

The case of Joel Reynolds vs. City of Decatur, one thousand, demand, \$125, has been dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff, and judgment rendered accordingly for costs.

John F. McArdle et al. vs. Patrick Gorman et al., case venued here from Huntington county for contest of will, demurrer to complaint overruled; exceptions by defendant, who filed answer.

Charles N. Christen, administrator of the Albion Smith estate, filed report of sale of personal property, which was approved.

In the matter of the estate of Robert B. Allison, a petition was filed by several bondsmen to be released from the executor's bond.

A marriage license was issued to Jesse S. Engle, 25, school teacher of Lima, Ohio, son of George W. and Arilla Engle, to wed Armintha Jackson, 25, daughter of Henry and Rebecca Jackson.

A REGULAR TOM BOY
"As Susie—climbing trees and fence, jumping ditches, whistling, always getting scratches, cuts, sprains, bruises, bumps, burns or scalds. But laws! Her mother just applied Bucklin's Arnica Salve and cured her quick. Heals everything healable— boils, ulcers, eczema, old sores, corns or piles. Try it. 25¢ at all druggists.

SEASON OF ADVENT.

Beginning with Sunday the St. Mary's church enters upon the season of advent, or a time of four weeks in preparation for the feast of Christmas. This time is especially set aside by the church as a time of refraining from worldly amusements and to prepare for the glorious feast which is fast approaching.

NAPOLÉON'S CRIT
"as of the unconquerable, never-say-die kind, the king that you need most when you have a bad cold, cough or lung disease. Suppose troches, cough syrups, cow liver oil or doctors have all failed, don't lose heart or hope. Take Dr. King's New Discovery. Satisfaction is guaranteed when used for any throat or lung trouble. It has saved thousands of hopeless sufferers. It masters stubborn colds, obstinate coughs, hemorrhages, la grippe, croup, asthma, hay fever and whooping cough and is the most safe and certain remedy for all bronchial affections, 50¢ and \$1.00. Trial bottle free at all druggists.

Despondent over long continued illness, for which she thought there was no cure, Mrs. Maud F. Fuller, 38 years old, wife of Alpheus Fuller, 918 Edgecomb place, yesterday afternoon cut her throat with a razor and then submerged her head in a half-filled bathtub. For the past year Mrs. Fuller had been under the care of a physician, because of nervousness and insomnia. She feared she could never be cured, wrote a note asking the forgiveness of her husband and then ended her life. The body was found late in the afternoon by Miss Victoria Stone of Decatur, Ind., who had been staying with Mrs. Fuller while her husband was on a business trip to Canton, Ill., buying coal and other supplies for the Burlington railroad.—Chicago Record-Herald. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fuller are quite well known here having visited at the Stone home a number of times. They were here a month this fall and met many people, who will regret this terrible occurrence. Miss Stone went to Chicago a short time ago for a visit with the family.

LION FONDLES A CHILD.
In Pittsburg a savage lion fondled the hand that a child thrust into his cage. Danger to a child is sometimes great when least regarded. Often it comes through colds, croup and whooping cough. They slay thousands that Dr. King's New Discovery could have saved. "A few doses cured our baby of very bad case of croup," writes Mrs. George B. Davis of Flat Rock, N. C. "We always give it to him when he takes cold. It's a wonderful medicine for babies." Best for coughs, colds, grippe, asthma, hemorrhages, weak lungs, 50¢ and \$1.00. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by all druggists.

Forty or fifty invitations have been issued by the Rev. C. E. Ehle, pastor of the Baptist church and his co-workers for the Men's Banquet to be given by them at the interurban building, Thursday evening, December 1, at 8 o'clock. Besides the sumptuous supper which will be served, a number of other features will make the evening one of thorough pleasure to those so fortunate as to possess the tickets which were issued with the invitations.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

for this affair. Music will be furnished by local talent and several noted speakers will take part in the program of addresses. Among them are W. F. Smith a well known young business man of Bluffton; and Rev. J. F. Vichart of Fort Wayne. Rev. Vichart is president of the Indiana Baptist State association.

MANY CHILDREN ARE SICKLY.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children break up colds in 24 hours, cure teething, headaches, stomach troubles, toothache disorders and destroy worms. At all druggists. Sample mailed free. Address Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y.

INDICTED BANKER SHOOTS SELF.

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 26.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Dr. S. T. Gillette under federal indictment for wrecking the Citizens' National bank here last January, shot himself through the head this afternoon at his home and is dying. There are eighty-seven counts in the indictment. Gillette sold all his personal property in an effort to make good to the losers. It has never been known what he did with the money which depicted the bank's capital and surplus.

THE CONSERVATION OF NAURE'S RESOURCES

Applies as well to our physical state as to material things. C. J. Budlong, Washington, D. C., realized this condition, and took warning before it was too late. He says: "I suffered severely from kidney trouble, the disease being hereditary in our family. I have taken four bottles of Foley's Kidney Remedy, and now consider myself thoroughly cured. This should be a warning to all not to neglect taking Foley's Kidney Remedy until it is too late." The Holthouse Drug Co.

FIRE IN STRAW STACK.

Causes Excitement at Grant Owens Farm Yesterday.

While corn shredders were at work at the Grant Owens' farm near the Washington church Friday fire from the engine set fire to the straw stack. A bucket brigade was formed to save the barn and after working several hours all danger was averted. The straw stack was in total ruin, however, and they were forced to discontinue the corn shredding for the afternoon.

FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS

HAVE CURED ME.
The above is a quotation from a letter written by H. M. Winkler, Evansville, Ind. "I contracted a severe case of kidney trouble. My backaches and pains across the kidneys and hips. Foley Kidney Pills promptly cured my backache and corrected the action of my kidneys. This is a sight about after my using it for only a few short weeks and I successfully recommend the." The Holthouse Drug Co.

SOUTHERN MICHIGAN FARMS

Located in St. Joseph County, Mich. NO. 4—84 acres of good land, 8 room house, 30x40 barn, well fenced, 30 rods to school, good location, five miles to county seat. Price \$3700 cash or \$4000 on time.

NO. 41—170 acres, three miles from Three Rivers, same distance from county seat, 7 room house, barn 30x40, new poultry house, double corn crib and wagon shed, one half mile to school. Price \$6500.

NO. 45—120 acres, dairy farm, fully equipped with ten cows, two hundred quart milk rout, gas engine, rotary pump, 12x24 silo, filled this fall, 30x40 barn with shed, 18x46 ft. for stable room, new poultry house, six room house, buildings all in good repair. This business will pay Two Thousand Dollars a year profit. Located close to Three Rivers. Price \$3000, \$2500 down and balance on time.

If interested in any of the farms in St. Joseph county, Mich., come to Three Rivers and I will show you the above mentioned farm and many others, free of expense while you are here.

E. E. PULVER
Phone 502. OFFICE: 113 St. Joe St.
THREE RIVERS, MICHIGAN.
Correspondence Solicited.

If you are now satisfied after using according to directions two-thirds of a bottle of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, you can have your money back. The tablets cleanse and invigorate the stomach, improve the digestion, regulate the bowels. Give them a trial and get well. Sold by all dealers.

New York, N. Y., Nov. 28.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—In one of the most sensational petitions ever filed in the federal court, the department of justice today appealed to the United States circuit court to outlaw the sugar trust combination, which

they characterize as a "ruthless monster" which has crushed all it cannot control and the courts are asked to dissolve it "by receiver or otherwise, and restore the sugar trade to the old-time competition. Trust agreement, monopoly, fraud, graft and ruthless use of power to conquer smaller dealers are among the reasons given for asking the courts to end the giant combine's activity. Of Havermeyer and the others who built the trust the government's brief says: "They manage and direct all the affairs and business of former companies whose shares they hold, to destroy competition, fix prices and prevent others from entering the trade and force to retirement many already engaged, and at enormous profits."

THIS IS A NEASAY TACK.
Mother Allen's Post-Haste in one shoe and not in the other, and notice a difference. Just the thing to use when rubbers or overhauls become necessary, and you then need to pinch. Sold everywhere. Mrs. Don't accept and understand.

MRS. TESTER IMPROVING.

Writes From Cane, Kansas—Likes Place Very Much.

Mrs. J. A. Tester writes from Cane, Kansas, that she is improving greatly since the trip there and that she has gained nine pounds. She likes the climate fine—the air is so pure and light. The town of Cane is surrounded by hills and is located in the extreme southern part of Kansas. Mrs. Tester with her husband left for that place only a few weeks ago with the hope of benefiting the health of Mrs. Tester and her many friends here rejoice that the trip has brought so much of the desired gain so soon.

A FEW SHORT WEEKS.

Mr. J. S. Bartell, Edwardsville, Ill., writes: "A few months ago my kidneys became congested. I had severe backaches and pains across the kidneys and hips. Foley Kidney Pills promptly cured my backache and corrected the action of my kidneys. This is a sight about after my using it for only a few short weeks and I successfully recommend the." The Holthouse Drug Co.

GUST EVERMANN DIES SUDDENLY

The family of Julia Colchin Sunday evening received a message announcing the sudden death of their cousin, Gust Evermann, of Wapakoneta, Ohio. The message did not give the details of his death, but it is supposed that it occurred suddenly and unexpectedly as they did not know of his illness. He was of middle age and known to many here as he visited here on several occasions. The funeral was held Tuesday.

MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS FOR CHILDREN.

Successfully used by Mother Gray in the Children's Home in New York, cure feverishness, bad stomach, teething disorders, move and regulate the bowels and destroy worms. Over 10,000 testimonials. They never fail. At all druggists, 25¢. Sample free. Address Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y.

J. W. Cowan, residing four miles east of this city, a resident of the county nearly the whole of his sixty years, Monday moved his family to Garrett, where he will make his home. Mr. Cowan has purchased a half interest in the racket store owned by his son-in-law, John Gephart, at that place, and will assist in the management of the store. Mr. Gephart has been the proprietor of the store since last April and is firmly established and doing a thriving business.

Mr. Cowan and family represent some of the best people of Adams county and there are a host of their many acquaintances and friends who regret that they leave, but unite in sending their best wishes with them. Mr. Cowan has not disposed of his property in Adams county. He was a caller at the Democrat office Saturday and ordered the Democrat sent to his address at Garrett, so that he can keep in touch with his home-people here.

BRITISH PARLIAMENT DISSOLVED

(United Press Service)
London, Eng., Nov. 28.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The political die has been cast. Parliament has been dissolved and the battle between the House of Lords and the Liberals which may result in a social revolution in Great Britain, is on. The dissolution of parliament and the calling of a new election was forced by the Liberals who are now in power. The Liberal forces wish the abolition of the Lords and want the law-making power combined.

Irvin Miller and Miss Monroe DeMick returned this afternoon to South Whitley after a visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller.

HUMOR OF THE GREEKS

Wit That Helped the Ancients Drive Dull Care Away.

SOME FIFTH CENTURY JOKES

The Absentminded Professor Was a Prolific Source of Merriment to the Doctors of Those Days—The Source of Many Modern Jokes.

The maxim that there is nothing new under the sun applies. It would seem more truly to jokes and witlessness than to anything else. The chief differences between the jests of one generation and that of another lie mainly in their form. The kernel is practically the same. Nevertheless it is interesting to exhume some of these ancient jokes and to recognize in them the ancestors of the things at which we laugh today in the pages of our humorous publications.

Some humorous writers dearly love to make fun of the absentminded, unpractical university professor, who outside of his own subject lets his wits wander and is very slow to grasp anything in ordinary life. Such jokes as these were cracked centuries ago by the students and graduates of the great universities in ancient Greece, for it is a mistake to suppose that what we now call "college life" was unknown to the ancients.

As a matter of fact, the student at the University of Athens or at the University of Alexandria was very much the same sort of mortal as is the student today, and his professors were not so very different.

A witty Greek named Eucles, a graduate of Alexandria, collected some time in the fifth century a volume of jests which were current among the students with regard to the woolgatherer type of professor. A number of them are translated here as being of considerable interest in the history of humor and especially of college humor.

A professor, wishing to swim, was nearly drowned, whereupon he swore that he would never touch water again until he had learned how to swim.

Of twin brothers, one died. A professor, thereupon, meeting the survivor, asked, "Is it you that died or your brother?"

A professor, learning that a raven would live for more than 200 years, bought one to test the matter.

A professor, wishing to cross a river, went on board the boat on horseback. When some one asked the reason he answered that he wanted to get over in a hurry.

A professor, looking out of the window of a house which he had bought, asked the passersby whether the house was becoming to him.

A professor, meeting another professor, said, "I heard you were dead." "And yet," replied the other, "you see that I am still alive." "Well," said the first in perplexity, "I don't know what to believe, for the man who told me about it is a much more truthful man than you!"

A professor, in danger of being shipwrecked, called for his tablets that he might make his will. Seeing thereupon his slaves lamenting their fate, he said, "Do not grieve, for I am going to set you free."

A professor dreamed that he had trodden on a nail and that the wound pained him. On waking he bound up his foot. Another professor, having learned the cause, remarked, "It served you right, for why do you sleep with your feet?"

A professor, wishing to teach his horse to be a small eater, gave him no food at all. At length, the horse having starved to death, the professor exclaimed, "I have suffered a great loss, for just as he had learned not to eat he died."

A professor, visiting a sick person, inquired about his health. The invalid, however, was not able to reply. Thereupon the professor, being angry and scolding the man, said, "I hope that I shall be sick some of these days, and when you come to ask how I am I will not answer."

A professor sealed up a vessel of wine which he had bought. His servant having made a hole in the vessel beneath and drawn off some of the wine, the professor was astonished to see the contents diminished while the vessel remained unbroken. A neighbor having told him to look whether it had not been taken out from below, he replied, "Why, you fool, it's the upper part of the wine and not the lower that is missing."

A professor, a bald man and a barber travelling together agreed to keep watch in turn four hours, each while the others slept. The barber's turn came first. He quietly shaved the head of the sleeping professor and when the time passed awoke him. The latter, scratching his head as he got up and finding it bare, cried out:

"What a rascal that barber is! He's waked the bald man instead of me!"

—Exchange.

Legal Advice.

"Prisoner," said the justice, "you are charged with having struck the defendant."

"Yes, judge, I poked him, but he called me a liar."

"That's no excuse."

"Well, judge, it was my first experience. What do you do in such cases?"

—Judge's Library.

THE ACME ERADICATOR

By CORNELIUS BARRY

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"George," said Mr. Skinner, "you're an excellent young man, but you have no business shrewdness about you. When my girl marries I don't wish her to marry a man who is liable to slip up on providing. I wish her to have a husband who can make money. When I was your age my father gave me a thousand and told me to use it and my wits together. Out of that thousand I've made \$20,000. No, I can't give you Grace. You're not sharp enough."

"But I haven't a father to give me \$1,000," said George. "I haven't a father at all."

"Well, George," said the other, "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll lend you a dollar. Come and see me at the end of a year, and if I find you've done well with it I'll lend you a thousand. The dollar is only to try you without making any serious loss. The thousand will be to set you up. Then if after another year you have made your thousand grow I'll throw in Grace. I don't mean that you must make something out of nothing, but you must come pretty near it."

George took the dollar and his departure without making any further remark.

"Grace," said Mr. Skinner one day some months after this, "a man came into the office the other day and sold me a bottle of some stuff for getting grease out of clothes. I've spilled some gravy on my coat. You'll find the extractor in my bedroom closet. I wish you'd bring it and take out the gravy."

Grace brought a box containing a white paste and a small bottle. After reading the directions for application on the label she scraped some of the paste on to the grease spot on her father's coat, poured some of the liquid from the bottle on to the paste and rubbed it with a cloth. The mixture formed a frothy substance, which, on further application of the liquid, was easily rubbed away. But the grease spot remained.

It occurred to Mr. Skinner that he had been done by the man who had sold him the grease eradicator. Nothing in the world irritated the old gentleman so much as to find a man sharper than himself. "Acme Grease Eradicator" he exclaimed contemptuously, reading from the label. "I'll bet it is a swindle, and if it is I'll go to the company that sells it. I'll have Ben Humiston analyze it." Humiston was a young chemist and Mr. Skinner's nephew.

A few days later the analysis came in. It was this: "Soap and water." "Soap and water, eh? I reckon I can get a few thousand for keeping still anyway," remarked the old gentleman and, sending for his lawyer, he commissioned him to see the Acme Grease Eradicator people and find out what they were willing to give for keeping their secret. The attorney did so and reported that the company were now using a different eradicator, that they would pay nothing for secrecy and were too rich for Mr. Skinner to punish. They were turning out tons of their eradicator daily, and it was sold in every city, town and hamlet in the country.

A few weeks after this his daughter reminded him that the year he had accorded her lover to make the dollar he had given him sprout was about to expire. Mr. Skinner remarked contemptuously that the dollar had doubtless long ago gone for cigarettes. That evening George called and tendered the loaned dollar.

"Well, George," remarked the lender, "I confess I never expected to see it again."