

Martial 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. Parish; senior vice, L. N. Grandstaff; junior vice, William Reiter; quartermaster, F. F. French; 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 Kitson; sergeant-major, Michael Wertzberger; quartermaster-sergeant, J. L. Edge; trustees, S. B. Teeple, D. K. Shaeffer, B. W. Sholty. 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 Loulan; 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. Spethnagel 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. Spethnagel, 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 Cecilia Andrews, with organ accompaniment by Miss Irene Eady, and a duet, "Tenting 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 Pliny Lyon and Merle Peterson gave excellent recitations, and Marcia Helm and Helen Swerengen 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. Wiesehaupt Working at Task Ice Makes Unusually Difficult.

J. D. Wiesehaupt 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 Goide 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 Huntertown, 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.

Bal'd Red Rocks.

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

Alfred DeBroth, 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 Smeiser, 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. Hirscher, Berne, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd cockerel; 1st, 2nd hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet; 1st pen.

Dark Brahma.

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

Buff Cochinchin.

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

White Wyandottes.

Amos Hirscher, Berne, 4th cockerel; 3rd, 4th pullet.

H. F. Smith.

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Crystal White Orpingtons.

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

C. D. Bieberich.

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

Black Minoras (Single Comb).

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

L. D. Jacobs.

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

Rhode Island Reds (Single Comb).

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

Frank Brokaw.

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

L. D. Jacobs.

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Black Orpingtons.

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

Partridge Wyandottes.

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

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

Golden Wyandottes.

Birschy Brothers, Berne, 4th cockerel.

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

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

Rose Comb Black Leghorns.

C. E. Magley, Decatur, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd hen; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullet; 1st pen.

Light Brahma.

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.

Naragansett Turkeys.

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

Emden Geese.

R. K. Fleming, Decatur, 1st cock; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th hen; 1st, 2nd cockerels; 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th pullets; 1st pen.

Black Game.

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

Ross Comb Rhode Island Reds.

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

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

Corn Department.

Judge Kell of Huntertown finished

the judging of the fine display of corn

last 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 award-

ed 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 88.5; third, C. S. Mumma, score 86; fourth, T. W. Bess, score 83.8.

White Corn.

First—John T. Tester, Berne, score 80.8; 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 Notes.

Albert Katterheinrich of the interurban company has purchased six of the fine Black Orpingtons, prize winners, displayed by Charles Oetting at the show. Mr. Katterheinrich 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 Frucht & Litterer office for the purpose of holding their annual election of officers.

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Ed Fulk, the ex-surveyor of 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 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 Ashbaucher. 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.

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. Coffey, the plaintiff, will have to pay the costs of the suit and still gain nothing toward the recovery of the watch.

John 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. Coffey 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. Coffey 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 Coffey failed to appear.

About an hour after time for calling

of the Coffey-Zeser case, and after

Squire Smith had decreed judgment

against Coffey 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.

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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 pre-

pare by making the things to be sold

at that time. The order will meet