

Todd Linn and Miss Agnes Murray stole a march on their Decatur friends Thursday evening when at 7 o'clock they secured an automobile and glided peacefully away to Ossian, where they were quietly married by the Rev. A. S. Elzey, a brother-in-law of the groom, the wedding taking place at the Elzey home. The bride wore for her wedding gown a very handsome frock of yellow chiffon over silk. The newly married couple left on a wedding trip and after a week will be at home in this city at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Linn, corner of Jefferson and Fourth streets. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Murray, and is one of the very popular girls of the city, a young lady of unusually pleasing personality. Until quite recently she has been employed as an operator by the Citizen's Telephone company. The groom has resided in the city his entire life, where he is known as one of the best young men. He is employed at the Decatur automobile works.

The report of the wedding gained currency on the streets this morning, but an examination of the marriage records this morning showed no account of the issuance of the license and there was some doubt as to whether the report was true. A dispatch from Ossian to the Daily Democrat confirmed the rumor of the marriage. Rev. Elzey came to this city Thursday evening in his automobile and took the young couple to his home, the wedding taking place at 9 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Snow of this city secured the Arthur Fisher automobile and went to Ossian, where they met the bridal party and were witnesses.

Sheriffs of counties in northeastern Indiana and northwestern Ohio met in Fort Wayne today to form an organization that is expected to be effective in the prevention of horse-stealing and in the capture of thieves who may conclude to defy the law.

Briefly, the sheriffs propose a league that will thoroughly organize a score or more of counties in the two states, as well as in the larger portion of Michigan. By an organized system they expect to be able to get in quick communication with every section of the territory as soon as discovery is made that a horse has been stolen. Authorized representatives will be sent to every city, town and village, as well as in the rural communities to at once report either the theft of a horse or the presence of a suspicious character and will be instantly on watch after a horse has been reported.

The meeting was held in the grand jury room at the court house and it was called at the instance of Sheriff Rechelderfer of Allen county. Other officials in attendance included Sheriff Ralph Thomas of Auburn; Sheriff H. A. Shoemaker, Columbus City; Sheriff T. J. Durkin, Decatur; Sheriff S. J. King, Portland; Sheriff H. B. Wilson, Van Wert; Sheriff P. M. McCarty, Huntington; Sheriff Charles Kintzel and Deputy O. P. Smith, Warsaw; Sheriff F. M. Watt, Lima, Ohio; Sheriff

Freeman Carlisle, Bluffton; Sheriff B. P. Todd, Lagrange, and Sheriff Austin Parsell, Angola.—Fort Wayne Sentinel.

The work of raising the \$100,000 for the endowment fund for the Depauw university at Greencastle, to be secured from pledges throughout the state is going merrily on and nearly \$25,000 more than one-half of the required fund has already been pledged through the earnest appeals of those in charge and the generous gifts of the people who are lending their aid in various ways.

Rev. Sherman Powell, formerly of this city, and Rev. G. H. Myers, who are under the direction of Rev. Wade, who is leading the movement and whose diligent labors are being much appreciated by those connected in this work and should be aided by one and all. The following will give the home people, who are well acquainted in this important need, the present standing and the excellent results that have so far been accomplished:

That \$24,500—more than one-half of the sum required—has already been pledged in the Depauw university endowment fund campaign was announced yesterday by Dr. Cyrus U. Wade at the annual meeting of the board of

ment fund of \$500,000.

until December 31, 1911. If \$100,000 shall have been received by that time the general education board of New York City will give another \$400,000, which will make an annual endowment trustees and visitors. One thousand, one hundred and eighty-seven pledges have been signed, ranging in amounts from \$1 to \$10,000. Four for \$10,000 have been received. Depauw students

are taking an active interest in the campaign, and signed notes to the total of several thousand dollars, which are to be redeemed after graduation. Several young men, in a public speaking class today turned in pledges to the amount of \$1,000.

The entire campaign is under the direction of Dr. Wade, who is at present being assisted by five men—the Revs. G. H. Myers and Sherman Powell, of the North Indiana conference, and L. S. Smith and D. F. Hoagland, of the Northwest Indiana conference, and W. N. Gaither, of the Indiana conference. The campaign will continue

Vera Cruz, a little town over in Wells county, is agitated by the probable finding of blind tiger which may have been in operation for a considerable while. According to the facts at hand a person by the name of John Masterson sub-rented a barn from a Mr. Erward Neuhauser, manager of the Vera Cruz creamery for the purpose of keeping a horse and other merchandise, and when Mr. Neuhauser went to the barn to secure some of his material stored there he found about a barrel and a half of bottled liquids in small beer bottles, but without any labels. He called several witnesses and they examined the goods. He placed new locks on the barn to prevent Masterson from obtaining the goods until the officials made an investigation. The officials will have the contents of the bottles analyzed and the outcome of the exposure will hinge entirely on the analytical report of the constituents of the liquid.

Masterson has been living in the town for several years and operates a cigar stand in conjunction with an ice cream parlor. After the finding it is said that Masterson took one of the citizens to task about the matter and was alleged to have said that a man is entitled to keep anything he wishes in his barn. No arrests have been made as yet, but the officials are investigating the affair thoroughly.

#### OPEN AIR CONCERT.

By Blind Singer of Indianapolis at the Salem Grove.

Rufus Broadbeck, a blind soloist, graduate of the institution for the blind at Indianapolis, will give a free open-air concert at Salem Grove Saturday, June 17th. Ice cream and soft drinks will be on the ground. Everybody is cordially invited and should come out and hear Mr. Broadbeck.

#### HUSTLING HONDURAS.

Hand-bills were distributed today, announcing a "Jolly June the 24th" at Honduras—the coronation carnival at Henpeck park. A Sovine is proprietor of the "roost," and advertises a big, featured evening. There will be music, fishing ponds, guessing contests, and prizes given away for the prettiest girl. Refreshments of all kinds on the grounds and everybody is invited to come.

#### WILL RECEIVE BIDS.

The city school board will hold a meeting this evening at the office of the president, A. H. Sellmeyer, at which time bids will be received for the repair of the Central school building, the repairs being done through a ruling made by the state board governing the same.

The postal savings depository for Decatur is an assured fact, Postmaster W. A. Lower Friday having received official notice from Postmaster-General Frank H. Hitchcock, at Washington, through F. L. Weed, chief clerk of the postal savings department. The pith of the notice tells briefly that the Decatur "office is designated to be a postal savings depository beginning July 10th." Further word is that the books and supplies, including certificates of deposit forms, having already been ordered from the American Bank Note company of New York City for use in the local savings bank, and that these will be here in due time. Advice as to the banks in which the postal savings receipts will be deposited will also be received in due time.

While the institution of the postal savings bank will make no material change in the local office, it will be necessary to rearrange the force somewhat and perhaps take on an extra helper. One of the present force will have charge of the bank department but the decision as to who will take charge of this, has not yet been made. The office rooms, materially, will undergo little change, though it is possible there will be a rearrangement of the front of the building to accommodate this department of the work.

A pamphlet giving information for depositors was also sent with the notice, and more will be received later for distribution. Any person of the age of ten years or more may make deposits in his or her own name, and a married woman in her own name and free from interference or control by her husband. No person can have more than one account at any one time. Only patrons of the postoffice may open a postal savings bank there. Accounts must be opened in person but subsequent deposits may be made by mail. Deposits will be accepted only from individuals. No accounts will be opened in the name of one person in trust for another. Deposits are evidenced by postal savings certificates issued in fixed denominations of \$1, \$2, \$5, \$10, \$20, \$50 and \$100. No account will be opened for less than \$1 nor will fractions of dollar be accepted for deposit. More than \$100 in one month cannot be deposited by a person, nor can he have at any one time a total balance to his credit of more than \$500. Amounts less than \$1 may be saved for deposit by the purchase of ten-cent postal cards and adhesive ten-cent postal savings stamps. Interest will be allowed on all deposits at the rate of 2 per cent per annum, payable annually. The posse will bear interest from the first day of the month next following that in which deposited.

The Daily Democrat takes great pleasure in announcing to the people of Decatur and vicinity that they have completed all arrangements to put on one of the popular newspaper specials, which has created a splendid impression throughout all of the larger cities. "A Missing Word Contest." The Daily Democrat takes this means of introducing to the business men of our city, Miss Kathryn Yater of Osgood, Ind., who will have charge of this contest for the Democrat, Decatur's big and progressive daily. This young woman will be able assisted by Miss Mary Hasset of Franklin.

Beginning on Monday the Daily Democrat will start a missing word contest, to continue for some time, during which thirty dollars will be given away in cash prizes to the person who proves to be the successful one. Watch for the particulars covering the contest in Monday evening's paper.

#### TWO MEN ROB TRAIN.

(United Press Service.)

Yoncilla, Oregon, June 17—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Several posses were busy today, engaged in scouring the country of the nearby vicinity in search of two unmasked men who held up and robbed a southbound passenger train, between here and Brain at an early hour this morning. The robbers escaped with many valuable and registered mail. The men boarded the train at Brain and broke their way into the mail car. One man held the mail clerk by holding a revolver in his face, while the other ripped the mail sacks and a registered package. They then pulled the emergency string and when the engineer slowed down fled from the train and escaped.

#### TWELVE-POUND SON.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Luther Boyers Friday Evening.

Mrs. J. S. Boyers received a telegram this morning from her son, Luther Boyers, at Palo Alto, Cal., announcing the birth of a son, who made his arrival Friday evening at 6:25 o'clock. Mother and son were reported as doing well. The mother was Miss Winifred Johnson, a former

teacher in the Decatur schools. Since their marriage they have resided at Palo Alto, where Luther attended Leland Stanford university, completing the general course this spring. He will take a further course to prepare himself for the medical profession. His father, Dr. J. S. Boyers, of this city, left Wednesday noon for California for a three weeks' visit, during which time he will visit with his son, attend the meeting of the American Medical association and visit other points of interest.

The annual memorial services in memory of their departed brothers will be held by the Knights of Pythias tomorrow afternoon. The custom of holding union memorial services by the lodges as had been observed for the past two years, seems not to be in order this year, and it is likely that each lodge will hold individual services. The Knights of Pythias are requested to meet at the Home on Third street at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, and from there will march to the cemetery where the graves of their brethren will be decorated with floral pieces. Professor E. E. Rice has been engaged to deliver the memorial address and this will be delivered at the cemetery. All members of the lodge are requested to bring flowers to the hall, the Pythian Sisters devoting today to the preparation of the wreaths and other floral pieces. All the Pythian Sisters are also requested to meet at the Home tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock, where there will be carriages to convey them to the cemetery, to take part in the services.

#### Departed Brothers.

There are twenty-two names on the roll of departed brethren, whose memory will be thus honored tomorrow. They are:

R. A. Curran, George Margaret, J. W. Place, Bob Phillips, J. A. Waldron, George Woodward, Grant Gwinnett, B. W. Quinn, John T. France, A. L. Delebille, John Quina, Frank Ralifing, Peter Ashbaucher, I. J. Miesse, E. N. Tyrill, J. W. Merriman, Anson VanCamp, Godfrey Christen, Perry Miller, Art Baughman, Solon Snow, John Aut.

William Koch, national grand foreman of the American Yeomen, arrived in the city today and is the guest of the local homestead. An open session will be held at the hall this evening from 8 to 9 o'clock to which the public is invited, an excellent program having been prepared for this. Following the opening session will be the regular lodge meeting, and there are several candidates to be initiated at this time. Another distinguished guest who will be present this evening is State Manager Carter of Indianapolis. The public is very cordially invited to attend the opening meeting this evening.

#### POLICE COURT NEWS.

The police court has exhibited a very quiet appearance for the past few days, there only being an issuance of a license to break the monotony of the quietude. The license was issued to D. H. Zimmerman of Goshen, Indiana, and was to sell medicine.

Mrs. John Niblick and daughter, Mrs. O. P. Edwards, of Leipsic, Ohio, left for Chicago Friday evening and will spend today with Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Boyle at Englewood, where tonight Mr. Niblick will join them. Sunday morning they will attend the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of Ferry Hall, the women's department of Lake Forest University.

Their daughter and sister, Miss Helen, is a member of the class. She will graduate Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. Helen graduated from our Decatur high school two years ago, and in the past two years has not only earned her diploma, but taken the required studies in the university classes for the freshmen year at Mt. Holyoke college, South Hadley, Mass., where she expects to enter next September as a full sophomore.

Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Youse, six miles north of this city, occurred the wedding of their daughter, Eva, to Mr. Lawrence Hartzell, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Elias Hartzell, of Hoagland. The bride is a niece of John Houk of this city, her mother being his sister. The ceremony was a pretty one and was performed by the Rev. A. K. Mumma of the Hoagland Lutheran pastorate, the wedding being witnessed by one hundred or more guests, who responded to the invitations issued, quite a number being present from Fort Wayne, New Haven, Monroeville, Markle, Hoagland and Decatur. Miss Erna Houk of this city, a cousin of the bride, played the wedding march. The presents were very numerous and costly, the greatest being a check issued by the bride's father for \$300. The evening was greatly enjoyed by every one present. After faring sumptuously in their festivities guests all returned to their homes, wishing

the newly wedded friends many happy years with success. They will reside in Dr. Morris' property at Hoagland.

#### REITER ENCAMPMENT ELECTS.

At the regular meeting of the Reiter Encampment branch of the Odd Fellow lodge the officers for the ensuing term were elected and the installation will occur July 14th. Those elected were: Chief patriarch, Adam Wels; high priest, Samuel Butler; senior warden, Robert D. Patterson; junior warden, Mel J. Butler.

Shall Decatur have a home-coming this fall? Here is a problem that every business man and citizen ought to study over and at once, while we still have ample time for considering, and get the ball rolling toward this way, so as to find out the opinion of the people as to whether or not they want a celebration of this kind. The same movement was started last year, but too late in the season for the matter to be carried through, so we have been urged to call the attention of the people at an early date. All cities, far and near have a gathering of this sort following the harvest season and at a time when all can, without much difficulty, come home and enjoy a few days of real pleasure, as well as one which would be of much benefit to the business man. A number interested in the movement have expressed different suggestions for the carrying out of the matter, but we want all to have a say and to make it as complete as possible. This would mean much to Decatur, and when once started would be continued right along from year to year. By working hand in hand we would be able to secure a line of attractions and other amusements that would bring to Decatur a record-breaking crowd, not only for pleasure, but in a business way as well.

Washington, D. C., June 17—President Taft will be in Indianapolis from midnight of July 3rd until midnight of July 4th, according to an official bulletin issued at the white house today. On Saturday, July 1, the president will take his family to Beverly, Mass., and after seeing the members established in the summer home there will leave Beverly the same evening for Marion, Ind., where he will arrive at noon on Monday, the 3rd. The president, it is expected, will visit the National Soldiers' home at that city, and will also address a meeting of editors or bankers, or perhaps both.

He will leave in the evening for Indianapolis. If the hour permits he may possibly make a brief stop-over at Anderson. According to the schedule Mr. Taft will reach Indianapolis about midnight. While in Indianapolis he will be the guest of former Vice President Fairbanks, at whose home he will spend the night. On the morning of the Fourth the president will probably go to the home of Senator Kern and may be the guest of the senator at breakfast. He will review the parade and attend the railroad men's celebration at the state fair ground, where he will witness the head-on collision of locomotives. In the evening he will be the guest of the Marion club at a banquet. The trip will not be extended to Terre Haute. The departure from Indianapolis for Washington will be at midnight July 4th.

The city school board met Friday evening and received bids for the repair of the Central school building, the contract being awarded to Mason & Christen on their bid of \$990. There were four bidders as follows, each filing therewith their certified check in the sum of \$200, conditioned for the carrying out of the contract if awarded the same:

Mann & Christen ..... \$990  
Amos Gillig ..... 1163  
Linn & Patten ..... 1946  
Fred Hoffman ..... 1380

The repairs include changes in the lighting and ventilating systems and will be begun as soon as practicable. They are made to bring the school up to the requirement of the state board of health, the school house having been deemed below the standard in these requirements in a recent visit here by representatives of the state board.

The board also allowed the following bills at Friday evening's meeting:

E. E. Rice, expenses of commencement, opera house and Dr. Lindley ..... \$55.70

Gay, Zwick & Myers, piano bench ..... 5.75

D. M. Hensley, clock and repair pairs on three clocks ..... 4.25

Decatur Democrat, legal printing, notice to contractors, envelopes ..... 15.15

James P. Haefling, insurance on five-year policy on Second ward, \$1,000 ..... 19.50

L. C. Helm, three-year, \$500 policy on 2nd Ward ..... 6.50

L. C. Helm, three-year \$1000 policy on 3rd Ward ..... 13.00

E. E. Rice, telephone, express, 5.75

Ohio county won the blue ribbon for harboring the least domestic infidelity. Only one divorce was granted there during the year, according to the reports. Union county was a close second with four divorces registered.

The lone Ohio county decree was granted to a wife because of a drunk husband. An amusing feature of the figures, the officials in the state statistician's office believe, lies in the lack of decrees granted husbands because their wives failed to provide for them. Not a case of such description was registered in any of the reports sent in by county officials.

Stampa ..... 4.51  
R. E. Rice, one-half month's salary, 70.00  
ary, completes year ..... 70.00

#### KILLED A WEASEL.

Friday night at late hour Draxton Hill was aroused by the squawks of his chickens and on investigating the cause found a weasel in the act of drinking the life-blood of one of the brood hens. In endeavoring to loosen the hold of the weasel the animal bit him in the hand, inflicting a deep flesh wound. Unable to loosen it, he was forced to kill it to save the flock any future damage. The weasel was the property of John Chronister and was but recently purchased.

Indianapolis, Ind., June 17—There were 4,632 divorces granted to Illinois wives and husbands in Indiana during 1910, according to statistics compiled in the office of the state statistician and announced yesterday. There were only 30,677 marriage licenses issued during the year—scarcely more than six times the number of divorces. The latter figures are regarded as excess because some licenses issued were never used.

Of the divorces granted the wives had much the better of the argument collectively. Legal separations were granted to women in 3,475 cases, while men asked freedom in only 1,167 cases, according to the figures. The statistician's office has compared the total number of divorces granted and marriage licenses issued with those of 1909, 1908, 1907 and 1906.

The divorces granted in 1909 were almost 200 less than those granted last year. They reached 4,494, with the wives winning the cases in 3,169 instances and the husbands in 1,015 cases. The total number of marriage licenses granted in 1909 was 28,525. For 1908 the total number of divorces granted was 4,253. The wives won in 3,136 cases and the husbands in 1,117. The total number of marriage licenses issued amounted to 26,990 in 1908.

#### Fourteen Causes Given.

In 1907 the figures for both were lower. Wives obtained decrees in 2,967 cases and husbands in 1,013, making the total number of divorces granted during the year 3,980. The marriage licenses were much more numerous than in the preceding year; due, it is said at the state statistician's office, to the panic of 1907. The total number for 1907 reached 28,804.

In 1906 the total number of divorces was only 3,669, of which 2,735 were granted to women and 874 to men.

The causes of divorces granted have been tabulated for 1910 from all the counties by the state statistician's office