

The annual reunion of the old Eighty-ninth Indiana infantry and the Ninth battery closed at 10:30 a. m. Thursday, after two pleasant days spent in the association of old comrades. Seventy-nine members of the eighty-ninth were present, as were sixteen wives and daughters of members and the comrades all feel well pleased with the manner in which they were entertained in Decatur. One feature is that the financial report shows all debts paid and the books in good condition in every way. At the business meeting today Robert D. Patterson, the vice president presided, and it was decided to hold the next year's session at Wabash. Officers were elected, T. C. McClure of Wabash, being chosen as president, and J. W. Zeublin as the secretary. The secretaries of the various companies were selected as follows: Company A, Samuel Sholty, Wabash; B. J. W. Zueblin, Pendleton; C. W. S. Elliott, Radley; E. Isaac Premer, Portland; F. J. W. Wilburn, Sharpsville; G. William M. Gifford, Lincoln, Neb.; H. R. D. Patterson, Decatur; I. Joseph W. Smith, Decatur; K. Jacob Butcher, Geneva. The secretary for the Ninth battery is George F. Meyers, of Crawfordsville. The records show that at this time there are living 324 members of the eighty-ninth and 62 members of the Ninth battery. Twenty-two have died during the last year. This morning's session was opened with prayer by Comrade Rev. Erick, of Spencerville, Ohio. The report of the finance committee was heard and approved and it was decided hereafter that the expenses of the reunion will be collected from the members present at the reunions instead of by the secretaries. A motion that all widows and daughters of deceased members, as reported at the meetings hereafter, be considered honorary members of the association. The regimental chaplain, Rev. McCarty, of Wabash, is quite feeble in health and a committee appointed for the purpose reported the following expression of good will and sympathy which will be sent to him:

Dear Comrade Chaplain McCarty—

The boys of the Eighty-ninth Indiana volunteers, now assembled in our twenty-fourth annual reunion, send greetings to you in your affliction, this our loving remembrance of you, with our prayer that God in his infinite mercy may comfort and sustain you. The comrades adjourned after various suggestions had been made regarding the meeting next year, and as the grey haired veterans who had faced a wall of bullets unflinchingly in the times of war, clasped hands in saying farewell, there was many a wet check each realizing that during the next year the membership would be reduced, and that this was the last meeting on earth for some of them. While these are the sad moments there are many bright ones at these reunions and they are great events.

Display Day for the merchants of Decatur has no doubt come to stay, and it is quite likely that next fall will see a two or three days celebration of this kind in Decatur. The merchants here were all highly pleased with the result of the initial day of this kind and all are enthusiastic to-day of the results Wednesday. The crowd was large, considering the effort put forth and all can easily see how it could have been trebled. Many of the merchants gave away souvenirs and this helped and there are many other ways of attracting the people into the stores. More than one told us that they had people in their places of business who had never been there and that is what counts. It is now suggested that a meeting be called and that the business men organize an association to give these events twice a year, and for nothing else. If this is done it means that they will be big successes. Van Wert is to have a similar celebration Saturday, and it is probable that several Decatur business men will go over to see how they do it. The streets were packed last evening and every store was full of people looking over the stocks, inquiring prices and buying. Every merchant is pleased with the day and will try to make the next one a better one. Several of the merchants went to much trouble in arranging their stocks and windows and the results were more than satisfactory. At the Moses & Meyer furniture store one window was dressed to represent a handsomely furnished room, showing a line of dandy goods. In another window was a beautiful china closet, in which was displayed a large number of pretty pieces of hand-painted china done by Miss Jean Lutz. Other pretty windows were numerous in fact they were all pleasing. The day was all that was hoped for and we don't know of a person in town who isn't in favor of continuing the events.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank all our friends and neighbors for the help they so generously rendered us in the sickness and death of our dear mother, Mrs. Caroline Canner.

JOE REILEY APPOINTED

He Will Be Clerk to the Railroad Commission.

Indianapolis, Sept. 30.—Joseph L. Reiley of North Vernon was yesterday elected secretary of the railroad commission of Indiana to succeed Charles B. Riley, resigned. It is understood that Riley's resignation has been in the hands of the commission for some time, but was not acted upon until yesterday. Joseph L. Reiley has been secretary of the Democratic state central committee for several years. The retiring secretary states that he has a number of other interests and could not at present say to which he will turn. The members of the railroad commission are W. J. Wood, chairman, a Democrat; J. F. McClure, Republican, and Henry M. Dowling, Republican. The vote for Reiley's election was cast by Wood and McClure Dowling voting for Richard V. Sipe, whose name he presented. McClure in explanation of his vote, stated that it was only a matter of three months until Mr. Reiley would be elected any way. Jan. 1 will see the retirement of commissioner Dowling, and with Governor Marshall exercising the appointive power, another Democratic member is assured, upon which occasion Sipe, or any other Republican would undoubtedly be displaced. The position pays \$2,500 a year.

County Commissioner-elect James A. Hendricks, of Monroe, is one of those boys who never does things by halves. He left here Thursday accompanied by Mrs. Hendricks and their son, McGee, and Mrs. Catherine Thompson, on one of the longest pleasure trips ever taken by Adams county people, and all within the confines of the borders of the United States. They left this city over the Clover Leaf Commercial Traveler this evening for St. Louis, where they will remain a day or so, going thence to Kansas City, Lincoln and Denver for short stays and then on to Spokane, Wash., and Seattle for a week or two. Returning by way of St. Louis, they will proceed to Cincinnati and from there go to Philadelphia, New York City, and Washington, D. C., provided only that they make the trip within six weeks, as it is quite necessary that they be back home by November 15th. They expect to make the entire journey as planned, unless delayed by something unforeseen at this time. That they will enjoy every moment goes without saying. They will visit relatives at Spokane.

DOC EVANS IS PINCHED AGAIN

The Charge Against Him this Time is Wife Desertion.

Dr. J. B. Evans, the well known fruit tree agent, who left his city several months ago shortly after the raiding of his "blind tiger" on west Washington street, was brought back to the city last evening in the custody of Sheriff W. A. Lipkey, who made a trip to Lebanon, Ind., for the express purpose of placing him under arrest on a warrant issued from circuit court here. The charge to which Evans must answer is that of wife desertion, which was filed against him by his wife, Mrs. Christina Evans. Conviction upon that charge may carry with it a severe penalty under Indiana law, even including a penitentiary sentence of indeterminate length—Bluffton News.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Mary Francis Swartz, nee Steel was born in Adams county, Ind., near the city of Decatur, June 27th in the year of our Lord 1854, and departed this life Sept. 24, 1909, aged 55 years, 3 months and 27 days. She was united in marriage to Lewis P. Swartz Sept. 4, 1873, the husband answering to the call of death Sept. 18, 1901. To this union were born three daughters and three sons, two sons and one daughter predeceased her in death, and one son and two daughters survive. Mr. Jesse Swartz, Mrs. Dallas Spuhler and Mrs. Gracie Light. She also leaves two brothers and one sister, Mr. Eli Willard Steele, John Dayton Steele and Mrs. Jacob Koos. In the course of time she was brought into contact with the Evangelical church, and entered into a close relationship with her Saviour. In her life she delighted in going about doing good. She laid up treasures where moth and rust do not corrupt and where thieves do not break through and steal. Consecrated to God she calmly departed this life, shouting the name of Jesus. The funeral services were conducted from the Salem Evangelical church, the pastor, Rev. E. R. Koop officiating. May He who said "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shall understand hereafter" sustain us in our deep sorrow.

Mrs. Ira Steele returned to her home at Pleasant Mills this afternoon.

CARD OF THANKS.

We desire to thank all the friends who so tenderly assisted us in our sad bereavement, also the choir for the excellent music rendered, and those who contributed flowers.

The Children.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 30.—A conference is being held today between Gov. Marshall and the Board of Trustees of the state prison. The most important question to be discussed is the disposal of the binder twin plant installed at the prison for the employment of convict labor. This plant cost approximately \$200,000 and it is the general opinion that the concern should be placed on a substantial basis or its cost returned to the state treasury. After three years of operation, the reports in the office of the auditor of state show that the total gross earnings of the plant are \$279,361.11, from which must be deducted the cost of raw material and various working expenses. The International Harvester company has seriously hampered the sale of the plant's output by circulating reports that it is inferior in quality and workmanship.

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 30.—The pay of township assessors under the new law is \$2.50 per day for each day actually employed. In townships having a population of 5,000 or more a salary of the assessor is fixed at \$200.00 a year with \$25.00 for each additional thousand of population or fraction thereof. In townships having a city of the first or second class located therein, the pay of deputy assessors is \$3.00 per day. In townships with a population of over 5,000 and not more than 20,000 the township assessor shall be required to give his attention to his official duties throughout the year.

Indianapolis, Indiana, Sept. 30.—Yesterday Robert J. Aley, state superintendent of public instruction, began the work of personally investigating the rural and village public schools of Indiana. The first steps in this investigation will be made in Jasper county and the work will be carried on throughout the coming year. Later in the season Dr. J. N. Hurty, secretary of the state board of health, will accompany Mr. Aley, and it is believed that his suggestions as to sanitation and hygiene will be of great value to the board of instruction.

Malinda Fronfield vs. William Fronfield, divorce, restraining order issued preventing defendant from visiting home of plaintiff or going on or about premises where she resides or interfering with her in any way.

Ella Debolt vs. Chauncey Debolt, divorce, appearance by C. L. Walters for defendant withdrawn; appearance by prosecuting attorney for defendant; rule to answer; cause reset for trial Saturday, October 2.

Edna V. Huff vs. Frank D. Huff, divorce and alimony, cause dismissed and costs paid.

Cophia Conrad et al, petition for drain, there being no objection and the court deeming petition sufficient, refers this cause to Orval Harruff, Charles Morrison and Robert Stewart as commissioners to meet at the auditor's office, October 11th, to qualify and proceed to review said proposed drain and to report assessments before November 6th.

The Studebaker Bank vs. Fred D. Bell and King Piano Co., default of defendants, finding for plaintiff for \$237.85.

Ansen B. Cunningham vs. Chicago & Erie Ry. Co., damages \$500, cause set for October 7.

Henry A. and Sarah A. Tindall vs. Jacob Fogle, partition, finding for defendant on cross-complaint; judgment for costs against plaintiff.

R. W. Buckmaster, guardian for Albert Buckmaster et al, filed his current report which was approved.

The last will and testament of John Henry Christianer who died September 25th was probated. After providing for the payment of debts and funeral expenses, he bequeaths his real estate, consisting of 160 acres of land in Root township, to his son, Christopher Wilhelm Christianer and the latter is to pay to a sister the sum of \$1,500. The will sets out the fact that Frederick and Heinrich, two sons have already received their share. The will was written May 16, 1907, and witnessed by A. H. Heuer and Henry Lankenau.

Real estate transfers: Ferdinand Yake to William F. Stepler, 30 acres French township, \$3,150; Daniel Fox et al to Peter Fox 34 acres in Hartford tp. \$1,00.

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James Hurst will go to Crawfordsville next Tuesday, where he will attend a state meeting of the Horse thief Detective association as a representative of the organization in this county. Mr. Hurst is perhaps one of the most faithful members of this band of Adams county citizens, who for the past three years organized and successfully, too, against the common ornery old horse thief. The association here is a strong one, and the large attendance at their meetings indicate a healthy and flourishing condition. They have grown in numbers until there is scarcely a part of the county not represented in the association. This has been the history of a similar organization throughout the state, and now Indiana is covered with shrewd enough detectives who always have their weather eye out for the horse thief. The state meeting at Crawfordsville will be chock full of interest and no one there will enjoy the meeting more than the representative of the Adams county organization.

Elmer Moser came home last week from a two weeks' trip to the northwest, the most of the time being spent in the country, the principal towns visited being Winnipeg, Portage Le Prairie, Melville, Waterton, Regina and Scott. The most of the time was spent at the latter place which is six months old, and now has a population of two thousand. There are located among the industries of Scott four elevators, four hotels, two lumber yards, and four large implement stores who have mammoth stocks in the open, not having time yet to build suitable store buildings. The crops this year are excellent, threshing being the principal occupation, although many were discing the ground for the spring crop of wheat. He rode for hundreds of miles in passing one long sweep of wheat fields and the sight was a glorious one when the value of the crop is appreciated. Land is selling there for twelve to sixteen dollars an acre, and it is being purchased right and left, the most of the buyers coming from the western states of Washington, North Dakota, Nebraska and Kansas, and quite a number also from Iowa, Illinois and some from Indiana. Homesteading is also indulged in to some extent, but those who come to buy and farm the land upon a gigantic scale are in the majority, and in all that country is booming out of sight. Towns are springing up like magic and growing by the hundreds over night. Mr. Moser was pleased with the country, and the prospects of making money there.

Elwood Blazer authorizes the statement that he will pay \$1,000 for the return alive of his daughter, Miss Minnie Blazer, who disappeared from her home in this city, about two months ago. Minnie is about sixteen years old, and a girl of comely appearance. Since she left here the police and her parents have made a continuous effort to locate her, but without results. At first it was believed she would return in a few days, but as time elapsed and nothing was heard from her, the parents became more worried with each day. There is some evidence it is said that she was enticed to Chicago by a man connected with the white slave traffic and the police of that city were notified, but without results. Now Mr. and Mrs. Blazer are truly alarmed and fear that something serious has happened to their daughter, this fear causing them to offer the sum of one thousand dollars in cold cash for the safe return of their daughter. While there may be some who will sneer at this offer, it is said to be genuine and shows the fact that these parents whose love for their child is sincere, are willing to sacrifice all they have for the restoration of their girl. It is to be hoped that the reward will be the means of bringing back to them the daughter for whom they have sought so earnestly.

The mining venture in which many Bluffton people were interested and which reports from the west indicate may result in the loss of the bulk of the money invested, is a matter of deep interest in Bluffton and is being discussed probably more than any other subject. The mining proposition drew investments from some who could hardly afford to lose their money and one young fellow in particular is reported to have bought stock to the extent of about \$1,200. As far as present information goes a party in the west who E. L. Murray trusted to procure the mining properties is most to blame. It developed that he failed to get a clear title and the company has no title to what was considered the best of their properties. Two Bluffton gentlemen have been to Marion to see Mr. Murray, but found him so seriously ill, apparently from nervous collapse, that they did not press business matters much. Mr. Murray worried both over his own investment and the fact that so many of his friends here had bought stock on his representations. There is still a possibility that the mining properties may pay out, as the companies had some other claims. L. B. Stevens is still in Denver looking after the interests of the property. Persons here who are reported to have invested \$15,000 to \$20,000 are anxiously awaiting further word—Bluffton News.

Albert, the six and one-half year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Lenz, who are on the Studebaker farm two miles

east of the city, is suffering from a peculiar malady, having lost his speech about two weeks ago and so far the efforts of his physician to correct the defect has proven unavailing, though it is believed that he will recover his voice. However, the parents and friends are greatly alarmed over the boy's condition. Albert had been suffering from a slight cold for a few days and about two weeks ago with some other boys went out in the woods to gather hickory nuts. Suddenly Albert could not talk about a whisper and the companions noticing this took him home. It was supposed at first that his condition was due to the cold and the fact that he had been yelling in boy fashion but as the trouble has not given way to the treatment, his friends are somewhat worried. Dr. Keller who is attending him says he thinks a few weeks of treatment will restore the boy's voice.

Judge Merryman was fifty-five years old Friday, and declared he wouldn't work very hard. Consequently the session in the Adams circuit court was a short one.

In the case of E. P. Reed & Co. vs. Fred B. Tague, account \$250, all depositions on file were ordered published.

M. F. Rice, administrator of the Edward B. Rice estate, filed a petition for an order to divide bank stock between widow, Pearl Rice and M. F. Rice guardian of U. B. Rice, \$200 to widow and \$800 to guardian. So ordered.

Henry Knapp vs. Samuel A. Debolt et al, note, demand \$75; default of defendants; submitted finding and judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$66.00 against both defendants.

Real estate transfers: Nancy Hockenberry to John T. Ault, 40 acres Jefferson township, \$300.

After a lapse of a year and three months, George Wemhoff has received his letters of patent for a coin holder for rural mail boxes, the same being issued by the patent office of the government. The patent is good for seventeen years, and since its introduction has been highly recommended by rural route carriers everywhere, and praised highly by many postal officials who have investigated the merits of the patent. It is a small coinholder to be fastened to rural mail boxes of any kind, and enables the carriers to take money from the boxes without the sensation on a frosty morning of running the bare fingers along the bottom of an iron box, fishing for the lonely penny concealed somewhere therabouts. Letters are already reaching Mr. Wemhoff from all kinds of mail box manufacturers and all kinds of other people, wanting a monopoly upon his patent, and it is likely that within the next few weeks some one will buy the rights of manufacture and sale. It is a good thing, and the patentee stands a good show of making something good out of the invention.

Friday morning at 8 o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. Joseph Steigmeyer one of the county's best known and most highly respected women. Death came after nine months of suffering with paralysis, she having three strokes during that time. She has been bedfast for the past four weeks, the third and fatal stroke of paralysis coming on Saturday, and since then she was unconscious. The deceased was born in Switzerland, May 12, 1833, and is seventy-six years, four months, eighteen days old. In 1854 she was united in marriage to Joseph Steigmeyer, the marriage taking place in Switzerland before coming to this country. They emigrated to America in 1868, and a greater part of the time since then has been spent in this country. The deceased leaves a husband and five children living, seven having preceded her to the world above. The children are John, Joe, Fred, Andrew and Caroline, the latter being a sister in the convent at Fondulac, Wis. The funeral took place from the St. Mary's church on Monday morning at 9:30 standard time, the services being in charge of Rev. Wilken. Interment was made in St. Joseph's cemetery.

JUST HOME FROM COLORADO

Ered Stevens, of Fort Wayne, formerly a resident of this city, returned Friday night from Colorado, where he visited at the mine in which a number of local people are interested, for a few days. Mr. Stevens is a brother of L. B. Stevens, of this city, who went to Colorado in the spring to assist in the reorganization of the company, he going to do the legal work. Mr. Stevens, who was one of the men who bought some stock, said that he would not part with the stock for less money than he had paid for it. While he does not think that the company has any big bonanza he believes that the stockholders will eventually get their money back and then have a good investment. He admits that the properties of the company are not what they were thought to be, but says that there is still enough owned by the organization to develop enough ore to make the proposition a paying investment—Bluffton News.

Miss Mae Radamacher underwent a very serious operation at her home Monday, and is now recovering though somewhat slowly. Miss Radamacher had been in failing health for the past several months, and it was then decided that an operation was necessary to relieve her. A trained nurse from Fort Wayne was secured and Dr. Beavers and Dr. Boyers performed it. The physicians were of the opinion that two days later they could not have operated, as the patient would have been too weak and yet that the operation was necessary to save her life. The operation, however, has been successful and Miss Radamacher is now on the road to recovery.