

Indianapolis, Ind., April 29—If you like to count time by digging into the dusty records of the past, here is your chance. The first legislative body that ever assembled in Indiana, met on the fourth day of November in the year 1816, a few months after the first constitutional convention was held and it was declared that Indiana should become a state. The general assembly met in the town of Corydon, the then capital of the state, ten senators and thirty representatives composing the representation of the two houses. In 1822 the number of legislators was increased to sixteen senators and forty-one representatives, and in 1826, to twenty-one senators and fifty-seven representatives, and again in 1829 to twenty-three senators and sixty-one representatives; in 1831 to thirty senators and seventy-five representatives, and in 1836 to the present representation, fifty senators and one hundred representatives. Up to the year 1851 a session of the legislature was held every year, beginning on the fourth day of November, and remaining in session long enough to enact into law the few simple measures necessary for the peace, comfort and happiness of the pioneers of that early day. After the year 1851 they have met every two years, except when events made necessary an extra session, and the record shows not a few extra sessions. The year 1836 is made famous for another fact, and that is that the name of Adams county appears for the first time. The senatorial district was composed of Allen, Adams and Wells counties and David H. Colerick was the senator, while Huntington, Wells, Adams and Jay formed a representative district, with John Burk as the member of the lower branch of the general assembly. In 1837 Colerick was again senator, and William Vance was representative. 1838 George W. Ewing was the senator, while Vance was returned to the lower house, and in 1839 Ewing was again in evidence with Lewis W. Purviance as representative, followed in 1840 with Ewing again as senator, and Morrison Rulson as representative. At this session the legislative district was changed to Huntington, Adams, Wells, Whitley, Blackford and Jay. In 1841 Joseph Sinclear was the senator, and the senatorial district was changed to Allen, Adams, Wells and Huntington, and Elias Murray was the representative. In 1842 Sinclear was again the senator, and William Prillaman was representative. In 1843 Sinclear was in the senate, and Peter Keimer in the house, and in 1844 William Rockhill was sent to the senate, and Jarred Darrow was a representative. In 1845 Rockhill was again in the senate and Robert B. Turner a representative, and in 1846 Rockhill again as senator and John S. Dean as representative, and at this session the representative district was changed to Adams and Wells counties. In 1847 Franklin P. Randall was the senator, and this district was changed to Allen, Adams and Wells and David McDonald was representative. In 1848 Randall was again in the senate and Samuel Decker representative, and in 1849 Randall again senator and Samuel S. Mickel representative. In 1850 Samuel S. Mickel was the senator and Berkin M. Elkins representative, and in 1851 Mickel was again senator, and the district changed to Adams and Allen, while John Crawford was representative and the district changed to Adams county alone. In 1853 Samuel Edsell was senator and William G. Spencer representative, and in 1855, Samuel L. Rugg was senator, and David Studebaker representative, the latter two both succeeding themselves in 1857. In 1859 David Studebaker was the senator and the district changed to Adams, Wells and Jay, and Jonathan Kelley, sr., was representative. In 1861 Studebaker was again senator with Philomen Collins representative, the latter two also serving in the session of 1865. In 1867 Robert Huey was senator, and James R. Bobo representative, and the district changed to Adams and Wells, and in 1869 Ochmig Bird was senator, and Bobo again representative. In 1871 James R. Bobo held the place of senator and George McDowell representative. In 1873 John D. Sarnighauser was senator and John M. McConnell representative and in 1875 Sarnighauser was again senator, and the district changed to Adams, Allen and Wells, while Augustus N. Martin was representative. In 1877 Sarnighauser was in the senate and David J. Spencer in the house, with Sarnighauser again in 1879 and Joseph S. Dalley representative. In 1881 Thomas S. Briscoe was the senator, the district being Adams, Jay and Blackford, David V. Baker representative with a new district, Adams and Jay. In 1883 John M. Smith was senator and David Eley representative, and in 1885 Smith was again in the senate, Eley in the house, with a new district, Adams, Jay and Blackford, and S. T. McGovney as representative. In 1887 S. W. Hale was the senator, and S. S. Selvey representative for Adams and Jay, and Elisha Pierce

for Adams, Jay and Blackford, and these same gentlemen were also in the session of 1889. In 1891 Henry B. Smith was the senator, R. K. Erwin represented Adams and Jay, and John Branstetter Adams, Jay and Blackford. In 1895 J. J. M. LaFollette was senator, J. T. Kelley and J. R. McGeath represented the counties of Adams, Jay and Blackford, as the did also in the session of 1897. In 1899 William Ryan was senator and the district changed to Allen and Adams as it now is, and Henry Krick was the representative, this district being changed to Adams alone. In 1901 S. B. Fleming was the senator and Henry Dirksen representative, and they were also in the session of 1903. In 1905 John W. Tyndall was in the senate and Dr. J. W. Vizard in the house, they also being the members in the legislature of 1907. In 1909 S. B. Fleming came back, and Thurman Gottschalk was representative, and in 1911, and the last one, it was Senator Fleming and Jacob Butcher, and we are sorry to learn of the latter's serious illness at his home in Geneva. If you will notice the changes as made in the senatorial and representative districts, you will be quick to note some fine points in politics back of the changes, and it will not be hard for you to determine which of the two political parties were in control and command of the apportionment measure in the legislatures. Politics was played with a high hand during much of the early period of Indiana, and many times has the writer been more than entertained with the eloquence of the late James R. Bobo in his description of the conflicts of much of that earlier period. You hear much of the political experts of the present day, but they are out in it with the generalship of some of the party leaders of forty years ago. There is not much in this article, only it will serve as a complete record of the men who represented Adams county in the Indiana general assembly, and the years in which they served. Some of the real old residents may be able to brush up their recollection and remember many of the men mentioned as well as some incidents of life that occurred during those thrilling days, long since passed.

L. G. E.

The announcement of the death of Mrs. Maria Hartman of Detroit, Mich., daughter of Mrs. Sarah Cochran of this city, was received in this city Friday night at 11:30 o'clock by her brother-in-law, Chris M. Welty, the death occurring Friday night at 6:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Castle, in Detroit. While Mrs. Hartman had been ailing for the past five or six years, her condition was not such as to warrant her confinement to the house, and it was only three weeks ago that she visited in this city with her mother.

Since then she has been rapidly growing worse, her decline being very rapid. Her malady is supposed to have been a cancerous affection of the liver and stomach. Mrs. Hartman was sixty-one years of age at death. She was born in Coshocton county, Ohio, November 10, 1849, the daughter of John R. and Sarah Cochran. When quite young she came with her parents to this county, settling in Kirkland township. She was married in 1877 to J. Willard Hartman, and after their marriage they lived in McCook, Neb., Denver, Colo., and other places in the west, returning here then to live. The death of her husband occurred in this city January 20, 1902. After his death Mrs. Hartman went to Fort Wayne to reside and for the past eighteen months she has been living with her daughter, Mrs. Sarah Castle, in Detroit. The daughter and her husband had planned lately to go to Seattle, Wash., to reside. Mrs. Hartman to come here and live with her mother, but when she grew worse rapidly, this plan was given up.

Mrs. Hartman is survived by only one child, Mrs. Sarah Castle. An infant son, Harry H., died August 26, 1880, at the age of two years. Besides her mother, Mrs. Sarah Cochran, of this city, who is eighty-eight years of age, and somewhat infirm, and who has grieved because she was unable to make the trip to be at her daughter's bedside, Mrs. Hartman leaves one brother, S. M. Cochran, of Seattle, Wash.; and two sisters, Rebecca Jane, wife of James D. Brown, of Peterson, and Lavina C., wife of C. M. Weldy, of this city.

Fred, the twelve-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bentz, residents of Union township, is reported by the attending physician to be very ill with pneumonia, but the illness is thought to be under check.

The Decatur Pythian Sisters expect to have a large turnout at the district convention to be held at Bluffton Wednesday, and several Decatur ladies are on the program, as well as being members of committees. The city of Bluffton will be in gala attire and will, as well as the Bluffton lodge, extend a greeting to the four hundred visitors expected. The morning session will

be given over to the reception of the delegates and visitors at the Pythian home where they will register and after lunch the forenoon afternoon program will be rendered.

Afternoon Session 1:00—J. O. F. Hall.

Convention Called to Order—Iva M. Leverton, D. D. G. C.

Song—"America."

Prayer—Adda V. White, G. C. Kentland, Ind.

Welcome Address—Mrs. Hannah Reiff, M. E. C., Bluffton.

Response—Mrs. J. E. D. Anderson, Huntington.

Piano Duet—Misses Olga Jones and Mabel Davis, Portland.

Roll Call of Officers and Committees.

Roll Call of Temple.

Reading—Mrs. Alice Schumaker, Columbia City.

Exemplification of Installation—Rathbone Temple, Fort Wayne.

Perplexities and Pleasures—I. O. of District.

Reading—Mrs. Alice Smith, Portland.

Display Drill—Garland Temple, Oshtian.

Good of Order—Supreme and Grand Officers.

Reading—Mrs. Julia Smith, Bluffton.

Offering, Orphans' Home Fund.

Miscellaneous Business.

Piano Duet—Nettie Nichols and Elizabeth Vaughn, Decatur.

Six O'clock Dinner.

Evening Session, Public—6:30.

Orchestra.

Piano Solo—Miss Esther Vollmer, Bluffton.

Vocal Solo—Miss Lenore Horton, Bluffton.

Oration—"New England Weather"—Warren Foster, Warren.

Duet—Elizabeth and Estelle Spivey, Bluffton.

Address—Mrs. Adda V. White, Grand Chief.

Song—Bon Ton Girls.

Violin Solo—Marjorie Postal.

Piano Solo—Helen Cook, Orchestra.

The convention is to conclude a secret session, opened by the D. D. G. C., with the opening in ritualistic form and balloting in charge of Royal Temple of Bluffton. The Artisan Temple of Warren will give exemplification of initiatory work, and remarks on the work will be given by the grand chief.

The secret session will also include reports of committees, reports of district treasurer, Mrs. Emma Nelson of Bluffton, and reading of minutes of the district secretary, Mrs. Ressie Plessinger, of Bluffton. The Royal Temple of Bluffton will have charge of the closing in ritualistic form, with the song, "God be With You Till We Meet Again."

Mrs. May Muter of Berne is a member of the resolutions committee; Mrs. Belle Briggs of Geneva, Mrs. Nora Linn and Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer of this city, of the press committee.

The twenty Pythian Sisters temples of this district are: Columbia City, Huntington, Portland, Bluffton, Fort Wayne, Decatur, Anderson, Pennville, Ossian, Roll, Monroeville, Churubusco, South Whitley, Warren, Van Buren, Berne, Geneva, Toccoa, Montpelier and Uniondale.

The Odd Fellows' hall, because of its being larger than the Pythian, was secured for the afternoon and night meetings.

The board of county commissioners convened Monday for the regular May term, taking up the routine affairs. Tomorrow will be spent in awarding the contracts for the various bridges and repairs that have been advertised for.

County Treasurer Yager filed his report for the month of April, and which will no doubt receive the approval of the board.

Roy Wolford filed a petition to have his son, Charles Roy Wolford, admitted to the school for feeble minded children, and the petition was granted.

The board received bids for the furnishing of stone for the repair of gravel roads. Since each company which bid could furnish stone cheaper at some point designated, it was decided to buy as needed from each. Those represented by bids were Rufus Meschberger, Levi Augsburgberger, Markle Store & Lime Co., A. & C. Stone Co., Erie Stone Co., Berne Supply Co. and Lesh & Kreider.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fledderjohann, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Koenig and Miss Clara Lang of this city were among the one hundred and forty guests in attendance at the wedding of Miss Ida Dirksen and Carl Nuerge, which took place Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dirksen, north of this city. The Rev. H. C. Jaus of the St. John's Lutheran church performed the ceremony. The bride was very lovely in a dress of cream messaline satin with trimmings of embroid-

ered bands, and she wore a long veil caught to her hair with lilies of the valley and carried a shower bouquet of white bride's roses. Her maids were the Misses Emma Dirksen and Emma Meyers, who were handsomely gowned in frocks of white embroidery, and carried bouquets of white carnations. The groom was attended by Fred Nuerge and Henry Bieberich. After the ceremony a most sumptuous wedding repast was served, the home and tables being very pretty in their decorations of smilax and carnations. The newly married couple who are representatives of two of the best families in the county, begin their new life with the very best wishes of all.

Miss Pearl Abrams of Ray stopped off here today for a few hours and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Heller. She is enroute to Warsaw.

The Christian Women's Board of Missions will meet Thursday with Mrs. Will Parr on Ninth street. The leader of the lesson study will be Mrs. Minnie Daniels and the topic will be "Schools For Orientals." There are several schools for such in this country maintained by this order, among them being Chinese schools at Portland, Oregon, and San Francisco, Cal., and Japanese schools at Berkeley and Los Angeles, Cal.

Miss Louise Wertzberger hospitably entertained a company of friends at her home east of the city yesterday. Guests were the Misses Tillie and Lillie Meibers, Alma Starost and Frances Coffee, Messrs. Fred Colchin and Andrew Harting and Gerald Reed, the last named of Fort Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Butler of northwest of the city entertained at dinner Sunday, their guests being Rev. and Mrs. Landis, Miss Boch, Mr. and Mrs. James Davis, Mrs. Sam Spangler and children, Iva and Bertha, and Marie and Francis Butler.

Miss Minnie Schroeder was a charming hostess at a supper given Sunday evening at her home in St. John's. The repast consisted of everything good in season, and after supper, games and out-door sports were indulged in, making the evening very delightful. Those present were Miss Clara Bultemeier of this city, Minnie Schroeder of near Fort Wayne, Albert, Manda, Julius, Marie Scheumann, Lena, Dorothy, Amelia, Anna, Marie, two Messrs. Fred Schroeder, Herman Mailand, Ed Schroeder, Martin and Charles Bultemeier, Clara and Eda Bultemeier, Amelia Rodewald and Lena Oetting, the last named of Fort Wayne.

Every city and town in Indiana that has a woman's club is interested in the invitations that are being sent out at this time from Winona Lake by Mrs. Edwin A. Knapp, recording secretary of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. The invitations are for the Winona Woman's summer club sessions, to be held July 12, 13, and 14, when state officers will be present. July 12th will be Federation day and will be given over to the interests of the Indiana Federation of Clubs. Mrs. Grace Julian Clarke of Indianapolis, president of the organization, will be one of the speakers. Among the names on the program familiar to Decatur people, is that of Mrs. Lew Ellingham, who will discuss "Social Hygiene."

W. E. Stanley, presiding elder of the Fort Wayne district of the St. Joseph U. B. conference, was entertained today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Lower, east of the city.

The engagement of Miss Beulah Connett and Mr. Omar Kenyon was announced at a prettily appointed dinner given on Friday evening at the home of the bride-elect in Eby avenue. The announcement was made on the place cards, which bore the names of the bride and groom, and the date of their marriage, June 7th. The guests numbered ten of the bride's nearest friends, and when they read the little screed they literally fell upon her with good wishes and felicitations. Pink and white decorated the table prettily and suggested the approaching nuptials. Miss Connett is a favorite in her social circle, and there will be several parties to testify to her popularity. Mr. Kenyon is a linotype operator and is a bright and enterprising young man.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette. Mr. Kenyon is a son of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Kenyon, formerly of this city.

Rev. B. Earl Parker and family were pleasantly surprised Wednesday evening by a large number of the members of the M. E. church, who tendered the marriage reception at the parsonage Wednesday evening in honor of their return to this city. The guests met at the home of William Schreel and marched, ninety-five strong, to the minister's home. The family was completely, but most agreeably surprised. John A. Bonham, with a brief speech, presented to Mr. and Mrs. Parker two fine parlor chairs and Rev. Parker responded

for himself and family in a manner that evidenced his appreciation of the good will of his members. The guests carried with them generous supplies of fruit and candy. There was an immense basket filled with fruit and a big supply of fudge and cracker-jack. The guests remained and spent a most delightful evening.—Hartford City Journal.

DEATH OF MRS. MARIE HELLER.

Judge D. D. Heller received a telegram this morning announcing the death of his sister-in-law, Marie Heller, at Bowertson, Ohio. She had been in poor health for several months, a general breakdown causing death. Her husband died two years ago. The funeral services will be held Tuesday afternoon.

A COMMON WEED.

With the coming of the spring we have again that pestiferous weed, the "loafer," which—we were going to say "springs" up, but that implies activity on his part, so we will say "squats" along the sidewalks—like a load-stool. This species of growth, however, seems to thrive in the warm sunshine, and takes delight in reaching out its tendrils to cling to passers-by, or throw its obnoxious blooms and perfumes into their ears and faces so that they seek to pass by on the other side of the street to escape—but even there they are not free from the poison of this rank weed. The plant yesterday seemed to thrive best in the soil along the West Monroe street mercantile buildings.

RAZING MONMOUTH SCHOOL.

To Allow Erection of New on Site of Old One.

Work on the tearing down of the old Monmouth school house, which has been delayed two weeks by the local option election held there last Friday, has begun in earnest and it is thought the building will be razed this week so that work on the digging of the cellar for the new one can be done allowing Contractor Fritzing to hasten the erection of the new one. The old school house is a two-story brick, while the new one will have two rooms, but both on the one floor.

A GREAT PLAY.

"Tempest and Sunshine," from Mary J. Holmes' popular novel of the same name, is sure to appeal to even the sophisticated playgoers. A picture of the langorous, romantic life of the south before the war. The principal characters, Julia and Fanny Middleton, (Tempest and Sunshine), afford the chief interest in the play. The former, a capricious and self-willed daughter, the latter, winsome, loving and magnetic. The trials and triumphs of these two girls are carried through the play, but at the end of all, love survives and all are "happy ever afterwards." To be seen at the opera house on May 4th.

The body of Mrs. Maria Hartman, whose death occurred at the home of her daughter, in Detroit, Friday night, arrived Sunday night at 8 o'clock over the G. R. & I. and was taken to the home of her sister, Mrs. C. M. Weldy, on Marshall street, where it will lie in state and may be viewed by the many friends of the deceased, until the funeral services which will be held Tuesday afternoon. At 1:30 o'clock a service will be held at the home, and at 2:30 o'clock at the M. E. church with the Rev. Semans officiating. The remains were accompanied by the son-in-law, J. T. Castle, and wife. Interment will take place at the Antioch or Beery cemetery. The cortege was met at the train by Myer, Scherer & Beavers, funeral directors, and a host of sorrowing relatives.

The funeral of Floyd, thirteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Avery, whose death occurred Thursday evening, after a several weeks' illness, was held Sunday afternoon from the Evangelical church, the services being conducted by the Rev. D. O. Wise. Interment in the Decatur cemetery.

Many from this city attended the funeral of Mrs. William Hoffman of west of the city, which was held Sunday morning at the Beery church. The services were conducted by the Rev. L. C. Hessert of this city, and the body was interred in the Decatur cemetery.

GAVE GOOD TALK.

A large crowd greeted Rev. E. R. Roop at the Evangelical church Friday night and heard his lecture on "Character Building." The minister explained the effect of sin on the life of a young man or woman, and the saving power of the gospel as a sure foundation on which to build a strong character. He said that he would first of all, as a foundation,

win the affections. For God is love, and what a man loves and what a man hates, determines his character, and character decides the destiny of man. The speaker illustrated this by the use of chemicals, changing from color to another to show the effect of sin and righteousness on the character.—Portland Commercial-Review.

Rev. Roop was formerly connected with the Decatur circuit, with residence east of this city, with recently changed to the city Evangelical church of Portland. So far as has won a warm place in the hearts of his new parishioners, and he will do more than make good in his new charge.

The meeting at the Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon was very well attended, there being many visitors present who were interested in the Sunday school work of the county. All the officers were present and the meeting was begun promptly at 10 o'clock, and the first thing taken up was the convention. It was determined that it would be held in Washington church on May 14th, and it will occupy all the afternoon and evening. Speakers were appointed for the convention, and are as follows: For the afternoon session, Rev. Hessert and Rev. Davison; for the evening session, Rev. Landis, Rev. Payne and Thomas Perkins, district superintendent.

A committee was also appointed to take up the matter of holding a picnic on July 4th, and all the superintendents were instructed to take the matter up before their respective schools on next Sabbath morning and to report to the committee later the standard taken by their school on the matter. No particular place has been selected for the picnic and no definite arrangements have been made, only towards finding whether or not the schools are willing to have a picnic. The schools of the six north townships are to participate in the picnic and the committee was selected from the representatives of these schools.

The program for the convention will be made public in a few days, as will also the report of the picnic committee.

Mann & Christen were awarded the contract for the new fifteen thousand dollar model glove factory to be erected by the Waring Glove company on the old Trout property, Monroe street. The plans were drawn by Charles N. Christen and show that the new building will be up to the minute in every way. Work will begin at once and the building will be ready for occupancy within three months. The building will be forty-four feet wide and one hundred feet long, two stories high with a seven foot basement, three feet of which is up-ground. The plans were submitted Saturday evening and accepted this morning, showing that the Waring company knew just about what they wanted, and that the architect had just the right idea. The contract is for \$10,400, and doesn't include the freight elevator, the heating plant, or the other frills, which always come up. The building will face Monroe street, with offices in front, lighted by two large windows and one of ordinary size. At the rear of the building is a fire escape and along the side the light plan is modern and perfect. The second floor, or work room will be perfect, it being one large room, 42x100 feet, without a post, and with twelve windows, each 10x7, on each side. On the west side the windows are of wire glass for fire protection. The front of the building is of pressed brick and will add to the appearance of that section of the city. In all the improvement is a good one and will make comfortable quarters for the one hundred or more women who earn good wages at this place.

BAND ORGANIZES.

The Decatur City band will probably be organized Tuesday night, at which time the members who are now engaged and those who wish to join the band will meet in the room which they have rented over the Hunsicker bakery on Second street to perfect the final organization of the band. The committee is Ed Lawson, Herbert Lachot and Frank Engle, and any who desires to join the band may make application with either member of the committee.

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