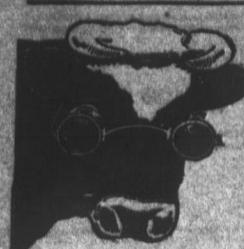


The Tenderfoot Farmer



It was one of these experimental farmers, who put green spectacles on his cow and fed her shavings. His theory was that it didn't matter what the cow ate so long as she was fed. The question of digestion and nourishment had not entered into his calculations.

It's only a "tenderfoot" farmer that would try such an experiment with a cow. But many a farmer feeds him self regardless of digestion and nutrition. He might almost as well eat shavings for all the good he gets out of his food. The result is that the stomach grows "weak" the action of the organs of digestion and nutrition are impaired and the man suffers the miseries of dyspepsia and the agonies of nervousness.

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One of the appropriations made by the county council was one hundred dollars with which an investigation is to be made of the advisability of building an orphans' home. The subject has been discussed a great deal during the last year or more but this is the first steps that have been taken in the matter. It is proposed to investigate the expense of keeping up such an institution, the cost of such a building and everything appertaining to an orphans' home. The county council appointed one of their members as one of a committee to make such investigation, and it is proposed to name one of the commissioners and one member of the county board of charities, and this will constitute the committee that is to make the investigations, and they will report the result of their conclusions whenever they have made such an investigation.

William J. McCoy of Indianapolis and Mr. Perry of Richmond arrived Monday and began the work of making an investigation of the reports and business of Washington township. They are working under instruction of the state accounting board, and while there is no mystery surrounding their actions or the reasons for such reports, yet they are following instructions to the letter and refused to give our reporter any information about their work. Similar examinations are going on in many other counties in the state, one hundred appointees being at work in different parts of the state.

James Touhey's ten thousand dollar damage case against the city of Decatur began Monday and will go to the jury about Thursday. Attorneys D. E. Smith and A. P. Beatty are appearing for the plaintiff and L. C. DeVoss and C. J. Lutz for the defendant. The jury was empanelled this morning after an hour's work, and includes: Nimrod Mccullough, A. F. Thieme, Martin Gerke, Frank Pontius, George Dutcher, John Huffman, Frank Armstrong, Jacob Johnson, William Lehman, Ernest Bleeke, R. K. Fleming and Albert Chronister. Attorney Smith made the opening statement, while the reply was made by Mr. DeVoss. It is generally known here that Jim Touhey is a blind man, and has for some time been in the habit of walking about the streets with the use of a cane, when not assisted by some boy. On February 19th last, while walking along Madison street on the south side of the building then occupied by the Murray saloon, he fell into an open grate and was badly injured. He was sent to

HELD INSANITY INQUEST.

Ed Fulk May be Sent to the East Haven Hospital.

Once a prosperous citizen of Adams county, honored with the office of county surveyor and surrounded by many friends, Edward Fulk is today a mental wreck, confined in the Wells county jail, awaiting the action of the authorities at Easthaven Insane hospital to receive him in that institution as a result of the dope habit. Following the attempt, he made to beat his wife Wednesday night Fulk was placed in the jail and insanity proceedings started against him. This afternoon the inquest was started in the court of Justice Walbert, the Justice, accompanied by Drs. Meade and Sevren, going to the jail to examine into the mental condition of the patient Bluffton Banner.

John Walters, one of the best known and most experienced teachers in the county, has resigned as teacher of District No. 5 in Washington township, and is preparing to move his family to Delaware, Ohio, where they will make their home. Mr. Walters and family have been considering this project for the past year, finding the opening very good at this particular time, have decided to go now. Mr. Walters has a good opening in a business proposition there and the change is made also that his daughters, who are just finishing the high school course here, may have a better advantage of attending the Ohio Wesleyan college which is located at that place. Miss Margaret Walters, who is teaching in French township, will finish her term of school there, and will join the family later. The resignation of Mr. Walters took effect today, Miss Etta Mallonee, a teacher of much experience, being his successor.

Mr. Walters has also served about fifteen years as a minister of the gospel, and is quite well known over the country in his service. While they think that their best interests in the future lie in Delaware, they regret very much to leave their hosts of friends here and the many who know them find the regret mutual, yet wish them the best in their new home. They will leave in a week or two.

Attorneys Peterson & Moran filed a new case entitled Clinton Stone, Elizabeth Brown, William Spitler vs. Samuel Tumbeson, suit on note, demand, \$100.

Another new case filed was by J. W. Teeple, the plaintiff being Isaac Teeple and the defendants, Joseph Ellenger, L. C. Botkins and J. S. Bowens, suit on account, demand, \$139.87.

Martha Heldeman vs. Henry Heldeman, divorce; restraining order dissolved as to all property, excepting real estate and household goods.

Mary J. Dudgeon et al vs. Emma A. Bode et al, partition; default of defendants; finding for plaintiff that Mary Dudgeon and Emma Bode each own one-half of property described. Sale ordered. C. L. Walters appointed as commissioner and his bond fixed at \$2,500.

The Orla E. Lesh vs. Sadie B. Lesh, divorce case, which was in progress here all day Saturday, was postponed until next Friday, when the evidence will be completed.

Attorney John C. Moran left today for Indianapolis, where he will appear Tuesday as one of the attorneys in the Staley road cases, which will be argued before the supreme court.

The Wells county primary election Saturday developed some spirited contests, chief of which was in the race for representative. J. B. Merryman won out by 245 and succeeded in carrying the city of Bluffton and every township in the county except Lancaster and Nottingham. Robert Kildner, who opposed Mr. Merryman, did not make the race his friends expected when he was groomed for the place. The total vote was Merryman 1408; Kildner, 162. For clerk, Dan Wandel won out strong with 1314; Sawyer, 622; Sauer, 466; Luddy, 277; giving Wandel a plurality of 692. For auditor Seymour Robinson also went some, his vote being 1289; Bell, 563; Fishbaugh, 794; giving Robison a plurality of 495. William D. Little won in the county assessor's race, he having 780; Gaunt, 496; Crum, 482; Lunsbury, 456; Stogdill, 527. Little's plurality, 284. The rest of the ticket was renominated without opposition and consists of W. J. Dustman for treasurer, Freeman Carlisle for sheriff; Herman Thoma for coroner; C. W. Decker for surveyor; Ephraim Lutz and Harry Gilbert for commissioners. The ticket is a strong one and pleasing to a large majority of the Wells county democrats.

George H. Babcock, who lived here nearly all of his life until the past year or two, and who has been a druggist at Logansport, Ind., for some time, has accepted a splendid position with the Armour & Company of Chicago, and goes to Pittsburgh this week to begin his new duties. Armour & Company have a large laboratory products plant at Pittsburgh and George will act as the city salesman for that concern, his salary being \$1800 per year. George is a graduate of Purdue, is a young man of handsome appearance and has all the qualities necessary to make him a winner and we predict he will succeed. For several months he has been employed as registered pharmacist at the Turnman drug store at Logansport and he has become quite popular in that city as well as here. His experience in the drug line of course aided him in securing his new position. George is highly elated over his success, as he has a right to be.

COFFEE'S HEARING THURSDAY.

Was Placed Under a \$200 Bond and Went to Jail in Fort Wayne.

John Coffee of this city, arrested for cashing a worthless check at the Cavin Ditzler saloon in Fort Wayne, on Christmas day, is now in jail at that place, having been unable to furnish bond for \$200 as was required at his preliminary hearing before Judge Mungovan on Saturday morning. His Decatur friends still believe he will be able to clear himself. He is also said to have cashed a similar check at the drug store of Christen Brothers in Fort Wayne. His case will come up Thursday morning.

William Krick, a well known Adams county resident, has gone to Arkansas, where he will work for the next several months. Quite a number of Adams county people have gone to Arkansas lately—some to hunt, some to work in the timber fields, some to open factories and build railroads, but none perhaps so novel as Mr. Krick. He goes to Stuttgart, in the southern part of the state, to work in the rice growing districts, his employment being to pump the water into the fields. The sowing of the rice will take place about the latter part of this month and the fields will be flooded later with a bountiful supply of water, which is pumped from wells for that purpose. The rice will be ready to

harvest in August. Arkansas is becoming quite a rice country, and great quantities are raised there every year. But one crop can be harvested in the year. Mr. Krick was employed at that place last year, returning here in August after the crop had been harvested. He likes the country and is glad to return.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Loch Sunday evening received from Swayzee a telephone message of serious injuries received by their daughter, Arbye, wife of Grover Hoffman, whose hip was either dislocated or broken, the result of a fall on Sunday evening. The exact nature of the injury was still uncertain. The accident occurred Sunday morning while Mrs. Hoffman was on her way to church, slipping on the icy pavement and falling. Mrs. Loch left this morning to be at her bedside. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have made their home at Swayzee for some time. Mr. Hoffman conducting a hardware store at that place. The number of accidents resulting from the reign of the ice king in Decatur and vicinity has been unusually great during the past few weeks, but it seems that they are now all confined to this district.

Buyers for the Decatur Horse Sale company started out this morning bright and early to secure another bunch for Friday, January 21st. This company is one of the best for this community that has ever been located here. They not only bring business to Decatur, but they make a great market for the farmer in this section. The first sale held last Friday was not the success it should have been and this is explained by the fact that the company had to pay too much money for the horses. "We are willing to pay the very highest price possible, but we cannot pay more than the foreign buyers we bring here from New York, Boston and Chicago will give," said one of the proprietors. The average at the sale Friday was \$192.75, and this is only an average price for a fairly good horse now. However, the company is going to stick with the job, and will try to continue their sales through the season, and they will do it if the stock men will assist them by being reasonable. They will pay you the top price and the people of this locality have confidence enough in them to believe they mean it when they put a price on a horse.

The first accident during the erection of the new Bowers-Niblick grain elevator occurred about noon Monday, when one of the workmen, Talbot Clark, of Ossian, who is assisting in putting on the iron sheeting, lost his hold on a rope by which he was descending from a swing scaffolding at the west side, and fell to the ground, a distance of about eighteen feet, dislocating one of the bones of his right ankle and bruising and lacerating the back of his head, which struck on a large lump of coal. The fact that he landed in the pile of cinders which the railroad company had brought for the roadbed of the switch, and which are still rather soft and loose, probably saved him from more serious injury. The fall stunned him for a while and his companions, George Shroll and other workmen who happened to be near, rushed to his assistance and carried him to the shanty of the G. R. & I. watchman, and later to the Anderson & Dolch restaurant, where Drs. Clark were called to attend to his injuries. He is not seriously hurt, but will be disabled for some time.

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(United Press Service.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Mrs. Andrew Gottschalk, well known here and in Decatur, where she formerly lived when her husband was county treasurer, for four years, is lying at the point of death, the result of a stroke of paralysis, which she suffered last Wednesday. Twenty-four hours later she sank into unconsciousness and has not since regained sensibility. There is practically no hope for her recovery and the family are gathered at the home. The children include the Hon. Thursman Gottschalk, Mrs. Benjamin Welty of Lima, Ohio; Mrs. Earl Shalley of this place, and Earl, at home. Three years ago this month Mrs. Gottschalk suffered a similar stroke but not so severe. The friends are hoping almost against hope for an improvement in her condition.

(United Press Service.)

Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Indiana was joined by the rest of the nation today in paying honor to her distinguished son, General Lew Wallace, when a statue of the famous Indianian was unveiled in statuary hall. John McGraw, for three years General Wallace's chief of staff during the civil war, presided at the dedicatory exercises. William Allen Woods of the statue commission made the official presentation, which was accepted on behalf of the state by Governor Marshall. In a glowing tribute to General Wallace, Senator Beveridge

said: "He loved liberty for all men and he fought for it. He wrote several books, one of which has been translated into every modern language and one oriental tongue, and has lifted all who have read it to a higher plane. He was a typical American, because he represented those qualities which founded, built and saved the nation."

Governor Marshall said: "Wallace was a dreamer, painter, poet, nature student and violinist. He was the first and only great man since Goldsmith, of whom it might be truly said: He loved nothing he did not adore. A Douglas democrat he had the equipoise which made him consider the question of slavery and he was brave enough to stand by his ideas of right, regardless of party lines. Wallace lived long and lived well; he saw the cause for which he fought, triumph; he saw the scars of war which he helped to inflict, pass from the sight almost of the body politic; he returned to the peaceful pursuits of civil life; he became an executive and a diplomat; he succeeded everywhere and then he wrote the story of the Cross. Here today, Indiana leaves another statue of a full-orbed man—the rays of whose life were shed not only on things temporal but also upon things spiritual.

Just one-half of the school year is gone and all preparations are made by Prof. E. B. Rice and the teachers of the high school for the examinations of the high school students which will close the first semester. The first one of these semi-annual examinations will be held Wednesday afternoon and the test will continue the remainder of the week. The following schedule has been arranged for the high school examinations in the various studies: Wednesday afternoon, 1st English, 2nd history and commercial, 3rd Latin and German, 4th physics; Thursday morning, 1st, 2nd algebra, 3rd geometry, 4th history and commercial; Thursday afternoon, 1st botany, 2nd Latin and German, 3rd English, 4th English; Friday afternoon, 1st Latin and German, 2nd English, 3rd history and commercial, 4th Latin. Friday afternoon will also be devoted to music and other subjects. In many city schools mid-winter promotions are made at this time, but Professor Rice stated that this plan has not yet been adopted by the Decatur schools. In such schools where this is the case, all children who will become six years of age before the close of the school term in the spring are entitled to enter at the beginning of the spring semester at this time, in which case the pupils in each grade would be promoted in order to make room for those new ones coming in. But in this city no promotions are made except at the end of the whole school term. Exceptionally good work has been done by all the pupils and students and no fear over the outcome of the examinations is felt. The spring semester will open next Monday, January 17th.

STILL VERY LOW.

Leon, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Radamacker, is very seriously ill at his home in the north part of the city. About a week ago he took a severe cold, which settled on his lungs, and later turned into pneumonia. Today his condition remains about the same, with the fever still very high, and several days will be required before the change will be known.

ROAD ARGUMENTS WEDNESDAY.

(United Press Service.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The oral arguments in the gravel road case before the supreme court was today postponed until 9:30 Wednesday morning on account of the inability of Judge Montgomery to be present today.

Preble, Ind., Jan. 11. As a rule the "settin" season is not due until about March or later. But the present icy roads and walks have caused it to be much earlier this year. As the result of the ice the blacksmith is "settin" sharp shoes.

Dr. J. C. Grandstaff is "settin" broken bones. The farmers are "settin" around the stove. Earl Sowards is "settin" up a new house. If you just watch a while you can see people "settin" most any place, even in the middle of the street or sidewalks. As a general thing if you see a man "settin" along the side walk he is whittling, but that is not the case at present. It's not a case of "slight of hand" just now, but "slide of feet." The candidates season of "settin" (em' up) is past and the good old hen's time is yet to come.

The blacksmith is the busiest man in the burg at present. William Myers is acting as his first assistant.

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We are sending in these few items just to let the rest of our neighbors know that Preble is still on the map.

Joe Daniels is on the sick list and on duty at the oil station. Mr. Schneider from Montpelier is working in his place.

The last report received from Frank J. Keenan of Indianapolis is that he is recovering very slowly from a severe attack of Bright's disease. Mr. Keenan was formerly employed as operator for the Ohio Oil company at Preble.

Leo, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Geels, who recently fell and broke his leg, is getting along nicely.

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.

Monday evening was a most happy and auspicious one for the Pythian Sisters, this being their first regular meeting in the fine new building on Third street. The members thought to dedicate the first meeting in the new hall by the installation of their newly elected officers, so this important event was reserved for Monday evening. Mrs. Anna Vance served as installing officer, and under her careful and capable service, the following took upon themselves the obligation of their new office:

Most Excellent Chief—Neva Hower
Excellent Senior—Elizabeth Seelmeier.
Excellent Junior—Mary Beavers.
Manager—Flora Patton.
Mistress of Finance—Lydia Elzey.
Mistress of Records and Correspondence—Bess Vaughn.
Protector—Katharine France.
Guard—Mina Hurst.
Past Chief—Nettie Henneford.
Trustee—Teresa Meyer.

THREE INSTEAD OF TWO BOOKS

So great has been the increase in matter for the tax duplicates of Adams county that it has been found necessary, or advisable to have the duplicates printed in three books instead of two as heretofore. The contents of the books are divided as follows: Book one is devoted to Union Root, Preble, Kirkland, Washington and St. Marys townships; book two to Blue Creek, Monroe, French, Hartford, Wabash, and Jefferson townships; and book three to the corporations, Decatur, Geneva, Berne and Monroe.