

The Erie wreck at Tocon has been cleared away and that little place is again quiet. It was a very fortunate wreck for out of the nearly three hundred passengers aboard, but nine were injured to amount to anything though thirty more were slightly scratched or hurt. The wreck was caused by the failure of the air, the angle-cock back of the tender being closed in some mysterious manner and this made it impossible to stop the train. The crews of both trains jumped to safety, excepting John Ziemmer, fireman on the passenger. The list of injured was as follows:

John Ziemmer, fireman, Huntington; crushed in side by striking against boiler head and engine seat. Philippe Tardo, ribs broken, lung punctured and badly burned on left hip. Serious.

Avaline Vansoligo, sprained hip and badly bruised about body.

Francis DuConkey, left arm cut in three places and abraded. Contusions on scalp. Serious.

Flodoni Angelo, slight contusions on left and right legs.

Martine Kolkonski, sprained hip and back. Spine possibly injured. Serious.

Michael Modika, scalp wounds and bruised over body.

Isabella Monich, contusions on arm and leg.

Marie Congeno, both legs slightly lacerated.

The injured were taken to Chicago last evening. P. Harde had his lungs punctured and will die, while P. Angelo was injured about the spine. The immigrants got busy at once looking the wrecked freight cars. Johnnie Crosby, a brakeman on the freight was the hero, and his work saved two or three lives. He crawled into the wreck and worked to good effect.

The school board held a short session last evening and transacted routine business, nothing of an especial character coming before them. The teachers' salaries and other bills were paid. The report of attendance as furnished by Supt. Rice shows the north ward 71 boys and 71 girls, south ward 84 boys and 82 girls, central 103 boys and 97 girls, west ward 90 boys and 77 girls, high school 60 boys and 76 girls, a total of 408 boys and 383 girls, and a grand total of 791, a gain of twelve over last month. The percent of attendance was 98.6 in the north ward, 98.8 in the south ward, 97 in the west ward, 98.3 in the central and 98 in the high school. The number not absent was north ward 112, south ward 118, west ward 119, central 150, and high school 111. The total number of visitors during the month was 94. The schools are moving along with every indication of harmony and success and from appearance this will easily be the best year of the public schools. The last three days of the coming week a state meeting of the school boards and city superintendents will be held at Indianapolis, and Supt. Rice will be among the number in attendance at this important meeting. It is likely that one or more members of the board will also attend this state meeting, but at this time no arrangements have been made about it.

MRS. W. A. LIPKEY DEAD

She Was a Sufferer from Asthma and Pneumonia.

After a brave struggle for the past week, bending all her feeble energies to overcome the disease that had taken hold of her system with a grip that could not be shaken, Mrs. W. A. Lipkey, passed to her reward at 12:50 o'clock this morning in a sweet and peaceful sleep, surrounded by her entire family. Everything that human hands could do, everything that medical skill could think of, backed up by a desire to live, could not save her to her family and friends and the end came, early in the morning hours, after fairly favorable reports to her friends late Thursday evening. Mrs. Lipkey had suffered for years with asthma, was taken sick with pneumonia two weeks ago and this, aided by a weak heart, was more than her constitution could stand.—Bluffton Banner.

Washington, October 30.—Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, who is in Washington, encourages the Democracy to believe that W. J. Bryan will not run for the presidency again. "While neither I nor any one else, so far as I know," said Mr. Mack, "is authorized to speak for Mr. Bryan, I think I am warranted in saying this." Mr. Mack denies that he has expressed himself as favoring any candidate, including Governor Harmon, of Ohio, but says the governor is growing, as is also Governor Marshall of Indiana. "The tariff question is not settled," said Mr. Mack, "the Republicans to the contrary notwithstanding. The Democratic party stands for downward revision of the tariff and for a tariff for revenue only. The fact that a few of the Democratic senators

voted for the Payne-Aldrich rates does not mean that the Democratic party is satisfied with the law. The Republicans made a pretense of lowering the tariff, but it was only a pretense, and the steel barons, the oil barons, the meat barons and all the rest of the tribe are still as firmly entrenched as ever." Chairman Mack calmly claims the next house for his party and intimates that congress will pass an income tax bill if the house is Democratic. "We never shall have a better chance to win in the house elections than next fall," he says. He speaks highly of the leadership of Champ Clark and urges Democrats to follow it. Discussing the breaking away of the Democratic members on the rules fight of last spring, Mr. Mack says significantly: "It looks bad. There may be something in the accusations brought by Herbert Parsons and other Republicans in New York that a deal was made between some of the house Democrats and the Republicans to save the rules."

The Fort Wayne slander case, Frank Drago vs. Beulah Harding, in which a demand of \$3,000 was made because the plaintiff alleged that his proposed mother-in-law had said he suffered from a loathsome disease, went to the jury at a few minutes before six o'clock Friday night. At 8:40 this morning, they were discharged by Judge Merryman after stating that there was no chance for an agreement. It develops that the first ballot stood six each way and continued so up to midnight, but at breakfast time this morning all had come over but one, and from that time on it remained a case of eleven stubborn men. The one insisted that he would never come across and there was no chance for anything but a disagreement. The arguments yesterday afternoon were most interesting. Mr. Leonard of Fort Wayne, made one of the most scathing speeches ever heard in the court room here in which he assailed his opponents unmercifully. Judge Erwin replied in a manner that showed that he was hurt by the remarks. The case which required five days for trial will have to be heard again unless a settlement is made in the meantime which does not seem probable at this time. It's a case of a divided family in which Judge Macy's peace angel might again be called with good effect, but which now seems to have gone so far that the angel would have to hover over time to secure any satisfactory results.

Bluffton, Indiana, October 30.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The twenty-five-year franchise of the Indiana Lighting company was brought up last evening at the regular session of the city council, but was, to the surprise of many, deferred until the next regular meeting in two weeks. There was no objection to the action and it seemed to have been agreed upon by those concerned. Just why it is not announced. Some claim it was for the purpose of putting the matter off until after election while others say that the Indiana company are working on a proposition which will be satisfactory to the city. The matter does not seem to be settled at this time and just what will be done seems difficult to figure. In the meantime the company has piped the artificial gas to the edge of the city and the people who live at Villa North just across the river, are enjoying the use of this modern and most convenient fuel, nearly every citizen there having contracted. The big kick made by the Bluffton officials is the granting of a twenty-five-year franchise with a clause attached giving the company the right to renew same. It is still an even bet that the affair will result in a big law suit with the City of Bluffton as the plaintiff.

THEY HAVE ARTIFICIAL GAS

Villa North is Several Steps Ahead of Bluffton.

Villa North has artificial gas. What do you think of that? Bluffton is so far behind the times that the residents of Lancaster township will hardly speak to a poor fellow on the streets any more. Gas was turned on by the Indiana Lighting company in that man's town this afternoon, and while only a few of the residents have the "stinkin' stuff" as yet, more will get it just as soon as the connections can be made by the company. Mr. Wagner, the superintendent of the company, is on the job, and seeing that it is done right. One resident told the Banner that the pipes had been laid through the yards to the houses so nice that you could hardly tell where Mr. Wagner and his hirelings had been. The pipes are put down deep, the dirt is tamped down just right and then the soil relaid.—Bluffton Banner.

Everybody has to make a living in this day and age and there are various ways of doing it. George Can-

dee has a method all his own. Most of us have competition. George hasn't. He's in a class by himself. He is the original newsboy and has sold papers on the streets of more different cities than any person of his age in the United States, and he's good. Last evening he sold fifty Daily Democrats on the streets of this city, a feat never before accomplished because practically everybody in town takes the paper. He will be on the streets again this evening and if you didn't hear him last evening, watch for him. He may make you spend two cents that you didn't intend to but it's worth more than that to hear him yell once. Candee has another line. He is the headliner at the Grand theater this week, where he does a clever newsboy monologue and slinging turn that never fails to capture the crowd. He is a red headed youngster and a hustler. He started his career on the streets of Grand Rapids and later drifted east and followed the news business in New York and other metropolises of that section. Then he got on this vaudeville stunt and has been working double since. He plays three nights in each city and always catches onto a job as an extra street agent. At Fort Wayne the first of this week he broke all records selling an average of 200 papers each evening. He's sure the goods in his line. He will appear for the last time at the Grand this evening.

Muncie, Ind., Oct. 29.—Dr. Nelson A. Ross, who was convicted in court here of the murder of Daniel Linder, a conductor on the Muncie and Portland traction line, and given a life sentence in the penitentiary, was taken to Michigan City prison today, arriving there at noon. Yesterday afternoon the prisoner was taken in court here and Judge Engle passed sentence on him, no motion for a new trial of the case having been made. "Have you anything to say before sentence is passed?" asked the court as Ross arose to his feet. "Nothing, except that I do not believe the evidence warranted the conviction. That's all," answered Ross in a trembling voice.

"Well, doctor, that was a matter that rested wholly with the jury and not with the court," said Judge Engle. "I understand," was Ross's very low reply, as he nodded his head. "You have been ably defended," said Judge Engle, directing his remarks to Dr. Ross, "and all your legal rights have been looked after by your counsel, and it has been the effort of the court to give you a fair trial, but the jury found you guilty of the charge against you and fixed your punishment at imprisonment for and during life." "It is the judgment of the court that you be imprisoned in the state's prison for and during your life," said Judge Engle, and tears poured down Dr. Ross's face, but he did not utter a word.

The sentenced man was led from the court room by Sheriff Perdue and taken to the jail and there he again broke down and wept bitterly. He told the sheriff that he now realizes all the wrong he has done, but he stated, in a pathetic manner, that he had never known anything pleasant, but that he would live the life of a different man from now on. Sheriff Perdue has signified that he will write a letter to the warden of the prison recommending Dr. Ross's ability as a physician, and it is possible that the prisoner will be placed in the hospital ward.

Kokomo, Ind., Oct. 30.—Charles E. Morris, after fleeing thirty-five of Kokomo's citizens, it is said, several of them prominent and knowing business men has left for parts unknown. Morris had a plan of selling contracts for land in Wyoming, in 160-acre tracts, along the line of the Union Pacific, which he sold at \$1 an acre, and it is said he took a cash advance in each case of \$10. He asserted that the contract would be good for passage over the Rock Island and the Union Pacific lines upon being presented to any conductor. He was doing a flourishing business when his alleged deception was accidentally discovered. He attempted to trade 800 acres of land "sight unseen," near Rochester, to Lum Howell, a real estate man here, for seventy-three acres near Indianapolis, with a cash difference of over \$6,000. Unknown to Morris, Howell investigated the supposed land and found none such in Marshall county, and, confronting Morris, demanded his \$10 back, which was promptly paid over. Morris then departed from the city. The contracts, which were typewritten, were signed by Morris as agent of Timons & Son of Lafayette, whose attention being called to the matter explained to the Kokomo police that they are in the insurance business and that Morris had no authority to use their names in the land sales.

NOT GOOD PRICE FOR HOGS

Alfred Wiley, the well known farmer from south of town, this morn-

ing brought to town six young hogs, which he disposed of to the Decatur Packing company at a good price. The six porkers weighed 1,775, an average of nearly 300 and Alfred received seven and a quarter cents per pound for them; his check totaling \$128.68, a sure enough good amount to receive for that much meat.

PNEUMATIC CUSHION COMPANY

W. H. Wiley is in a Company With Twenty-Five Thousand Capital. Attorney W. H. Wiley went to Indianapolis yesterday for the purpose of filing articles of incorporation for the Hinsdale Pneumatic Cushion and Mattress company, of Marion, which has a capital of \$25,000. The incorporators are N. C. Hinsdale, inventor of the pneumatic cushion, M. Meyer, George B. Campbell, C. C. Hlatt, F. C. Lenfesty, R. J. Spencer and W. H. Wiley. The company will manufacture Mr. Hinsdale's pneumatic cushions and mattresses and will locate a factory in Marion. Mr. Hinsdale invented the cushion less than a year ago and since then he has improved it considerably. It has the advantage of being self inflating and it can be used as seats on motor cycles, bicycles, cabs, automobiles, railroad cars, and may be used on Pullman sleeping cars and passenger boats.—Marion News-Tribune.

FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral of Mrs. Michael Everett, whose death occurred on last Thursday, will be held tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock, from the United Brethren church, with the pastor, Rev. Fremont, officiating. Most of the relatives from here will attend to show their respects to one whom they loved so much. Interment will be made at Pleasant Mills.

Decatur is not the only town on the map next Tuesday. Monroe also will have an election the candidates on the Democratic ticket being John Hendricks for trustee in the first ward, J. A. Hendricks for trustee in second ward, Lewis Lobenstein for trustee in third ward, Chas. E. Bahner for clerk and treasurer. Opposing these men comes the Republicans and their ticket is composed of Otis O. Hocker for trustee in the first ward, W. O. Newlon for trustee in the second ward, Dennis Brandyberry for trustee in the third ward, and Drussey Osterman for clerk and treasurer. The candidates are all hustling some, and there will be some excitement there on that day.

The town election at Geneva is getting up some excitement and Geneva politically is pretty close, and the result is seldom known before the vote is counted to the last ballot. Some of the candidates are more than beating the bushes and want the honor that comes with the election.

At Berne everything is quiet and it is predicted that the Democrats will experience no trouble in making a clean sweep. They have selected an excellent ticket, comprised of the best business men and their election is a good business proposition.

Sam Shamp returned Friday night from an absence at Sanford, Mich., where he owns realty interests. While there the Sanford Land Company was organized, those interested in the company being John Haskel and David Flanders of Sanford, Michigan; and George Flanders and Sam Shamp of this city. They are getting options on much of the salable land there, and intend to list it for sale with very little if any margin. The greatest trouble in that country is that the land companies have had the people by the throat, they either holding up the purchaser and in other ways make lots of money, while at the same time they have hindered more than helped in bringing new people and settlers to that country. Land values is governed largely by the progress of those who live there, and this new company expect to make their money in getting people to locate there, become citizens and thereby make greater the value of everything, and especially the price of real estate. The crops this year were good and they raise about everything that a farmer raises here, and the climate is not as cold as some people seem to think. The Sanford company now have several thousand acres, and soon expect to increase their options by several thousand more, and they hope to boom that part of Michigan within the next year.

Albert Miller vs. Grand Rapids & Indiana Ry. Co. leave to amend withdrawn; demurrer sustained; judgment on demurrer.

Fort Wayne Electric Works vs. William G. Spencer demand \$125, submitted by agreement and judgment rendered by agreement for plaintiff in sum of \$42.11 and costs.

John W. Watkins vs. John W. Mel-

bers, alienation of wife's affections, set for trial November 4th; continued by agreement.

In the Fred Neaderhouser estate, a sale of real estate ordered at private sale, additional bond in the sum of \$2,900 was required from Mary Neaderhouser, administratrix.

Real estate transfers: William Peel to Joseph Rich, tract in Wabash township, \$50; William Peel, 80 acres Wabash township, \$4,000; D. E. Smith com. to Mathias Miller, 40 acres Monroe township, \$2,425; Mathias Miller to John N. Kerr, 40 acres Monroe township, \$2,500; Lewis M. Coon to William H. Kiser, lot 357, Geneva, \$600; E. H. Johnson to Mary E. Hanna, to John J. Schug, 80 acres Washington township, \$6,164.

Leonard Schnepf has been appointed executor of the estate of Hanna Schnepf.

J. C. Sutton as commissioner, sold a residence property, formerly owned by Jane Andrews, to Enos Osterman, the consideration being \$517.50.

ATTENDANCE OVER NINETY-NINE

West Ward School Established a Splendid Mark for Second Month.

The west ward school in this city established a new record for the second month of school, the average attendance in the entire building for the month being over ninety-nine per cent. It is likely that a similar record has never been made in any school in the city at least it has never been reported and the teacher and students of this school have the right to be proud over the percentage thus gained.

All members of the Brotherhood of American Yeomen are urged to be present on next Monday night, Nov. 1st at the hall. There will be practice on the drill work. Please be there.

France Conter and Miss Frances Ward gave a Halloween party Friday evening at their home on First street and the thirty-two young people present enjoyed themselves immensely. Doorkeepers, Edmund and Jerome Bosse welcomed the guest as they arrived and conducted them to the kitchen, which was decorated appropriately with an abundance of hay, corn and fodder. In one corner of the room Miss Frances Ward, dressed as an old witch, told fortunes. A portion of this good time was spent out of doors, there being quite a revelry of witches and spooks. Blazing cattail torches added to the weirdness of the scene by throwing a lurid light on the dancing figures. Also refreshments were enjoyed, and when the party ended at twelve o'clock the ghosts and witches returned to their homes tired but happy.

A most attractive Halloween party was given by the young people of St. John church at Fort Wayne Friday evening. A pleasant social time with refreshments, were enjoyed. The guests were from this city and were as follows: Misses Lucy Fruchte, Lettie Wetter, Mathilda Sellemeyer, Alice Knapp, Margaret Weickler, Lydia Miller, Esther Corbett, Emma, Rosa and Dora Schlickman, Ella and Emma Mutchler, Mrs. Ben Elzey, Mrs. Otto Reppert, Mrs. Anna Yahnke.

The five girls of the "Don't Worry Club" entertained twenty of their friends, ten boys and ten girls at the home of Miss Dorothy Dugan Friday evening. The girls of the club are the Misses Veda Hensley, Dorothy Dugan, Winnifred Ellingham, Vivian Dutcher and Gladys Meyers. The home was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion. Great masses of caryanthemums filled the vases and autumn leaves and jaco lanterns were the attractive decorations of every room. The lanterns and great fireplace furnished soft light that made the scene an especially pretty one. The guests arrived in fancy dress costumes and presented a charming appearance. A grand march opened the evening's good time of Halloween pleasure. The guests enjoyed a Virginia reel dance, and all of the oldtime tricks were tried, peeling an apple and throwing the skin and others. The luncheon was very suggestive of Halloween. Souvenirs of the evening were hollowed gourd filled with corn candy. Tiny gowns decorated the deep yellow ice cream served with cake of the same color, and added to the attractiveness of this pleasant Halloween party.

Mrs. Bessie Berard Smith entertained the telephone girls last evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gerard. Those present and enjoying the time of their lives were Gussie Cramer, Margaret Daniels, Kate Hammel, Pansy Bell, Agnes Murray, Pearl Purdy and May Smith, the latter being from Fort Wayne. A

merry time with games and other amusements were enjoyed until a late hour, and then refreshments were served to the invited guests. Margaret Daniels won the contest in the cat game.

The Methodist Mite Society was entertained by Mrs. Henry Krick at her home on Mercer avenue yesterday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Johnson of the south part of the city entertained at a family dinner party today.

Miss Mildred Strebe gave a birthday party yesterday afternoon, a dozen playmates of Mildred enjoyed themselves immensely, the occasion being the tenth anniversary of their hostess. Miss Jean Lutz favored the guests of the party by giving several piano numbers. Refreshments were enjoyed. Those present were Pauline Krick, Zilda Melch, Vivian Burk, Mildred Strebe, Rowena Shoaf, Naomi Cramer, Grace Lichenstager.

Mrs. C. E. Peoples of the south part of the city was given a masquerade party last evening by a few of her friends and the evening was passed in a very pleasant way by those who attended. Mrs. Meyers of Craigville, was an out of town guest.

George Syphers has been having his troubles today and he feels they are unequalled for too. His wedding day has been fixed for next Tuesday, when he had arranged to claim the hand and heart of Mrs. Francis Smith, the event to occur at the Star airdome and plans had been made by George and by Mr. Stoneburner to make it a red-letter occasion, but when George appeared at the clerk's office today and asked for the papers necessary, he was notified that some one had objected to his romance and the matter of granting a license was referred to the circuit court. George took the applications, and went to the home of his fiancé, who was suffering from a sore foot and could not report at the court house. There he had the blanks filled out and sworn to and the same were presented in court. Judge Merryman said he would have to hear evidence in the matter and set the cause for Tuesday morning, notifying George to be present with his girl at that time and advising him to secure the services of a lawyer. George still hopes to get the documents and to have the wedding as announced without a postponement of the date. If he gets the license, watch for a big social event.

The famous Faylor vs. Studabaker case, which has been tried more times than any cause ever before the courts in this and Wells county and has been to the appellate and the supreme court, had another inning today when the attorneys on either side argued for hours on a motion for a new trial. At two o'clock this afternoon, Judge Merryman overruled this motion and an appeal was prayed to the appellate court of Indiana. The court after rendering judgment on the verdict granted the appeal, and allowed the defendants 120 days for their bill of exceptions, sixty days for the filing of the bond which was fixed at \$7,000, and which is to be approved by the court. The case will be taken to the higher court this time on reserved questions of law, and this will not make it necessary to have a transcript of the entire case. The last trial of the case resulted in a judgment for the plaintiffs, but Mr. Studabaker will not give possession of the property until he has exhausted every means in a legal way.

Linna Grove, Indiana, October 30.—(Special to the Daily Democrat)—Mrs. Andrew Schlanhauf one of the pioneer women of this place, died during last night. Death was due from heart failure, and though she has not been in good health for some time, yet no one thought of her death at this time. The deceased is fifty-eight years old and for years has been one of the prominent women of this part of the county. She was the wife of Andrew Schlagenhauf for many years the shoe merchant and postmaster of this place. The family is one of the best in the county and their many friends are shocked today over the announcement of her death. No funeral arrangements had been made at an early hour today.

The barn and part of the contents belonging to Rev. Reece, pastor of the Evangelical church, caught fire and burned to the ground at an early hour last evening. The fire was first discovered some time between five and six o'clock, but it had gotten such a headway that it could not be controlled. The origin is unknown.

Postmaster Erlinger reports unclaimed letters at the postoffice belonging to W. A. Swander, May Knave, Frank Harris, John Clarr Murray, Pearl Purdy and May Smith, the latter being from Fort Wayne. A