

There seems to be some dispute as to whether Andrew Jackson left his wife or his wife left him. A few days ago Mr. Jackson filed suit for divorce from his wife alleging abandonment. Today Mrs. Jackson filed a demurrer. Thursday Mrs. Jackson filed a complaint alleging that her husband left her. She asks for the decree and the restoration of her former name, Mrs. Jane Thomas.

**Ellis Debolt vs. Chancey Debolt for divorce.** Plaintiff was allowed fifteen dollars to prosecute case. The defendant was ordered to pay to the clerk that sum within twenty days.

In the matter of the Fred Bracht and others ditch petition, it was ordered that Louis Goldner be appointed the third commissioner in place of Rinehart Leimenthal who is disqualified because of his kinship to parties interested.

Attorney D. B. Erwin has filed a petition for a drain in Union township which affects a number of property owners of that section.

The clerk was ordered to cause to be drawn from the jury box the names of two men to serve on the petit jury for September in place of Coffey and Schindler, who are excused on account of sickness.

Mary Neaderhouser, administratrix of the estate of Fred Neaderhouser, filed a petition for an order to pay a ditch assessment lien which was granted.

Real estate transfers: Charles E. Shafer to Rosa E. Shafer, forty acres in Union township, \$3,100.

Judge Merryman, of the Adams circuit court, will decide the motion of W. H. Eichhorn, attorney for D. D. Studabaker, in the Studabaker-Faylor case, within a few days. In the meantime the restraining order which was issued will hold.—Bluffton Banner.

Pursuant to an order of the court, Clerk Haefling has drawn the names of Robert D. Patterson of this city and Frank Sullivan of Geneva, to serve on the regular panel of the September petit jury in place of the two excused.

The merchants of Decatur are going to have a display day, providing Mrs. M. Burd has her way. She is now circulating a petition asking for the signatures and donation to a fund which will be used for the purpose of devoting Wednesday, September 29th, as a merchants' day. The object is to have them make fancy displays in their store windows, to ginger up and be as lively as the best of them. It will attract the fall buyers to the fact that they have their fall stocks ready for the purchaser, and it will give the merchants a good opportunity to start right in the fall business. The idea originated with Mrs. Burd, and it is a mighty good one, and it is to be hoped that she will succeed in the mission of having a merchants' display day. They will have a band and many other things that attract and amuse the people, and it will be a good time for the people of the city and the county to get next to the best things on the market, where to buy them and be suited just right. Most of the merchants are taking hold of the project and if the thing succeeds some mighty handsome displays are already assured.

James M. Hower, a veteran of the civil war, and for many years a resident of Warren, died Tuesday after an illness of several weeks during which he suffered with pneumonia. Mr. Hower was one of the best known and highly respected citizens of Huntington county and numbered his friends by the score. He had many relatives in this city and county and was quite well known here. Mr. Hower was born in Champaign county, Ohio, in 1847. He enlisted in the Union army at the breaking out of the war when he was but eighteen years of age and served with distinction throughout the conflict. He came to Indiana at the close of the war and was married to Miss Myra Orn April 3, 1866. He is survived by his widow and one son, Orville, who is now located at South Park, Wash., three half brothers who live in Bluffton and three half sisters who reside in Decatur. He was an active member of the G. A. R., his membership having been with the Bluffton post. The funeral was held today at the Christian church in Warren and will be conducted by the Rev. J. E. Etter.

#### TO TEACH AT GENDALE

Miss Lucile Locke will teach music this term.

Miss Lucile Lockett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Del Locke, of this city, has accepted a position in the college of Glendale, near Cincinnati, and will

teach there this winter. Miss Locke had contemplated entering the Presbyterian hospital at Chicago to take the nurse training, but abandoned the plan when the offer came from the college. Miss Locke graduated from Glendale last June. She is an accomplished musician, and will teach music there, taking an advanced course herself. She is a popular young society lady and her many friends are delighted that she has been so honored. She will leave Tuesday to begin her duties.—Bluffton Banner.

A message from Washington to the effect that the authorities there are considering the proposition of changing the rural route carrier system so that the contract of delivering the mail will be let to the lowest bidder, has caused much controversy all over the country. The announcement was evidently put out as a "feeler." The department knows the abandonment of the present system for the contract system would be extremely unpopular. Possibly the suggestion will never be seriously considered. The change could not be made without legislation by congress and it is not likely to adopt it. Some 41,000 rural carriers are now employed. Those who carry full routes of twenty-four miles each, receive the maximum salary of \$900. Salaries are graded down, according to the length of routes, so that thousands of the carriers receive from \$600 to \$800 only. Carriers assert salaries are not adequate. Many carriers wear out two horses on a twenty-four mile route in a year, and they point out that after they have purchased new horses they have not much left. And yet officials discussing the proposed contract system say that if the government should decide to ask for bids for carrying the mail there would be men at every town from which rural routes radiate ready to do the work for much less than now paid. "I have no doubt bids would be as low as \$500," said one official, "and on the face of things it would appear the savings would be enormous," said the official.

It develops with each day that there are more children in the Light and Hope orphans home near Vermillion, Ohio, than were at first supposed to be there, and an effort is being made by numerous relatives to secure the freedom of the children. Mrs. Louis Freang, who has been living at Port Wayne, was here last evening enroute to the home where she will make an attempt to secure her two children, whom she will care for herself or place in some institution where she knows they are well cared for. She took with her clothing for the children having been informed that the clothes worn by them are not fit to travel in, and in fact are not even comfortable. Mrs. Freang will secure legal counsel if necessary to get her children, and it is likely that she will be back here with them in a few days. It is also reported that there are other people here who are arranging to change the abode of their boys and girls, and it looks as though the home would be somewhat depleted before the cold winter days begin, when according to the testimony the children had to crawl into bed fully dressed to keep warm and even then they suffered.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting and election of officers for the German Fire Insurance company will be held at the school house in district three, in French township, on Saturday, October 2. The meeting is called for ten o'clock, and it is quite probable that the meeting will be well attended by the many members. For the past year the business of the company has been mostly done through its secretary, Mr. John C. Augsburg, and it has too been the banner year of the company, they writing two hundred thousand dollars in farm insurance. It is an Adams county organization, and has shown a wonderful growth since its organization twenty-seven years ago. They now cover quite a territory and do lots of business among the farmers over this and adjoining counties, and the indications point to an increase in the years to come. They are well organized, have good live business men at the head of the company, and could not help but succeed. They are advertising their annual meeting for the second and hope to have a large representation of the membership, at which time reports of the year will be made.

Mrs. Louisa Johnson, wife of the late R. B. Johnson, and mother of Mrs. E. Bert Lenhart of this city, died Thursday at her home at Peterson, after a long illness with cancer of the stomach. The death of this good woman has been expected for several days, but the announcement nevertheless brings with it a shock to the many who knew her. She had lived at Peterson for about thirty years, and was one of the best known ladies of that locality. She was aged about sixty-five years, and is survived by four children, Mrs.

Lenhart of Decatur, Mrs. Grant Ball of near Peterson, William, who resides in the west and Herman who came home from the south last Saturday in time to see his mother alive; also by a brother, John T. Baker of west of town, a sister Mrs. H. H. Myers of south of town, and numerous other relatives and friends. Mr. Johnson died several years ago and four children have preceded their mother in death. Two years ago Mrs. Johnson united with the Beery church.

#### LANDS MACADAM ROAD JOB

The county commissioners were in special session Wednesday, opening bids and letting the contract for the construction of the Elmer Gibson stone road in Wabash township. The successful bidder was W. V. Buckmaster, of six miles east of Geneva, who will do the work for \$5,983. There were five other bidders.—Portland Commercial-Review.

Articles of incorporation for the middle district of the general conference of the Mennonite church of North America, were filed at the county recorder's office. The district seems to take in a wide scope of territory as the trustees lived between Ohio and Iowa. The purpose as set out in the articles is the support of religious worship, the maintenance of home and foreign missions, and the general purpose of all churches. The place of business or the main office for this district is located at Berne, Adams county, Indiana, and the trustees named in the articles are J. F. Lehman of Berne, P. B. Welty of Pandora, Ohio; C. A. Neuenchwander of Berne; J. P. Showalter of Wayland, Iowa, and S. J. Moser of Fortuna, Mo. The time limit on the incorporation as designated is perpetual. The Mennonite church has a large congregation at Berne and they are a faithful, earnest, sincere and devoted people, the members being excellent people and splendid citizens in every way.

Mrs. W. A. Lower has received a letter from A. W. Butler, secretary of the Indiana board of charities, inviting her to serve on the committee on county and township affairs at the state conference of charities and correction to be held at Columbus, Indiana, October 23rd to 26th. Mrs. Lower will very probably attend the meeting as a delegate from the Adams county board of charity and will likely serve on the committee as requested. This committee is one of the important ones and holds round table sessions on Monday and Tuesday and a general session on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Lower has had considerable experience at meetings of this kind, and will prove a valuable member of the committee. The meeting of these societies this year will be the greatest in their history and it is the desire of those in charge that each county send as many representatives as possible. The field of work is a worthy one and each year the Indiana societies advance in ideas, this state being recognized as one of the leading ones along this line in the United States.

#### NEW LIGHTING SYSTEM

Last week the Calvary Evangelical church east of the city installed a new lighting system, which consists of the well known hollow tube gasoline light, the lamp bulb representing that of an incandescent light. Heretofore the church has been lit by the common oil lamp. The new system was given a trial last Friday evening and declared by all who saw it a perfect success. They were used in last Sunday's service.

George Richards, an old and well known citizen of this place, and who was seventy-four years old Saturday was fatally injured Thursday evening at 4:35 when he was struck by a north bound special interurban car. The traction company were running extras Thursday on account of the Fort Wayne fair, and one of these specials in charge of Motorman Kruehl, left here at four o'clock. The story of the accident as told by Mr. Kruehl who is one of the most careful men on the line, was as follows: "Our car left the station at just four o'clock. As we approached the gravel pit, and when 500 or 600 feet from the switch, I noticed Mr. Richards, standing near the track. Thinking that he being old, some accident might occur, I slowed down until within a few feet of him, when I saw he was clear of the track and opened up again. Just as we reached him, Mr. Richards turned half around and threw up his right hand, in which he held his dinner pail. The act was similar to that often used by the men as a greeting to the motorman as he passes down the line. The car struck the bucket which was hurled against the unfortunate man's head with such force that he was thrown away from the track about four feet, alighting on his right side. I stopped the car and we did what we could for him." The injured man was brought to this city

on the 5:15 car, and taken to his home in the south part of the city, where medical attention was given him, but he has never regained consciousness. The right side of his head was crushed, and the skull fractured, the physicians stating that there is not the least chance for his recovery, any possible chance being taken away from the fact of his old age. His right arm was also broken and bruised. Mr. Richards was slightly crippled and had some nervous trouble, so that no one can tell just why he happened to throw out his hand as he did. He has worked for the company for some time; being employed at the gravel pit, and was an industrious hand. His son, William Richards, is the foreman of the grading force south of town. The accident is deplored by the company, and by the crew, but no one is to blame and it is believed that those in charge took extra precaution.

#### OBITUARY.

Florine Naomi, infant daughter of Simon and Effie Bowers, was born June 13, 1909; died Sept. 8, 1909, age 2 months and 25 days. Father, mother, brother and two sisters, one of which is a twin sister of the same age, are left to survive the dear little one. Early in the dawn of infancy this tender babe has been called to its heavenly home where it shall know no more suffering. It and its twin sister, Laurine Catherine, were baptized on Sept. 6, and we have that blessed consolation that its soul has fled to and been accepted by its maker and keeper our Lord and Master.

Again the Angel of Death has visited our earthly home and taken with it, our darling Laurine Catherine, daughter of Simon and Effie Bowers. Was born June 13, 1909, died Sept. 13, 1909, age 3 months. Mother, father, one brother and one sister are left to mourn the loss of this dear little one. It has been but a few days since the twin sister, Florine Naomi, has been called to join the angels in that heavenly home above. They are gone, our darling babes, but let us comfort our sad hearts with the thought that their souls are resting in blessed peace with our Lord. Their days of suffering have been few in comparison to the trials and suffering of mature years. May this suffice to console us that it is God's will be done, and He has called them to fulfill a holy and more glorious mission on that bright and shining shore.

We loved them, yes we loved them. But angels loved them more; And they have sweetly called them To yonder shining shore.

The golden gates were open, A gentle voice said "Come," And with farewells unspoken They calmly entered home.

J. F. Lachot and wife came home Thursday from a two weeks' vacation trip to Michigan. They spent some time at Petoskey and later visited Oden, Traverse City, Mackinaw City, and several other places which as usual was filled with pleasure seekers from all over the United States. On their return they stopped at Fremont and spent several days in that northern hustling town, and while there visited the country in general and Harvey Harruff's fruit farm in particular. They brought home some fruit from the Harruff farm, which looks mighty good and which they say is a fair sample of the fruit to be found on their farm. They recently sold their peach crop getting \$800 from a Chicago commission house, and later on comes the apple crop which is better from a remunerative standpoint. They describe the Harruff farm as being a fine piece of realty, well improved, good fruit, six miles from Fremont on a well improved road. While gone the Lachots had a pleasant trip and a good time from start to finish.

Ossian, Ind., Sept. 16.—While out driving A. S. Elzey and daughter Miss Ho, experienced one of the really thrilling experiences of their lives, and one in which a serious accident was averted by merest good luck. Mr. Elzey and daughter had set out to drive to Five Points for the purpose of showing up the good features of a piano which was on sale. It was dusk and they were driving along at a good gait and had almost reached the Goshorn farm, west of Ossian, when a big heap of ashes showed up at the side of the road. Owing to the peculiar light upon the ashes the horse became badly frightened and practically unmanageable. He backed and twisted, cramping and overturning the buggy and throwing Miss Elzey out. The force of the upset threw Miss Elzey in such a way that she was directly endangered by the fall of the buggy. By good fortune, however, she managed to avoid serious danger and escaped with a severe shock and some bruises. After some trouble the horse was calmed down, but owing to the breaking of harness and damage done to the equipment and the fact that they had narrowly

escaped consequences which might have been fatal, they gave up their trip and returned to town.

#### WILL PLAY AT KENDALLVILLE

**Fast Local Club Will Go to That Place Next Sunday for a Game.**

The Shamrock ball team of this city will go to Kendallville Sunday, where they will meet the fast aggregation from that city and expect to make a good showing against this club which claims the championship of northern Indiana. The locals will be strengthened by Tom Railing of the southern Michigan league, who will do the twirling. The Shamrocks is classed as one of the fast independent teams of the state, and should draw well at Kendallville, having lost but three games this season.

New York, Sept. 17.—A hundred brief words, weighted each with approximately \$1,000,000, and containing in their entirety the last testament of E. H. Harriman, make his widow, Mary Averill Harriman, one of the wealthiest women in the world. It is perhaps the briefest will on record for the disposal of an estate of such magnitude. All property is left to Mrs. Harriman. Wall street estimates that Mrs. Harriman will inherit in realty and personal property between \$75,000,000 and \$100,000,000. Mr. Harriman's private fortune is supposed to have been greater than this by many millions, but there is reason to believe that his unmarried daughters, Mary and Carol, his married daughter, Mrs. Robert Livingstone Gerry, and his two sons, William Averill and Roland, a boy of 14, together with his surviving sister, Mrs. Simmons, and other relatives, have all been substantially provided for in gifts out of hand and trust funds set aside by Mr. Harriman during his lifetime. Mrs. Harriman was Miss Mary Averill, daughter of W. A. Averill, a wealthy banker of Rochester, N. Y., who made his money in the Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg railroad company. She brought her husband financial aid in his early struggles in the market, when aid was most valuable to him. He never needed it again, for his administrative ability soon won him the support of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City Bank and the powerful Standard Oil clique. Their thirty-six years of married life, it has always been said, were ideally happy. On Mrs. Harriman's shoulders will now rest the management of the 43,000 acres of woodland, pasture land and fertile black bottoms in the Ramapo valley and on the steep sides of Tower Hill; the completion of the great house on which its master had already spent \$2,550,000 without living to see it finished, and those forest reservations which, it is known, Mr. Harriman cherished. If the state measures up to expectations Mrs. Harriman, according to common estimate here, is the wealthiest woman in the world. Mrs. Hetty Green's holdings have been estimated at \$40,000,000; those of Mrs. Frederick Courland Penfield at \$30,000,000; and those of Mrs. Russell Sage at a like amount.

Attorney Dore B. Erwin filed a new case entitled Henry Knapp vs. Samuel A. and Abraham Debolt, suit on note, demand \$75.

So far this month fourteen marriage licenses have been issued in Adams county, which is one more than was issued during the entire month of September last year.

The case of the city of Decatur vs. Andrew and Charles Baxter, on appeal from the mayor, has reached circuit court.

James Touhey vs. City of Decatur, damages, \$10,000, demurrer overruled, motion for order on plaintiff to appear at office of L. C. DeVoss Saturday, September 25, for the purpose of having their deposition taken; motion was overruled.

Adda M. & W. J. Hahnert vs. Martha Deintzen, partition, submitted, finding for plaintiff, sale ordered; J. C. Sutton appointed commissioner, bond fixed at \$1,500.

Rosie Passwater vs. Charles Passwater, divorce, demurrer filed to complaint.

Henry A. & Sarah A. Tindall vs. Jacob Fogle, partition. All depositions on file ordered published.

Real estate transfers: F. H. Nichols to Samantha R. Nichols, lot 229, Decatur, \$100; Joseph J. Tonnellier to Frederick Thleme, 20 acres Union tp., \$1,650; F. M. Schirmeyer to James P. Haefling, lot 38, Decatur, \$240.

Mrs. John Fleming will entertain the Historical Club, next Tuesday night at its first meeting. The telling of current events will open the meeting and the paper will follow.

Miss Clara Schultz, who is soon a merry gathering of the telephone

to become a bride, was the hostess at girls last evening at her home on Chestnut street, and she entertained her guests delightfully. For the past month Miss Schultz has been given several showers by the girls of the office, and the event last evening was a kind of farewell gathering. Music and games were in order. Late in the evening refreshments were served.

The Rebekah lodge will celebrate its fifty-eighth state anniversary next Tuesday night. It has been thirty-seven years since the lodge here was organized and since that time it has grown wonderfully, and every member of this flourishing order will be present to celebrate. A large class of candidates will be taken in.

#### WILL GIVE FARM SALE OCT. 7

John Smitley Purchased the Dyonis Schmitt Property on First Street.

John Smitley is going to have a public sale of stock, implements and farm products at his farm in St. Mary's township, the date of the sale being October 7th. Although the Smitleys have lived in this city for a year and more, yet they never gave up farming, although they intend to now, as they sold their farm there some time ago, and will soon give possession of the same, hence the sale advertised for next month. Since coming to this city they have occupied a residence purchased by them on west Adams street, but recently they purchased the Dyonis Schmitt property on First street and will soon move there, where they will likely live for the balance of their days.

#### LEFT FOR BLOOMINGTON

Mr. Frank Mann, who lives about five and one-half miles west of the city left Friday a. m. for Bloomington, Ind., where he will resume his studies in medicine at the university at that place. Mr. Mann is still young in years, but is entering upon his third year, which speaks very well of him. Along with his studies he also teaches one of the classes there, giving him a more thorough knowledge in his line of study, and of which he is bound to succeed.

#### "SAUL OF TARSUS"

"Saul of Tarsus" the new biblical play in four acts, which will be seen at the Boisse opera house Wednesday, Sept. 29, is a play dealing with the great events in the life of St. Paul, who was known in his earlier history as Saul of Tarsus. The play, besides presenting the great features of this man's life, has a subsidiary love story of great charm and beauty. The play is built upon facts taken from the New Testament and from the histories of the times. The scenery has been painted from drawings and pictures in the British museum, and the costumes are also historically correct. All of the great figures represented in the life of St. Paul are represented in the piece, and the dramatic situations of his life are also presented in a remarkably vivid and graphic manner. Eugene Moore, an actor of long experience and fine opportunities, is seen as Saul. He is supported by a most capable company.

Ben Devor, of Greenville, Ohio, is moving his family here this week, and will be located in the John Schug property on south Third street. Mr. Devor will take charge of the local lumber yards, now being opened by the Smith & Bell company near the C. & E. and Clover Leaf railway yards. He is an experienced lumber man and will prove a good manager for this establishment. The company is ready for business, but will be delayed a few days because the Erie is a little slow in putting in a switch but they will be ready to open the yards within a week or two. As mentioned before in this paper, this company does a wholesale lumber business, buying all over the state, and Ohio, and selling to the big manufacturers. They will gather the lumber here and ship it as required by their orders. They do an immense business, and this new move will make it much easier for them as they will have their stock at one place, instead of it being scattered over two or three states. Messrs. Smith and Bell and Charles Colter will continue to spend the greater part of their time on the road, while Mr. Devor will look after the local office.

Dr. Sowers went to Portland this morning, where he will look after professional business during the day.

A check for \$1,056 as the state's share of the remuneration to the Battery B boys who spent ten days in camp at Sparta, Wis., has been received from Adjutant General Friday and the money will be distributed by Corporal Roessner, treasurer, this evening. The privates will receive \$1.00 per day, the corporals \$1.05, the sergeants \$1.10 and the commissioned officers, in proportion.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.