

Mrs. Anthony Voglewede and Mrs. Mary Fullenkamp late Sunday evening received a message bringing the news of the death of their uncle, the Rev. Father Bernard Klapake, who for thirty years had served as pastor of the St. Alphonsus church at New Orleans. His death occurred there Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the result of the infirmities of old age, he being seventy-four years old. He was born in Antwerp, Germany, and when ten years of age came to this country with his parents, settling in New York, his parents later coming to this country, where they made their home on the Gerhardt Kohns farm. The one wish of Bernard, however, was to become a priest, and his parents being very poor, he remained in New York, where he was aided by his good sister, Mrs. Gertrude Weller, to enter college. Five years later he entered the order of the Most Holy Redeemer and when ordained, labored as a missionary in New York. His health failing him he was sent to Memphis, Tenn., where he remained five years. From there he went to New Orleans. Four years ago he celebrated his golden jubilee as a priest, which was one of the grandest celebrations of its kind ever held there. While celebrating pontifical high mass on that day he received a message from Pope Pius X of Rome, congratulating him on that happy event. While Bernard Meyers of this county was at New Orleans some time ago, he was told by his uncle, Father Klapake, that in two years he would come to Decatur to celebrate his golden jubilee as a member of the order of the Most Holy Redeemer, wishing this celebration to take place among his relatives, but death has overtaken him within a short time of the fulfillment of his ardent desire. He has many relatives and friends here who will be grieved to hear of his death. The funeral was held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the church where he served so long in New Orleans. Owing to the great distance none of the relatives from here attended.

RESOLUTIONS.

The committee who were appointed by the president of the Great Northern Indiana Fair association beg leave to submit the following:

In Memoriam.

Whereas, The Maker of us all has seen fit to remove from our midst our fellow member and co-worker, Sylvester Pontius, and

Whereas, By his death the Great Northern Indiana Fair association has lost a faithful worker and true friend, therefore, be it

Resolved, That while we bow in reverence and submission to the will of the Maker, we cannot allow this solemn occasion to pass without placing ourselves on record as cheerful witnesses to the many noble qualities so constantly displayed by him, and be it further

Resolved, That as a token of our feeling and of our respect for the memory of our deceased member a copy of these resolutions be spread of record on the minutes of the association and that a copy of the same be furnished the family of the deceased and to the press of the county and that it be further

Resolved, That we extend to the family of our departed member our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement.

COMMITTEE.

Misses Margaret Kelley and Bertha Cunningham returned this morning to Anderson after a visit here with Ode and Letta Fullenkamp.

Mrs. Harvey Lee of White Cloud, Mich., who was visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lee and Mrs. Otto Reppert spent Sunday with friends in Willshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Kunkel, sons William and Kenneth, and daughter, Marjorie, of Bluffton were visitors here a few hours yesterday afternoon, making the trip in their 1910 Cadillac car.

Miss Agnes Meibers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Meibers, at student at the Fort Wayne business college, will not be able to attend school this week on account of trouble with her eyes caused by eye-strain in study.

E. X. Ehinger and Henry Hite have returned from Cardwell and Paragould, Mo. They enjoyed the trip very much and Mr. Hite was pleased to greet many former Decatur people, among them being Charles Merriman, Bob Allison, Mr. and Mrs. M. Gilson, John Cook and others.

James Bain of the Schmitt meat market is a master hand at decoration as a glance at the window will show. The background is of royal purple crepe paper, against which are set a platter of tempting cuts of the choicest meats, garnished with crisps of green lettuce and rows of colored eggs. A window similar to this also greets the public at the Mutchler meat market.

Two suits, which have been looked for some time, yet which will cause quite a sensation were filed Saturday in the Adams circuit court. They are brought by Roy Jones and Otto Bremerkamp, respectively, against the Chicago & Erie railroad and James O. Richey. They are in two paragraphs each, charging false imprisonment and malicious prosecution, and demanding \$2,000 damages therefor. It will be remembered that the arrest of the boys followed the burglarizing of the Erie depot in this city on the night of January 16th, when the sum of about twenty dollars was secured therefrom. Richey, a detective, authorized by the railroad company to arrest persons stealing from the road, or otherwise molesting it, on January 17th, had the marshal here telephone to the Bluffton marshal to arrest the two boys, who it was learned, were there. The boys were arrested on the verbal charge of burglary, and according to their complaint were held from three to seven o'clock of the afternoon of January 17th, at Bluffton. In the meantime, they state, their attorneys here, Peterson & Moran, procured a bond for their appearance in court, and the Bluffton officials let them come to Decatur on the evening train, of their own free will, on the strength of this point. They allege that they were met at the train here by the marshal and Mr. Richey and were escorted from the train by them to the office of their attorneys, where the bond was given. A charge was then filed against them in Squire Smith's court, charging larceny, and when the case came up for the trial, it is said the warrant was returned marked "not served," and the case prosecuted no further, it having been learned by them that the two boys were in Montpelier at the time of the crime and therefore innocent of the charge. The complaint claims that in so returning the warrant unserved, they were guilty of a criminal violation of the law, as set out under official negligence in section 2414 of Burns, 1908, annotated statutes of Indiana, providing punishment in case a warrant is not served when not unnecessarily delayed. The negligence is punishable by a fine of from \$10 to \$500 and a jail sentence of from ten days to six months. The boys claim that by reason of their false detention they were caused much discomfiture and expense occasioned by the hiring of attorneys, etc.

GETTING READY TO SELL BONDS

On the Wells-Adams County Line Macadam Road.

R. W. Stine was in Decatur this forenoon for the purpose of having entered on record in the commissioners' court in that county the full proceedings of the joint sessions of the Wells and Adams county boards in the matter of the Bergare nine-mile county line road. The contract was awarded last summer, and was bid in for \$22,000 in round figures, and the total cost will be close to \$24,000. The road could not be built when the contract was first awarded because part of the townships that would be taxed were above the limit of indebtedness. But the indebtedness has been reduced so that the bonds can be sold in June and the road will be built the latter part of this summer. Bluffton News.

Washington, March 23—The republican caucus tonight elected the six members of the rules committee appointed to the republican majority of the house. The following, all members of the "regular" wing of the party were chosen:

Walter L. Smith, Iowa, 168 votes.

John Dalzell, Pennsylvania, 146 votes.

George P. Lawrence, Massachusetts, 126 votes.

J. Slat Fassett, New York, 113 votes.

Sylvester C. Smith, California, 136 votes.

Henry S. Boutell, Illinois, 103 votes.

Two ballots were taken, the four first named receiving a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot, and the last two named being chosen on the second ballot.

The six members named represent a slate prepared by Representative Tawney of Minnesota, during the day, after numerous conferences with both "regulars" and "insurgents."

The vote in the caucus was taken by written ballot, each member writing the names of six men for whom they desired to vote. There were nineteen men placed in nomination, and a large number besides these received complimentary votes. Representative Gardner of Massachusetts received thirty-three votes, the highest number cast for any "insurgent."

Mrs. Frank Spangler and daughter, Josie, returned this morning to their home at Fort Wayne after a visit with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Case, near Pleasant Mills.

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Probably no more earnest, more cheerful missionary in the true sense has ever visited Decatur than Miss Susie Falk, a delightful little lady from West Mecca, Trumbull county, Ohio. Though this brave little woman has been an invalid all her life, and has not walked for fifty-eight years without crutches, her hands have been busied with work for the poor and hundreds have come to know and bless her in all the largest cities of this country, in Africa, India and Norway. She has also scattered abroad the priceless rays of cheerfulness in her life, and she is known to the hundreds who love her as "Cheerful Susie." Miss Falk is here on a sad visit, being called by the death of her brother, Joel Falk, which leaves her the last one living—the youngest—of the eight Falk children. The woman has had a really remarkable life, and hearing of her visit here with her nieces, Mrs. Dan Erwin and Mrs. Horace Callow, a reporter of this paper deemed it a great privilege to call on her yesterday afternoon and the half hour spent with her was one of great inspiration.

Though the attack of typhoid fever in her infancy has left her lower limbs deformed and paralyzed, and she appears little taller than a child of ten, time rests lightly upon her, and while her hair is silvered, the spirit that looks forth from bright, sparkling eyes is a young one. Indeed it is the spirit of cheerfulness, of happiness, of Divine grace, that looks forth and keeps her young. She was converted at the age of ten years and her life since has been one for her Master. She is a delightful woman to talk to and one cannot but be helped by a word with her, but in all she says that her cheerfulness is from the Lord and gives all the credit to His power. She has been engaged in the special missionary work for some twenty years. At that time her sister, with whom she lived, died in Greenville, Ohio. Miss Susie states with all sincere assertion that it was a direct answer to prayer for guidance that her life work was revealed to her, and she felt divinely called to the missionary work in which she has been engaged. She had but little means with which to make a home for herself, and in a providential way she found the place in West Mecca. She lives alone in her home in the little town, which is about as large as Bobo, and does all her own housework and caring for herself, except for help with housecleaning.

She is never without employment and supports herself as well as helping countless numbers of others with her needle. Her missionary work lies in making over garments for the poor, and piecing quilts and comforters. The material for these is furnished her by hundreds who have heard of her work. Clothing, pieces of gingham, calico, worsteds, etc., find their way to her, where with skill she works them up and they go to clothe and protect the poor. Many hundreds of poor little chaps in the largest cities—Cleveland, Chicago, and many others—have had cause to bless her as they nestled snugly in the chill winter under the warm garments and comforts—each one a mosaic stone that goes to make up the great pattern of the work of love. The needy at home are given first attention and then the others away from home. Miss Falk said: "Oh, the poor; there are so many of them! Oh, that I might help more!" Her work has been written of in many of the church papers and other organs and friends have distributed tracts telling of her life; so that with these and the fruits of her manifold good works she has become known all over the world, and countless aid her in her work. Her quilts are made of pieces from all over the world, and the pattern of a quilt, which she has here and showed to the reporter, she appropriately calls "Around the World." The design is unique and artistic, and each piece is set with dainty, careful stitches, carrying with them a world of love and good cheer.

Thus she gleans from the way, and that which would probably be lost, is taken by her and woven into articles of countless value. She insists that her bread cast upon the waters, returns a hundredfold every time, and that there is more and more to be distributed at every return. She looks upon all entrusted to her as a sacred charge, and it is her pleasure in helping others that makes her "Cheerful Susie" and makes the spiritual overshadow the physical. The Bible is her constant companion, and her quiet life away from the world, no doubt, draws her nearer to the great Master and his teachings. She will remain here for two or three weeks and will then return to her home. No doubt many messages from her new friends will follow her there, her address, since the postoffice has been changed, being Rural Route 4, from Cortland, Trumbull county, Ohio.

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The Arbuckle-Ryan Co. vs. David L. Marschand et al., note and foreclosure of mortgage, demand, \$2,050, demur and fifth paragraph of answer sustained and leave granted defendant to answer. Demur to first, second and third paragraph overruled.

Citizens Telephone Co. vs. Fort Wayne & Springfield Ry. Co., damages, \$8,000. Judges Sturgis of Bluffton assumed jurisdiction.

L. C. DeVoss filed a new case entitled George C. Baker vs. Catherine Place, suit on contract, demand. The litigation is over a lot in Willshire.

The divorce case of William Lehman vs. Charlotte A. Lehman was heard this morning and the court took the case under advisement. Hooper & Lenhart appeared for the plaintiff and Cottrell and Beatty for the defendant.

Leonard Schnepf, administrator of the Hannah Schnepf estate, filed a petition for the sale of real estate. Inventory and appraisement of land filed. Waiver of notice filed by Abraham, Benjamin, Frank, William and Leonard Schnepf and Mary Murphy.

Architect Oscar Hoffman of this city has nearly completed the plans for a handsome new church building to be erected by the United Brethren congregation at Wren, Ohio, on the site of the present frame church which has served them well for many years.

The new building will be a most modern structure, costing \$12,000, equipped with all the latest conveniences, and would do credit to a much larger town. It will be built of red pressed brick, and will contain an auditorium, seating 350 persons, a Sunday school room with a seating capacity of 175 or 200 and a basement with kitchen and dining room. The church will be heated by a steam plant. Work on the building will begin as soon as the weather will permit, and it is hoped to have it finished by the first of October.

SHIPPED CATTLE.

One of the finest herds of steers that has ever been shipped from this city was that of Saturday when twenty head belonging to Fred Scheiman were shipped to the market as Boston, Mass. The average weight was thirteen hundred pounds, and the animals sold for seven and three-fourths cents per pound. They were raised and cared for on Mr. Scheiman's farm, one mile west of the city, by Elias Sudduth, who lives on the place, and who is spoken of as being a fine raiser of cattle.

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John Britts is now moving his family to Fort Recovery, Ohio, where he has been in business for the last several months.

Dombena Whiteman, the four years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Whiteman, is dangerously sick with membranous croup.

Several members of the Geneva g. o. p. were in Decatur today, where they attended a convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the state convention. Among those attending were F. J. Macwhinney and Charles Haviland.

A beautiful Easter day it was and from the appearance the people of Decatur thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. The exercises at the various churches were very interesting.

The front of the Crystal theater is sporting a brand new coat of paint, which adds much to the attractiveness of that popular place of amusement.

Miss Stella Wemhoff of Fort Wayne spent Easter with her mother, Mrs. Mary Wemhoff. They also had as their guests, Margaret and Paul Foohey of Fort Wayne.

Lew Corbin, the prognosticator, says it is his belief that there will be no rain between this and November. If this is true it will sure be a record-breaking dry spell.

EMIGRANT WEDDING.

By GWENDOLEN ADAMS.
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At the port of New York there is what is called the barge office. It is connected with the transit of goods and people from abroad into the United States. It is a place apparently as bare of romance as an ash heap. But wherever the human heart beats there is romance. Painters and poets like to picture it as far as they can from the business world, especially eschewing localities where people are hurrying with their strapped and roped chattels from the odiferous steerage of a ship to the smoke and dust of a railway train. Nevertheless there are countless romances among immigrants entering the United States.

"Is this the place where they keep the immigrant girls?" asked a black eyed young Armenian who came hurriedly into the New York barge office.

But the man's English was not intelligible, so he received no reply till after his nationality was learned and an interpreter had been called. The interpreter told him that he had struck the place he was looking for. He at once beckoned in the direction of the door, and several dark complexioned fellows advanced.

"These are my witnesses," said the young man. "This is the clerk, and this is the priest. Give me my girl, and I will marry her at once, so that you need not be afraid that the government will have to take care of her."

"What sort of nonsense are you giving me?" said the interpreter.

"I am an Armenian. Toshkowhi is an Armenian too. Why do you keep me waiting? Didn't I tell you that I am ready to marry her?"

"See here, you crack brained lunatic. I am employed to interpret what you say from Armenian into English! Talk in your native tongue and stop the long roll in r's."

"Huh! I not speak English. I been in this country three years." Then he commenced again in his adopted tongue and rattled his r's and bounced his b's. An officer cried, "Call the madam."

The "mother of immigrants" made her appearance, and to her the young man told his story. Women are more keenly sensitive to romance than men, and it was not long before the matron scented a love affair under the rattling r's and bouncing b's. It was this:

Three years before the young aspirant for honors in the English tongue had come to America from Armenia. His name was Vahi Krihorian. He had left at home a pretty sweetheart, then seventeen years old, named Toshkowhi Gobedian. It seemed singular to the investigators that a man with such a name should speak endearingly to a girl with such a name should after three years in America have made so little headway in English. The upshot of the matter was that Toshkowhi had come over to John Vahi, who was abundantly able to take care of her, and proposed to relieve the government from all responsibility concerning her by marrying her.

Then the matron took the officer to the girl. She was a small, slender creature, with large black eyes and hair equally black plastered down over her temples and coiled up behind in small braids. She was very bashful and ready to blush at the slightest provocation through her olive complexion. The clerk questioned her before she was brought forth to her lover.

"Have you got any money?" he asked.

"No, sir. I have a sweetheart."

"H'm!" said the clerk. "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. How do you know he'll marry you?"

"Because God would strike him dead if he did not keep his promise."

"And he would deserve it. Come this way."

He led her to where her lover was with his witnesses and the priest. As soon as Vahi saw her standing demurely among the others he ran to her and, putting his arms around her, was about to kiss her when she drew back. Her cheeks flushed like two roses behind dark lace.

"What do you mean, Toshkowhi?" asked the lover, terrified. "Have you changed? Don't you want me after the long voyage across the ocean?"

"Yes, Vahi, but there are so many princes looking at us. I am ashamed."

"Well, well! Then we will be married at once. I told these gentlemen that the president need not fear having to take care of you; that I am earning good wages and will do that myself. See, here are the witnesses, and there is the priest. Come, let us be married."