

#### FUNERAL OF MRS. WERLING.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Werling, wife of John Werling, living west of Freidheim, whose death occurred Tuesday night, was held this afternoon from the Freidheim Lutheran church by the Rev. Preuss.

#### HAVE NEW BABY GIRL

Announcement comes to Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Steele of West Monroe st., of the birth of a new granddaughter, a baby girl born Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnhart of Attica. Mrs. Barnhart was Miss Lillie Steele before marriage.

#### BIG REAL ESTATE DEAL CLOSED.

#### Julius Haugk Trades Property Here For Section in Louisiana.

One of the biggest real estate deals consummated here for some time was closed Friday when Julius Haugk disposed of his valuable residence property, with twelve acres on West Monroe street, and his 160-acre farm in Blue Creek township to H. L. Amsted of Danville, Ill. By the terms of the trade Mr. Haugk becomes the owner of 642 acres of black rice land in Louisiana. Mr. Amsted will probably plat the Monroe street property and sell the lots. Mr. and Mrs. Haugk will leave Saturday for Memphis and other parts of the south and will probably decide just where they will make their future home. Mr. Haugk has many other interests in the south. The deal of today was made by the D. J. Foster real estate company of Indianapolis.

#### MONROE NEWS.

Monroe, Ind., April 6—(Special to Daily Democrat)—"The Corner Store" a four-act comedy, which was rendered by the Monroe Comedy company on last Friday and Saturday nights, was one of the best productions ever put on at this place, and was presented to a crowded house on both evenings. It was a financial success, and was highly appreciated by patrons. Each and every member of the cast acquitted themselves in regular professional style and were applauded many times during the evening. The singing by the quartet between acts was well received and frequently encored. Professor East, manager of this play, as well as each and every lady and gentleman, who took part, deserves much credit as to the way "The Corner Store" was rendered. By request of the Monroe people the play will again be produced on next Friday night at the M. W. of A. hall, and we predict that the "S. R. O." sign will be hung up before the rise of the curtain. On Sunday Mrs. J. A. Hendricks and Professor East entertained at dinner the members of the dramatic company, including a few invited guests. It is needless to say that "Si Wheeler," as well as the balance had an enjoyable time, and did ample justice to the occasion. Don't forget "The Corner Store" next Friday night, April 14th, where you are expected to "loaf."

It is Postmaster Tony Hocker of Monroe and he already has the air of a full-fledged P. M.. Tony looks good behind the little window, as you can see him smile when you approach. The office will be removed to the Hocker drug store within a few days, where you can get your mail. Mr. Hocker also purchased the soda fountain and cigar and confectionery outfit of E. W. Johnson, and expects to run an up-to-date ice cream parlor during the summer.

The funeral of Miss Lavina Andrews last Monday was largely attended by a host of sorrowing relatives and friends.

Kokomo, Ind., April 6—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Routine matters were taken up by the Methodist conference here today. The session was opened by Prof. Marcus Bell of Boston. Bishop Hughes said today that the conference would likely run over until next Tuesday.

Kokomo, Ind., April 6—The sixtieth annual session of the North Indiana annual conference of the M. E. church began here yesterday and will end Monday, all the congregations of northern Indiana being represented.

In the five districts of the conference there are about four thousand five hundred probationers, 63,000 full members. There are 482 Sunday schools, 7,596 officers and teachers, and 68,000 scholars. There are 240 senior chapters of the Epworth League, with about 11,000 members. There are 114 junior chapters of the Epworth League, with about 5,200 members. There are 497 churches, with a probable value of \$2,857,175. There are 209 parsonages, of a probable value of \$440,865.

This question of sharing the educational fund with Taylor university at Upland, instead of giving it all to DePauw university at Greencastle, which has been the plan for years, will also attract a great deal of attention from the members of the con-

ference, and already the subject is being generally discussed.

The officers of the conference are: President, Bishop Edwin H. Hughes, Newcastle, Ind.; secretary, Dorie V. Williams, Garrett; assistant secretaries, the Revs. John C. White, Kokomo; William A. Gries, Fort Wayne, and Wallace W. Martin, Bluffton; statistical secretary, the Rev. Lewis Reeves of Hartford City; assistants, the Revs. Francis A. Reichelderfer, Churubusco; Tom C. Neal, Marion; John M. B. Reeves, Converse, and Charles M. Hobbs, Dublin; treasurer, the Rev. William B. Freeland, Mishawaka; assistant treasurers, the Revs. James B. McNary, Monroe; Daniel S. Jones, Topeka, and Charles B. Dougherty, Tremont; registrar, the Rev. U. S. A. Bridge, Peru; conference corporation, the Revs. Milton Mahin, Newcastle, president; L. J. Naftzger, Greenfield, vice president; Dorie V. Williams, Garrett, secretary, and J. E. Ervin of Muncie, treasurer.

The conference held religious services Wednesday morning for an hour, beginning at 8:15 o'clock. After that the ministers were welcomed to the city by J. L. Puckett, mayor of Kokomo, on behalf of the Christian organizations by the Rev. E. R. Edwards, pastor of the Main Street Christian church, and for the Methodists by Attorney James E. Morrison, of the Main Street Methodist church. On behalf of the conference, Bishop Hughes made the responses.

The afternoon session was taken up by an address by the Rev. Clarence True Wilson, field secretary of the temperance society of the Methodist church, and vice president of the international prohibition movement in charge of prohibition work in America. Following the address of Mr. Wilson there was a missionary sermon by the Rev. S. Powell, and evangelistic services were conducted by the Rev. J. O. Bill.

In the evening the Rev. Robert Forbes of Philadelphia, corresponding secretary of the board of home missions, delivered an address.

#### NEARING HOME.

Arthur Suttles has received word from Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick that they have left Texas, where they remained for a week and are on their way homeward, and expect to reach Chicago by Saturday and arrive in this city Sunday. Their trip has been from the start a very interesting one, and one that they will never forget. About seventy-five were in attendance and the gathering was considered a very successful one.

#### NEW EASTER WINDOW.

The Peoples & Gerke shoe store display window is a work of art today, having taken on its new Easter decorations and its spring display of the latest in footwear. The decorations consist of a lattice work of royal purple and white, framing the window, with a background of mirrors, outlined with purple and white draperies. The display includes the latest spring fashions in ladies', gentlemen's and children's footwear, for old and young, and in all the newest styles.

#### WILL ARRIVE SATURDAY.

Jack Meibers and Dr. C. S. Clark have returned home from Jeffersonville, where they attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, Theodore Doppelmann, which was held Monday morning. Mrs. Clark remained to be with her sister there until Saturday, when Mrs. Doppelmann and daughter, Sylvia, and Mrs. Clark will return here. Mrs. Doppelmann will store her goods at Jeffersonville and expects to make a visit here with relatives for some time, not yet having fully decided upon her later plans.

#### ATTEND CONFERENCE.

The Methodist Episcopal conference which is being held at Kokomo this week, and which is attracting many from all portions of the state, began in real earnestness today, many from this city being among those present. It is one of the greatest gatherings of the kind held in Indiana and speakers and elders of much repute are present and make the event a memorable one. Those who went from here today included Charles Dunn, John D. Myers, Dan Sprang, A. R. Bell and A. J. Smith.

The wheels are buzzing at the Decatur Motor Car company. We went out Wednesday evening and listened to them and they sounded good. There is an air of push and progress there that is good to breathe. Every department is up and coming, and trucks are being turned out at a speed that means something. The company has actual orders for three hundred trucks, are turning out now three to four cars a week and within ninety days will be making a car a day. They will ship this week a car load of trucks to the Commercial Auto company of New York City, a car to the Decatur Motor Sales company, Boston, this week, and a car load next

week, following this with car load shipments to the Staple company, Schenectady, N. Y.; H. J. Adams, Newcastle, Ind., a car to Mr. Carpenter, Kendallville, Ind.; another to R. S. Mattoon, Chicago, one to Frank Johnson at Concord, New Hampshire, one to Frank Drage at Fort Wayne, one to Galvin, the florist, at Boston, and one to Hallahan at Lawrence, Mass. A dozen agents have been named between New York and Chicago and the company will be rushed with business this season. They will turn out two hundred cars by January 1st and at least five hundred next year.

It's a beautiful car, too, with a capacity of 2,500 pounds, finished as a pretty blue design on the sides read for "durability and accessibility." One of the features of the new car now being put out is the tire, as this company is using the imported Michelin demountable rims, with heavy flat-tread racing tight tires, the best in the world. The Decatur company was the first to put this great tire into use in this country. Mr. Brackett, president of the company, has been in the east for several days, looking after business affairs, and will be home today. The company is growing, and rapidly. A recent copy of the Boston Globe contained a four-column picture of the Decatur truck in which were members of the Boston Red Sox ball team, on their way to the station to leave for the spring practice trip.

#### FIRST SALOON IS NOW OPENED.

The Ellis saloon opened for business at 11 o'clock this morning and for the first time in eighteen months those so desiring may now legally buy a drink of liquor. In other words Decatur is "wet." The Knapke, Andrews and possible the Murray places will be opened by Saturday, and the Rademaker saloon on the eighteenth of the month, the latter waiting for new fixtures which have been ordered and will arrive in a few days.

#### BETTER TODAY.

Charles, the little nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick that they have left Texas, where they remained for a week and are on their way homeward, and expect to reach Chicago by Saturday and arrive in this city Sunday. Their trip has been from the start a very interesting one, and one that they will never forget. About seventy-five were in attendance and the gathering was considered a very successful one.

#### WILL GO TO FORT WAYNE.

About twenty of the local Odd Fellows will go to Fort Wayne next Monday night to visit Harmony Lodge, No. 14, to witness the Columbia City degree staff put on the first degree. This degree team was awarded the Blue Ribbon for the state and is the best equipped and drilled team in the jurisdiction. Practically all of the local team will be in attendance, and these, added to the many other visitors from other cities will fill the commodious hall of the Fort Wayne lodge.

There is no happier couple in the city than Mr. and Mrs. Will Colchin of South Winchester street, and no happier little girl than the twenty-months-old babe, which they have received into their home as their own, and who will, without doubt, later be legally adopted as their own child.

Mr. and Mrs. Colchin have been in correspondence for some time with the Catholic bureau, through which good private homes are found for many hundreds of orphans in the various orphanages, and they at length decided to receive one of the little ones into their home. According to arrangements made with the agent of a New York orphanage, Mrs. Colchin left here Monday evening, going by way of Fort Wayne, to Erie, Pa., where on Tuesday she met the nurse from the New York orphanage, with the little girl, and they soon thereafter proceeded again on their way, arriving home Wednesday evening, very tired, but happy. The babe is a bright, brown-eyed, brown-haired, pretty little girl of twenty months, who can walk and talk everything, and has already learned to snuggle up into the arms of her foster parents and hisp "papa" and "mamma." Mr. and Mrs. Colchin are two of the most estimable people of the city and the little girl has found a true home in every sense of the word, and will be given the best and most loving care possible.

The Acts of 1911 have arrived and were Friday distributed to those entitled under the law, by County Clerk J. P. Haefling. The books contain 860 pages, which is 252 pages larger than two years ago, and is but six pages less than the Acts of 1905, when the codification law passed, and which was the largest ever issued. The work has certainly been done promptly and those who did the hustling are to be complimented. As each county clerk receives his quota of the acts he receives therefor, and when all of these have been received the governor will issue his proclamation and the new laws will then be in effect.

This will probably occur about the fifteenth of this month. However, the more important laws are now in effect, as they have emergency clauses which made them effective as soon as they were signed. Adams county received 160 copies of the acts, which, under the law, are distributed to the city, county, township officials, members of the school boards, attorneys, newspaper offices, library, etc. The issue for the state was 30,000.

One of the best and most interesting sessions of the Modern Woodmen held for some time was the occasion of Wednesday evening when the camps of all the lodges in the county were represented, to take part in the selecting of a delegate whom they will send to the district meeting to be held at Kokomo on the third of May. Berne, Geneva, Monroe, Linn Grove and Pleasant Mills were represented for the occasion and the hall was the scene of much pleasure for several hours. After all had assembled several addresses were made, one by Attorney Dore B. Erwin, and another by Clayton Schaefer, the new bookkeeper at the interurban station. Both were very entertaining and delighted the audience for some length of time. After this was over the work of selecting their representative to the district meeting at Kokomo was taken up and resulted in the election of Dr. Ray of Monroe, and in case he will not be able to attend, Attorney C. L. Walters was named. The degree work was conferred on Homer Ruhl, which afforded much pleasure for those present, and the evening's program was wound up with a smoker. About seventy-five were in attendance and the gathering was considered a very successful one.

The attention of all Pochahontas members is called to the fact that there will be a special meeting this evening, which all are urged to attend. Arrangements will be made and the degree team will practice for attending the installation of the new lodge which will be instituted at Monroeville in a few weeks, at which the local degree staff is to give the work. Be sure and be there to assist in every way that you can.

The Phi Delta Kappas who attended the hard times dance given by the Bluffton Phi Deltas on Tuesday evening, report a very good time and that they were highly entertained by their neighboring brethren. Those who attended from here were Glen Falk, Bruce Patterson, Von Murray, Arthur Mangold and Otto Green. A meeting of the members will be held this evening and several business questions will come up before the members for disposal.

#### MRS. MCMAHON BETTER.

Word has been received by friends of Mrs. Robert McMahon, who is living at Oshkosh, Wis., and who recently underwent an operation, stating that she is improving nicely and is now able to sit up at times. The operation took place several weeks ago and was considered as successful in every respect and it is thought that she will fully recover from her illness, from which she has been suffering for some length of time. This will be good news to Mrs. McMahon's many friends here, who have been anxious to learn of her condition.

#### POSSE AFTER THE LONE BANDIT.

Muncie, Ind., Apr. 6—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Posse are today scouring the country about here for the lone bandit, who last night at 8 o'clock held up a Big Four train near here and robbed the passengers of \$200. Officers have a minute description of him and have been ordered to shoot to kill if he offers resistance. Up to noon no trace of him had been reported.

Another school term was completed today, after having enjoyed a very successful year, it being the Steele school, No. 2, east of the city in Washington township. No program was rendered on account of number of the pupils having the measles and who were unable to carry it out as it would have been done. Miss Margaret Moran, who was the teacher, just closed her second year in this district, and has brought the work of all of her scholars to a high standard, and the work has been satisfactory in every respect.

Long will the closing day of the Schindler school in French township, of which Howard Wisehaupt has been the teacher, linger in the minds of not only the pupils who took part, but of the many visitors who came to hear the program which had been prepared for the occasion. A very interesting and entertaining program had been arranged by the teacher and many recitations, readings and addresses composed the entertainment. A number which preceded them all, and which held the attention of all present was the musical selections of William Arbaugh, of Bluffton,

who responded to several encores. His work is well known in this part of the county and his playing is greatly appreciated. Miss Ada Schindler of the eighth grade was awarded the highest scholarship for excellent work during the year, and owing to this was awarded a remembrance by her teacher. Mr. Wisehaupt, who so successfully conducted this school term, was highly complimented and asked by all that he return there for next year. He is a young man of but one year's experience, and as to whether he will return there for another year's term, remains for him to decide.

The twenty-ninth annual meeting of the Northern Indiana Teachers' association, which is being held at Indianapolis this week, and which began today in real earnestness, is drawing many teachers from all over the state to the gathering, and Decatur will not fall behind any of her neighbor cities in the representation. The forepart of the week so far has been mostly put in arranging for the latter part, when the real work of the association will take place, and when the delegations from the various cities will be on hand. Highly interesting lectures are delivered each day and many useful points made known to the teachers, which, if put into practice, would be of much benefit to them. A very interesting program was rendered today, consisting of the invocation, introduction of the newly elected president of the association by the retiring president, an inaugural address, and announcement of the committees, Superintendent E. E. Rice and the following are among those in attendance: Jonas Tritch, John Parrish, Glen Warner, Della and Matilda Sellmeyer, Fanny Rice, Ruby Miller and Ella Mutchler.

Berne, Ind., April 6—(Special to Daily Democrat)—While the preliminary sessions of the fifty-ninth annual session of the Indiana conference have been in progress since Sunday, the conference proper opened this morning at 9:00 o'clock in the Evangelical church in this town, with a large number of ministers of the conference, together with a large representation of their congregations, present. Bishop Bowman, D. D., of Allentown, Pa., presided at the communion service, which opened the conference and which was the impressive part of the opening session. Bishop Bowman then gave an address on the service of the minister, bringing out the point that those ministers who would wish to succeed must put their whole life into the work and must preach because of their love for the work. The organization of the conference was next in order, Rev. H. Evans of South Bend being elected secretary. The remainder of the organization was effected this afternoon. Another part of the afternoon's work will be the presenting of a resolution asking that the state be redistricted. If the resolution should be adopted, the state would be divided into three districts instead of the present four. Following this there will be the election of the presiding elders for the coming year. At 7:30 this evening, Madison Swadener, D. D., will give a lecture in the Mennonite church.

**Preliminary Session.**  
The fifty-ninth annual session of the Indiana conference of the Evangelical association, which convenes at this place, opened its preliminary work on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock when the board of examiners was called into session by Rev. L. S. Fisher, D. D., presiding elder of the Indianapolis district, and president of the chair. Those taking the examinations during the year and at the institute on Tuesday were as follows:

Applicants—George Lozier, J. L. Buyer, Jr.; Lloyd Haney, Irvin Roeder, Lloyd Foulke.  
First Year—Ertis Roop, E. H. Baumgartner, C. W. Schlemmer, A. B. Aegeater.  
Second Year—Carl Hirschman, E. B. Jones.  
Third Year—C. A. Wright, Louis Speicher, A. W. Feller, G. D. Eastes, D. R. Heil, G. F. Zuber, C. E. Geist, J. Helt, Ira Steele, A. D. Kroft.  
Fourth Year—L. E. Smith, G. A. Steirle, C. E. Boyer, F. J. Stedcke.

On Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock a lecture was delivered on "Hebrew History and the Hittites," by Prof. C. B. Bowman, A. M., B. D., of Northwestern College, Naperville, Ill. This was the last of a series of three on similar subjects in which the speaker showed in a convincing way that the attempt of infidelity and criticism to overthrow the Bible had thus far been unsuccessful, and that modern excavations and discoveries were bringing to light tablets bearing inscriptions to corroborate the prophecies of the Bible.

At 1:30 the conference missionary society transacted its annual business. Rev. L. Newman of South Bend, is president of the society. The treasurer's report showed that over \$7,000 for home mission work, to be expended within the bounds of the conference, had been raised during the past year.

During a missionary sermon Wednesday night on the subject, "The Call of the Nations," Rev. George Johnson, D. D., secretary and treasurer of the General Missionary Society of the Evangelical Association, Cleveland, Ohio, created a sensation by displaying a gold watch and chain, worth \$27.53, which was given to him at Kingfield, Maine, by a poor woman, aged fifty-five, who wanted to do something for the cause of missions, and having no money to give, insisted on giving the watch as a substantial evidence of her interest in the work of her Master. The watch was once the possession of the woman's grandmother.

**TAKE NEW POSITIONS.**

Miss Gay to Work For City—Ed Kleinhenz at Schafer's.  
Miss Golda Gay Tuesday morning began work for the city in the treasurer's office, located at the Winneshoe store, and will from now on be under the employ of this official. Her work will consist mostly in caring for the office work and in the collections for electric light and water rent. Miss Gay will prove a great help in this work, she being familiar in this line, having followed it for several years.

Ed Kleinhenz has accepted a position as one of the stenographers at the Schafer hardware store, taking up his work Tuesday morning. Mr. Kleinhenz is fully capable for caring for his work, having been employed at Fort Wayne for the Pennsylvania railroad for some time, and has been an efficient worker.

#### ADDING IMPROVEMENTS.

The Baker & Hower meat market is getting a few finishing touches that will tend to make it one of the prettiest in the city. Painters are at work varnishing all the interior work, which, when completed, will make the shop look like new. Other improvements are contemplated and will be undertaken in the near future.

George Menig, who until a few days ago, conducted a pool room and cigar store in the Ellis building, and who was forced to vacate owing to other business, has leased the Peter Forbush building just south of the Parrish restaurant, and will arrange same for the reopening of his business there. The interior will be remodeled in various ways to meet the requirements of his business, while the walls and woodwork will be repainted and repainted and will present a very attractive appearance. Workmen are already engaged in the improvements and will soon have things in shape for the carrying on of his former business. Albert Anker, who was the former manager, will act in the same capacity, and will be in charge of the fixing up of the building. Mr. Anker has enjoyed an excellent business and this will be good news to the lovers of this amusement.