

Marital music, flying colors and appropriate services, addresses, recitations and songs, bringing memories of mingled sadness and joyousness, marked the joint installation of the officers of the Sam Henry Post G. A. R. and the Woman's Relief Corps Friday evening. The installation was a public one and the attendance of those interested in the affairs of the comrades and their noble assistants, was large. Comrade J. D. Hale served as installing officer of the G. A. R., the following officers taking their obligations: Commander, J. R. Parrish; senior vice, L. N. Grandstaff; junior vice, William Reiter; quarter-master, F. F. Frech; adjutant, Theodore Moore; patriotic instructor, J. D. Hale; surgeon, S. O. Burkhead; chaplain, R. N. Andrews; officer of the day, A. J. Teeple; guard, Daniel Kittson; sergeant-major, Michael Wertzberger; quartermaster-sergeant, J. L. Edge; trustees, S. B. Teeple, D. K. Shackley, B. W. Sholly. The officers of the W. R. C., who were installed by Dr. Rainier, were: President, Vinnie Lyon; senior vice, Eliza Peterson; junior vice, Jennie Rainier; chaplain, Louise Kennedy; treasurer, Emma Helm; conductor, Margaret Louthan; guard, Maria Hower; organist, Flossie Wolf; patriotic instructor, Emma Glancy; press correspondent, Sarah Wertzberger; assistant conductor, Martha Hay; assistant guard, Mary Smith; first color bearer, Agnes Andrews; second color bearer, Myrtle Mallonee; third color bearer, Jennie Stevens; fourth color bearer, Lydia Martz.

Following the installation services a very good program was given. In the absence of the Rev. D. O. Wise, who was detained by sickness, the Rev. R. Spetnagel gave a very good address. He spoke of the sacrifice of the boys in blue and of their faithful companions, the defenders of the country, and of their orders which have for their watchwords, fraternity, charity and loyalty. Rev. Spetnagel, during the course of his address, told some of his sixty-seven stories, and added another laurel to his wreath as a yarn-spinner. Joshua Parrish, the newly installed commander, also gave a well worded address. Music added its charms to the evening, there being a vocal solo by Miss Hazel Sowers, with organ accompaniment by Miss Donna Sowers, a duet by Dr. and Mrs. J. Q. Neptune, vocal duet by Misses Cecil and Cecella Andrews, with organ accompaniment by Miss Irene Eady, and a duet, "Fencing on the Old Camp Ground," by Misses Sowers. The little ones also contributed to the pleasure of the evening, and Miss Alta Teeple gave in a clear, pleasing way the true old story of "Sheridan's Ride," while Phyllis Lyon and Merle Peterson gave excellent recitations, and Marcia Helm and Helen Syrenger sang a cunning duet in their sweet quavering little voices. The evening was one of rare pleasure, and while not nearly all of the boys in blue and their companions were able to be out, on account of infirmity and the bad condition of the walks, those who were there, felt their patriotism and inspiration renewed, and their respect and honor for the faithful defenders of the country, strengthened.

READING WATER METERS.

Mr. Wischaupt Working at Task Ice Makes Unusually Difficult.

J. D. Wischaupt is working at a difficult job this week, being none other than reading the some 570 water meters scattered over the city. These meters are read every three months and it seems a sad trick of fate that the time should come when they are sealed shut with ice. It usually requires a week to read them, but as the ice has sealed the covers shut, and in many cases it is necessary to dig into the snow and pry them off, it will take much longer to read them this time.

Miss Jennie Woods returned to Fort Wayne after a visit with her parents at Wren, Ohio.

Miss Goldie Gay was a pleasing hostess to the Entre Nous girls Thursday evening. While the others sewed, the Misses Ruth Ernst and Bess Baumgartner in turn read aloud one of the newest books, which held the interest of all. Then came an advertising contest, in which Miss Ruby Miller won first honors. A delicious lunch, consisting of bean salad, creamed beef, sandwiches, cake, fruit salad and coffee, formed a tempting repast. The club will meet next week with Miss Ruby Miller.

Clem Kain came home last night from Indianapolis, where he received final instructions for his work as a field examiner under the new state public accounting law. He will commence work next Monday, but cannot yet state where he will enter upon his first work. He will have some republican examiner appointed to work with him, as the plan is to have the examiners to work in pairs at all places, but he does not yet know who his partner will be.—Bluffton News.

Saturday evening closed one of the most successful poultry and corn shows ever held in this county. During the past week many hundreds of those interested in these staple products of the farm have visited the show building on Second street and have rejoiced over the good results of the past year and carried away with them many good pointers and an inspiration for greater zeal in the work. Judge S. B. Johnson of Fairland, who had charge of the poultry awards, and Judge Kell of Hunt-ertown, over the corn displays, gave good satisfaction, and all are pleased with their efficiency and their care in the work. The judges stated that while the number of exhibits were rather smaller than they expected, the quality was far above the average.

The show will continue this evening, and those who have not yet visited it during the week, may do so this evening. The visit now, perhaps, will be of the greater interest, as all the ribbons showing the awards of premiums have been placed. The attendance today was larger than at any other time during the week. The following are the prize winners:

POULTRY DEPARTMENT.

Buffed Rocks.

John F. Smelser, Berne, 1st cock; S. A. Roop, Decatur, 1st cockerel; 3rd pen.

Alfred DeBrot, Berne, 2nd, 4th cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet; 1st, 2nd pen.

Mike Miller, Monroe, 3rd cockerel. Buff Wyandottes.

John Smelser, Berne, 1st cock; 1st hen.

Black Wyandottes.

A. A. Augsburger, Berne, 1st cockerel; 1st, 2nd pullet.

Black Javas.

A. A. Augsburger, Berne, 1st, 2nd, 3rd cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet; 1st pen.

Silver Spangled Hamburg.

A. J. Hirschey, Berne, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd cockerel; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet; 1st pen.

Dark Brahmas.

Sam Simison, Berne, 1st, 2nd cockerel; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet; 1st pen.

Buff Cochins Bantams.

J. D. Winterogg, Berne, 1st cockerel; 1st, 2nd pullet.

White Wyandottes.

Amos Hirschey, Berne, 4th cockerel, 3rd, 4th pullet.

H. F. Smith, Poneto, 1st, 2nd cockerel; 1st cock; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st, 2nd pullet.

Crystal White Orpingtons.

L. D. Jacobs, Berne, 1st cockerel; 1st, 2nd pullet.

C. D. Bieberich, Preble, 2nd cockerel.

Black Minorcas (Single Comb).

Thomas Perkins, Decatur, 1st, 2nd hen; 1st cockerel; 2nd, 3rd pullet.

L. D. Jacobs, Berne, 1st pullet.

Rhode Island Red (Single Comb).

B. K. Fleming, Decatur, 2nd, 3rd cockerel; 4th pullet.

Frank Brokaw, Decatur, 1st, 4th cockerel; 3rd cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st pen.

L. D. Jacobs, Berne, 2nd cock.

Black Orpingtons.

C. H. Oetting, Decatur, 1st, 2nd cockerel; 1st hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet.

Partridge Wyandottes.

Hirschey Brothers, Berne, 1st cock; 1st cockerel; 2nd hen; 1st, 3rd, 4th pullets.

J. F. Smelser, Berne, 1st hen; 2nd pullets; 2nd cockerel.

Golden Wyandottes.

Birschy Brothers, Berne, 4th cockerel.

John F. Smelser, Berne, 1st, 2nd cock; 1st, 2nd cockerel; 1st, 4th pullet; 1st pen.

Edward Puelling, 3rd cockerel; 1st, 2nd hen; 2nd cock; 2nd pullet.

Rose Comb Black Leghorns.

C. E. Magley, Decatur, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen, 1st, 2nd, 3rd cockerel; 1st, 2nd, 3rd pullet; 1st pen.

Light Brahmas.

Mike Miller, Monroe, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen; 1st, 2nd cockerels; 2nd, 4th pullets; 1st pen.

John Everett, Decatur, 1st, 3rd pullet; 3rd cockerel; 2nd pen.

Naraganset Turkeys.

C. C. Miller, Decatur, 1st, 2nd cockerel; 1st, 2nd pullet.

Mammoth Bronze Turkeys.

W. A. Fonner, Decatur, 1st cock; 1st cockerel; 1st, 2nd pullet; 1st hen.

Emden Geese.

R. K. Fleming, Decatur, 1st cock; 1st cockerel; 1st hen; 1st pullet.

Black Games.

C. D. F. Bieberich, Preble, 1st hen.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds.

C. D. F. Bieberich, Preble, 3rd cock; 3rd hen, 1st pullet; 1st hen.

Mrs. E. S. Christen, Decatur; 1st cock; 2nd cock; 1st, 3rd hen; 1st, 2nd cockerel, 3rd, 4th pullet.

Corn Department.

Judge Kell of Huntertown finished the judging of the fine display of corn late Friday afternoon, and the awarding of the prizes and the placing of the ribbons were done soon thereafter. Valentine Linker, a prominent farmer of west of Decatur was awarded the prize on sweepstakes, receiv-

ing therefor the beautiful silver cup, the gift of the association. The cup was on display at the show today, and admired by many. The prize in sweepstakes was offered on ten ears of any variety of corn, scoring the highest. The other prizes were awarded as follows:

Yellow Corn.

First—Valentine Linker, score 90; second, O. T. Johnson, score 86.5; third, C. S. Mumma, score 86; fourth, T. W. Beas, score 83.3.

White Corn.

First—John T. Tester, Berne, score 80.3; second, C. C. Miller, score 74.7.

Mixed Corn.

First—Charles E. Magley, score 75.5; second, C. E. Magley, score 73.9; third, C. D. F. Bieberich, Preble, score 70.2.

Sweepstakes.

Valentine Linker won first, prize being silver cup.

Institute Note.

Albert Katterheirich of the interurban company has purchased six of the fine Black Orpingtons, prize winners, displayed by Charles Oetting at the show. Mr. Katterheirich intends to begin his poultry raising in the right way.

Willis Fonner, a fancier of turkeys, has purchased a fine turkey from a New York fancier. The bird will be a fine addition to the Fonner pens.

Fred Kell of Huntertown, judge of the corn, was the guest of his cousin, Willis Fonner, during his stay here.

The members of the poultry and corn association will meet next Saturday in the Fruchte & Litterer office for the purpose of holding their annual election of officers.

Ed Fulk, the ex-surveyor at Adams county, whom neighbors complained on Wednesday had threatened his family and to whose home Marshal Charles Pierce was called, was placed in jail Thursday evening, and there will likely be an inquest held to determine his sanity. The complaint came from neighbors that his actions were such that they feared for the safety of his family. It is claimed that his conditions is due both to drink and drugs, and that his actions are those of an insane man at times. It is understood today that relatives will file insanity charges against him in order to have an inquest held by physicians to determine his real condition. If relatives do not take this course one of the officers said that he would file the insanity charges. This morning Fulk was very much enraged when he came to his senses more fully in the county jail and demanded to know on what charge he had been locked up. While living near Honduras, in Adams county, Mr. Fulk served two sentences in the Decatur jail because of wife beatings. Mrs. Fulk was induced by relatives to move to this city, and Fulk followed and has persisted in persecuting her. Morphine is alleged to be the drug that has caused his downfall. An affidavit was filed this noon against Fulk by his brother-in-law, Arnold Ashbacher. The charge is assault and battery, and the case will be heard by Squire Rinehart. It is possible that the insanity charge may also be filed, and it is almost sure to follow if there is further trouble.—Bluffton News.

Chancellor Commander A. D. Suttles of the Knights of Pythias lodge announces that the attendance was unusually large at the special meeting Friday night, and well it was, as the supreme import of the meeting was the moving of the lodge goat from the old to the new hall. This was quite easily accomplished, however, and there was not the least trouble in getting this usually "rambunctious" animal over, and he behaved very mildly, probably on account of the slippery condition of the walks. On account of the apparent helplessness of the goat, Sam Shamp was allowed to head the procession with it, and it was installed in the best room of the new building with all the ceremony possible. The rest of the furnishing not held so sacred, and which the common eye can gaze upon, without loss to the lodge dignity, was moved today by Drayman Teeple, and the new building is now in readiness for the first meeting, which will be held there next Thursday evening. The dedication will not be held until about the first of February.

Adams county has the money in her sock for the payment of every cent of bonded debt she owes. This fact was brought out at the meeting of the county council. The sinking fund contained \$9,272.75, and the council appropriated \$3,447.25 from the county fund and transferred it to the sinking fund, making a total of \$12,720.00 and this is the sum owing by Adams county on outstanding bonds and interest. Half of this sum is not due until January 11, 1911, but the amount will be placed on interest and when the last payment is due, the interest received from the loan of the money will pay the interest that is owing on this bond. By this act the county is free from the tangling alliances of debt, and for

this excellent state of financial management we owe much to those in whose charge have been entrusted with the financial affairs of the county. There is but a few counties in the state that can produce a clean slate in her finances and Adams county is one of the few.

Another item of interest to the taxpayers and people of the county is that in addition to the reserve for the payment of outstanding bonds and interest, there is a reserve in the county fund of twelve thousand dollars. This amount is over and above the amount needed for the payment of every bill, every order issued and every item of expense made during and previous to the calendar year of 1909. This is but another indication of the business administration of the affairs of the county and another recommendation of the fitness of those who have had in charge the business of our county government.

The council completed their labors this morning, they making several appropriations and converted all unexpended balances to the county fund and arranged for the payment of all bills unpaid. The commissioners will meet in a few days and make the allowances that were stipulated in the appropriations.

Fort Wayne police officials arrived here Friday evening and took in charge John Coffee, well known here as "Sheriff John." They had sent word earlier in the day and John was arrested by Policeman Fisher. The Fort Wayne officers arrived on the last interurban car and returned with his man on the G. R. & I. at midnight. The information was received by Marshal Peterson at about 5 o'clock and he began a search for the man, the night policeman locating him about 7. It was said that John was wanted for forging a check for \$12 at Fort Wayne, but from what could be ascertained about the matter it is believed that John was in Fort Wayne on Christmas day, that he wrote a check on the First National Bank of Fort Wayne for \$12, signing his own name and cashed it. John expected that the check would be sent here for collection and had the money with which to pay it, but instead his arrest was made. John is well known all over the county and has many friends who would not allow him to get into seditious trouble over a small amount of this kind had they known it, and it is believed that he will be able to explain matters and secure his release without any difficulty. John when arrested, said he had never written but one check in Fort Wayne and that it was for \$12. He was the first prisoner in the Adams county jail for the year 1910. The check it is said was issued to the name of Jerry Coffee and John endorsed that name on the back. The arrest was made by Bob Dixon, a fly cop from Fort Wayne.

Orders presumed to issue from Mayor Judson W. Teeple are causing the suspension of the card rooms in the city and we are soon going to be so good that the boys won't be allowed to play marbles for "keeps." Friday afternoon Marshal Frank Peterson notified the various card rooms that from this time on they would not be allowed to issue checks on games. Of course the boys can play for fun, but this seems to take the pleasure out of it and of course is not very popular for the proprietor. The games have been conducted in such a way that the closers pay to a cigar for the winner and the only advantage was the increase in business. Now some of the proprietors say they will see that other laws are enforced, and it looks like a tight town for sure. Considerable talk can be heard on the subject and one can secure an opinion to suit his own without much trouble. Some think it's all right, others thing it's a little too much of the good thing, and still others that it's all together too much, etc.

THANKS HIS MANY PATRONS.

Saturday found the new firm of Peoples & Gerke in possession of the F. B. Tague shoe store, and they are taking hold like old hands at the work. Miss Ada Springer, who has served as bookkeeper and clerk will remain about a week longer, assisting Mr. Tague in closing up the many business affairs left over. Mr. Tague wishes to publicly thank his many patrons for their assistance during his eight years here, in which time they have helped him build up a large and successful trade, and assures them that he fully appreciates their kindnesses to him in all ways. He wishes them peace and prosperity and a continuation of their friendship, both to himself personally and to his successors in business.

Charles VanCamp et al. vs. Laura

VanCamp, contest of will, separate demurrer by the defendant.

In the Samuel Darr et al. petition for drain, William P. Barkley filed a petition to be made a party. The court named William Frazier as drainage commissioner in this matter, in place of Charles Morrison, whose term of office has expired.

Real estate transfers: Catharine Paschal to Jesse W. Snyder, 25 acres, Jefferson tp., \$1.00; Peter J. Elcher to Noah Nussbaum, 40 acres in Wabash tp., \$900; Peter J. Elcher to Albert Smith, tract in Wabash tp., \$1950; Henry Colter to Clifford eath, 4 acres, St. Marys tp., \$280.

STOKES JACKSON RE-ELECTED.

Chosen by Acclamation at the Meeting of State Committee Today.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Stokes Jackson was today re-elected democratic state chairman at the meeting of the democratic state committee here. John Osborn of the Sixth district nominated Mr. Jackson and Korby of the Seventh moved that he be nominated by acclamation. Flavius Gwynn of the Second district was elected vice-president. Following a short session the members of the committee and Mr. Jackson visited Governor Marshall, who told them he was glad that harmony prevailed in the party.

INSTITUTE AT HOAGLAND.

Will Be Held January 15th—Everybody Asked to Bring Displays.

C. F. Hubler of Hoagland, was a visitor in Decatur attending the poultry show. Mr. Hubler, who is chairman of the Allen County Farmers' association, asked that the date of the farmers' institute to be held at Hoagland be announced for January 15th. The institute will be held in the hall at that place, and R. L. Thompson of Topeka is one of the state speakers on the program. Other speakers are Charles Bash and Ed Hoffman of Fort Wayne. The association has appropriated the sum of forty dollars for prizes which are offered on exhibits of corn, oats, wheat, potatoes, bread and cake, the contest being open to all. Everyone is asked to bring displays and to attend the institute.

Because he didn't appear in Squire Smith's court at 9 o'clock this morning in the replevin suit which he brought against Charles Zeser for the possession of a watch, John C. Coffee, the plaintiff, will have to pay the costs of the suit and still gain nothing toward the recovery of the watch. Coffee, who is a man well known about town, employed at the stone quarry, is said to have bought the watch of Zeser, but that he failed to turn over the money in payment for the watch. Some time afterward Coffee is said to have gone into the Zeser place of business and in a scuffle with him, Zeser took the watch away from him and refused to give it back to him. Coffee then brought suit against Zeser for the replevin of the watch, and the case was set for trial today. Zeser was on hand to answer to the charge, but Coffee failed to appear.

About an hour after time for calling of the Coffee-Zeser case, and after Squire Smith had decreed judgment against Coffee for costs the plaintiff appeared in court and stated that he had forgotten to appear at the time set. An attempt will be made to set aside the judgment and take further action in the case.

The Christian Ladies' Aid society meeting at the home of Mrs. A. D. Artman Friday afternoon was one of the most interesting held in some time. Among other things was the report of the secretary, Mrs. Jacob Eady, showing that in the past nine months, which constituted the year of the society, the ladies had made \$210, and now have \$120 to their credit in the bank. This was made by socials, holding apron, comfort and rummage sales. It was decided to hold a white sale about Easter time. In the meantime the society will prepare by making the things to be sold at that time. The order will meet in two weeks with Mrs. Kate Burd.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Hensley, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Reid, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tyndall, Mr. and Mrs. French Quinn, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Moltz, a number of the members of the Young Matrons' club, and their husbands, went to Fort Wayne, where they enjoyed supper at the Anthony hotel and the play at the Majestic theater afterwards. A number of the other members of the club were unable to go because of sickness.

A masquerade surprise party was given Thursday evening for Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Christen, the party being given in honor of Mr. Christen, who left today for his school work at Cutler. About twenty-five were in at-

tendance, and an evening of games, finishing off with a old-fashioned taffy pulling was enjoyed.

The pangs of pain from his broken elbow did not prevent Clarence Fledderjohann from entering into the spirits of the good time provided by a large number of his friends who gave him a surprise party Friday evening in celebration of his sixteenth birthday. For several hours the Fledderjohann home on North Second street rang with laughter and good cheer, as game after game were played and the evening ended all too soon. During the evening a tempting lunch was disposed of with great gusto. The wish that his next birthday might find Clarence with all his bones sound, but with the occasion similar to this in all other respects, was extended to him.

BABY AT MARSH HOME.

The home of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Marsh at Bobo is a happy one, over the arrival of a fine baby girl, born Friday afternoon about 3 o'clock. This is their firstborn. Both mother and babe are getting along well. The Rev. Marsh is pastor of the Methodist church at Bobo, Pleasant Mills, South Salem and Clarks Chapel.

Monroe, Ind., Jan. 11.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Z. O. Lewellen, wife and daughter Marguerite, who left here December 20th for Tuban, New Mexico, returned home last Saturday night after a pleasant visit at that place with their brother-in-law, Charles Mason. They were accompanied home by their nieces, Misses Olive and Bessie Mason. Mr. Mason also decided to come back to Indiana and at once made arrangements to leave New Mexico, and himself and son also accompanied the party as far as St. Louis, where they changed cars for Muncie, where they will probably make their future home. Mr. Mason will be remembered by the residents here, he having lived in Monroe township for some time. Mr. and Mrs. Lewellen have an enjoyable visit.

The revival meetings which are being held at the M. E. church at this place are quite interesting and are largely attended each evening.

The Modern Woodmen of this place are making preparations to put on a drama, entitled "Little Buckshot," a western play. The cast is a strong one, and no doubt will be well received by our people here. It is full of comedy and catchy, and will be presented by our best local talent. Watch for date and particulars later.

There have been no fatal falls reported here during the icy season, but many slips are on record.

Landon Smith returned from Flint, Mich., Saturday, where he was looking for a position with the Buick automobile works.

John Hocker returned from Guelph, Ontario, last Saturday, where he went in the interest of his patent lawn mower sharpener.

Frank Martz, who resides a short distance east of town is reported seriously ill with pneumonia. He is reported as being a little better this morning.

Mrs. Laura Crill and son, Ralph, of Decatur were guests of Uncle John Hendricks and wife and other relatives here.

Glen Glancy and wife are now cozily domiciled in the John Hendricks property and are now ready to enjoy life in Monroe with the rest of us. They have already made a number of friends here. Mr. Glancy is the operator and station agent, who succeeded J. A. Hendricks at this place.

John J. Mayer has established a collecting agency at the variety store and is now prepared to do all kinds of collecting. Call and see him if you want any work of this kind done. Terms reasonable.

Miss Esther Norris, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Norris, who resides four miles west of town, and who has been afflicted for some time with one of the most peculiar nervous ailments of which there are but very few cases on record, is in quite a critical condition, and her recovery is very doubtful.

The Newlon & Shrik photograph gallery on West Main street has thrown open its doors for business and now Monroettes can have their "pictor took" at any time.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McQuirter of Angola, who have been visiting in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Hunsicker, left this morning for Hoagland for a short stay, and from there will go to Kalamazoo, Mich., where they will also visit with relatives.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA