

After being out just thirty minutes the jury returned a verdict which read: "We, the jury find the defendant not guilty." It required but one ballot to come to this conclusion and Charles Wolfe and his relatives left the court room, happy and smiling. Judge Merriman discharged those members of the jury not of the regular panel, the others remaining. The Lehman forgery case was called next.

The fate of Charles Wolfe, charged with assault and battery on the person of Jacob Mangold, was placed in the hands of the jury at about two o'clock Thursday afternoon. The arguments were concluded at 11:35 when C. J. Lutz made the closing speech for the state. At 1:30 that afternoon Judge Merriman began his charge to the twelve men, a lengthy one after which they retired. Quite a crowd gathered at the court room that morning and listened attentively to the arguments by the learned attorneys. J. C. Moran closed for the defense. During the time, the defendant sat in his usual place with his wife and children and other relatives near. Near the prosecutor's table sat Miss Kate Mangold, daughter of the unfortunate man who died forty minutes after the assault charged against the defendant.

Wednesday night during electrical storm which passed over Adams county a large barn belonging to Mr. Bernard Meyers, who lives about three and one-half miles northwest of Decatur, was struck by lightning and with the exception of a few farm implements everything was totally destroyed. The fire occurred at eight-thirty o'clock and in a short time the sky was so loomed up that it could be plainly seen for miles around. Most of the neighbors in that vicinity appeared on the scene to give what help they could, but owing to the fast spread of the flames along with the heavy rain that was falling very little could be done. However, they were fortunate in saving one large wagon, three buggies and a corn planter. While twenty-five tons of hay, seven tons of straw, a binder and drill were consumed by the blaze. No stock was in the barn at the time, and the grain which was kept in another building was saved, and Mr. Meyers is considering himself lucky that it was not worse. He figures the loss at twelve hundred dollars, with eight hundred and fifty dollars insurance, leaving him several hundred loser, besides his labor.

Mr. Christ Conrad, who resides about one-half mile south of Poe and a very prominent farmer, is the loser of a fine large barn and its entire contents. Wednesday during the storm lightning struck it and in a short time everything was in a mass of flames. The fire started at about seven-thirty o'clock, and it was not long until everything was a heap of black ruins. The neighbors did what they could and succeeded in taking four horses from the burning building but outside of that everything was totally destroyed. The building contained one hundred and sixty bushels of wheat, five hundred bushels of oats, some machinery and many other useful farm implements. Mr. Conrad is unable to ascertain his loss, but carried eight hundred and fifty dollars insurance.

Berne, Ind., Sept. 23.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—At the home of the bride's parents this morning at 8:30 occurred the marriage of Hon. Thurman Gottschalk and Miss Nellie Simison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Simison. The house was beautifully decorated, and, but only the immediate families of the bride and groom were present and witnessed the beautiful ceremony which was performed by Rev. C. P. Maas, pastor of the Evangelical church in this place. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served and then the bridal couple came to this city and were passengers over the noon Clover Leaf for Toledo, and from there will see Detroit and many other lake cities. They will be absent a week or longer, and then will return to Berne and go to housekeeping in a home already prepared on Jefferson street. Both bride and groom are well known, Miss Simison having lived here all her life except when away to school. She is not only highly respected but admired by her every acquaintance. Mr. Gottschalk has long occupied a prominent place in business and society here, and during the last session of the legislature represented Adams county and where too, he was a favorite among all the members of that body. Both have many friends and they all unite in wishing them a happy future and a successful married life. The Democrat extends congratulations.

MASONIC LODGE QUIT BUSINESS
Huntington Order Surrenders Its Charter—Lack of Interest.

After years of association with the fraternal circles of Huntington—in

fact, the dean of all fraternal orders in that city—the Mystic Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons has given up the ghost and several days ago surrendered its charter to the supreme lodge. The end came about through lack of interest, non-attendance and non-growth through the addition of new blood. The Mystic Lodge of Masons dated back into the forties and at one time was the most flourishing secret order in Huntington.

Attorney William Drew filed a new case entitled Vera Taylor vs. Alonso J. Powers, suit on note, demand \$550. The note was given in Hot Springs, Arkansas, December 6, 1908, and calls for \$455.22 with ten per cent. interest from date.

Aaron K. Mumma vs. Clem J. Kehler, cancellation of note, appearance by Peterson & Moran for defendant, rule to answer.

Real estate transfers: John Close to Sam S. Egley, 40 acres Jefferson tp., \$2,600; James D. Hoffman to William O. Sautbine, 80 acres Kirkland tp., \$8,500; Eli W. Steele to Mary E. Steele, inlot 32, Decatur, \$2,600; Wm. O. Sautbine to James D. Hoffman, 40 acres Kirkland tp., \$8,800; Louisa Homeler to Tri-State Loan Co., 100 acres Preble tp., \$5,200; Abraham Kern to William Mesel, pts. lots 326, 327, 325 Geneva \$600; Wm. Mesel to Lida G. Mesel, lots 325, 326, 327, Geneva, \$800.

August Hirsch, 53, a farmer of Monroe township and Rosa Newfer, 30, of this city, were granted a marriage license. The groom was born in Germany and has been married twice before. The bride has also been married and was divorced fourteen years ago. They were married at the clerk's office by Rev. Imler of the United Brethren church.

A marriage license was issued to Thurman A. Gottschalk, age 27, a brick manufacturer, to Nelly Louise Simison, aged 27, both of Berne.

A marriage license was issued to John Link, aged 27, a laborer from Fort Wayne, to Emma Spuhler, aged 25, a seamstress of this city. The wedding occurred at 4 p. m. Thursday afternoon at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Anna Yahne, Rev. Heser officiating. Quite a number of guests will be in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Link went to Fort Wayne that evening to make their future home.

Wednesday morning dispatches to the metropolitan newspapers, sent to the metropolitan press convey the intelligence that Senator N. B. Hawkins, a republican banker and politician of this city and defeated in the congressional race last fall, is now an aspirant for the important position of treasurer of the United States to succeed Charles H. Treat, who has tendered his resignation to President Taft. The dispatch further says that Senator Hawkins has absolutely no chance of securing the appointment at the hands of the president as the successor to Treasurer Treat has already been chosen and that he will be an Ohio man. The dispatch says:

"Charles H. Treat, United States treasurer, today called attention to the fact that the portraits of three Indiana men adorn the walls of the treasurer's office, all of them having served in the office of treasurer. The portraits are of John C. New, James N. Huston and E. H. Nebecker. It is said here that a number of Indiana men are striving to add a fourth portrait to the group by aspiring to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Mr. Treat. N. B. Hawkins, a well known banker of Portland, who was the republican nominee for congress from the Eighth district last year, is the most conspicuous name mentioned. It is well understood in Washington that the place will not go to Indiana. The successor of Mr. Treat had been selected before his resignation was made public and it is understood here that the new treasurer will come from the state of Ohio. The names of Myron T. Herrick, Arthur I. Vorys and Elmer Dover have been suggested."

Since the overwhelming defeat sustained by Senator Hawkins last fall in his congressional aspirations he has at different times made the announcement to his personal friends and others that he was out of the political game, but he has evidently had a change of mind if the Washington dispatches speak correctly. Mr. Hawkins, together with his family, is now making an automobile tour of the east and it is believed by many since his aspirations to be United States treasurer have been made public that this is the star that guided him on his eastern journey.—Portland Sun.

Two lads aged nine years, were badly bitten by a big black dog at about 8 o'clock Thursday morning, receiving painful injuries. The two boys, Harry Knapp, son of Henry Knapp the machine man, and Harry

Bohnke, son of H. Fred Bohnke, were coming down street on their bicycles, and were near the Schlickmann feed yards on Third street, when the dog which was following a wagon, ran up and attacked them. The boys were torn from the wheels and both badly bitten. Harry Bohnke received ugly wounds on the leg, while Harry Knapp was bitten on the hip, each receiving ugly and deep wounds showing the imprint of the dog's teeth. The boys were taken to the office of Drs. Clark, where the wounds were cauterized and carefully attended to. It is hoped that no serious results will follow. While enroute home the dog again spied the boys and tried to attack them. The canine it is said belongs to Bert Ballor and will be killed.

Mr. R. E. Hart, of the local Erie office at Huntington, arrived Thursday and is now in charge as agent for the Erie in this city, taking the place of John Fleming, who goes to the agency at Kenton, Ohio. Mr. Hart carries all the evidence of thoroughly knowing the business of managing the agency of this great railroad, and he comes well recommended for the important duties that are involved in such a position. He is now busy getting out among the business men and shippers, making their acquaintance and looking after the local business of the company. Mr. Fleming left this morning for Kenton and in a few days will be holding down the place given him in the change. During the time he has lived in this city both himself and Mrs. Fleming have formed a happy circle of friends, all of whom regret that they are leaving here. The place is in promotion, and a recognition of the ability of Mr. Fleming and for that reason they congratulate him. Mr. Hart, the new agent, will remain on the job from this time on, and we hope he will succeed.

The case of the State of Indiana vs. John Harmon for keeping a gambling room, was continued by agreement.

The case against Luther Lehman, for forgery, was continued until the next term, because of the sickness of several defendant's witnesses.

The case against Charles Wolfe, for murder, has been dismissed, and the defendant discharged.

Louis H. Boknecht vs. Root township, account \$1,000, rule to answer made absolute in five days.

Frank Imboden et al vs. Sarah R. Imboden et al, partition, demurrer to complaint filed.

The Arbuckle-Ryan Co. vs. David L. Marshand et al, rule to answer cross complaint made absolute in five days. Answer to cross complaint filed.

Fort Wayne Electric Works vs. William G. Spencer, suit on contract, demurrer to cross complaint overruled; answer to cross complaint filed.

Emanuel Woods vs. Fred Busick, account \$150, rule to answer.

Ida Newfer vs. Frank Hirsch, seduction, cause dismissed at plaintiff's cost. Judgment for costs.

The Allen county saloon cases, Herman Hockemeyer, Frank J. Gerhardt, William J. Beauchot, C. F. Gladieux, re-application for liquor licenses, were up on motion to dismiss, which was overruled and they were set for trial on October 5th.

James E. Moser vs. Peter Frank et al, suit on note, motion to separate complaint into paragraphs overruled.

Bessie Cronin vs. Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette Co., damages \$50,000, demurrer by plaintiff to answer of A. J. Menyhan. The defendant, the Journal-Gazette company, ordered to file answer in ten days.

Attorney Cottrell filed a new case, Thomas Ireland vs. Harrison Hakes, James P. Hillyard, Joseph W. Hakes, suit on note, \$125.

John W. McKean vs. Noah A. Loch et al, appearance by D. B. Erwin for International Harvester Co. and Kirsch, Sellmeyer & Sons.

Charles Hefner vs. Jacob Hunsicker, damages, motion by defendant to require plaintiff to separate his cause of action into paragraphs. Motion overruled.

Harry Imboden, admr. for estate of Henry Imboden, assent to sale filed rule against defendants, appearance by Heller & Son.

R. S. Armantrout, admr. of the Hubert Topp estate, filed a petition for sale of real estate and same ordered after four weeks notice; additional bond approved.

Catherine Lewis, admr. of the Grace Chrismen estate, filed a petition for an order to erect a tombstone to cost \$30; so ordered.

E. Woods, surviving partner of Woods, Morris & Co., filed a report of sale of property and final report.

Clara D. Sheets, admr. of the William Sheets estate, filed a current report which was allowed.

Real estate transfers: Fulma Blanch Smith to E. E. Comer, tract in Wabash tp., \$300; Fred Thieme to Viola M. Allison, lots 36 and 37, Decatur, \$600; Sarah O. Tindall to H. M. Mathewson, tract in St. Marys tp., \$800.

Dr. Thomas J. McKean, formerly of this city and of Monroe, now practicing medicine at Linn Grove, had a terrible experience Wednesday night, when he with his wife and baby were the central figures in a most exciting runaway accident. The story is told by the Bluffton News as follows:

Dr. McKean, the Linn Grove physician, his wife and little year-old baby had a frightful experience in a runaway accident Wednesday night while on their way home from the Bluffton street fair, and their escape from fatal injuries was little short of the miraculous. They were driving along the road near the John Studabaker country home when a sharp bolt of lightning struck some object close by and the vivid flash lightened up brightly the white abutments and materials for a new bridge which the interurban company is constructing across a creek at that point. The horse reared and shied to one side and then with the buggy toppled over the edge of a fifteen foot embankment, and rolled to the bottom. Not stopping at the bottom of the grade the impetus given to the outfit by the sharp descent of the declivity sent the horse, buggy and occupant over a barbed wire fence into the field. Dr. McKean was able to extricate himself from the tangle quickly but feared that he would find his wife and baby badly crushed or killed. Almost miraculously, the baby had been thrown clear of wreckage by the mother as the rig went over the grade but Mrs. McKean was caught beneath the buggy and was held down by the bed until her husband could pull the wreckage away. The horse broke loose from the wreckage or Mrs. McKean might have been dragged to death. Dr. McKean carried her to the John Studabaker home and tried to get Dr. McClain of Vera Cruz to drive out to look after her injuries, but Dr. McClain and wife were in Bluffton, and Dr. McKean therefore proceeded to give surgical and medical attention to his own wife. The worst injury proved to be a broken arm, and this Dr. McKean placed in splints. He and his wife and baby were taken the balance of the way home to Linn Grove that evening to make their future home.

W. M. Hill, of Washington, D. C., a member of the United States corps in the department of coast and geodetic survey, was here Friday, looking after work in that department, which will require several days to complete. He asked permission and was granted, allowing him to set two six-inch square stones, in the old fair grounds, owned by the county, as markers, from which the geographical lines are drawn. After these stones are set, certain surveys are made, marking same and records are kept at Washington. These surveys are made each two to four years, that the changes in the compass may be fixed. The results of this work are necessary to guide the ocean traveler and though it may not seem so to many are very important.

The change in the compass here is very slight, being but about one degree said Mr. Hill, due to the fact that we are very close to the line of "no variation" as it is called by the scientific men, while in some of the southwestern states the change is as high as twenty-three degrees in two years and the compass would show northeast instead of north, unless these changes are recorded. The survey work being done here by Mr. Hill is similar in detail to that followed by the explorers of the north pole region. These figures are also necessary to prove the claims of Dr. Cook and Commander Peary, and in fact of every other claim of that kind. Mr. Hill is a very interesting gentleman, and thoroughly understands the scientific business in which he is engaged.

The steel for the Bluffton, Geneva & Celina Traction company has arrived in this city and now the steel gang will place the rails down as fast as possible. A few of the rails arrived a few weeks ago and were placed on east Washington street. Since that time the steel gang had to be stopped until the remainder of the rails arrived. It will be but a short time now until the gang will have the rails laid between here and Geneva. It is estimated that Bluffton and the Adams county town will be connected by steel bands in the very near future. After the rails are laid the ballasting will have to be done, but this will not take long. A gang of men with a railroad engine can soon ballast the track so that the traffic can be started and then the remainder of the ballasting can be done while cars are running over the lines. The grading gang working from this city and the one from Geneva will meet at Linn Grove in a few days.—Bluffton Banner.

An entertainment which very favorably appealed to every member of the audience, was the recital given at the library last Thursday by Miss Gertrude Moses and Prof. Tucker of Marion. The program embraced the rendition of a number of the most classical instrumental and vocal selections from the pens of the most noted writers the country affords, and the participants were vociferously encoraged at the conclusion of each selection. Promptly at eight-thirty Miss Moses appeared and this was a signal for continued applause, demonstrating the appreciation of her rare ability by the audience. Presiding at the piano she played a prelude from I. Pagliacci and this as well as the prologue by Mr. Tucker, was well appreciated. The program was cleverly rendered throughout, much to the satisfaction of the auditors. Prof. Tucker's initial appearance before a Decatur audience was a most successful one, and his every selection was followed by loud applause. He is a cultured baritone, sings with ease and in every way makes a hit with the audiences he appears before. Miss Moses as a pianist, is one of the most highly cultured musicians in this section. The ease she manifests in rendering the most difficult selections gives evidence of her great ability. The entertainment was a great success and should another be given by Miss Moses and Prof. Tucker the library hall would undoubtedly be packed to its capacity.

An exciting runaway occurred Sunday evening and the escape of the participants from more serious injuries seems miraculous. Mr. and Mrs. George McManama, of St. Marys township had spent the day with County Treasurer Lachot and family and started home about five o'clock. When they reached the G. R. & I. railroad crossing, the horse became frightened and whirled around. George jumped out, expecting to grab the horse and thus stop him, but he became entangled in the lines and was unable to do anything. He was dragged some feet before he could extricate himself. The horse kept on westward, Mrs. McManama in the rig helpless, the lines dragging on the ground. At Tenth street she was thrown out and alighting on the macadam street was rendered unconscious. However she soon recovered and aside from a few bruises on the face was uninjured. Mr. McManama also escaped with slight bruises. The buggy was completely demolished before the horse stopped. Mr. and Mrs. McManama returned to the Lachot home and after a short rest, proceeded home in the Lachot rig.

Raises White Wyandottes. W. E. Johnson & Son, Lexington, Ky., say: "Last year we lost one entire hatch of fine White Wyandotte chickens from white diarrhea. This year we have given our chickens Bourbon Poultry Cure in their drinking water and have not lost any." Sold by H. H. Bremerkamp.

LITTLE POLICE COURT BUSINESS
A Fight Saturday Night Resulted in an Arrest—Mike Smith up Today.

Three or four young men engaged in a scuffle with a young farmer from south of town late Saturday night, and Homer Watkins was arrested. On a plea of the man assaulted he was released, but Homer got saucy with Policeman Fisher and the latter took him to jail where he remained until last evening, when he was released on his own recognition. It was rumored that affidavits would be filed against the young man today, but so far nothing has been doing.

Mike Smith was arrested by Marshal Butler Sunday evening. The call was sent in by Mrs. Smith, who claimed that her husband had struck her over the head with a beer bottle. Mike was taken to jail and Monday his wife plead for the court to be lenient and he was let off with a fine of a dollar and costs.

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WILL ABOUT SPLIT EVEN

The Bluffton Street Fair Plays About Even.

The street fair association will split even, according to J. R. Spivey, secretary of the fair. Mr. Spivey said that with the money derived from the concessions and the committee's share of the receipts from the shows, with the money contributed by the business men the committee will about have enough to pay all expenses. There are always a large amount of incidentals, which the committee never figure on prior to a fair of any kind and the officers will be unable to tell how the financial end of the matter will be until several days. The income from the paid attractions will help a lot, as there were 25,000 who paid their ten cents to some attraction during the week, including the merry-go-round and Ferris wheel. The last two days of the fair meant enormous crowds for the paid shows.—Bluffton Banner.

A NIGHT RIDER'S RAID.

The worst night riders are calomel, croton oil or aloes pills. They had your bed to rob you of rest. Not so with Dr. King's New Life Pills. They never distress or inconvenience, but always cleanse the system, curing Colds, Headache, Constipation, Malaria, 25c, at all druggists.

NED BOBO TO WED TONIGHT

Claims Young Lady from Oklahoma as His Bride.

Ned Bobo left last night on the Commercial Traveler for Parsons, Kas., where on Monday evening, he will be married to Miss Myrtle Patterson, who is a resident of that city. Immediately after the wedding ceremony he and his bride will return to this city, where they will take up their residence with Mr. Bobo's mother, on west Cheery street. Mr. Bobo and Miss Patterson met at Okmulgee, Okla., while Ned was employed in that city last summer, and the wedding is the result of that acquaintance. Mr. Bobo is a job printer employed in the Banner office, and is a son of the late Judge Bobo, of Decatur.—Bluffton Banner.