachers met the superintendent at central building on Saturday afternoon, at which time contracts were signed and other matters talked over. They adopted the "Mind in Its Making" as the book to be used at teachers' meetings, and many other things important to the teachers were discussed and agreed to. The enrollment this morning was especially gratifying, and it will be necessary to make some additions to the high school in order to accommodate the pupils. As reported the first year has 103, second year 85, third year 86, fourth year 81, fifth year

### PROSPERITY IS ON THE WAY

A Big Increase is Reported in Custom House Receipts.

Washington, Sept. 3.—The customs receipts yesterday were nearly twice as great as for the same day a year ago, according to figures given out at the treasury department. This is taken as a fair indication of the effect of the new Payne tariff law, although a part of the receipts must necessarily be credited to the Dingley law, as importations which have been held in bond since being brought in prior to the enactment of the new law, are being withdrawn every day. It is also said that the increase is to some extent due to the better business conditions existing now, compared with a year ago. The customs receipts at all ports were \$1,409,987, compared with \$758,454 for September 1, 1908.

A controversy arising over the insufficiency of the supply of water on Fred Stauffer's farm for the watering of stock belonging to both he and his tenant, brother-in-law, James Duer, resulting in the exchange of blows, has been amicably settled and an agreement has been entered into by both parties defining their rights. Affidavits charging assault and battery had been filed against both Duer and Stauffer and each engaged attorneys to represent them in the matter. It was decided Thursday that attorneys or both sides confer in an effort bring about a settlement satisfactory to all concerned. C. J. Lutz and Jesse Sutton representing Stauffer and A. B. Bailey and C. Lautzenheiser representing Duer assembled at the office of Squire Liddy at Berne Thursday where the matter was fully settled. A written agreement was signed by the parties and further trouble will be averted. Duer has been living on Stauffer's farm in Monroe township for some time.

### THEY BUY A LINOTYPE

The Berne Witness Will Soon Set Their Type in the Latest Style.

The Berne Witness is looking up some. They have placed an order for the latest model Mergenthaler Linotype, the same kind that is used to supply the type for the Daily Democrat. The new addition will be ready for delivery within the next sixty days and the latter part of this month Fred Rohrer goes to Brooklyn, New York, where he will spend some time at the factory and while there will learn how to skillfully manipulate them. The Mergenthaler is a great printing office within itself, and when the Witness installs theirs they will be able to set eight different styles and four different sizes of type on it.

August Fischbach, aged twenty-nine, and one of the best known young farmers of north Preble township, died at nine o'clock Friday morning from typhoid fever. His wife and six-year-old son have been suffering from the fever and Mr. Fischbach had been waiting upon them. When he became ill he tried to wear the disease out and refused to go to bed. For a week he stood the ravages of the disease, but last Saturday became so ill that he had to give up. He had been very sick and Thursday morning suffered from hemorrhages of the bowels, which resulted in his death next morning. He lived near the Freidheim church. He is survived by the wife, three children and one brother, the latter residing at South Bend.

### MANY DEATHS BY DROWNING

Month of June Albion Showed Total of Over Six Hundred.

In May, 621 persons were drowned in the United States; in June, 1,176. The figures for July will show a larger total. August, the height of the vacation season, will set the record of wasted lives. Every Saturday afternoon and Sunday in every city and considerable rural region a long roll is written of the names of the drowned. Some of these deaths are due to faulty supervision or management of excursion boats, but neglect is the one great cause. Every child should swim. The number of skilled swimmers drowned is proportionately small, and perhaps the most frequent cause of the drowning of a swimmer is the terror of some non-swimmer whom he is trying to save, and who pulls him down. Men are sometimes drowned by diving in too shallow water or being thrown against piers or posts, but with sea room a good swimmer is safe even in rough surf or waves.

Some wag posted a sign on Tim Corbett's cigar sign this morning which read "All of Tim Corbett's laborers are requested to meet here at one o'clock to join in the Labor Day parade." It was duly signed and attested by the officials of the organization, but was called off because of the crowd which jammed the street and stopped traffic.

### WILL SOON BE THROUGH

Jack Moynihan Will Soon Complete His Work Here.

Jack Moynihan, who has charge of the gang which is connecting the consumers of Decatur with the lines of the Indiana Lighting company will get through with his work within a few days. After this job is completed the question of whether Bluffton is to have artificial gas this winter will be finally settled. It is stated that another visit will be paid to this city within the next ten days by the magnates of the Indiana Lighting company so that arrangements can be made for the question to be settled one way or the other. The cold weather is getting near at hand and the officers of the company wish to finally dispose of the matter so that they will know what to do and be able to put the mains into this city by winter if they are put in here at all. There has been no expression of sentiment from the councilmen recently and consequently it is not known what action the council will take.—Bluffton Banner.

### FACTS FROM PENSION OFFICE

Dozen Widows of 1812 Veterans Are Still on the List.

Of the 58,000 pension checks sent out from Indiana headquarters in the federal building for the quarterly payment of pensions, thirteen go to the widows of veterans of the war of 1812. The seemingly impossible fact is due to the old men marrying young women, according to Indiana Pension Agent A. O. Marsh. Checks

are also made out for 111 survivors of the Mexican war in 1847, and to 306 widows of Mexican war soldiers. The average pension of Indiana veterans is about \$36, and the highest \$300 for the quarter. The total sum paid out in pensions in the state this quarter is approximately \$2,500,000, amounting to more than \$11,000,000 for the entire year. To handle this great business a force of more than forty employees is necessary, fifteen or twenty of this number being extra clerks employed during the time for receiving the quarterly pension vouchers and issuing the checks.

### A CORN STORY FROM KANSAS

How the Crop Appeared to an Eastern Tourist.

This is the tallest corn story of the season and is being told among the traveling men over the state. It is said to have been in a letter written home by an eastern visitor: "Most of the Kansas streets are paved, grains of corn being used for cobblestones, while the cobs are hollowed out for sewer pipe. The husk, when taken off whole and stood on end, makes a nice tent for the children to play in. It sounds queer to hear the feed man tell the driver to take a dozen grains of horse feed over to Jackson's livery stable. If it were not for soft, deep soil here I don't see how they would ever harvest the corn, as the stalks would grow up as high in the air as a Methodist church steeple. However, when the ears get too heavy their weight presses the stalk down in the ground on an average of ninety-two feet; and this brings the ear near enough to the ground to be chopped off with an ax"—Kansas City Journal.

### TYPHOID CLAIMS YOUNG MAN

William Fuhrman, aged twenty-three, and son of Mrs. Christian Fuhrman, residing in the north part of Preble township, died at eight o'clock Thursday night after an illness of two weeks with typhoid fever. His mother, two brothers, Charles and Martin, survive. The funeral services were held Monday morning at eleven o'clock at the Freidheim church, Rev. Preuss officiating.

The September term of the Adams circuit court opened at precisely nine o'clock Monday a. m. Everything was in excellent condition and all officials and attorneys were present. Considerable business was transacted.

In the case of James Touhey vs. the city of Decatur damages \$10,000, L. C. DeYoss appeared for the city and was ruled to answer.

The case of Peter Smith vs. The Onondago Oil Co., to foreclose a labor lien of \$200 was dismissed.

Edna V. Huff vs. Frank D. Huff, divorce and alimony, appearance by C. J. Lutz for defendant.

Henry Knapp vs. W. J. H. Hahnert note \$300, dismissed and costs paid.

Geneva Supply Co. vs. M. T. Sumperton et al, suit on account, \$200, appearance by C. J. Lutz for defendants.

Proof of service of notice and bond were filed in the Sophia Conrad et al petition for drain.

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Cribben & Sexton Co. vs. Decatur Hardware Co. et al, appearance by Hooper & Lenhart for defendants.

John E. Taylor vs. W. H. Taylor et al, partition, deed ordered, reported and approved.

F. M. Schirmeyer vs. John Schaffer, suit on contract, appearance for defendant, by Beatty, withdrawn. Appearance by Hooper & Lenhart.

John T. Lawson vs. Catherine Miller et al, partition, deed reported and approved and final report filed.

Judson A. Jaqua vs. Grant Jordan, suit on note, \$175, dismissed and costs paid.

W. F. Rice et al vs. Bertha M. Rice et al, partition, deed reported and approved; commissioners allowed \$35.

Frank M. Johnston vs. Philmont Oil Co. et al, foreclosure \$15,000, final report filed and receiver discharged.

Conrad D. Gallmeyer, trustee, vs. Edward Gallmeyer et al, finding for plaintiff as against Wilhelm and Dora Gallmeyer.

E. P. Reed & Co., vs. Fred B. Tague account \$250, set for trial on Monday October 11.

Curtis Johnson charged with burglary, asked for an attorney as a poor person. The appropriation for this purpose being exhausted the court recommended that an appropriation of \$75 be made for immediate use for this purpose.

William A. Carter was appointed administrator of the estate of Urven Carter and filed bond for \$1,000.

Letters issued in the various estates during vacation time were reported by the clerk and confirmed by the court.

Attorney W. Eichhorn and D. D. Studabaker of Bluffton, were here to day looking up matters pertaining to the Taylor-Studabaker case. The injunction suit will be heard Thursday at Bluffton before Judge Merryman.

A marriage license was issued to Jonas Springer, aged 27, a tinner from Berne, to Zella Gilliom, aged 22, of Wabash township.

Real estate transfers: Orma Mersman to Cora Falk, part in lot 75, Decatur, \$900. William Roberts et al to J. W. Smith, 80 acres Jefferson township, \$7,000.

A motion was filed Monday afternoon by Attorney W. H. Eichhorn for defendants in the case of Studabaker vs. Taylor for a new trial. The motion was in writing and was a very lengthy one. It will be argued later and if refused an appeal will probably be taken.

Redkey, Ind., Sept. 5.—The White River conference of the United Brethren church closed here this evening after almost a week of unparalleled interest. The meetings have been largely attended. At this morning's session a love feast was conducted by the Rev. H. T. Walker, of Lapel, in which several hundred people participated.

The Rev. M. Beall and the Rev. G.

It was an important meeting held at Zion Lutheran church Sunday afternoon. At two o'clock Rev. Jaus preached in German, and the sermon contained many excellent thoughts and was eloquent. Following the regular services a congregational meeting was held which ended in a call being extended to Rev. Wehmeyer now doing missionary work in Alberta province, Canada. The new candidate is a young man with five years' active work in the ministry, and is credited with being a fine speaker, and a man with unusual attainments in this work. The call was unanimous, and now all that awaits the closing of the agreement is the acceptance of Rev. Wehmeyer, and this is expected. It will not be known whether he is coming until the congregation meets again one week from next Sunday afternoon, and then the announcement will be made and the matter settled. The Zion Lutheran congregation here are anxious to have the matter settled and to again get down to active work in their church.

They have made such an excellent showing since their organization and even a few weeks without a pastor retards activities and makes it more difficult for them to again forge ahead.

### HE COMMITTED SUICIDE

Lewis C. Hough of Jay County, killed himself.

Knowing himself to be mentally deranged and unwilling to submit to being taken to an insane asylum, Lewis C. Hough, a prominent and prosperous farmer, of Bearcreek township, attempted suicide by shooting himself. The ball took effect just above the right temple, penetrated the brain and skull, emerging over the left ear and flattening itself against the opposite wall of the room. The insanity, it is thought, was brought on by religious excitement. A week ago his family and neighbors noticed that he acted queerly and each day, it has been seen, his mental condition steadily grew worse and more apparent.—Portland Sun.

Joe Colchin and Miss Bertha Dodge went to Coldwater, Ohio, this morning, where they will attend the twenty-seventh anniversary of the incorporation of Coldwater, which is being held today.