

The bids for the construction of the new brick school house in Monmouth were received Saturday at 10 o'clock by Trustee Charles E. Magley of Root township, in the office of Architect Oscar Hoffman, and the contract for the building awarded to the lowest and best bidder, Oscar Fritzinger, the well known contractor of Root township. There were nine bidders. The new school house will be built on the site of the old one, which will be torn down and the brick used in the construction of the new one. The new school house will have two rooms and basement, and the two rooms will be built on the ground floor instead of having a two-story building as was the old one. The following were the bidders, showing their bids on the new building, the amount offered for the material in the old one, and the amount for the extra cellarway:

George N. Brewster—New building, \$10,806; old building, \$530; cellarway, \$30.

Oscar Fritzinger—New building, \$9,920; old, \$300; cellarway, \$50.

Mann & Christen—New building, \$10,560; old, \$300; cellarway, \$75.

F. E. Brown—New building, \$10,794.28; old, \$700; cellarway, \$35.

Linn & Patton—New building, \$10,156; old, \$350.

W. H. Stewart—New building, \$10,658; old building, \$375; cellarway, \$45.

Fred Hoffman—New building, \$10,860; old building, \$375; cellarway, \$10.

Bluffton Building Co.—New building, \$11,336; old building, \$125.

Berne Artificial Stone Co.—New building, \$10,850; old building, \$650.

Heating Plant Bids.

Three bids were received for the erection of the heating plant system and offered a choice in the styles of plant to be installed. The bids were:

Thomas Leonard, hot air furnace, \$377.

W. H. Johnson & Son, hot air furnace, \$450.

Lige Heating and Ventilating Co., gravity system, \$540; the furnace blast system, \$690, with the proviso that a deduction would be made of \$50 if the contractor does the brickwork. The contract has not yet been awarded, the board being busy hearing the arguments for the various systems.

HAS A NEW AUTOMOBILE.

Dr. D. D. Clark is the owner of a handsome new Ford automobile which he was using today for the first and which he purchased from the Schug & Metter agency at Berne. Its a beauty and has all the other qualifications necessary to make it useful.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION.

Thomas Perkins, who accompanied L. R. Blossom of Willshire, Ohio, to Ann Arbor, Mich., for an operation which was performed Friday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, writes that it was successful. A stone, larger than a pea, was seated in the gall duct, was removed. The operation lasted an hour and twenty minutes. Present indications are favorable.

BOYS SHOT VALUABLE COW.

And Animal Will Probably Die as Result—Result of Youth and Gun.

Andrew Schurger has posted a notice that he will prosecute any person found on his place, the old Nuttman farm, just west of town, unless they have his written permission. This may seem a little harsh, but he has reason to do this, however. Last fall some boys seeking amusement were hunting over this farm and either accidentally or just to see if they could, shot a sixty-dollar cow, with a target gun, the bullet lodging in the cow's nose. The bullet was extracted and it was thought the animal would get all right, but a few weeks ago the wound became sore and it is now probable that the animal will have to be killed. It's the thing for boys to have fun, but when they are so reckless with other people's property, something has to be done to hold them in check.

DEPOT PROPOSITION.

Was Discussed By Clover Leaf Officials on Inspection Tour.

Clover Leaf officials, including Vice President W. R. Ross, General Manager J. F. Clement, and R. L. Door and other officials, in their trip of inspection over the road, made a brief stay in the city with the local agent, H. J. Thompson, and while looking after several business affairs pertaining to the required necessities here, brought up the new depot proposition, which they expect soon to erect. No definite action was taken, but the matter merely discussed, although Mr. Thompson stated that they would take active steps for its construction this summer. It is something long looked

for and a building that has long been expected by the citizens of Decatur. Should they further their expectations and the building be erected it will be commodious and up-to-date in every respect, and one that the city can well feel proud of.

POLICE COURT.

About 10:30 o'clock this morning Henry McClain was taken up, several complaints being lodged against him, and when searched a Hopkins and Allen 32-calibre revolver, containing three shells was taken from him, amid protests of his innocence of any idea of harming anybody. He created interest by his reiterations of making a speech in the near future on "The Rights of Man." He was warned to keep in room today, and if on the streets to keep quiet or he would have to be locked up. The revolver was confiscated by the court.

FRANKFORT TO HAVE BLUE LAW

Mayor Issues Proclamation For a Real "Tight" Town.

Frankfort, Ind., April 8.—Frankfort people are experiencing the aftermath of the city going "dry" in the local option election Tuesday. It is a case of the "blue laws," with Mayor Edmonds in charge. Friday evening he issued his second edict or proclamation. In the first edict, issued Wednesday, he ordered out all card tables, penny slot machines and other gambling machines of whatever kind. He also ordered all pool rooms, cigar stands, drug stores and ice cream parlors, soda fountains, to close at 12 o'clock Saturday night and remain closed until 12 o'clock Sunday night. The second edict orders all card games in clubs, in private homes, where there are games for prizes, to stop under penalty of prosecution. All hack lines, livery stables, barber shops, bath rooms, news stands and other classes of labor must close on Sunday. Dairies are not permitted to deliver milk to their customers on the Sabbath.

From the information at hand we probably have had the honor of entertaining the Big Four bandit, who held up the train at Muncie the other evening. About 3 o'clock Friday morning the night man, Elwood Stevens, in charge of the Krick-Tyndall plant, noticed a man at the plant, and as the custom of the company is to allow them sleeping quarters, Stevens went up to the man and asked him if he wanted to sleep. And at the time noted that he acted rather nervous, but thought nothing of it. The man went up to the room fixed for the entertainment of wanderers and was asked to register in a book they have for the purpose, he signing it "Miller."

At 5:30 Stevens released the watch to the day man and went home, where a short time afterward he read the description of the bandit and was at once struck with the similarity of the description. He returned to the plant and told Henry Krick, who, finding the man gone, at once came to the city where he was fortunate in seeing the man looking into a clothing store window, and he, too, was struck with the similarity of the description. He was about five feet, six inches tall, blonde, mustache, and even the two moles on his face were evident. Mr. Krick notified the officers, but they, admitting the similarity of the two men hesitated to make the arrest, because of some doubt and he soon disappeared. There are two ways that the bandit could have reached here by 3 o'clock in the morning, one by way of Portland, riding the night passenger through from there, and the other by way of Kingsland, catching the Erie east about 2 o'clock in the morning. In all probability this was the bandit making a quick get-away, as he was seen no more after finding the officers looking him up.

Friday evening proved to be a pleasant one for the Elks' lodge and also for the Star of Bethlehem, as on this occasion the installation of officers who will serve for the ensuing year took place. W. A. Lower and W. P. Schrock were the installing officers and conferred the work on the following:

Exalted Ruler—Herman Yager.

Esteemed Leading Knight—Jesse J. Helm.

Esteemed Loyal Knight—Herbert Bremerkamp.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight—Lew Rice.

Treasurer—C. S. Niblick.

Secretary—E. B. Adams.

Tyler—Guy Dorwin.

Following the giving of the work a smoker was enjoyed by all present and a very enjoyable evening was had by all.

Friday evening also proved to be

an exceptionally interesting one for the Star of Bethlehem members when they witnessed the installation exercises in charge of Lady Legate Charles Diller of Huntington, assisted by John Sheller, eminent grammarian and Harry Jones, vice commander, also of Huntington. Those installed were:

Commander—Ed Lawson.

Vice Commander—Green Burkhead.

Marshall—Charles Brown.

Scribe—Doris Burkhead.

Treasurer—Mrs. S. E. Brown.

Secretary—Ed Keller.

Inner Sentinel—Mr. Keller.

Outer Sentinel—Will Foreman.

Past Commander—S. E. Brown.

Following the work of installation a class of twelve candidates were taken into the ranks of the order and the evening was considered by all present as the most enjoyable ever held.

ENLARGING OFFICE SUITE.

The Smith & Bell Lumber company is adding to its suite of office rooms, the company taking over the remainder of the three rooms in the building west of the interurban building, the rear of which was heretofore occupied by private families. The two front rooms, occupied for many years by the Smith & Bell company, in addition to the three added to the suite, are being repapered in a fine way, the woodwork white-enameled and double doors cut between the rooms. Each member of the firm and the office force will have a room, these being fitted up with rugs and furniture, adding to the beauty as well as the convenience of the suite of office rooms, and giving the required greater space for the carrying on of the extensive business of this firm.

According to the report from the United States census department, Decatur's 1910 population is 4,471, an increase of 329 over 1900, when our official population was 4,142. While not as large as expected by many it shows a good healthy growth, and it should be remembered that the enumeration was taken at a time when we were slumping. All the factories, the packing house and other places had closed down. Had the census been taken a year before we would have had several hundred more and if it were to be taken now we would no doubt show two hundred more people. Bluffton is close to the 5,000 mark, falling but fifteen below that number. Other Indiana towns are shown from the following list:

Bluffton, 4,985; Angola, 2,710; Garrett, 4,149; Lagrange, 1,772; Columbia City, 3,448; Ossian, 661; Auburn, 3,919; Butler, 1,818; Waterloo, 1,167; Lebanon, 5,474; Delphi, 2,161; Gas City, 3,224; Van Buren, 1,189; Fairmount, 2,506; North Manchester, 2,428; Cambridge City, 2,237.

STORK LEAVES GIRL.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Miller of the west part of the city are the rejoicing parents over the arrival of a big baby girl, who made her appearance at their home on Thursday. All are doing well and much happiness abounds in the home.

The following from a Cicero (Ind.) paper gives an account of the services recently conducted there, and of the former good work of the Rev. J. M. Dawson, now pastor of the Christian church in this city:

"Rev. J. M. Dawson of Decatur, Adams county, this state, closed a successful series of revival meetings at the Christian church, Cicero, Friday night. The meetings lasted from Tuesday to Friday inclusive. They were largely attended throughout, not only by members of the organization but by the cities in general. Three additions were made to the membership Thursday night, and many asked for the prayers of God's people.

"Rev. Dawson was a former pastor of the Cicero church. He left last May for his present charge in Decatur, after a successful service of eighteen months.

"Rev. C. W. Harper of Indianapolis is the present pastor and is very popular with his congregation. He preaches every second and fourth Sunday each month.

"The church which has a membership of about 100, has had its ups and downs in the past. Two years ago the attendance was at low ebb. Then it was that Rev. Dawson was placed in charge and soon a change for the better was noticed. Interest in the meetings grew, the seats began to fill up and as the old-time order of things were in vogue.

"The church building is located on West Jackson street, one square west of Washington street, and was erected in 1852. It is substantially built, and looks as if it would last another half century."

PALM SUNDAY.

Tomorrow is Palm Sunday and the day will be most fittingly observed at

the St. Mary's church. It is the anniversary of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, and people who had long been expecting his arrival shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David." The blessing of palms will take place at the late mass and will then be distributed among the members of the congregation. With this day the opening of holy week dawned and from then on until Easter Sunday much solemnity will be observed.

WILL HAVE LARGE CLASS.

Yeomen Preparing to Initiate Many Monday Night.

The Yeomen are preparing to initiate a large class of candidates Monday night, several from Portland to take the work. The Yeomen have made a remarkably rapid growth, now having over one hundred members, and they are working to make the membership reach 200 by May 1. The degree team is doing fine and is to excel the Fort Wayne team.

Mrs. W. G. Spencer, who was called last Saturday to Paola, Kansas, by the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. L. J. Lukens suffered a great bereavement in the death of the mother, the funeral services being held Saturday at 2 o'clock at that place. The mother, who was eighty years of age, was one of the best known pioneer ladies of that vicinity and her death is sadly deplored not only by the immediate members of her family but by her large acquaintanceship. For some time she has been growing gradually weaker, simply through weakness attending old age. Her husband died many years ago, but she leaves, besides Mrs. W. G. Spencer of this city, one son and several daughters, namely, Mary, John, Sarah, Ida, and Anna, all of whom, except Mrs. Spencer, live in that vicinity.

PAINFUL INJURY.

A painful injury was sustained by Charles Knodle, a pressman in the employ of the Krick & Tyndall Tile company, the other day, when, upon trying to put on a belt, his hand was caught in the pulley and painfully lacerated. The men were making the necessary changes to run the press, instead of the little machine, and in changing the several belts while running, Knodle was caught, the index finger of his right hand being torn terribly, and other bruises, which were at first taken for broken bones, were sustained. He is certainly lucky in escaping so easily, as a larger pulley would have probably pulled him into the flying spokes.

Henry Colter, the well known lumber man, who has extensive sawmill interests in this county and western Ohio, passed through this city Saturday on his way to Fort Wayne, where he will look after business pertaining to new machinery, which he will put in his new sawmill at Rivar, which he is building on the site of the old one which was totally burned February 25th, and which he expects to have running again in six weeks. The lumber for the new building is being hauled from the mill which he has at Schumm, O. An unusual thing is that the mill at Schumm, Ohio, was burned to the ground last April 25th and it was afterward rebuilt, the lumber for it being hauled ten miles from the Rivar mill, and now the compliment is being returned. The two mills are thus rebuilt within a year and from lumber furnished from the other. The engine from the Schumm mill, which was on the side away from which the wind blew the flames, was saved, and this with the boiler from the Rivar mill will be used in rebuilding the latter saw mill. The interior machinery, however, will all be new, as the old was all destroyed.

Excitement was rife about 3 o'clock Friday afternoon concerning a runaway which occurred at that time. A large gray team, belonging to G. R. Wood, a farmer living east of town about four miles, was standing outside of the Decatur Lumber company's warehouse and in some manner became frightened and started to run west on Madison street. Mr. Wood, who was standing just inside of the door, saw the team start and ran out to catch them, and in making a lunge for the wagon, missed his hold, fell under the wheels and was run over by the now infuriated team. They continued the run west to the Joshua Parrish home, where they attempted to turn onto the sidewalk, and here they broke away from the wagon, stopping a short distance off. The wagon was broken, the greatest damage being to the front axle, and the reach being broken to pieces. Mr. Wood, whose only injury was a badly bruised limb, pluckily chased the team, arriving shortly after they had been stopped. He busied himself in repairing as best he could that damage that was done, after which he returned to the warehouse to finish his business. It is certainly Mr. Wood's

great good fortune that he escaped from the crushing weight of the wagon partly loaded with lumber, with as slight injuries as he did, as a fall of a few inches farther would have thrown him under the trucks, where probably would have been crushed to death.

Berne, Ind., April 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)

This morning's session of the Evangelical conference opened with Bishop Brown in charge and after a short address the conference chorus sang. The first committee to report was that on education, reporting that Charles Mizer had donated the sum of \$5,000 to the annuity fund of the Northwestern college at Naperville, Ill., endowment and the conference voted a resolution of appreciation to Mr. Mizer for his liberal donation. They also reported that the Naperville college wished the conference to encourage the enlargement of its student roll by engaging the young men students to occupy their pulpits during the summer vacation months to give talks in the interest of the college.

Rev. B. E. Zekiel of Huntington, secretary of the Sunday school and tract union, reported that \$279 had been collected during the year for Sunday school work and the donation of tracts.

Miss Bergenstock, matron of the Deaconess hospital of Chicago, addressed the conference. The Deaconess hospital was built in 1905 and was enlarged during the past year, and now has twenty-six deaconesses and ten nurses.

The Kendallville church sent a request that the conference change it from a mission to a station, this meaning that the church is now self-supporting.

An address of much interest was that of Rev. C. Hauser of Cleveland, Ohio, agent of the Evangelical publishing house at that place. He reported that this publishing house had done \$273,475 worth of business during the past year.

The Terre Haute society was granted permission to relocate its church and build a new one, and the Mizpah church at South Bend was granted the privilege of selling the old church and relocating. Rev. L. Newman of South Bend, of Beulah Chapel, will ask no appointment this year, but was granted recognition by the conference as an evangelist.

Berne, Indiana, April 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Friday afternoon session of the conference opened with a memorial service conducted by Rev. D. D. Speicher of Indianapolis. The memorial prayer was offered by Rev. C. E. Carter of Logansport and Rev. W. G. Braeckley of Louisville, Ky., delivered the address. Bishop Bowman also spoke a few words in honor of the departed. Those who died during the year were Rev. S. C. Ewald of Peru, Rev. G. M. Freehafer, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. J. Bruckert, Bunker Hill, Mrs. J. E. Stoops, Van Wert, Ohio, and Mrs. Mary Mode, Grayville, Ill. A selection by the conference chorus closed the memorial service.

A resolution was passed deploring the extent of Sabbath desecration in the state, the action of the last legislature in repealing the local option law as it stood, embracing other moral questions, which, upon motion was sent to Rev. E. S. Shoemaker, president of the state Anti-Saloon League, for publication in the American Issue. The lay delegates of the conference introduced a resolution to encourage the consolidation of the Evangelical Association with the United Evangelical church. It was passed with enthusiasm.

Rev. C. Hauser, Cleveland, Ohio, publishing agent of the church; Rev. F. C. Neitz, Cleveland, secretary of the mutual Aid Society; Rev. F. C. Berger, Cleveland, general secretary of the Young People's Alliance and Sunday school, were received into the conference as advisory members and delivered addresses on the work they represent. Dayton, Ohio, was selected as the place to hold the conference in 1912 to convene on the first Thursday in April.

Former Adams County Minister. Perhaps there is no minister in the Indiana conference who has had so many personal experiences which are of an unusual character, as Rev. J. L. Buyer, of San Pierre, Indiana. Mr. Buyer is remembered in Adams county as the man who succeeded almost single handed in putting the saloons out of Linn Grove during his pastorate there two years ago. It was his successful fight against the saloon element that brought him a letter from J. Frank Hanly, then governor of the state, commending his fearlessness and determination.

Mr. Buyer's work during the past two years at San Pierre has been equally successful. He erected a modern, up-to-date church building at a cost of \$2,000. His labors resulted in fifty-five conversions and he increased the membership of the church from 177 to 211. During the past year the Young People's Alliance was organized

with forty members, which organization has already raised \$150 for benevolent purposes. The Sunday school has had a remarkable growth, being four times larger in attendance than when he went to the field. Mr. Buyer leaves the charge in a prosperous condition, and the people have offered to raise his salary \$100 if he returns, but his desire to have his school facilities for his children makes his return very improbable. Wherever Mr. Buyer is sent, the people will find him a man who is not afraid of hard work, and who is fearless in his attacks upon sin of every description.

SEVEN APPLICANTS TOOK TEST

For Clerk-Carrier Civil Service Examination.

Seven applicants for the clerk-carrier position at the Decatur postoffice took the examination this morning under George Everett of the local civil service examining board. The examination began at 9 o'clock and lasted four and a half hours. The successful ones will be placed upon the eligible list and should vacancies occur either in the clerk or carrier departments, they will be next in line for appointment. The following were the candidates: Jessie R. Phillips, Don K. Smith, Omer Butler, Miss F. Leavell, John A. Cline, Hubert Zerkel, Ora R. Andrews.

LAST ONE SOLD.

Frisinger & Sprunger sold the last horse this morning to Sam Wolfe of Tocsin, Indiana, it being a bright bay two years old, and a mature a ton weight. This makes the fourth horse this firm has sold this man. This is the last horse remaining in the stables of the firm and they will remain empty until Mr. Sprunger arrives with the shipment, which will be tonight No. 13 over the Erie at about 6 o'clock.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Sunday evening at the Baptist church the pastor will again speak to men. As direct reference was then made to certain conditions of our midst as well as to some recent events, it is hoped that a large number of men will be present. You will be courteously treated. Special music by the choir.

The funeral of Comrade Sam Shell, the old war veteran, whose death occurred at an early hour Monday morning at 10 o'clock, will be held where a short service will be in charge of the Rev. Valentine, pastor of Beulah Chapel of Preble, the afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Methodist church at Bobo the regular funeral services will be held, also in charge of Rev. Valentine. At the service the Grand Army of the Republic will be in charge and will tend in a body, as well as many other old soldiers. A full attendance every member is expected, especially the G. A. R., and the order will meet at the Louis Holthouse Fashionables at 10:30 o'clock. Burial will take place at Mt. Tabor cemetery.

VISITS SICK MOTHER.

Jim Touhey this morning accompanied by his nephew, Arthur Hylan, left for Winchester, Indiana, where the former went to pay a visit to his mother, who is very sick, and who has been sick for some time. At present her condition is quite serious, and just yesterday word was received that her condition was worse than before. Her old age, with other complications, makes chances for recovery very doubtful.

CONDEMN GOV. MARSHALL.

Kokomo, Ind., April 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The temperance committee of the M. E. conference day agreed upon a resolution condemning Governor Marshall and members of the last general assembly for the liquor legislation enacted. The resolution will be submitted Monday. Today was also marked by meetings of the various women's organizations.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—H. B. Brown of the Valparaiso university was day elected president of the North Indian Teachers' Association. J. Giles of Marion was named as chairman of the executive committee. Martha Whitacre of Richmond, secretary. S. S. McClure addressed the teachers today.

If you are looking for something new in the millinery line, it is not late to secure the best, as we have just received a large lot of beautiful hats and trimmings. The Berne Millinery.