

The ninth annual session of the Indiana reunion of B. P. O. Elks will be held in South Bend July 7th, 8th and 9th. This is the week previous to the national convention of Elks at Detroit, July 11th to 17th, and special arrangements have been made for a five days' stop-over at South Bend. Special rates have been secured on all steam and electric lines.

This fact together with the desire of many lodges throughout the state to have a representative showing at the state meeting, will make the attendance unusually large. The Chicago lodge of Elks, No. 4, is going to South Bend with over 100 automobiles and the night parade of illuminated autos will be one of the features. Other parades will be given, the baseball park and various theaters will strive to entertain the visitors.

The Elks' magnificent club house will be open day and night and every effort will be made to demonstrate that South Bend, "World-Famed," is one of the most hospitable cities of the state.

HORSE THIEF WAS LANDED.

Wingate Men Were Here Looking for Him—Caught in Cincinnati, O.

Two or three weeks ago, at different times, representatives of the Detective association from Wingate, Indiana, were here looking for a horse stolen from Clarence Grenard of that place. They kept after the man and word has just been received that the fellow has been landed, being Charles Brown. He was caught at Cincinnati, and pleaded guilty before the Boone county court and is now serving a sentence of from two to fourteen years in Michigan City. It was learned that he had stolen thirty horses during the past year. The Detective association has one motto and that is "Keep after a horse thief until you land him," and they generally do it. The Adams county association held a meeting here today.

Here, boys and girls, is an item of most interesting news for you. Of course papa and mamam won't care anything about it, except for the fact they will want you to enjoy yourself. A big circus, one of the largest and best in all the country, is coming to Decatur.

Mr. H. C. Newman, representing the Hagenbeck & Wallace consolidated shows, is in the city today contracting for the lot, the bill boards, electricity and water, and looking after the thousand other things necessary to put a big show into the town. The date has not yet been publicly announced, but it will be on a Monday, and several weeks off, which means that they will and here on Sunday. The Hagenbeck & Wallace shows are known all over the land as the biggest circus outside the trust and they compare favorably with any in that organization. It has been four years since Decatur has had a big circus and they will likely draw an immense crowd if the weather is right.

Mr. Newman and J. W. Bosse met with a slight accident this morning. While driving over the town looking for a place to pitch the tents, they had just crossed the G. R. & I. tracks going west on Monroe street, when an engine "tooted" and their horse became frightened and started to run. Both men held onto the lines, but the horse kept going about a block, when he slipped and fell. Mr. Bosse was thrown out, but escaped uninjured. Mr. Newman jumped and succeeded in getting hold of the horse and stopping him. Fuller particulars of the circus, giving the date and the lot, will be given out soon.

The Bluffton Banner said: The Modern Woodmen rally held at the Grand opera house last night was attended by five hundred members from neighboring cities. The rally was in charge of A. F. Hoffmeister, district deputy, who had been here in the interest of the local order for the past two weeks. The Keystone team conferred the degree work on a class of ten candidates, following a short public session.

The rally was started by a parade from the court house square which was headed by the King band. Fully five hundred men took part in the march over the business streets of the city ending at the opera house corner. Within several musical selections were played by the Baptist church orchestra.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 and George W. Riley of Danville, national lecturer of the order, was introduced to the audience. His address was followed by a short talk by John D. Wertz of Indianapolis, state deputy. This was followed by several songs by the Woodmen quartet of Fort Wayne, which closed the public meeting.

The degree work was carried out on the stage, the lodge room not being large enough to accommodate the large crowd present. During the work the Woodmen orchestra of Fort Wayne played several selections.

Delegations were present from Geneva, Berne, Monroe, Decatur, Keystone, Warren, Poneto, Ossian, Tossin and Maricle. The uniform rank of the Fort Wayne lodge was also present for the evening and took a great part in the parade.

O. HENRY'S PEOPLE.

"Take the late George Kissing and Pett Ridge, and Jerome, and Arthur Morrison, take all they know, all they have seen all they have written of London of yesterday and today, and sell 'O. Henry, is to New York that these four are to London." So writes a New Zealand admirer of the distinguished short story writer who has just passed away. From this far corner of the world a little article on O. Henry has reached his publishers, Doubleday, Page & Company. Among other things we are told what it is to know and understand O. Henry. "On my book shelves before me as I write," says this reviewer, "are three dumpy little red-backed volumes, 'The Four Million,' 'The Voice of the City,' and 'The Trimmed Lamp.' Read them, understand them—here and there the 'language' is just a trifle baffling—and you will know New York—at a distance. You will know the Hon. Patrick J. Graftigan, Tammany 'Sachem' with his bull neck, his big diamonds, and his fat cigar; you will know, too, foxy-eyed Mat Feeney, who 'runs' the saloon in the 'Tenderloin,' corner of 'Sixth Avenue and Thirty-fourth,' you shall see the barman 'opening wine' for the 'boys' at the behest of generous Dan Murphy, who has had a stroke of luck round at Jake Fioshstein's 'faro-bank,' you shall meet and admire Sadie and Hattie, and Mamie, and a host of other pretty and virtuous typewriter girls, or 'Pompa-dour' haired young ladies from the big 'department' stores. You will be 'up' in the slang of Wall street, and the slang of the men who sit on 'rockers' all day in Broadway hotels, and smoke—and chew—as they listen to the tale of joy—or woe—told them by the never idle 'ticker.' These you shall know and others, the western 'buyer,' who is taken 'round the sights' by young Ike Goldstein; and the broken-down ex-cop of the 'Five Hundred,' who sleeps on a bench in 'Union Square,' is in mortal fear of the 'cops,' and has his recognized place in the 'bread row.' Also, you will have been introduced to a vast crowd of artists, reporters, 'bunco-steerers,' musical and dramatic 'artists'—from the Opera House variety down to the performers in a 'five-cent Bowery show,' to 'candy' sellers, to 'ice cream men,' to men who own big palaces up the Hudson and ten thousand dollar automobiles (no 'motors' in New York), and to men who don't know where their next 'dime' is coming from."

OBITUARY.

Cornelia (Ball) Elzey was born in Adams county, January 6, 1862, and departed this life June 11, 1910. The full time of her days was 48 years, 5 months and 5 days. In the year 1879, November 15th, she was united in marriage to Alfred Elzey, who still survives her. To this union were born four children, two sons, Lawrence and Jay, and two daughters, Mrs. Jacob Meyers and Mrs. Russell Andrews, all of whom are still living. Mrs. Elzey lived all of her days in Adams county. She was a hard-working, energetic woman, and was greatly concerned about her domestic affairs. In the home she spared no effort to bring comfort to both those of her immediate family and also to those of her many friends. She provided well for the home, was a real mother and kind companion. She was a strong believer in right, truth and honesty. In religious matters Mrs. Elzey was also a staunch believer. From childhood she has been interested in Christianity and always stood for the true religion. Some of her last words were, "I am ready to go." She leaves a sorrowing husband, two daughters, two sons, two brothers, two sisters and many other relatives and friends to mourn her departure.

The lawn fete given Friday evening at the Park house by the girls of the V. W. A. club for Miss Margaret Todd of Bluffton, was a most happy one. Japanese lanterns, strung from the branches of the overhanging trees, porch seats dotting the lawn here and there, and delightful little nooks, everywhere, provided an admirable setting for the festive occasion, nature also contributing by providing an ideal night. The porch also took on gala attire. Festoons of crepe streamers in the club colors of lavender and green, combined with lanterns and with banks of potted plants, transformed it into a bower of beauty. In one corner punch was served during the evening by the Misses Leah Hensley and Gladys Mangold. Within the home, the lights were shaded with hoods in the club colors. The members of the club, the Misses Neva Brandyberry, Reba Quinn, Winifred Sowers, Lillian Rice and Florence

Meyers, assisted by Miss Lois Peterson, received the guests, which numbered about fifty. A grand march, led by Bruce Patterson and Miss Margaret Todd, opened the evening's festivities, and among the amusements was a flower contest, in which Bruce Patterson won first honors. One of the most delightful features of the amusement calendar, was the fortune teller, Miss Minnie Orvis, whose booth was a little tent in one corner of the lawn, where she read the past and future of each one present to their utmost pleasure. Luncheon was served at little tables on the lawn. Among the out of town guests were Margaret Todd, Bessie Sawyer, Bernice Claus, Clinton Fellers and Hoyt Hartman of Bluffton, Margaret Turner of Hammond and Lilly Teeple and Hazel Sowers, who are at home for the weekend from Marion, where they are attending school.

The demonstration given Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. G. Ellingham by Mrs. Dixon was a splendid success and the large number of ladies present were convinced of the usefulness of the Pacific electric iron. Owing to the warm weather a number were unable to attend and the demonstration will be continued this evening between the hours of 5 and 9 p. m. Tea and toast will be served free of charge to all those who attend and all the ladies who can be asked to be present.

The Lady Maccabees will have their regular monthly social Monday evening with Mrs. Daisy Ballenger at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Edwards, of Ninth street. A musical program will be given and refreshments served. All Lady Maccabees are cordially invited to come and bring their fee of five cents.

A very pretty baptismal and christening service was that of George Louthan Hill, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hill, the service taking place at the Hill home in the presence of a number of friends, the Rev. Powell officiating.

Mrs. Willis Wagner of Union township entertained at 6 o'clock dinner Friday in honor of Mrs. Jacob Wagner and daughters, Nila, Fern and Fayma, of Monroe center, Mich., formerly of Union township. Those present were Mesdames Orlando Meyer, William Shafer, John Shafer, Jacob Barkley, Theo. Beatty, Alle Bittner, George Ohler, Charles Chapman and Jacob Wagner, Masters Kenneth Ohler, Ray Meyer and Robert Barkley, Misses Nila, Fern and Fayma Wagner, Lele, Luetta and Luella Chapman, Buelah and Alma Bittner.

FROM PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Remains of Clarence O. Young Arrive Enroute to Fort Wayne.

The remains of Clarence O. Young arrived in this city this afternoon on their long trip from the Philippine Islands to the late home at Fort Wayne. The body came by Wells-Fargo express, arriving on the Erie and leaving on the 2:30 interurban car for Fort Wayne. The deceased was a private in Company D, Twenty-fifth Infantry, and his death occurred at Pareng, Mindanao, Philippine Islands, June 13, 1909. The body was shipped at Ransom H. Young 320 Murray street, Fort Wayne. It has been more than a year since the death occurred and the long journey is made that the body may find a resting place in the land of its nativity.

BOOST FOR POSTOFFICE BOYS.

Some of Them Will Probably Get a Raise July 1st.

Some of the local postoffice clerks and mail carriers will be informed July 1st that they have received increases of \$100 each in their yearly salaries. The increase will take effect on that date under instructions issued in Washington by Postmaster General Hitchcock recently, affecting nearly 30,000 clerks and carriers throughout the country. Just who the local men will be that will receive the increases is not known as yet, but under the law passed in 1907 the clerks and carriers have their pay increased automatically each year, providing their grades are all right.

LOST HIGH PRICED HORSE.

Valuable Animal Kicked Six Weeks Ago Had to be Killed.

W. H. Stultz, residing in the south part of the city, is the loser of a valuable trotting stallion owing to a kick received on the 30th day of May, and which could not be benefited. The horse was a valuable one, and was held by Mr. Stultz at \$5,000. The wound was on the right foreleg and until today hopes for its recovery was held by the veterinary and the owner. The bone was completely severed and would never have healed. So the only thing to relieve the animal of its

misery was to kill it and it was later shot. He carried insurance on it for \$1,000. The animal has been in his possession two years.

Jack, seven-year old son of Zack Teeple of South Lin street, played "crack the whip" with a number of little companions Friday evening when he fell and suffered a broken right collar bone. Doctors Coverdale were called to dress the injury and he is getting along all right.

Mrs. Clinton Cloud has been very sick since Thursday night from biliousness and a complication. She was overcome suddenly Thursday evening while walking in the yard, suffering a dizzy spell and falling. She is somewhat better today.

Conductor Homer Ruhl, whose fingers on the right hand were badly cut by being caught in the trolley rope hook, is still off duty, but will probably return to his work Monday. His injuries are gradually recovering.

SCHOOL CHILDREN IN INDIANA.

(United Press Service.) Indianapolis, Ind., June 18.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—From the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction Alecy come the figures which show 754,972 children of school ages in Indiana. Small towns and rural communities show losses, while the cities show gains in the number of school children.

MRS. ISCH DIED SATURDAY.

Well Known Lady of French Township Dead—Funeral Monday.

Mrs. Mary Isch, widow of Jacob Isch, who had lived in French township for many years, died at 1:30 this morning from stomach trouble, from which she has suffered for years. She was sixty-five years old and is survived by one daughter and five sons, the latter being John, Joel, Fred, Erat and Alfred. The family owns a section of land in French township. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Numenese church in Wells county, leaving the house at 2 o'clock.

John P. Blaney, for more than half a century, a resident of Adams county, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Philip Gephart, two miles southwest of Pleasant Mills, at 10:30 o'clock Friday night. For three months past he had been in failing health, but never so sick that he was confined to his bed. The first of the week he suffered from a hemorrhage of the lungs, and Friday night, while sitting on the sofa, another attack came on, from which he died ten minutes later. He lacked but a few months of being seventy-three years of age and came to this county when he was eighteen years old. With the exception of three years in Michigan he spent the rest of his days here. He was a life-long democrat and a worker in the ranks of his party. He is survived by the daughter, Mrs. Gephart, and a son, Joseph Blaney of this city. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, leaving the house at 2 o'clock, sun time, the services being held at the M. E. church at Pleasant Mills at 2:30, Rev. Sweeney, officiating.

FIRST ELECTION BET OF SEASON.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 18.—The first betting proposal on the outcome of the election yet fall that has made its appearance has been posted on the betting board at the Denison hotel. It is an offer of \$200 even money that Senator Beveridge will not be re-elected. It is said at the betting board that the offer was posted by a republican, but a request for his name met with refusal. It was declared also that another offer of \$500 and one of \$1,000 would be forthcoming on the same terms if anybody "showed interest."

DAVE GOT THREE MONTHS.

And His Girl Will Serve a Similar Term.

David Hughes, who, with Minnie Sampson, was arrested yesterday morning by Deputy Sheriff Adams and Patrolman Stout, were arraigned before Mayor Smith yesterday afternoon and was given a fine of ten and costs and ninety days in jail. The woman was also arraigned earlier in the afternoon and she pleaded guilty and was given the same sentence. Both man and woman made confessions to the fact that they were guilty as charged, while they complained that the sentence was rather heavy, it was not nearly as large as could have been made, according to law.—Bluffton Banner.

Chauncey Lautzenhiser of Berne was a business caller in the city today, and left for his home on the afternoon train.

The annual convention of the Fort Wayne district Epworth League, including that of this city, will be held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, June 22, 23 and 24, at Angola and among those from this city who will attend are Rev. and Mrs. Sherman Powell, Mrs. Joan Guerman Powell, Neva Brandyberry, Florence Meyers, Margaret Mills and Miss Etta Maloney, the last named being a member of the district cabinet, holding the office of secretary. The following excellent program will be carried out in the convention:

Wednesday Afternoon.
Devotions—Rev. C. Claude Travis, Fort Wayne.

Organization.
Appointment of Committees.
Address—"Responsibility"—Prof. J. Jay Bryant, Angola.

Music—Epworth Chorus, Angola.
First Department—Address—"The Christ Enthroned Life"—Rev. D. V. Williams, Garrett.

Consecration Service—Frank S. Hickman, Fort Wayne.

Wednesday Evening.
Praise Service—Rev. C. Claude Travis, Fort Wayne.
Male Quartet—Auburn.

Convention Sermon—"The Spirit of Methodism"—Rev. Wallace W. Martin, Bluffton.

Anthem—Angola Choir.
Benediction.

Reception by Angola Epworth League.

Thursday Morning.
Devotions—Rev. C. Claude Travis, Fort Wayne.

"Junior Hour"—Miss Edith Zook, Fort Wayne.

Music—Miss Fern Lehmbach, Garrett.

Second Department—Address—"The Vision and Equipment for World Evangelism"—Rev. Fred F. Thornburg, Auburn.

Model Mission Study Class, conducted by Rev. Loren M. Edwards, Portland.

Round Table Conference on Second Department Problems, Methods, Aims, Suggestions.

Temperance Rally.

Address—"The Youth and the Giant"—Rev. C. B. Dougherty, Fremont.

Adjournment.

Thursday Afternoon.
Praise Service—Rev. C. Claude Travis, Fort Wayne.

Address—"Signs of Discipleship"—Rev. Raymond J. Wade, Elkhart.

Violin Solo—Charles Thornburg, Auburn.

Third Department.

Address—Mrs. Iva D. Vennard, Chicago.

Vocal Solo—Miss Bess Kibbie, Fremont.

Address—"The Life Winner"—Rev. Frederick D. Leete, D. D., Detroit.

Music.

Sermon—Rev. J. A. Beatty, D. D., Fort Wayne.

Communion.

Thursday Evening.

Oratorio—"Creation"—Angola Choral Society.

Lecture—"The Philosophy of a Happy Life"—Rev. Frederick D. Leete, D. D., Detroit.

Music.

Benediction.

Friday Morning.

Comrades of the Morning Watch.

Praise Service—Rev. C. Claude Travis.

Our State Work—Rev. F. F. Lewis, Indianapolis.

Fourth Department—Address—"Today as Seen on Tomorrow"—Rev. J. K. Cecil, Fort Wayne.

Music.

Address—"System in Evangelism"—Rev. Frederick D. Leete, D. D., Detroit.

Convention Business.

Missionary Pledge.

Election of Officers.

Treasurer's Report.

Report of Committees.

The next convention, Where?

Address—Mrs. Ida D. Vennard, Chicago.

Installation of Officers.

Adjournment.

Rev. Sherman Powell will have charge of the congregational singing.

The City of Decatur, through Attorney L. C. DeVoss, has filed suit against the Hanna-Breckenridge Co. at Fort Wayne to secure the payment of a note. The controversy arose over the sale of one of the old engines.

Attorney R. K. Erwin has been re-appointed by Judge O'Rourke to represent the defendant in the Miller murder trial. Miller is charged with killing Marshal McCro of Woodburn and was recently granted a new trial by the supreme court and was returned from Michigan City, where he had been sentenced for life. Judge Erwin has asked for a change of venue, but it is not known where the case will be tried.

Real estate transfers: Samuel Simson to Rosanna Baumgartner, lot 3, Buena Vista, \$150; Samuel Simson to George Bantia, lot 4, Buena Vista,

\$75; Sanford Carter to Alva W. Carter, lots 1, 2 and 3, Pleasant Mills, and 80 acres in St. Mary's tp., \$100; Samuel Simson to John Studabaker, tract in Hartford tp., \$30; Martha E. Case to David M. Fisher, 40 acres; St. Mary's tp., \$4000; Mary Neaderhouser to C. B. Holmes et al., pt. lot 244, Berne, \$650.

A marriage license issued Saturday afternoon was to Mary Luella Middleton, 16, Decatur, and Washington W. Wyer, 33, a laborer, of Chagville. The groom has been married once before, his former wife having died last year.

Attorneys Peterson & Moran and C. J. Lutz filed a new case today entitled Charles C. Schleg vs. Sarah J. Fessenden et al., to set aside a final settlement.

REV. F. T. SIMPSON DEAD.

Former Presiding Elder of This District Died at Elkhart.

The Rev. Franklin T. Simpson, one of the oldest members of the North Indiana Methodist conference and second vice-president of the Citizens' Trust Company of Elkhart, died of Bright's disease Friday morning at Elkhart. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1836. He entered the conference in 1859, and gave up the active ministry ten years ago. He served as pastor at Lagrange, Angola, Elkhart, Osceola, Peru, Union City, Marion, Warsaw, Muncie and Anderson and was presiding elder of the Muncie and Fort Wayne districts. A widow and two sons, Louis M. Simpson, of Elkhart and Ernest C. Simpson, of Gary, survive him.

ENTER NURSE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Miss Frances Rademaker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Rademaker, will leave the second week in July for Fort Wayne, where she will enter the nurse's training school at Hope hospital with the intention of adopting that profession, for which she is admirably adapted. Miss Rademaker has served for some time at the local telephone office.

BLEEKE CHURCH PICNIC.

Sunday afternoon, June 26th, the Bleeke congregation will have its annual school picnic at the Bleeke grove. The program will be of recitations in English and German by the scholars and dialogues by the young people. Refreshments will be in charge of a committee, and everybody is invited to attend.

Miss Esther Purdy, daughter of Sam Purdy of Bluffton, and a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Purdy of this city, who had planned to spend Sunday with her grandparents here, was unable to come on account of having been bitten by a dog Friday evening. It is thought she will recover with no ill effects. The dog will be watched and if there is any evidence of hydrophobia the child will be taken to Chicago for the Pasteur treatment. The Bluffton News says regarding the occurrence:

"Sam Purdy of West Wiley avenue, called on Marshal Pierce this afternoon to kill a dog belonging to William Penrod, residing at the corner of South and Oak streets. The animal, a white bird dog, ran out and bit Esther, aged eleven. Mr. Purdy's daughter, as she was passing along the sidewalk this morning. The dog's teeth made a nasty gash in the fleshy part of the girl's leg. She was taken to a physician's office and the wound was cauterized thoroughly and it is hoped that any infection which might lead to hydrophobia has been removed. The physician recommended, however, that the dog be killed in order to prevent any similar happening and to ascertain if the dog was really affected by hydrophobia."

LETTER FROM ALICE FETICK.

Hungry For News From This Locality Where Relatives Used to Live.

We are in receipt of a letter from Alice Fetick, whose grandparents were among the early settlers of this city. Miss Fetick lives at Camden, Ala., where her relatives on her mother's side lived. They are all dead and she now owns the big homestead, including a large farm four miles from that place. She would be glad to hear from Decatur people, and would like to get one or two families to move onto her farm. She says the south is a great place to make money and there are openings there for most any one in any line.

Mrs. Hugh Daniels of Rivarro was in the city over Sunday visiting with relatives.

Rev. Dawson of Indianapolis, who had charge of the services at the Christian church Sunday, left today for his home. On next Sunday he will deliver his first sermon as permanent pastor here and the members of the congregation are doing all possible to make the day a memorable one.