

Fort Wayne, Ind., Oct. 5.—St. Joseph Hospital.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—At three o'clock this afternoon the condition of Mr. Anson VanCamp, of Decatur, was a little improved over that of the past twenty-four hours, and there are hopes for a continued improvement. He is suffering from a nervous breakdown and other complications, and while his condition is critical, everything possible is being done and it is the belief that he will successfully stand the severe battle against disease. He is delirious at times but seems to be holding his own very well. Unless unforeseen complications arise, it is thought the patient will be strong enough within a week to undergo an operation which will be necessary before he can completely recover. At no time have those in care of Mr. VanCamp given up hopes for his recovery, though he is a very sick man.

The above message will be good news to the many friends of Mr. VanCamp in this city and county. He was taken to Fort Wayne the latter part of last week, and it was expected that an operation would be performed upon him yesterday, but this was postponed on account of his weak condition. This morning it was reported here that all hopes for his recovery had been abandoned, and the fact that those in charge of him have the sincere belief that he will soon improve will indeed be cheering news.

It looks like a real war between the Bluffton city officials and the Indiana Lighting company. The Indiana company claims the right to furnish artificial gas to that city under the old natural gas franchise, while the city officials say that franchise is dead and refuse to grant another, except under iron clad provisions that the gas company claims to be unreasonable. The gas company are proceeding with the work, preparatory to furnishing the gas, but the Bluffton people say they will ask for an injunction to stop them when the proper time comes. Recently a franchise was granted to Will Kunkle and he insists he will build a plant unless the Indiana company will meet the terms of his franchise. During the past few days the city council, attorneys and officials of the gas company have been holding frequent meetings in an effort to compromise, but up to last evening there was nothing doing in the way of a settlement and each side was threatening to fight the matter out in the higher courts. Bluffton is asking for ninety

cent gas; that the Indiana company waive all rights under the former franchise, that the alleys be used for the lines instead of the streets. In the meantime Decatur is being served with artificial gas, treated nicely in every manner by Mr. Mulholland, Mr. Murdoch and the other members and our citizens are confident that in the long run we will be as well off better taken care of than is our quarrelsome neighbor.

Louis Holthouse, the proprietor of the Fashion stables and Guy Johnson who is one of his helpers, met with an accident Monday that they will keep in mind for a while at least. Yesterday afternoon they went to the farm of Mr. Wm. Fronfield just east of the city to secure a load of hay for the livery stables. They had driven up to the barn, loaded the wagon and started on their way home and when just leaving the barnyard the load upset. They had stacked their load unevenly and when they came to the turn in the road the wagon became unbalanced and upset. In the fall Guy received two broken ribs and several other scratches, while Lou received a bruised knee and a skinned up nose. Although injured as they were they walked to the city and had their injuries attended to. They will feel somewhat sore for a few days, but at the same time are laughing over their experience as farmers, and are thankful they are able to navigate.

Indianapolis, Oct. 5.—The Indiana Anti-Saloon League has made its last big county option fight for some time to come. It is expected by the officers of the league that within a few months most or all of the eight counties which are now "dry" by remonstrance will hold elections, but little or no contest is expected in these counties. On the other hand, the remaining nine counties will not be a battleground for the league, at least until the chances of winning look a good deal better than they do now. E. S. Shumaker state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, said yesterday that of the remaining seven counties where no elections have been held, nine look "hopeless" at present from the standpoint of the league, and he and the other officers of the league are of the opinion that to allow the temperance people of these counties to force elections would be detrimental to the cause in Indiana. The nine counties in question are: Marion, St. Joseph, Allen, Lake, Vigo, Dubois, Vanderburg,

Perry, Dearborn. While there has been more or less talk in some of these counties about the holding of elections, temperance people who advocate such procedure, if they expect the aid of the league, will have to show the league that they have a very effective organization and a good chance to win. It does not appear now that these conditions will exist for many months, and elections may never be held in several of them under the county option law. The eight counties which are "dry" by remonstrance but have held no elections are as follows: Lagrange, Belknap, Johnson, Scott, Steuben, Wells, Brown, Warren. Dekalb probably will be the first of the eight counties to hold an election, the present plan being to hold it late in November. To date, elections have been held in seventy-five counties. Of these sixty-two have gone "dry" and thirteen "wet."

The recent death of Fred Richards who formerly lived in this county, at Michigan City, recalls the crime for which he was convicted and in speaking of it, the Fort Wayne Sentinel said last evening:

At Decatur there was so much bad feeling against Richards that his case was venued to Fort Wayne. Its trial took place in the criminal court before Samuel E. Sinclair as acting judge. He was prosecuted by Attorney France, of Decatur, assisted by Henry Colerick, of Fort Wayne, and defended by Judge John Morris and Robert Stratton, both of Fort Wayne. The jury found him guilty and inflicted the death penalty. A new trial was granted and it resulted in a life sentence. To this sentence his attorneys yielded and he went to prison. It is the belief of many of those who were familiar with the evidence given at both trials that Richards never actively participated in the killing of Backesto. The latter had other enemies who, it is believed, killed him. The principal evidence upon which Richards was convicted was given by a boy who resided in Richards' home. Soon after the discovery of the murder Richards and the boy were suspected and after their arrest, such was the feeling against them, that citizens threatened to lynch them, but were prevented by the officers and as a safeguard the two were brought to the jail in Fort Wayne. At the trial the boy turned state's evidence against Richards and escaped punishment. His testimony on the witness stand in many respects was inconsistent and

but the jury in each of the trials seem to have taken it as the truth and Richards was convicted. Richards, after his arrest, and throughout his long imprisonment, to the day of his death, maintained his innocence, always stating that the murdered man had met death by other hands. During his imprisonment, in 1891, he was interviewed in his cell by the writer, then a reporter on The Sentinel, and he said then: "I am suffering for a crime committed by another. Some day the truth will be known. I am the victim of circumstantial evidence."

Washington, Oct. 5.—The first important examination to secure material for enumerating the thirteenth census is announced to take place Nov. 3. On that date the local civil service board in each city where civil service examinations are usually held will examine applicants for appointment as special agents to collect statistics on manufacturing, mines and forests. Any person desiring to take this examination, or test, must apply to the census bureau before the close of business Oct. 25. No application received after that date will be considered at the test to be held Nov. 3. The preference will be given to men, although the director of the census states that "applications will be accepted from women having the required experience and education, but the opportunity for their employment in this work is slight, and but few, if any, such appointments will be made." The director of the census expects to employ from 1,500 to 1,800 special agents to begin work about Jan. 1. He announces that he desires, as far as possible, for this work persons who have had college or university training in statistics or economics and persons who have had service in the accounting department of some manufacturing or other business establishment. Persons making application to take the test should write to the director of the census asking for the necessary blanks on which the applicant will be expected to state his business training, experience and education. If these are satisfactory to the director of the census, the applicant will receive a card authorizing him to appear before one of the regular accredited civil service boards for the examination.

"Betsy" Biersdoffer of Berne, is at home after a successful year with Des Moines in the Western Association base ball league. His left arm was never better and the last of the

season he was considered one of the star pitchers on the team. His club won the pennant by two points, after one of the hardest fights in the history of that league. The closest team was Sioux City, who led up to the last lap. With eight games to play the Sioux City boys had to lose two and the Des Moines club had to win six. It was a nip and tuck affair and on the last day, the ball park at Des Moines was packed. Betsy pitched and won with ease and to make it good the Sioux City bunch lost a double header giving the Des Moines club the pennant, as stated, by just two points. Of course the crowd was wild and the town went crazy that night. During the year Biersdoffer pitched twenty-eight games and won eighteen of them. Out of the first ten games he pitched he lost seven and all of them by one point. After he got down to work he more than made good and was again signed for next year. Six of his teammates went into major leagues this fall.

Brown & Summers are busy Indians in the real estate business, and during the past three weeks have sold over one thousand acres of Adams county realty, and the total aggregate of these sales was a pretty sum. They are certainly hustlers in their line and permit no grass to grow under their feet. They have just published a new list of their realty, and the list embraces several thousand acres in this county, besides they supply their customers with good land in Michigan, Texas or Oklahoma. In the last three weeks they sold the James Glick farm to Oliver Tizer, it being a forty acre tract and the consideration was \$3,400. Their other sales was A. J. Benz farm of eighty acres to James Glick \$5,200; Christian Christianer to Monroe Murphy, eighty acres \$8,000; Mathias Miller to Spaulding, eighty-eight acres, \$12,320; Albert Spooler to Sam Shackley forty acres \$3,900; Buel Nye to John Worden, eighty-four acres \$7,500; Reason Shaffer to Crownover, seventy acres \$6,800; John Johnson to Reason Shaffer, forty acres \$5,250; William Arnold to Minerva Murphy, one hundred acres \$13,500; Jacob Kemper to Charles Rumschlag eighty acres \$7,600; Charles Rumschlag to Henry Edwards, eighty acres, \$3,000; John Worden to Jacob Kemper, forty acres, \$5,000. The above indicates that the real estate firm of Brown & Summers are hustlers and that they do their share of the business in the purchase and sale of

real estate. They are both reliable and the people who have dealings with them find them square-footed and all right.

Alexander M. Counterman et al vs. Wm. Campbell, quiet title, cause dismissed, costs paid.

Earl Burley vs. The Peoples Union Oil Co., attachment default, finding for plaintiff for \$364.47 and for attachment, sheriff sale ordered.

Geneva Supply company vs. Melon T. Sumption et al, account \$200; demurrer overruled; joint answer filed by all defendants; interrogatories filed by defendant.

Frank Imboden et al vs. Sarah R. Imboden et al, partition, demurrer overruled; answer filed by Sarah Imboden; motion by Harry Imboden, administrator of Henry Imboden estate to be made a party defendant.

R. S. Peterson has assumed jurisdiction in the case of C. F. Gladieux and three other Allen county saloon men on reapplication for liquor licenses and the cause has been reset for trial on Monday, October 25.

Anson B. Cunningham vs. Chicago & Erie Ry. Co., damages \$500; change of venue granted and cause sent to Jay county for trial.

Real estate transfers: George Painter et al to R. Floyd Young, 2 acres in Jefferson township, \$600; Berne Lumber Company to Otis O. Hocker, lot 26, Monroe, \$3,000.

ANDREW APPLEMAN OPERATED

Andrew Appleman, a well known farmer, living just west of the city, was operated on Tuesday afternoon by an ailment of the bowels, and his condition is very serious. Mr. Appleman has been in poor health for a year past, gradually becoming worse, and it was finally decided to operate in hopes of prolonging his life. The operation was performed by Drs. D. D. and C. S. Clark of this city and Dr. McOscar of Fort Wayne. The appendix was removed and everything was done that was possible. Owing to his weakened condition and the seriousness of the case, it is said to be very doubtful whether or not he can recover. A trained nurse from Fort Wayne arrived Tuesday a. m. and is assisting in the care of the patient.

Siras Lankhart of east of Berne, the business in the purchase and sale was in the city today on business.

Dedicated to Mrs. ANELLA A. MEYERS.

YOUTH'S PRIVILEGE.

(Förrecht der Jugend.)

THOMAS MOORE.
German Words by the Composer.

J. M.

Allegretto grazioso.

1. What the bee is to the flow' - ret, When he
What the bank with ver - dure glow - ing Is to
1. Wie die Bie - ne zu der Blü - le, Wenn nach
Wie das Uf - er an dem Fluss so Lockt die

p. leggiero.

looks for hon - ey - dew waves that wan - der near.
Hon - ig - tau nie spürt, Wel - len zu sich an,
Through the leaves that do em - bow' - it, Through the
Whisp - ring kiss - es while they're go - ing, Whisp - ring
Vol - ler Lieb' und vol - ler Gü - te, Vol - ler
Bie - tel dar sich feuch - tem Kus - se, Bie - tel

f. ambrando.

leaves that do em - bow' - it, That my love I'll be to you, That my
kiss - es while they're go - ing, That I'll be to you, my dear! That I'll
Lieb' und vol - ler Gü - te, So hat's mich zu dir ge - führt, So hat's
dar sich feuch - tem Kus - se, So ruf' ich dich, Lieb - er Mann, So ruf'

love I'll be to you, But they say the bee's a ro - ver, That he'll
be to you my dear! Doch die Bie - ne ist nicht be - stän - dig, Wenn der
mich zu dir ge - führt, ich dich, Lie - ber Mann.

piu cresc.

fly when the sweets are gone; And when once the kiss is o - ver, Faith - less
Tau von der Blü - te ist fort, Und die Wel - len sind un - bän - dig, Kus - sen

piu cresc.

brooks will wan - der on! Nay, if flow'rs will lose their looks, If sun - ny banks will wear a -
bald 'nen auf - ern Ort! Wenn die Blü - te auch wel - ken muss, Wenn's sonn'ge Uf - er auch ver -

f. # colla voce.

way. 'Tis but right that bees and brooks Should sip and kiss them while they may.
weht, Ist's nur recht, dass Bie - nen und Fluss, Sie so lang kiss - en wie es geht.