

Another change was recorded Thursday in the city's business world, when A. W. Garard became the sole proprietor of "The Fair" store, purchasing the half interest of his partner, C. E. Hitesman. Mr. Hitesman has conducted the store for about two years, building up a good trade—in which Mr. Garard purchased a half interest about four months ago. At the time of Mr. Garard's becoming associated with the business, the store was moved from Monroe street to Second street, where a newly remodeled building, finished in fine taste, and with excellent accommodations, was awaiting the stock which was accordingly enlarged. The stock is of general merchandise, and while other articles are carried, the store makes a specialty of five and ten cent stock. The music department is especially fine, and Mr. Garard has purchased for the sheet music department a new piano, which will be here tomorrow. Miss Agnes Kohne, a talented musician of the city, makes a valuable assistant in this line. Mr. Garard is a business man of excellent qualifications, having been associated with the Schafer Hardware company thirteen years, and with Lamar & Lee five years, as canvasser, and is well known over the county. The firm wishes to thank the public for their patronage in the past, and asks a continuance of their good will with the assurance that a hearty welcome is awaiting all at the store. Mr. Hitesman, the retiring member, has secured a position as train dispatcher at Baton Rouge, La., for the Louisville Railway & Navigation Co., where he was employed before coming to this city. He will not move his family to that place until fall, on account of the great heat there during the summer months.

The board of county commissioners returned from their trip over proposed macadam roads and held a short session Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, closing the June term.

The time being past for the completion of the French township macadam road No. 4, the contractor was ordered to proceed at once to complete same and unless he does so at once the forfeiture as given in his contract is to become effective. The auditor was ordered to give a copy of this order to the sheriff if contractor fails to do his part.

There being a public necessity for a change in the specifications on the C. V. Sprunger road, said change was ordered.

The petition of W. P. Schrock et al. for a subsidy election to vote the Fort Wayne & Springfield railroad company \$15,000 bonus was granted and the election fixed for July 12th. The inspectors were appointed as follows:

E. Washington—Mathias Miller.  
W. Washington, Herman H. Sellemyer.

Decatur, First Ward, A Precinct—John Lose.

Decatur, First Ward, B Precinct—George Patterson.

Decatur, Second Ward, A Precinct—Charles Voglewede.

Decatur, Second Ward, B Precinct—Samuel Butler.

Decatur, Third Ward, A Precinct—John F. Snow.

Decatur, Third Ward, B Precinct—Joseph McFarland.

Bonds were ordered by the board for the Teeple Macadam road and will be purchased at once.

The J. W. Vizard road in St. Mary's township was ordered constructed.

Geneva, Ind., June 9—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Waiving between clouds and sunshine, for awhile, with just a wee sprinkle of rain—enough to give the bright promise of the rainbow—the sunshine finally gained the victory and the day was ideal for the fourth annual commencement of the common schools of Adams county, which was held on the lawn of the school building in this town this morning. The crowds began arriving in carriages, in autos, on wheels, and by interurban and steam roads—from every part of the county, until from between 800 and 1,000 had assembled from every township in the county, to witness this crowning event of the first period in the educational life of the 181 graduates. The spacious lawn of the Geneva school was the scene of the commencement exercises and ample accommodations had been made for the seating of the audience, with provision of chairs, camp stools and other seats. A platform had been erected for the accommodation of the graduates, the trustees, County Superintendent Olinger, Dr. W. N. Ferris, who gave the class address, and Prof. Elmer G. Bunnell, assistant state superintendent. Of the 181 graduates, 157 were in attendance, leaving but twenty-four absents. The graduates made a fine appearance as they marched to their

places and took their seats—bright young girls and boys—excellent representatives of the educational life of the best county in the state. Beginning at 9:15 and during the assembly of the audience until 9:30 the Geneva orchestra rendered very good music, and the commencement exercises proper opened with music by the Dudley Male quartet, from Fort Wayne, which also delighted the audience at intervals during the exercises. The invocation was given by the Rev. Harbour, and after more music by the quartet, Dr. W. N. Ferris, president of the Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, Mich., gave the class address, "Master Motives." It was a master effort, abounding in advice and inspiration, and seldom is a class given the privilege of listening to such an excellent speaker. The presentation of the diplomas was given with appropriate words, by Prof. Elmer G. Bunnell, assistant state superintendent. The exercises closed with the singing of "God be With You Till We Meet Again" and this grand old song, led by the Dudley Buck quartet, was taken up with one accord by the one thousand throats present. The benediction was pronounced by the Rev. Waldo, after which the Geneva orchestra again provided music, the exercises closing at 12:30.

A feature of the day was the taking of the class picture by E. T. Perry of Fort Wayne. The class was assembled for this on the north side of the school, and in the center of the picture were the township trustees, all of whom were present, except David Steele of Kirkland township.

Mrs. Millie DeVoss of Winchester is here for a few days' visit with W. W. Briggs and family, after which she will go to Decatur for a further visit.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gay and daughter, Edna, of Celina, Ohio, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Briggs. Mr. and Mrs. Gay are the parents of Mrs. Briggs.

The evening of Sunday, June 12th, will be Children's Night at the Apple Grove church, twelve miles east of Geneva. A program of songs, readings and recitations, will be given and everybody is given a cordial invitation to attend.

Judge Sturgis of Bluffton was here Thursday and heard arguments on the demurrer in the case of the Citizens' Telephone Company vs. the Fort Wayne & Springfield Traction company, an \$8,000 damage suit. The court sustained the demurrer, thus ending the suit in favor of the traction company. However, the telephone company prayed an appeal and the question will be decided in the supreme court of Indiana.

The case of Henry Marble Co. vs. Robert Spice, on account, \$600, was dismissed, the costs being paid. Messrs. Foster and Kennan of Fort Wayne were here looking after the closing of the case, which came here from the Allen circuit court.

The case of Linda Yoder vs. Peter Hoffman et al., replevin, was dismissed at cost of plaintiff.

A marriage license was issued to Lester F. Davis, 21, a merchant of Blue Creek township, and Lulu E. Morrison, 20, daughter of Charles Morrison, of Blue Creek township.

Deputy Sheriff Ed Green and Titus Ernst were taken to Geneva last evening in C. D. Murray's auto, where they took charge of Charles Watson and Alfred Boren, who have been declared insane, and who will be held here awaiting their acceptance at the East Haven asylum at Richmond.

#### OPENS A GROCERY.

Mrs. Willard Steele Opens Store on East Monroe Street.

Mrs. Willard Steele has opened a grocery on East Monroe street, east of the postoffice. For some time the building has been used as a sales room for plants grown on the Steele farm and Wednesday the stock of groceries arrived and was put in shape and Mrs. Steele is now in charge of the grocery, which is a fine one. The woodwork and shelving has been painted white and everything has a neat, clean and tasty appearance. A parrot is one of the attractions that bids the customers "Good-bye. Come again" as they depart.

#### ALL ARE INVITED TO INVESTIGATE

Proof of Great Merit is Scattered Throughout the Land.

While Root Juice is comparatively a new remedy, the most of the ingredients of which it is made, have been in general use for years, and are being prescribed daily by the best doctors of the land. Proof of the wonderful merits of Root Juice is in thousands of

homes, scattered throughout the land. Thousands of people whom Root Juice has cured or benefited, are today advising their sick friends to try it, and but few, who take the advice, have cause to regret it, a fact which can easily be proved by any druggist who has the agency. Scores of druggists say they sold hundreds of bottles of Root Juice to many who suffered for years with stomach, liver and kidney troubles, rheumatism and nervous weakness, but they never sold a medicine that gave as good satisfaction, or won as much praise as Root Juice. The great blood-making, nerve feeding, stomach, liver, kidney and bowel healing Juice should be investigated by all who suffer with any trouble of these organs. Root Juice will bear the most critical investigation. No claims are being made that cannot be proved, and much of the proof is at this point and vicinity. One does not have to go to California, Florida or any other place to see those who are recommending Root Juice. Many of this locality are praising the remedy to the skies, and much can be heard regarding it at Holthouse's drug store.

A. N. Bowen, an employee of Frisinger & Sprunger, importers and exporters of fine Belgian horses, left Thursday for Delphos, Ohio, where he closed a deal with John Holloway of that place, whereby they dispose of one of their fine Belgian stallions, which deal has been on for some time. The horse is a beautiful bay, weighing just 2,000 pounds, and brought the handsome price of eighteen hundred dollars. Mr. Holloway is a farmer and raiser of fine horses, and with this one to his already fancy lot of animals he will have the best in that section of the country. It is a six-year-old, and was brought to this country by Mr. Sprunger on his last trip about a year ago. Lately this firm has been selling quite a number of these horses in all parts of the country and the number has been reduced so as to make it necessary that in a short time another trip will have to be made to Europe and bring over others for use here.

Many Decatur folk will be interested in the wedding of Miss Clara Kohne of Fort Wayne, which took place Wednesday. The bride, who formerly conducted a class in needlework in this city, is a niece of A. C. Kohne. The Fort Wayne Sentinel says: "St. Paul's Catholic church has never been the scene of a prettier wedding than that of Miss Clara Kohne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard J. Kohne of this city, and Mr. Joseph M. Eberhardt of Laporte, which took place this morning at 9 o'clock. Rev. Joseph Krell officiated at the mass, with Professor Hauck at the organ and the children's choir and the soloists, Miss Fannie Welch and Mr. Will Brossard assisting. The bride's brother, Mr. Joseph R. Kohne, of Laporte, presided at the organ previous to the entrance of the bridal party, and played the bridal march from "Lohengrin" as the bride and groom came in. At the end of the mass Mr. Kohne played the Mendelssohn wedding march for the bridal party to leave the church. Miss Welch sang an "Ave Maria" by Luzzi, and the benediction was a duet by Miss Welch and Mr. Brossard. The bride entered with her father and was attended by Miss Marie Fox. Professor August Yenn, of Laporte was Mr. Eberhardt's attendant. The bride looked very beautiful in her wedding costume. Her gown was a fine hand-embroidered linen trimmed beautifully with Irish and cluny laces. The bride wore a large white hat with a white willow plume for its principal ornament and instead of a bouquet she wore a corsage cluster of white roses and lilies of the valley. Miss Fox wore a white embroidery gown, trimmed with val laces, a Charlotte Corday hat in white and green trimmings and carried a bouquet of white flowers with a border of green ferns to carry out the wedding colors of green and white. The church had been prettily decorated with white peacock ferns and palms, and at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kohne, 1018 Fulton street, there was an abundance of garden and other flowers mingled with many lovely ferns. The bride's table for the breakfast was done in white roses in a low oblong vase and white candles shaded in pale green added to the attractiveness of the scene. Only a few intimate friends were present and the bride's immediate relatives. Mr. Eberhardt's father is very ill and for that reason it was impossible for members of his family to be present at the wedding. This afternoon the bride and groom left for New York and other eastern points. They will be at home in Laporte after the first of September. For traveling the bride wore a pongee suit with coat and a stylish hat of Tuscan brain with both blue and red in its trimming of velvet. The bride is one of the city's most attractive young women in every way. She comes from a family of marked musical talent and is both a pianist and

organist of considerable proficiency, with artistic taste in many other directions. Mr. Eberhardt is cashier and assistant treasurer for the Rumley Co. of Laporte. He has been associated with the firm for many years. Mr. Eberhardt is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Lorenz Eberhardt of Mishawaka."

Sheriff Carlisle arrived home this afternoon from St. Paul, Minn., with Matt Crumm, charged with forging his two brothers' names to two notes. He is in jail. His bond is fixed at \$1,000, and unless he can arrange to give it, must stay in jail until the September term of court. In a way Crumm seemed glad to get back to Wells county.—Bluffton News.

Mrs. Harry Butler, Miss Etta Malone, Mrs. C. T. Rainier, Mrs. Agnes Andrews, Mrs. James Archbold, Mrs. T. D. Kern, Mrs. S. S. Magley, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wilder, Mrs. G. W. Roop, Mrs. H. L. Conter, Mrs. D. M. Hensley, Mrs. L. G. Ellingham, Mrs. George Chronister, Frances and Naomi Dugan, Mrs. Eli Meyers and daughters, Gladys and Naomi, Mrs. Charles Burdg, Mrs. C. A. Dugan, C. E. Magley, Clara Boknecht, Mrs. Peter Kirsch, Mrs. Ed Moses, Ella and Emma Mutchler, Ervin Merry, Mrs. John Love, John Burk and the Misses Mary and Ireta Erwin, Frances Miller, Messrs. Omer Butler, David Rice and Samuel Butler and Momena Fleming were among those who went to Geneva Thursday, where they attended the county commencement.

Thursday evening, June 16th, under the auspices of the Ewbank League of the Methodist church a musical program will be rendered at the church, the proceeds to go to the league. The Taylor University Ladies' quartet of Upland has been engaged for the evening, and promise a rare treat for those who attend. The ladies are all from this famous university and on this evening will demonstrate to the public what is going on at this college of learning. It is not their custom of making every place, as they do not make a specialty in this line of traveling, but lately have been giving several entertainments, and it was through the efforts of Rev. Powell that they were secured to give an evening's entertainment in this city. No admission fee will be charged, but a silver offering will be taken to defray their expenses. Everybody is invited to attend and a good program is assured.

Washington, D. C., June 10—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The president this afternoon nominated William A. Lower to be postmaster at Decatur, Indiana.

The above dispatch was received at this office at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It ends the postoffice scrap, which, while rather quiet, has been none the less most interesting to those on the inside. Several candidates had their petitions in and were using what influence was possible to land the plum. The office pays \$2,400 per year. M. A. Frisinger, the present postmaster, has held the office four years, his commission expiring tomorrow, June 11th. His term has been satisfactory. Mr. Lower is one of the best known young men of this city and county. For several years he taught in the public schools of the county and later served for four years as deputy superintendent of public instruction. For several years past he has been engaged in the insurance business, being a member of the firm of Gilley & Lower. He is a man of splendid character, systematic in his work and will no doubt prove a most efficient public officer. Mr. Lower could not be interviewed this afternoon, owing to the lateness of the arrival of the news, and future changes in the office, if there are any to be made, could not be obtained.

Quite a little excitement prevailed on Second street near the Hensley jewelry store about supper time Thursday evening, when Mrs. Rudolph Bowman of this city chanced to meet her father, Rhinehart Limestall, of the south part of the county for the first time since she filed the sensational \$5,000 damage suit against him the latter part of last month. The young woman became frightened and ran into the Hensley store, and again into the residence south, shrieking that she feared her father would kill her and asking that the marshal be called. Marshal Peterson was called to the scene and suggested that she might go to a "Squire and begin necessary proceedings for having her father placed under a peace bond, but it seems that no action was taken. Peterson & Moran, attorneys for the father, stated this morning that they had talked to Mr. Leimenstall soon thereafter and that he said the meeting had been a chance one, that he had threatened her in no way at all; that it was their first meeting since the filing of the suit and that he merely wished to speak to her on certain points therein, but that she overcame

by shame or remorse, ran upon his approach, and that he made no attempt to follow her or molest her in any way. The family has been having no little trouble, and it was only a few weeks ago that Bowman and his wife, who formerly made their home with Mr. Leimenstall, removed to this city.

#### DEATH OF HENRY KUNTZ.

Well Known Berne Citizen Died on Thursday Morning.

Henry Ludwig Kuntz, an old and well known citizen of Berne, died at his home on Water street at about 5:20 Thursday morning after a severe illness of about one month. In the year 1874 he came to Berne and the following year went to Vera Cruz, where on September 18, 1876, he died. Miss Christina Gehrige. After his marriage he moved back to Berne, where he lived till his death. Seven children were born to them. They are Samuel, Miss Rose, Mrs. E. C. Bodis, at Casey, Ill.; Ulysses, at Montezuma, Mich.; Edward, Miss Bertha and Frank. His wife and children and two grandchildren survive him. The funeral services will be held at the Evangelical church Sunday afternoon. Services at the house begin at 1 o'clock.—Berne Witness.

The Fort Wayne district Young People's Alliance convention will be held at the Decatur Evangelical church, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 14th and 15th, and will be largely attended by the societies of this district. The officers who have taken an active part in the work of the district and the arrangements for the convention are: Presiding elder, J. J. Wise; district president, D. O. Wise; secretary and treasurer, Orza Burgener. Miss Minerva H. French, an accomplished lady in physical culture, expression and music, will be present and give several readings during the convention, and a social hour and banquet will be one of the social features, and special music will be rendered during each session. The following is the program:

Tuesday, June 14th—3:00 p. m.

Sounding the Keynote of the Convention—J. J. Wise, Presiding Elder of District.

Organization and Appointment of Committees.

Assignment of Delegates.

Evening Session—7:30.

Song Service—F. F. McClure, Bishop.

Christ Our Ideal of True Manliness—P. L. Browns, Waterloo.

The Joy of True Service—Miss M. D. Schondelmayer, Deaconess, Fort Wayne.

Obedience to God's Program—C. D. Rarey, Fort Wayne.

Wednesday, June 15th—9:00 a. m.

Listening to God—J. M. Lantz, Edgerton, Ohio.

Our Responsibility to the Y. P. A.—C. P. Mass, Berne.

Systematic Giving—Jesse Rupp, S. S. Supt., Adams County.

What Am I Worth?—J. W. Menter, Huntington.

Wednesday—2:30 p. m.

Quiet Moments—D. H. Kaley, Wollcottville.

The Holy Spirit, the Dynamical Force in Our Y. P. A. Work—W. H. Freshley, Kendallville.

How to Make Our Y. P. A. a Live Wire—Prof. S. C. Cramer, Decatur.

Address—G. B. Kimmel, Indianapolis.

Evening Session—7:30.

Song Service—E. E. Miller, Markle.

A Reformer That Reforms—Prof.

A. L. Moudy, Waterloo.

The Call of the Homeland—G. B. Kimmel, Indianapolis.

#### "UP A TREE."

The show at the Crystal tonight will be the very best ever seen in the city. The first reel of pictures will be a "Biograph" comedy, entitled "Up a Tree." Everybody knows that "Biograph" stands for perfection in moving pictures. The second reel is a "Vitagraph" tragedy, entitled "Conscience," or "The Baker Boy." The Vitagraph is now recognized as one of the top-notchers and is fully as good as the Biograph. Don't miss the show tonight at the Crystal, for it will be a hummer. Same old price.

The retail merchants of this city are receiving special invitations to witness the aeroplane races at the Indianapolis motor speedway next week as the guests of the Indianapolis Trade association and it is expected that a party of business men will accept the invitation. The program which is being received here by mail shows that the special entertainment for visiting merchants arranged by the Jobbers and manufacturers who make up the membership of the Trade association will cover three days, including much more than the aviation exhibit.

The visitors are to be guests at the following events:

Tuesday afternoon, June 14th—base ball game between Indianapolis

Bluffton Banner, and Kansas City at Washington park.

Wednesday afternoon, June 15th—Aeroplane races at motor speedway.

Wednesday evening, June 15th—New hippodrome vaudeville at Washington park.

Thursday evening, June 15th—Smoker and concert on the roof garden of the Indianapolis Maennerchor Society building.

Any Time—Trip in elevators to the top of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument.

Any Time—Plunge in the great Broad Ripple bathing beach pool.