

The following premiums have been offered by the business men of the city in the bread, butter and cake-making contest, which the Woman's auxiliary of the Farmers' institute will conduct at the institute to be held here February 23rd and 24th:

Bread—First premium, meat chopper, Schafer Hardware Co.; second, one silk umbrella, Kuebler & Lankeau; third, one pair oxfords (size to fit), Peoples & Gerke.

Butter—First premium, one set of ready to use linens, Eugene Runyon; second, one fancy rug, Niblick & Co.; third, one leather suit case, Vance, Hite & Macklin.

Cake—First premium, one set of Keen Kutter knives and forks in fancy box, Schaub, Göttemoller & Co.; second, one dress pattern of twelve yards of fancy gingham, M. Fullenkamp; third, one hand painted cake plate, W. L. Lehne.

Judges are Mrs. Runyon, Mrs. Schaub, Mrs. Gass.

These premiums can be seen in the windows of each respective store. Just stop and go in and ask to see them. They will be glad to show you.

August Griesinger, formerly of Wapakoneta, Ohio, who has been serving several months as conductor for the Fort Wayne & Springfield interurban company, with headquarters in this city, and who has been away on a vacation since Sunday, surprised many of his comrades here by returning Friday afternoon with a bride. The lady was formerly Miss Lulu Bielefeld, one of the most charming young ladies of New Knoxville, Ohio, at which place the wedding was solemnized Wednesday of this week. The young couple are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cris Wright for a few days, and will later be at home in a comfortable residence on North Fifth street. The groom is one of the best conductors on the road, courteous and obliging, and the many acquaintances of his here will be pleased to greet him and his bride. The best wishes of all are in store for them.

In a speech in the house of representatives Congressman Adair of the Eighth Indiana district read congress a lecture for not doing more for the old soldiers. Adair never delivers a trite and conventional speech. He has a literary style that is unique and he always says something out of the ordinary. He takes keen delight in prodding the republican opposition with a sharp stick, and in this particular speech he was more vigorous than usual. He upbraided congress for maintaining eighteen pension agencies when the same work could be done, as he asserted, with a fraction of the expense, by one central distributing office in Washington. "We are unnecessarily expending a vast sum of money each year," said he, "that should go to the soldiers in the way of increased pensions. It costs us annually \$400,000 to maintain the seventeen agencies and the government has no more use for them than a dog has with seventeen tails. Then, we are spending \$380,000 every year for pension detectives and, in addition, a vast sum of money for special examiners, boards, etc. How much better it would be to cut out all this useless expense and place all soldiers on the rolls at one dollar per day!"

The following was another of Adair's hot shots: "The old soldiers are now dying at the rate of one every thirteen minutes, over 150 a day. I am informed 42,000 died last year, and still you say, wait, wait, wait. Once a year you tenderly catter a few flowers on the graves of those who have answered the call; now let us scatter a few flowers in the pathway of those who yet live."

Warning up to his theme, Mr. Adair asserted that during the last two sessions congress has appropriated over \$2,000,000,000. "A vast amount of which," he continued, "was unnecessary and absolutely thrown away. Over 14,000 new officers were created together with the raise of salaries of the new officers, amounted to the enormous sum of \$28,990,289."

Attorneys Heller, Sutton & Heller have filed new cases in circuit court. The first is entitled The Old Adams County bank vs. The Cardwell Box Company et al., suit on note demand, \$6,500. The other is similar, the parties being the same and the demand \$2,500.

Another new case filed is that of Clifford Death vs. William G. Ewing, et al., to quiet title to real estate, the attorneys for the plaintiff being Hooper & Lenhart.

A marriage license has been granted to Ida Egley, aged twenty-three, and John Henry Bone, aged twenty-seven, both of Adams county.

Goldie C. Gottschalk, twenty-two, a farmer from Wells county, and Lotie M. Meshberger, aged twenty-three, of Berne, have been licensed to marry.

Real estate transfers: H. S. Michael to C. C. Liechty, lot 42, Berne, \$2125; Luella Sullivan to Clara Retter, 20 acres, Wabash tp., \$1300; David Wering to Indiana Pipe Line Company, 6 acres, Preble tp., \$25.

Geneva, Ind., Feb. 5—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Dr. Graham left Geneva Thursday morning in company with Mrs. Frank B. Fisher, living about three miles west of Geneva, for Chicago, where Mrs. Fisher will enter a hospital to undergo an operation for an abdominal tumor. Mrs. Fisher has been in poor health for several years and it is hoped by her many friends that she will speedily recover.

Sylvester Pontius, living two and a half miles southwest of Geneva, will join Dr. Graham Friday afternoon in Chicago, where, in company with the doctor, they will go to Rochester, Minnesota, for the purpose of consulting the Mayo Brothers, the most famous stomach specialists and abdominal surgeons in the United States. Mr. Pontius has been in failing health for several months and in the meantime has consulted with Drs. Graham and Wable, of Indianapolis, who gave Mr. Pontius but little hope of a cure. Mr. Pontius is suffering greatly, as his case has been diagnosed as that of a tumorous growth on the inside of the stomach, and the tumor is growing so that it is filling the stomach, and at time the pain is most excruciating. It is hoped by his friends that much good will come from this trip.

Fred Hale was attacked on last Sunday with what is called Belle's palsy, affecting only the right side of his face. It is the first time Mr. Hale was ever troubled with any such ailment and it is causing him considerable uneasiness.

Professor Allen Bloss of Geneva, who is also teacher of the Bryant orchestra, gave a very enjoyable entertainment at the M. E. church Friday evening, combining the orchestras of Geneva and Bryant. It was the best entertainment given in Geneva this season.

Geneva K. of P. lodge had roll call Thursday evening and it was a very successful affair. Geneva has a membership of 131 and seventy-five of the members answered present. After the roll call, the sisters under the management of Mrs. O. M. Graham and Carrie Lindsey, rendered a musical program, consisting of piano solos, duets, songs and readings, which were greatly enjoyed. Especial mention should be made of the singing of Miss Ruth Judy, the little four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Judy, and the piano treble by the Misses Darcus Kuntz, Louise Mattar and Carrie Lindsey, after which we were ushered into the dining room, where the Pythian Sisters had prepared an elegant two-course supper. About 150 in all partook of the sumptuous repast and all felt that it was good to live in Geneva and be a K. of P.

The Bluffton, Geneva & Celina Traction people held a very enthusiastic meeting at New Corydon Wednesday afternoon, where they are talking earnestly the question of the extension of the line to Celina vit that hustling little town. The people of that vicinity are alive and up and doing. A company has also been organized in Jefferson township, where they have subscribed twenty-five thousand dollars and are busy taking up right of way. The committee is busy and we wish all the boosters success.

#### MAY NEED SECOND AMPUTATION

Job, son of Mrs. Julia Champer of Jefferson township, has been having quite a series of misfortune, and it seems that the end is not yet in sight. About four years ago it became necessary to amputate one of his legs above the knee. Quite recently the bone near the amputation began to fester and his condition is such that he is now confined to his bed. If no relief comes, or the leg continues to grow worse, it is feared that it will be necessary to amputate the leg closer to the body.

#### CRAIGVILLE BOY UNDER ARREST

Charged With Larceny—He Acts Like a Kleptomaniac.

Sheriff Freeman Carlisle was at Craigville Thursday afternoon and placed under arrest Clarence Hower, a son of Mrs. Bohr of that place, and the lad was required to furnish bond of \$200 on one and bond of \$100 on a second indictment for petit larceny. The charges were found against the young fellow by the last grand jury, following investigation of complaints of Craigville people to the effect that the boy had been acting like a regular kleptomaniac. It is charged that he entered several houses at various times, and was compelled upon two occasions to return articles of jewelry. He is charged with having stolen

some small articles once at a mill and also to have stolen a fountain pen. Young Hower will get a hearing at the coming term of court.—Bluffton News.

#### DECATUR BOWLERS WIN.

Took Two Out of Three Games and Won by Two Hundred Pins.

The Decatur bowlers administered another stinging defeat to the Bluffton team at that place Friday evening, the totals being, Decatur, 2616; Bluffton, 2435. The boys from here who took part were Robert Peterson, Dick Peterson, Fred Vaughn, Coddie Schafer and Free Frisinger. Robert Peterson averaged 192 for the three games and had the big score in one game, 212. The Bluffton players included Wiltse, Berling, Clark, Cross and Scott.

Kindness is the golden chain by which society is bound together.—Goethe.

A goodly number were present at the regular session of the Christian Ladies' Aid society at the home of Mrs. G. T. Burke on First street Friday afternoon. The ladies are sewing on articles for their Easter sale and Friday advanced their results in a case has been diagnosed as that of a pleasant social hour was spent and a delicious lunch served.

Miss Dysinger, superintendent of the Marion hospital, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Shoemaker and family of North Fifth street over Sunday.

From Cardwell, Mo., comes the following item of particular interest to Decatur folk: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vail delightfully entertained a number of their friends on Sunday in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wash Gilpen, who have just moved to Cardwell from Decatur, Ind. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Simon Loeb, Joe Jacobson, James Culberson, E. Willis, E. A. Vail.

The class party given Friday evening by Howard Wisehaupt at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Wisehaupt on Nuttman avenue was thoroughly enjoyed by every one of the students and their teachers present and will go down in the class annals as one of the particularly bright spots in the school days. A flower wedding was one of the pretty as well as interesting contests, in which the story of a wedding is told; the blanks to be filled by the names of flowers. There was all kinds of amusements and music and jollity, such as is known only to happy student life. Mrs. Wisehaupt served very dainty and delicious refreshments of ice cream with nougats, cake, sweet grape juice, crackerjack and fudge. Those who shared the pleasures were the teachers—the Misses Rose Dunathan, Nora Del Smith, Bess Schrock and Annette Johnson, the sixteen members of the senior class—Homer Raudenbush, Fred Meyers, Free Frisinger, Frank Mills, Don Burke, Bruce Patterson, Howard Wisehaupt, Alma Kooken, Caroline Dowling, Perth Crays, Effie Patton, Irene Evans, Lilly Teeple, Dorothy Walters, Anna Winans, Hazel Sowers, with Inez Snellon of Willshire, Ohio, as an out of town guest.

The February term of court opened at 9 o'clock Monday and from the appearance of the docket it will be a busy session.

Mathias Kirsch has been appointed guardian for Clara E. Mangold and filed bond for \$1,500.

Hooper & Lenhart filed a new case entitled The Decatur Lumber Company vs. J. W. Hakes, suit on note; demand, \$550.

C. J. Lutz was named as guardian for Francis May, a person of unsound mind, and gave bond for \$400.

The case of Wesley Evans vs. Jacob Fogle, for the appointment of a guardian, has been set for trial for Saturday, February 12th.

The cases of the A. & C. Stone Company vs. Calvin Miller et al., suit on bond and contract, demand, \$12,000, and J. P. Snyder vs. H. A. Miller, mechanic's lien, demand, \$100, have been dismissed, the costs being paid.

The divorce case of J. W. Hakes vs. Sarah Hakes, has been set for trial on next Friday, February 12th.

In the partition case of George W. Fisher vs. Phoebe Fisher, the final report has been filed and approved and the commissioner discharged.

Ed Green has been appointed court bailiff to serve during the February term.

Real estate transfers: Henry T. Adlington to R. Leimennall, 40 acres, Wabash tp., \$1,000; J. C. Cramer to Susan DeBolt, 5 acres, Root tp., \$1000;

Margaret Koenig to Fred Koenig, 80 acres, Washington tp., \$1800; Ogwin Sprunger to Grover Baumgartner to J. J. Habegger, 1/2 acre Monroe tp., \$150; Jacob Voght to A. Zuercher, 40 acres, Monroe tp., \$148.50; Peter Moser to Mike Moser, 16 acres, French tp., \$700.

According to a news item from Bluffton to the Sunday Muncie Star, Sarah Blossom has applied for a divorce from her husband, John Monroe Blossom, on the grounds of abandonment. They formerly lived in this county.

George Hirschy, indicted by the grand jury for assault and battery, entered a plea of guilty and was fined \$3 and the costs, which he paid.

A marriage license was granted London D. Smith, 21, and Amy Andrews, 18, daughter of Levi Andrews, of Monroe.

Sylvester Spangler vs. Theresa A. Neptune, petition for guardian, is the title of a new case filed by Attorney J. W. Teeple, but which was withdrawn today.

#### Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Wednesday of this week at St. Mary's church marks the opening of the holy season of lent or the forty days of fast and penance. This day is called Ash Wednesday because on this day ashes of burnt palms are blessed and distributed to the people, which reminds them that the time for doing penance is at hand. This custom dates back to the earliest days of the church, when the Christians subdued themselves to rigorous fasts and penances in order to prepare themselves better for the feast of Easter, which is but forty days distant. During this time Catholics are to refrain from all worldly and public amusements, and to perform acts of penance and mortification in various ways. On every Tuesday and Friday evening services will be held at 7:30 at the church, which will consist of a sermon and benediction on Tuesday evening, and the stations or way of the cross with benediction on Friday evening. Who the speaker will be on these evenings it not yet known, but will no doubt be a visiting priest, and some very interesting discourses on the passion of our Lord will be given.

Joel R. Conrad, a former Decatur boy, and now a member of Uncle Sam's navy, quartered at Barrack C. U. S. training station, Newport, R. I., has written his folks at home that he likes the life there exceedingly well. He says the barracks are a dandy place, with all kinds of entertainment for the boys. They have a library, gymnasium, a band, a piano, picture shows twice a week, church on Sunday and everything arranged to make life as pleasant as possible. In about three weeks his company will be transferred to the training ship U. S. Constitution, when real navy work will begin. His company is said to be the best that has been transferred from Barracks A for four years, a good recommendation. Joel says he has not had a cross word spoken to him since he joined the navy, though a good many of his companions have been locked up, some for smoking cigarettes some for swearing and for other violations of the rules. There are 1,200 in the barracks and they are all enjoying themselves.

(United Press Service.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 7—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Homer C. Cote, a brick layer, shot and instantly killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. Louis C. George, shot and badly injured his wife and then killed himself here today. Cote and his wife were separated. This morning he called at his mother-in-law's home, where his wife was staying and after fondling his five-year-old son, Amos, a few minutes, suddenly whipped a revolver from his pocket and exclaiming, "I am tired of life, anyway," pointed the gun at the head of Mrs. George and fired, killing her instantly. He then fired a shot at his wife, who fell, and Cote, no doubt supposing he had killed both, turned the pistol on himself and blew out his brains. "It was whisky that caused all our troubles and this terrible crime," exclaimed Mrs. Cote to the police, when they arrived, and as she led them to the room where the two bodies were lying in pools of blood. Mrs. Cote is expected to recover.

(United Press Service.)

Muncie, Ind., Feb. 7—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A fatal accident occurred at Yorktown near here this morning, in which James Hicks, forty, of Wooster, Mass., was instantly killed, his brother, Leonard, fifty-five, was fatally wounded and Rolla Jones, aged eighteen of this city, was seriously and perhaps fatally hurt. The Hicks

were enroute to a big live stock sale near Yorktown, and were being taken over in a carriage driven by young Jones. As they started across the Big Four railroad crossing at Yorktown the southwestern limited, speeding along at more than sixty miles an hour, struck the rig, dashing it to pieces and hurling the occupants many feet. It is almost certain that Leonard Hicks will die and the recovery of Jones is very doubtful.

Leonard Hicks died an hour after the accident and Jones is this afternoon reported dying and cannot live until night.

Two masked robbers entered the Clover Leaf depot early Sunday morning, and while one covered Ira Oswald, the night operator, with a revolver, the other pried open the cash drawer and made away with fourteen dollars belonging to the company. The bold robbery happened Sunday morning about 3 o'clock, just as the heaviest shades of night were gathering to break into dawn and the chancieer was stretching himself to herald its approach, the first intimation being when Mr. Oswald turned in his little office at the depot and looked forth into the cold muzzle of a revolver held in the hands of a black masked robber, while near him stood another, demanding that he turn over the keys to the cash drawer. This Oswald refused to do, whereupon the robbers threatened to blow his head off. Oswald resolved to die like a hero at his post of duty, told them to shoot away if they wanted, but finding all such threats unavailing, they decided to do the next best thing. One crawled into the office through the ticket window, where he still kept Oswald covered with the revolver, while the other one came in through the door and got busy at the cash drawer with a cold chisel. This was soon pried open and fourteen dollars taken out. In their hurry to get away seven dollars were overlooked. The last seen of the robbers by Mr. Oswald was as they ran out at the west side and hastened across to the Erie railroad, where some trains were standing, and it is thought that they boarded them. Two young boys were with Mr. Oswald in the station at the time, but upon the appearance of the robbers, they skidded. As soon as the robbers had left Oswald gave the alarm to the officials and search was immediately begun. Though they were masked Oswald gives it as his opinion that they were not over twenty years of age.

Night Watchman Ceph Melchi and Marshall Peterson arrived at the depot at once and made haste to search all trains that were standing near, on the Clover Leaf, the G. R. & I. and the Erie, but no trace of suspicious characters could be found at that time. This morning a man's hat was found on Line street, and this, with other things connected therewith, point to home talent. The Clover Leaf detectives are expected to arrive this afternoon and it is thought that something will turn up soon.

#### WILL GIVE TRIAL SERMONS.

Rev. Smith Will Fill Pulpit at Christian Church Next Sunday.

Rev. Smith, a minister of the Church of Christ, of many years' experience, residing in the southern part of the state, will preach at the Christian church in this city next Sunday morning and evening. Since the removal of the Rev. Vernon to Roodhouse, Ill., several weeks ago, the local church has been without a pastor. The Rev. Smith comes to give trial sermons and should conditions prove acceptable to all parties concerned, may accept the charge here in the capacity of regular pastor. He comes highly recommended to the members of the church here as a man and a minister of the highest qualities. The public is given a cordial invitation to attend.

Joshua Parrish, commander of the Sam Henry Post, G. A. R., of this place, has received a notice from Henry C. McMaken of the department of the recruiting officers from Fort Wayne, inviting the post here and all ex-soldiers to attend a meeting to be held in Fort Wayne on Wednesday, February 16th. The meeting includes all ex-soldiers from the Twelfth district, and from this and Huntington counties and is for the purpose of enlisting the old standby comrades and to redeem the suspended and dropped, and to thus strengthen the ranks. There will be a reception for Commander Sommers at the Randall hotel in the afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock and camp fires in the assembly room of the court house. A fine program and entertainment is being arranged and it will be an enjoyable occasion. The post here will attend and are already making arrangements. The announcement will be made later as to what car will be taken and other preliminary arrangements.

James Odgen returned last evening from Fort Wayne on the 4 o'clock car after visiting here with Jacob Martin.

#### TO NEW YORK CITY.

Harry R. Molts of this city and Will Berling, manager of the Berling & Molts Produce Co. of Bluffton, left this noon for New York City, where they will transact some important business in their line for the coming week or so. It has been customary for several years past for one of the firm to go each year and renew acquaintance with the eastern firms, to who they send their goods. While there they will see and hear a number of things beneficial to them in their business.

Wabash, Ind., Feb. 7—The Rev. Dr. W. J. Vigus, seventy-four, one of the best known Methodists in Indiana, died Saturday after an illness of a few months. Dr. Vigus was a candidate for the republican nomination for mayor at the primary held in September. His work for the nomination during the campaign probably hastened his decline, as he was never well afterward.

Dr. Vigus was chaplain of the 160th Indiana regiment during the Spanish-American war, and was prominent at all reunions of this Indiana regiment. He was also chaplain during the Civil war and was well known in Grand Army circles in Indiana. At the time of his death Dr. Vigus was field secretary of Winona assembly at Winona Lake.

Dr. Vigus was the originator of the idea of building a new Methodist hotel in the assembly grounds. He was twice a presiding elder of the North Indiana pastorate over Indiana. Dr. Vigus is survived by his widow and three sons—Dr. Charles Vigus of Point Isabel, Ind.; Will and Ed Vigus of Wabash.

Rev. Vigus was known by a number of people in this city and county as a grand old man.

#### FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Charles Lammiman was held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock from the Pleasant Valley church near her late home, the services being conducted by the Rev. Ira Johnson of Lynn, of the Friends' church. The body was laid to rest in the Decatur cemetery.

Live pure, speak true, right wrong, follow the King—Else, wherefore born?—Tennyson's "Gareth and Ynnette."

The very spirit of hospitable informality breathed in the atmosphere of the Vesey home on Saturday, where a large number of the King's Daughters of the city gathered to meet Miss Greenwood, of St. Louis, council member from Missouri. Miss Margaret Vesey extended a cordial invitation to the members of the local chapters to call between 2 and 5 on Saturday, and was assisted in receiving the guests by Mrs. Robert Harding, who is Miss Greenwood's hostess during her visit in the city. Lavender and white are the colors of the order, and these were observed in the decorations. Baskets of quaint manufacture held lavender primroses and white alliums, freesias and hyacinths. In the dining room a rustic basket held white and lavender blossoms, in the center of the refreshment table and primroses filled jars on the buffet and serving tables. Refreshments were served by the Misses Katharine Vesey, Margaret and Dorothy Underhill, Bessie DeVillies and Edith Heit.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Of the ninety-nine who applied to Census Supervisor Broyles of Muncie for cards to present for the examination for a position as census enumerator, seventy-six appeared at the Central school building Saturday afternoon for the test. Of this number six became disgusted with the tediousness of the examination and gave up the test as a "bad job." Nine of the seventy-six applicants were ladies, the applicants being from every township in the county. Three hours were allotted those applying for city positions and four hours for the country, the examination for country position requiring much more work. The test consisted chiefly in the attempt to properly fill out one of the census blanks from material supplied in a running narrative, which was placed in printed form before each applicant. The test was designed to show not only the applicant's handwriting, but his general grasp of the duties to be required in counting the population in April and his ability to extract and catalogue the desired information. The test was in charge of George Everett, John Peterson, O. P. Mills and Postmaster Frisinger, comprising the local examining board.

Jesse Roop is employed at the Blackburn drug store in repapering the walls behind the drug shelves with a handsome dark red velvet paper, that will add much to the appearance of the place.