

#### MUSIC RECITAL MONDAY.

Everything is progressing nicely for the music recital to be given at 7:30 o'clock Monday evening in the Presbyterian church by the large music class of Mrs. C. J. Lutz. All the friends of the class and those interested in music are cordially invited. The recital will be free. The program includes piano and vocal solos, trios, double duets, pipe organ numbers. Two pianos will be provided for the players. Mrs. Lutz contemplates giving several recitals in the near future. There will be a public recital in the fall again, and several parlor recitals soon.

The awful tragedy which occurred Thursday morning in Fort Wayne, when James M. Nolan, a watchman at the Pennsylvania freight house, and residing at 1016 Hayden street, shot and instantly killed his wife in the backyard of their home, at 7:30 o'clock in the morning, and then turned the revolver upon himself in an ineffectual attempt to commit suicide, will be brought nearer to Decatur people, when they learn that the woman's two nieces, Lulu and Edith Miller, who resided with the Nolans, and over whom it is said a part of the trouble may have arisen, are related here.

The Miller girls are granddaughters of George Worden, residing east of the city, and are nieces of Mrs. Alex Hoyer of this city. The Miller girls are daughters of Louis Miller, a Pennsylvania railroad conductor, who was a brother of the murdered woman. His wife was Miss Lillie Worden, who was the daughter of Mrs. Hoyer's sister, Mrs. George Worden. Lulu and Edith Miller are aged respectively, eighteen and fifteen years, and their mother, Mrs. Lillie Worden Miller, died when Edith, the younger, was nine months of age. Since then they have been making their home with their aunt, Mrs. James Nolan, the father paying forty dollars per month board for the daughters. At one time, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hoyer contemplated giving the children a home here, but this was not determined.

The rash act of the man is the culmination of years of domestic unhappiness and following a four-day drunken debauch. After the shooting, Nolan started to run, but the police arrived and overhauled him within a few hundred yards of his home and placed him under arrest. Awakening to a realization of his deed, he went into a state of remorsefulness and for hours was on his knees in his cell praying for forgiveness. His cries could be heard all over the station. Relatives who called to see him, however, it is said, had little compassion for him, and neighbors stated that the woman whom he so ruthlessly shot down, had led a dog's life, living in constant fear that he would kill her some day. The Journal-Gazette says of the tragedy:

"At the time the shooting occurred, the only other occupants of the house besides Mr. and Mrs. Nolan were the two Miller girls. The eldest was in the front yard engaged at some

task and Edith, the younger, was in the rear of the house and within twenty feet of Mrs. Nolan, who was in the yard preparing to begin work at the family washing.

"Nolan had been away all morning, having left the house before the family arose and gone to a corner saloon. He came in suddenly through the front yard and passed Lulu Miller without uttering a word, but there was nothing over-peculiar about his actions which might lead the girl to suspect that he was about to attempt murder. He went immediately to the rear of the house and walking up to his wife he engaged her in conversation.

"He seemed to be obsessed with the idea that Edith Miller was causing all the trouble between him and his wife and the conversation was on this subject.

"I want that damned girl to leave the house at once," he was overheard to say by Edith Miller, who could see the couple through the open doorway. His wife remonstrated with him, declaring that the girl had no other home to go to, that she was too young to be thrown upon her own resources, and that she thought the girl was all right where she was.

"Jim, you promised my dying sister that you would take care of the girls," Mrs. Nolan replied. Nolan, without uttering a word in reply, wheeled on his heel and stalking into the house, he evidently picked up a heavy 44 Colt revolver, which he kept hidden about the place, and going into the yard again he walked up close to his wife, and taking an unsteady aim, discharged a bullet into her body. It entered just above the left breast, causing a ghastly hole and lodged in her back. She fell to the ground in her tracks and death was probably instantaneous, as there was no sign of life when neighbors arrived a few minutes afterward.

Nolan had been discharged Saturday night by the Pennsylvania railroad on account of drinking. The funeral of Mrs. Nolan was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Miss Alvina Mailand, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mailand of Stop 13, on the interurban, is recovering from a severe case of blood poisoning, which threatened the amputation of one of her legs. A blister, which was rubbed on one of her heels, became poisoned from the coloring matter in the stocking and her condition became very alarming indeed, the physician thinking at one time that it would be necessary to amputate the limb at the knee, and at one time he made three visits daily to the home. She is getting better now, however, and is able to go riding, though the full use of the limb has not returned yet.

Mrs. W. J. Myers left this morning for South Bend, where she was called on account of the serious illness of her grandchild, Alice, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Fifer, who has been sick for some months past. The message being brief, no particulars were given, but it is thought to be complications, or bordering on that nature.

Charles Lang, whom it was thought had contracted a fever, and which it was thought might be typhoid, is resting somewhat easier, and the high temperature has been checked. He is able to sit up at times, but still suffers much pain and is weak from the early symptoms of the disease. With careful attention he will get along all right and be able to be out in a week or so.

Ansel Heckman, living for miles east of the city, is very seriously sick with an attack of typhoid at present. His fever being 105 degrees.

The Babcock family at Honduras is having its share of sickness at present, there being several of them sick with typhoid fever.

Tilden Lister is still in a rather weakened condition from the hemorrhages which he suffered Thursday evening. He is slowly improving, but very little encouraging word can be given out at the time being.

SAULT ST. MARIE, Canada, July 15—(Special to Daily Democrat)—When the news of the commutation of sentence of Mrs. Napolitano reached that woman, the strain she had been under broke, and she fainted. It was some time before the matrons and guards could revive her. Mrs. Napolitano was given the news by a condemned burglar in the next cell to her, who heard it from the prisoner next to him, to whom the news had been shouted by an outsider through the open window.

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Rochester, N. Y., July 15—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Miller Bros.' Wild West Show in the City Today.

The first advertising car for the famous Miller Bros.' wild west performance, which is to appear in this city on Thursday, August 3rd, arrived here this morning over the Grand Rapids from Lagrange, remaining here throughout the day, during which time the many paste slingers canvassed the town and made themselves very busy, making known the arrival of the show. Miller Brothers circus is fast gaining a reputation as being one of the largest wild west shows on the road today, and upon their making this city, it was made known that the fence on the Teeple lot just east of the Monroe street bridge would have

to be taken down for more room, showing that it is the largest that has ever played in this city. Their performance contains many wild, daring and thrilling features, and along with the hundred of people in their employ, will be the best ever struck Decatur. The second advertising car, making known closer arrangements relative to the show, and thorough canvass of the city will be here in a few weeks.

Several from this city attended the funeral of Robert, seventeen-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Barkley, which was held at the East Liberty U. B. church by the Rev. Snyder, with interment in the I. O. O. F. cemetery in Monroeville. The Monroeville Breeze gives the following account of the death:

Mrs. Jacob Barkley, residing with her husband, four miles south of town in Union township, Adams county, prepared a mixture of poison and water for the purpose of exterminating flies, which she had set down on a table and left the room for a short time. In her absence a little seventeen-months-old son, named Robert, got hold of the cup, and thinking it was water, drank it. In pain and agony, little Robert lingered a period of about seventeen hours, when death came and ended his suffering. The attending physician, Dr. Kauffman, stated that the little fellow was not suffering merely from the fly-paper water, but his stomach was filled with pieces of cork, oats, corn and other articles, which had caused constipation, which with the poison, hastened the untimely end. Every means possible was used to save life but all in vain. The boy was a bright and intelligent little fellow and the incident brought great grief and sorrow to the family circle.

The babe is a great-grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Nidlinger of east of the city.

(United Press Service.)

Indianapolis, Ind., July 15—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A small boy has tickled the state house, but at the expense of Governor Marshall, and the entire working force attending to the business of the state was chuckling today over a story which the executive offices admitted was true.

During the recent hot spell Governor Marshall opened the door leading from his private office to the state-house corridor in hopes of getting cooled off. He was thus working in plain view of any person who might be curious enough to look in, when a small boy who was exploring the capitol with his father and mother stepped near the door. The boy gazed long at the governor and then turned to his father and said:

"He ain't very big, is he pop? I bet you could lick him."

Elkhart, Ind., July 15—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Because of rivalry between Lake Shore engineers as to speed records with the Twentieth Century Limited, and the resultant reckless feats at times, the company today issued instructions prohibiting faster time than 110 minutes for the 133 miles between Toledo, Ohio, and Elkhart, while 120 minutes will be regarded as a good run.

AFTER LONG ABSENCE.

Mrs. Sarah Lee Returns Home For a Visit With Friends.

Mrs. Sarah Lee of Libby, Mont., who formerly lived between here and Bluffton, but who has been absent from the city for the past twenty-seven years, during which time she has never paid a visit here, arrived in the city for a several months' visit with relatives. At present she is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blosser, having come here from Hammond, where she was visiting with relatives. She left here for Montana on account of failing health, the climate there proving of much benefit to her. Owing to her long absence many of her friends have left and departed, but she will be remembered by some of the older residents of the city.

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

to Daily Democrat)—The Buffalo section of Train No. 5 on the Erie was sideswiped by another engine at Portageville early today. Engineer Oliver was killed and his fireman seriously injured.

Erie, Pa., July 15—(Special to Daily Democrat)—James T. "Bud" Mars, who was injured when his aeroplane fell here yesterday will probably recover. At the hospital it was stated that the concussion of the brain was slight and is wearing off and that the internal injuries are apparently slight. The breast bone was broken, but the padded head-shield saved his skull from other than a slight fracture.

Paris, July 15—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Physicians attending millionaire Gates reported this morning that he had passed a very bad night and is worse today.

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL OPEN.

Upon receipt of proper certificates of admission persons may now be admitted to the state tuberculosis hospital at Rockville, Parke county, according to a communication sent out to health officers. Poor patients are freely treated and pay patients are taken when room permits.

The institution expresses a preference for young mothers and fathers afflicted with tuberculosis, they may return to their homes and care for their children, if cured.

INDIANA TEACHER WEDS WESTERNER.

San Francisco, Cal., July 14—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Meeting here to attend the National Educational meeting, Miss Mae Angello of Bloomfield, Ind., a teacher, renewed an old romance with Claire Oakerman, superintendent of schools at Pomroy, Wash. The couple announced today that they were married last night.

FELL THROUGH GRATE.

While walking over a grate in front of the Parrish restaurant this noon, Harold Murray and Glen Neptune were suddenly precipitated through the grate into the cellar below, the grate coming loose from its support. Neither of the boys were injured.

A larger audience listened to the forceful address of Evangelist Miller Friday evening than at any previous service. An increase of from thirty to fifty each service, in spite of many side attractions, is proof of the speaker's ability to deliver the goods. Present indications are that the seating capacity of the tent will soon be taxed to the limit. Nothing has been left undone that would add to the comfort of those who night after night come to hear this fearless preacher of righteousness. The tent is comfortably seated with church pews and camp chairs, and has electric lights.

Rev. Poulsen, pastor of the Bluffton Baptist church, led the choir Friday evening. A large number of Blufftonites are expecting to attend some of the meetings next week. An effort is being made to secure the services of from twenty to fifty people in the choir each night, and volunteers for this work will be welcomed at any time. While the week-night services do not begin till 8 o'clock the choir will frequently meet at 7:30 to practice and learn new hymns. Billhorn's "Hymns of His Grace" are on sale at ten cents per copy.

Sunday evening service begins at 7:30, but tonight and each night next week, at 8 o'clock. Come and share this wonderful opportunity and blessing with us. Tell your neighbors about the meetings, and bring a friend with you tonight. Everybody welcomed. Everybody welcomed to each other to every service.

The center of population, which has been staying in Bartholomew county for ten years, has just been discovered in Monroe county, since the last census. Ever since the census figures for the United States were announced there has been considerable discussion as to where the center would be found this time. A dispatch from Bloomington, Ind., says:

"A marker denoting the exact spot of the center of population of the United States, which is in Monroe county six miles southeast of Bloomington, is being erected by a local newspaper."

"An official report from Washington just received here, says: 'The center of population which may be defined as the center of gravity of all inhabitants, is situated in latitude 39 degrees, 4 minutes and longitude 86 degrees, 19 minutes. It is in the southeastern part of Monroe county, six miles from Bloomington. In 1900 it was in latitude 39 degrees, 49 minutes. Its movement from census to census is a net resultant of all various movements of the people, east, west, north and south. In the past ten years this center has moved south about ten miles and west about twenty-seven miles.'

The westward movement was near

ly double that of the decade before, but much less than that of earlier periods, since the average westward movement per decade has been forty-seven miles. During the past century this center has kept very close to the thirty-ninth parallel, in some cases being a few minutes north of it, in others slightly to the south."

Detroit, Mich., July 15—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The marriage here of Arthur Shook, aged thirty, of Indianapolis and Iva Beeler, thirty, of Decatur, Indiana, is indicated by the issuance of a marriage license to them.

Mrs. Beeler is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wash Kern of St. Mary's township, and a sister of Mrs. Davis Dailey

to the front yesterday with the baseball team he has selected to play against a team to be selected by Thomas W. Brolley, state statistician, for the benefit of the News Fresh Air fund, but Brolley, who had promised to have his team ready also, asked for additional time.

"Colbert's team is announced as follows: Colbert, manager; Mark Thewaite, secretary to the governor, short stop; Bert New, legal clerk to the governor, catcher; Elliott R. Hooten, head of the new state bureau of inspection, pitcher; L. G. Ellingson, secretary of state, first base; W. M. Madden, accountant, with the state board of accounts, second base; W. H. Vollmer, treasurer of state, third base; Sam Parrott, of the custodian's force, left field; Fred A. Sims, tax commissioner, center field, and Ed Donnell, clerk of the state printing board, right field. The substitute list includes Joe Reilly, secretary of the railroad commission; John Legan, foreman of the janitors; John Fanning, policeman; Tom Haefling, electrician; Frank Kirkhoff, engineer, and John Crittenden, audit clerk in the office of the auditor of state.

"Twenty-five cents admission will be charged, and the promoters give assurance that if they do not give that much money's worth in ball playing the balance will be given in fun. W. H. O'Brien, auditor of state, has been selected by Colbert as one of the umpires. Brolley will select a second umpire.

"We will manage the thing so that every cent taken in for tickets will go to the fund," said Colbert. "Arrangements have been made whereby what little expense there will be connected with the game will be cared for without dipping into the gate receipts."

HORSES WENT HOME.

Clarence Stogdill, son of Chris Stogdill, who is working on his father's farm west of this city this summer, had a narrow escape from serious injury this week when two runaway horses crowded him against a barbed wire fence. He had left the wagon when the team, a pair of young horses, grew restless from the flies and began to run. By running Stogdill caught the bits of one of the animals. His weight caused the team to swerve into the fence and he caught one finger on a barb, literally tearing the end off. His clothing was torn and he sustained some bruises, but considers that he escaped in a very fortunate manner. He stopped the horses without damage of consequence.

CROWDS GOING TO CIRCUS.

Many Decatur Citizens Will See Ringling Bros. Show at Ft. Wayne.

A telegram received here this morning by the happy grandfather, Councilman Jacob Martin, announces the birth of a baby daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin at Fairbanks, Alaska. All are reported as doing well. Mr. and Mrs. Martin visited here last spring after their marriage which took place in Cleveland, Ohio.

Detroit, Mich., July 13—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With three towns totally wiped out, four others partially destroyed, four bodies recovered and scores missing, the fire situation in Michigan was serious today. Milledersburg is the third town to be wiped off the map by the blaze. Twenty-one counties are on fire at this time. The property loss for the week is today estimated at ten million dollars.

Cobalt, Ont., July 13—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With the death list already exceeding three hundred and property damage reaching into the millions, the fire in the Porcupine district of New Ontario are still un-checked today. Many of the richest mines in the district have been wiped out and the many miners met death in the flames. In addition to the foreigners it is estimated that at least 200 Americans were caught. Upwards of 200 settlers and their families are also missing.

Gravina, Mich., July 13—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Seven hundred people are homeless today as a result of the burning of the village of Waters, near here last night. The whole northeastern section of Michigan is a blackened mass. The fire today had burned itself out at AuSable and Oconto.

Scores are still missing and no actual estimate of the fatalities can be made. The situation is much better today, but the danger is not yet over.

Can you imagine our distinguished fellow townsman, the Hon. Lew G. Ellingson, wearing a pair of bloomers and grabbing off the flies and the linters and the hot ones that come his way, holding down the first sack in a ball game? Can you realize the sensation it would cause when he hits one over the back fence for a "homer"? Can you see him imitating "Kid" Fear on the coaching line? Well all these things are advertised to occur in a ball game between state house employees, the proceeds to go to the "Fresh Air Fund." Tom Haefling is on the list as a substitute, and we can't figure out how they left out our original short stop, "Kornie" Conner, but we presume he will appear on Brolley's opposition team. Speaking of this great exhibition of nerve and athletics, the Indianapolis News said Friday evening:

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to the front yesterday with the baseball team he has selected to play against a team to be selected by Thomas W. Brolley, state statistician, for the benefit of the News Fresh Air fund, but Brolley, who had promised to have his team ready also, asked for additional time.

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