

There was considerable disappointment around the clerk's office for a time Saturday. John Kratner and Mary Deener appeared there and asked for the credentials which would enable them later to be married. They failed to answer the questions required and in addition they failed to measure up to the metal requirements as specified by the laws of the state, so Clerk Haefling refused to grant the license. The matter was later referred to Judge Merryman and after considerable investigation he upheld the clerk in his contention. They were refused license and as a matter of fact were greatly disappointed.

About the only thing noticeable around the clerk's office these days is the occasional filing of a new case for the September term of court and outside of that there is not much doing. The office force is getting things in shape for the next term, making new dockets and otherwise getting ready for a lot of business, which is accumulating.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 23.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Plans for an active and vigorous campaign in Indiana were made yesterday at a meeting called by Samuel M. Ralston, of Lebanon, of the democratic state campaign committee. Present, as invited guests of the committee, were members of the democratic state ticket, the democratic congressmen, Governor Marshall and Thomas Taggart. Speeches were made by men representing every section of the state and invariably these reports were such as to inspire the hearers with the certainty of democratic victory in November, provided there be no shirking in the work incident to the campaign. "Organization" was the keynote of the meeting, which was enthusiastic from the moment Congressman Lincoln Dixon, the first speaker, took the floor. Each speaker who followed him laid stress upon the importance of organization and organization which would enlist not only every precinct committeeman in the active campaign—but one that would also carry home to each democratic voter the responsibility resting upon him. It was the consensus of opinion that if the democratic voters responded and went to the polls in November, victory for the democratic cause would be assured. Among the subjects discussed was that of foreign speakers, and among those mentioned were William Jennings Bryan, Senator Gore and Champ Clark. It was the unanimous opinion of those present that these men should be asked to assist in the Indiana campaign and at the proper time an invitation will be extended to them by State Chairman Jackson. Governor Marshall and Thomas Taggart made speeches in which they agreed with the opinions of the others, that victory was assured if all democrats would put their shoulders to the wheel. They emphasized the importance of getting out the democratic vote and of getting a complete and thorough organization. There were nearly thirty present during the meeting which began at 10 o'clock in the morning and continued until 5 in the afternoon. In the course of the day a report was made by every candidate present, many of whom have already visited certain parts of the state and canvassed the situation. Each of the congressmen present, including Congressman Dixon, Cullop, Korbly, Boehme and John B. Peterson, nominee in the Tenth district, was called upon for an expression of his views on the Indiana situation. Nearly all of them have gotten in touch with conditions since the adjournment of congress and expressed themselves as confident of Democratic success. State Chairman Jackson reviewed the Indiana situation as he has found it and gave an outline of the work already done by the state committee and that planned for the future. "I am pleased to find such unanimity of opinion here today," said Chairman Jackson. "It speaks well for the success of our party. We are agreed upon all points and out of such harmony I am sure nothing but success can come." Many of the things suggested in the way of organization by the various speakers were shown by Chairman Jackson's remarks to be already under way. Steps toward perfecting a splendid state organization have been taken and much work done preliminary to the speaking campaign. Mr. Ralston as chairman of the meeting kept things moving and with good reports from every speaker there was enthusiasm every minute during the long meeting. At its conclusion Chairman Ralston made the following statement:

"The meeting of the campaign committee was attended by the state candidates and the democratic candidates for congress. In addition to these gentlemen, Governor Marshall, Lieut. Governor Frank J. Hall and the national committeeman, Thomas Taggart, attended the meeting. The general plan of the campaign was discussed at length, proper notice being taken of the political conditions in the various congressional districts. It was the opinion of those present that the economical and statesmanlike administration of Governor Marshall, as contrasted with republican administrations, should be made prominent in the campaign. The tariff question, including the increased cost of living and the fallacy of Senator Beveridge's tariff commission will be discussed from every stump. Governor Marshall made an enthusiastic speech, urging that the democratic party must stand for economy and the right of the people to rule in government. He said the democratic party must not be put in the attitude of championing any particular interest. Mr. Taggart urged the importance of organization and placed his services at the disposal of the committee and the candidates. He assured them that he was ready to co-operate with the democratic organization and was ready to take upon himself any work to which he might be assigned. Both Governor Marshall and Mr. Taggart assured the meeting that the outlook for democratic success was never brighter. It was the unanimous opinion of everyone attending the meeting that among the foreign speakers Mr. Bryan, Senator Gore and Champ Clark should be asked to take part in the Indiana campaign. Several gentlemen gave it as their judgment that Mr. Roosevelt's coming into Indiana to whip in line the republican leaders who are fighting Beveridge would result in failure. It was the belief of the meeting that these opponents of Senator Beveridge are not in frame of mind to be bossed."

E. D. Drage, of Hoagland, Allen county, employed as a lineman by the Pennsylvania company, was almost instantly killed at Dunkirk, Ohio, at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning. The young man was eighteen years of age and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Drage, residing one mile south of Hoagland.

Young Drage was with a work train gang and jumped off a car, stepping over to an adjoining track immediately in front of an on-coming train, No. 21. He was picked up by the pilot and hurled forty feet. Death intervened soon after the injured man had been picked up by his comrades. The remains were brought to Hoagland for interment. The young man is survived by his parents, a sister and two brothers.

The young man is known to many here and especially to those of the north half of the county. Albert Schenmann of the interurban office, this city, who is attending school during the week at Fort Wayne, was in the railroad station there Friday evening when the remains arrived enroute to Hoagland. Though the death occurred in the morning it was late in the evening before the body could be brought to Fort Wayne on account of the lack of train accommodations.

A Holiday for the Wife.
Give your wife a vacation. She needs one. Little cares are harder to bear than great responsibilities, and she has many more cares than her husband and sometimes as great responsibilities. When your work is done you can lock it up in your office and put the key in your pocket. But she never locks her work up till sleep comes and turns the key upon it. A woman's work is never done.—Ex.

Mrs. Edythe Blake-Hedges of New Haven delivered a lecture at the Methodist church here Wednesday evening. Her subject was "The Story of the Catacombs." She is an able and entertaining speaker, possessing a good voice and a charming personality, and was at all times complete master of her subject. Her work was much appreciated and she received hearty applause. The lecture should have been attended by a much larger audience as it was of the highest character and a rare treat. Mrs. Blake-Hedges has been engaged to deliver a course of lectures before the Twentieth Century club of this city next winter.—Monroeville Exchange.

Mrs. Blake was formerly a resident of Geneva and taught a china painting class in this city.

Mrs. Belle Harmon entertained at supper a few days ago in honor of her daughters, Misses Gertrude and Essie Phillips, of Fort Wayne. Guests from Fort Wayne were Mrs. Derkes and daughters, Mayme and Catherine.

Ernan Fleming and Theresa Derkes, from this city were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brokaw and Miss Hilda Smith.

The musical given at library hall Friday evening under the auspices of "The Lucky Twelve" division of the German Reformed Aid society, was a successful one, as could be judged by the many words of praise and appreciation expressed by the large audience present. The opening number, a piano solo by Miss Flora Peters, was well received, as were piano solos by Miss Esther Sellemeyer, Miss Florence Sprunger, Mrs. Fred Fruchte and Miss Huldah Mutchler. A vocal solo by Miss Huldah Mutchler, with piano accompaniment by Miss Ella Mutchler, a piano duet by the Misses Ella and Emma Mutchler, a cornet solo with piano accompaniment by Miss Florence Sprunger, a vocal solo by Miss Florence Sprunger, with piano accompaniment by Miss Irene Schirmeyer, were well given and received. A choral song by six girls—Agnes Sellemeyer, Lydia Kirsch, Flora Peters, Effie Miller, Emma Weidler and Huldah Mutchler, with piano accompaniment by Miss Ella Mutchler and cornet accompaniment by Albert Sellemeyer, was a leading number. The program was not carried out as at first planned on account of the absence from the city of several members.

Miss Nellie J. Schrock, a bride of Monday, her fiancé, Dr. Orren Smith of Indianapolis, and a number of their friends will be entertained at luncheon tomorrow evening by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Patterson and daughter, Marie. The company will include the following: Dr. Orren Smith, Miss Margaret Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ream of Indianapolis; Mrs. G. H. Meyers, Montpelier, Robert Schrock, Ithaca; Mrs. Nettie Schrock, Nellie, Bess and Will Schrock, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson of this city, and Bruce Patterson of Winona.

A very happy birthday party was that given Friday afternoon from 2:30 to 5:30 o'clock by Miss Mary Erwin at her home on North Second street. Pink and white comprised the color keynote of the decorations, which were of crepe paper streamers and sweet peas, arranged tastily in the house, while nasturtiums and plants beautified the porches. "Vacation Days" was the name of an amusing little contest, carried out in pink and white also. Booklets were given each guest, which they were to illustrate with pictures from magazines, telling a vacation story. Prizes for the best and second were awarded to Rosa Green and Dorothy Dugan. Music also contributed to the pleasure and a tempting luncheon, carrying out the color scheme, was served by the T. T. girls. Guests were Dorothy Dugan, Hazel France, Vivian Dutcher, Lucile White, Lulu Gerger, Rosa Green, Lillian Rice, Winifred Sowers, Gladys Graham, Flora Peters, Mabel Moses, Hazel Love, Erna Schindler, Effie Miller, Mary Falk, Gladys McMillen of Pleasant Mills and Lucy Barnes of Huntington.

YOU WOULD BE SURPRISED.

This city has good drinking water, but a person would be surprised to see what accumulation of sediment is obtained by the use of one of our Modern Filters. Can be attached to any faucet, is inexpensive and every home should have one or more. The precaution toward health is worth considering. The Fair Store, A. W. Garard, Prop. 1721 1/2

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Force, whose daughter's funeral was held here yesterday, left this morning for their home at Hartford City.

Mrs. J. D. Hale, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Earle Parker, at Hartford City, and also was the guest of her sister, Mrs. D. E. Studabaker, at Bluffton, returned home today. She was accompanied here by her granddaughter, Miss Carolyn Parker, who will make a return visit here for several days.

J. M. Brown and family of Calloway, Neb., who have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abe Brown, of Union township and his host of friends and relatives, returned to their western home this noon via the Erie railroad. Mr. Brown is an Adams county boy, having been born in Decatur and grew to manhood in our midst. He is now in the employ of the Union Pacific railroad, running a train controlled by a gasoline engine motor power. He is one of their best engineers and an expert in gasoline machinery. While here, with his parents and two brothers of this city a brother from Omaha, Neb., two sisters from Fort Wayne, and one sister from St. Mary's township, they gave J. E. Moser a pleasant call and had a picture taken of the family group, that the could have a pleasant remembrance of the visit. Mr. Brown likes his western home very well, but said Adams county looked good to him.

Several meetings have been held recently in various churches of the city for the purpose of what has been rendered all possible aid to the officers whose duty is to enforce the laws. At such a meeting held in the Baptist church at 2:30 Sunday the "Civic League of Decatur" was organized by the election of the following officers:

President—Adam J. Smith.
Vice Presidents—C. J. Lutz and U. S. Cress.

Secretary—Rev. Charles E. Ehle.
Treasurer—Mathias Kirsch.

Additional members of the Executive Committee are: John Niblick, C. E. Baughman, G. T. Burk.

The following declaration of principle was unanimously adopted as the basis of organization. It will bear careful study:

"Frequent and repeated violations of the law in respect to one law engenders and develops disrespect for all laws; and in view of the numerous and open violations of the liquor laws of our state, we hereby unite ourselves together to aid and assist the legally constituted authorities to enforce the law efficiently and effectively."

More than 100 citizens had signed the foregoing declaration before 10 o'clock this morning. The membership of the Civic League already includes the pastors of each of these churches: German Reformed, United Brethren, Presbyterian, M. E., St. Mary's, Lutheran, Christian, Evangelical, and Baptist, as well as lay members from most, if not all, of them. While this is neither a political nor a religious movement it aims to include in its ranks all parties and all churches. The aim is to secure the highest possible type of good citizenship, nothing more and nothing less.

Members of the league have already pledged the sum of \$1,085.00 for the carrying forward of this work and the end is not yet. A meeting of the executive committee was held in the library at 7 o'clock this morning, and plans were outlined.

A special meeting of the county morning at the office of County Superintendent Opliger. It was decided to add a course in agriculture to the work of the eighth grade and the first year high school, and Uphan's introduction in agriculture was adopted for the eighth grade, and Wilkinson's practical agriculture for the high school. This will complete one and a half year's work in agriculture and will prove a valuable addition to the course of study as now outlined for the use of the schools of the county. Nelson's Grammar School Reading was also adopted for the eighth grade. The state board of education has adopted a list of nine classics and these classics are embodied in the Nelson grammar school reading. It includes biographies of authors, outlines for recitation, and suggestive helps for study, and many other excellent selections suitable for eighth grade reading. Educational questions pertaining to the coming school year were discussed in an informal way, and the meeting was a successful one. The trustees present were J. A. Fleming, C. E. Magley, Daniel Huffman, David Steele, Samuel Butler, O. J. Suman, Frank Wecker, C. C. Beer, John Moser, W. L. Thornhill and J. T. Kelley.

CHINCH BUG IN THE CORN.

Charles Bell of Craigville Wants Remedy Against Corn Destroyer.

Charles Bell of Craigville, who was in the city on business today, reports that the chinch bug has started in the corn fields in the vicinity of Craigville. They suck the sap out of the corn and by this method succeed in killing the stalk. Mr. Bell has about seventy-five acres of corn out on his two farms near Craigville and the bugs are on both farms. The bug is very dangerous and it is well scattered all over Craigville, but has not been reported from any other part of the county. The corn in Wells county is looking good but if the bug gets in its work it may destroy the crop. Mr. Bell or any other citizen of Craigville would like to find out a remedy for the crop destroyer and any one knowing a good remedy will please notify Mr. Bell or some one at Craigville.—Bluffton Banner.

Geneva, Ind., July 25.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The closing days of the chautauqua in Geneva were well patronized and everybody is up in arms for a chautauqua in 1911. Friday evening the people were well pleased with the lecture given by Dr. Charles W. Blodgett in "The Handshake of Grant and Lee." Mr. Blodgett spoke along the line of what this country was before the rebellion, and what it is now, and that it was the handshake of Grant and Lee that made it possible. In the close of his lecture he paid a tribute to both Grant and Lee, and said on the grave of Lee he would place a red rose, and

on the stone that marks the last resting place of General Grant he would inscribe "The greatest warrior and soldier of any age." His lecture was forceful in thought, humorous, interesting and highly instructive. Saturday at 3 p. m. we were entertained by the Hattie Rood Grace Concert company, composed of three members, a mother and twin daughters. The selections given in reading and song were well received. In the evening at 8 p. m. we were entertained by L. W. Ford, who for many years was the cartoonist for the Syracuse Herald, Syracuse, New York. He is an artist of recognized ability, a rapid-fire talker and a rapid worker, who kept his large audience attentively watching and listening to his ready wit and wholesome humor, while sketching in rapid succession pictures which rivet the attention, please the eye and point a moral. Mr. Ford drew the largest audience of the chautauqua. Sunday at 3 p. m. the audience was favored with a sermon by Dr. A. W. Lamar of Tennessee, who some say is the successor of Sam Jones. The doctor took for a basis of his remarks, "Zaccheus in the Sycamore," and to say the least he informed us very plainly that this old world of ours is still maintaining such characters. It was Dr. Lamar that started Sam Jones on his great career, and he is a most pleasant gentleman to meet. Sunday evening we were entertained again by the Hattie Rood Grace Concert company in a sacred concert and thus closed the first and only chautauqua ever held in Geneva, but it will not be the last one, as at the close of the entertainment Sunday evening four hundred season tickets at one dollar and fifty cents each were signed up and pledged by the business men of Geneva for a chautauqua in Geneva in July, 1911, but it is estimated that before that time arrives an even one thousand will be sold.

The most profound sensation that has stirred Bluffton in years has been the chief subject of conversation everywhere during the past two days, since it became known Thursday evening that Mrs. Alice Kiger, wife of Col. W. L. Kiger, had departed from Bluffton with the stated purpose of abandoning her home in this city for good and the added fact that the departure was coincident with the departure on the previous evening of Dr. W. N. Fowler and the current report that the two have plans to meet at some time in the future and the expectation of Mrs. Kiger in leaving one of the best homes in Bluffton was to link her future destiny to that of the doctor.

That Mrs. Kiger deliberately planned to leave her home and husband is a fact that is assured from her own statements to that effect to very intimate friends. Mrs. Marcellus Alexander and Mrs. W. T. Junkin were both called to her home and received the positive assurance from Mrs. Kiger herself that she intended to leave her home here. They tried in vain to persuade her to abandon her purpose. It is said further that Mrs. Kiger admitted infatuation for Dr. Fowler and that she had hopes of divorce that would permit them to live together legally. But she knew of no charge that she could make against her husband and she knew that he would not seek a divorce even if she did go away. For Dr. Fowler, a man aged forty-two, there has been nothing but condemnation. He has been mixed up in other similar affairs in Bluffton and is credited with having broken up more homes in Bluffton, and it probably would not be healthy for him to return to this city.—Bluffton News.

PICNIC AT ROBINSON PARK.

Will be Enjoyed by Christian Sunday School Next Month.

The Christian Sunday school is planning to give a picnic at Robinson park, Fort Wayne, during August, the date not having been fully determined. The Sunday school has increased more than three-fold in membership since the Rev. J. M. Dawson, the new pastor, has been here, and everything is most encouraging for a further increase. The men's class is coming rapidly to the front and will soon be one of the strongest in the city. The picnic this year will doubtless be one of the best ever enjoyed by the school and plans are being made on a large scale to make the day such.

An organized band of chicken thieves are about on their last legs. Two of the gang are under arrest, and it is expected that more of them will be paying their respects to the law before the matter is entirely closed. Sheriff Meyer and Deputy Ed Green went to Bobo Sunday morning and arrested Hugh Daniels and Clint Death, the case against both of them being pretty clear. Many of the stolen chickens were sold to Mr. Stetler at Willshire and others to Moser & Co. at Wren. The affidavit upon

which these two were arrested was sworn to by Adam Gephart, living just this side of the state line. Death is nineteen and Daniels twenty-four, the latter being married. They were arrested at their homes in Bobo, and it is said that there are several others shivering, even in this hot weather. It is estimated that from four to five hundred chickens have been stolen in this neighborhood during this summer, and the officers have been looking for some definite evidence for a long time. They now seem to have it and they will push the matter to the limit. Daniels gave bond, his father and father-in-law coming to his rescue and thus saving him from spending his time in jail. His partner, Death, also furnished bond.

William Foreman left this morning over the Clover Leaf for Marion, Ind., where he was called on account of the severe illness of his brother, "Doc" Foreman. The message was short and did not state the nature of the illness, only that he should come at once. Just the fourth of this month he was visiting at Van Buren with his brother, but at that time had shown no signs of approaching sickness. On returning to his home he became ill, took to his bed and has not been able to be up since. It is thought his sickness is some sort of brain trouble, as he has been troubled in this way on former occasions, and has been unconscious for several days. Mr. Foreman left at once to be at his bedside. He is well known here by many people, who wish for him a speedy recovery.

The sick man, Chauncey Foreman, better known as "Doc," lives at Van Buren, where he is employed in a machine shop, but when he became sick was taken to the hospital at Marion, where he now is. He had been doing quite well in Van Buren, where he had gone after leaving here about six years ago, now owning his own home and doing quite well financially. He was married to Miss Blanch Johnson, and they have three children, two girls and a boy.

SOME AMUSING EXPERIENCES

Of Adams County Ladies in the State of Michigan.

George Flanders, who has returned from a week's visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Flanders, at Sanford, Mich., reports a very enjoyable time. He met several people from Allen county who have located there and like the country very much. Among them were Phil and Will Fuhrman and families. He reports an amusing incident that occurred to the ladies and children on the day he arrived there, which he told them he would tell to their friends here, much to their chagrin. They had driven out to get huckleberries, and in the course of the trip were obliged to ford a river. Mrs. Will Fuhrman was afraid to drive across with the children and so went in a boat. The Misses Addie and Vera Fuhrman, daughters of Phil Fuhrman, attempted the drive across, and when half the distance, turned around and drove back, when if they would have continued the water would have been more shallow and less dangerous than the turn in the middle of the stream. They then thought they would row across in the boat, and when nearly across the boat rocked and they again became frightened and jumped into the river, into water that came very nearly up to their necks. The boat floated away and they would have been in a dire predicament had not the woman who lives on the Flanders farm happened along just then and got their boat and helped them out.

The Erwin family reunion, an annual event in the lives of the many Erwins hereabouts, was held Sunday at the home of Richard Kenney Erwin, uncle of "our Dick," and who lives west of Fort Wayne. The Erwin homestead, where the event of Sunday was held, is one of the old country homes, and where this family has lived for fifty years or more. He is an uncle of the Adams county Erwins, seventy-eight years old, and if he lives until next year he will celebrate the golden wedding with his second wife, an event happening to but few people. Dore B. Erwin and family and D. N. Erwin and family of this city were in attendance, as was also R. K. Erwin and family of Fort Wayne. About fifty in all were present and enjoyed the day at the home of this hospitable family. The Decatur Erwins have returned home and they pronounced the meeting Sunday the best of the many previously held by them. Early history of this and Allen counties was the principal theme of the day, and it was entertaining to all the younger members of this family, who are now scattered over all portions of this great country.

William Weickman made a business trip to Hoagland this morning, returning home on the noon train.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA