

SALE WAS GREAT.

J. D. Neidlinger, who held his big Durophog sale Wednesday, reports it one of the most successful he has ever held, and that a handsome price was received for every porker put up for sale. Fifty-two of this fancy stock were offered for sale, bringing a total of \$1657.50, or an average of \$31.87½ each. The crowd was a record-breaker for all past sales, buyers coming from all parts of the country. The bidding was spirited, and with Colonel Fred Reppert at the helm, the high dollar was reached every time. Mr. Neidlinger, who is the raiser of nothing but fine stock, always draws a gathering from far and near, and is well satisfied with results received Wednesday.

WILL HOLD RECITAL.

A recital will be held at the Peterson school house Friday, October 6th, at which time the Misses Mabel Welby and Osee Armstrong will give a program of readings and monologues. An admission will be charged, ten and fifteen cents, according to position. Several from here have signified their intentions of attending.

SHIP FURNITURE.

Yager Bros. & Reinking today shipped a large load of furniture to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wiehe in Allen county, who were married last Sunday. Both people are well known and highly respected, Mrs. Wiehe being formerly Miss Mary Nuerge of Friedheim.

ATTEND FUNERAL.

Mrs. W. A. Kuebler left this afternoon for Mansfield, Ohio, where she will attend the funeral of Mr. Kuebler's brother, Louis, who died early on Wednesday morning. Mr. Kuebler, who was called to his bedside, but who arrived after his brother had passed away, is there also for the funeral. The last sad rites will be held Saturday morning from the Catholic church there.

The Shakespeare club concluded its study of "The Merchant of Venice" at the home of Mrs. C. C. Schaefer Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. D. E. Smith being the leader of the study. The next meeting will be with Mrs. J. C. Patterson, when the Bay View reading course on Africa and Australia will be taken up. There will be a twenty weeks' study of Africa and ten weeks of Australia. At the session Wednesday Mrs. E. E. Rice read an invitation from the schools, inviting the club to attend the Boston art exhibit to be held in the library hall October 12th to 14th.

The regular meeting of the Woman's Relief Corp will be held Friday evening, when special business will come up before the members for discussion. At this time special arrangements will be made and a date set for the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the lodge, which will be carried out in a very appropriate way. The ladies have taken in a large number of new members recently and since they have been successful in this way, it will aid them much towards the broadening of their celebration as it should be. The presence of every member is wished for at this time.

Another bride of the month was honored at a nuptial party yesterday afternoon when Miss Sallie Vesey, whose wedding will take place on October 11, Miss Jane Walter asked Miss Vesey's personal friends to the little gathering and exerted her artistic abilities in making the party as bride-like as possible. White candles flickered on the small tables, tied the white baskets at the places and the menu and appointments carried out the wedding oote as far as possible. A handsome piece of daisy lay at the bride's place at the table, a charming reminder of the very charming party. Miss Lora and Miss Evelyn Walter assisted, their sister. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Wayne C. Nisbet of Cleveland, Mrs. R. P. Barr of Kentdallville, Miss Frances Merryman of Decatur.—Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette.

Promptly at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening occurred the wedding of Verda Bigham to Lauey Jackson at the bride's home, seven miles southeast of Decatur. The bride's sister, Miss Abbie Bigham, played beautifully the wedding march, while the bridal party marched and took their position beneath red and white festooning in a cosy corner of the parlor. Here in the presence of about thirty relatives and friends, Rev. D. O. Wise spoke the words that united two loving hearts and two beautiful lives. After the congratulations a most sumptuous supper was served. The bride and groom occupied a place at the table where snow-white wedding cake reposed. Nothing was lacking in the menu of

good eatables. After all had partaken of the many delicious things, the evening was spent in music and in jolly visiting. The bride is a charming young lady of excellent qualities. Because of her sweet disposition she has a large circle of friends who wish for her a most happy wedded life. She wore a beautiful lavender silk. The groom is one of the most handsome young men in Adams county. He is also a model young man and possesses an unquestionably beautiful character. At present he is engaged as a fireman with the Pennsylvania railroad company at Fort Wayne. He wore a handsome blue serge suit. Those present were Messrs. and Mesdames E. W. Jackson, groom's parents; W. O. Bigham, bride's parents; G. W. Standford, Wren, Ohio; J. B. Stivers, Rockford, Ohio; Harlem Hunter, Glenmore, Ohio; H. E. Jackson, Fort Wayne; Walter Koss and family, Fort Wayne; James Gottshall and family, Grove Hill, Ohio; Messrs. Rolla Jackson, Artie Jackson, Cleo Jackson, Dewey Jackson, Nyle Jackson, Glenn Jackson, Faye Jackson, Abbie Bigham, Raymond Stivers and D. O. Wise. The young couple will immediately move to Fort Wayne, where they will be at home on East Pontiac street. May happiness attend them all through their wedded life.—Contributed.

A big barn dance was given Wednesday evening at the Charles Scheumann home north of this city along the Interurban line. Albert Scheumann, Fred Schurger, Edwin Fledderjohann, Letta Fullenkamp and Lydia Miller were among those who attended.

Thirty members of the Evangelical Ladies' Aid society attended the meeting at the home of Mrs. Howard Burd on Tenth street Wednesday afternoon, where needlework was in order, this being laid aside for the delicious two-course luncheon served by the hostess. The collection amounted to \$17. Mrs. Jacob Tester will entertain the society in two weeks—Wednesday, October 18th.

Mrs. W. A. Fonner was hostess to the Concord Lutheran Ladies' Aid society Wednesday afternoon, the attendance being large. Besides the regular members those present were Miss Maggie Peoples of Wheatland, N. D.; Mrs. William Rupp, Hoagland; Mrs. Chris Strebe and daughter, Mildred; Mrs. C. D. Lewton, Mrs. D. F. Leonard, Mrs. Minnie Lewton, Mrs. John Nagley and daughter, Emma; Mrs. Philip Schieterstein, Mrs. John Cline, Mrs. D. M. Rice, Miss Martha Fonner, Mrs. Henry Baumann, Mrs. George Simmers, Mrs. Dale Moses, Mrs. Dan Hill, Mrs. Will Evans. Mrs. Lou Hook of Auburn, who is president of the society, was also in attendance. A reading by Mrs. Mary Hook and a piano duet by Mrs. Sherman Kunkel and Mrs. Dale Moses were interesting features of the program. Refreshments and a social hour followed the business period, and the day was an unusually enjoyable one. Mrs. John Christen was named as a delegate from the local order to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary society's convention to be held in Auburn.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The calendar year ended Saturday and now the various state officers are figuring upon the results of the business and coming comparisons with the preceding year. All of these comparisons bear evidence to the fact that the past year has been a prosperous one for the state, and that business management has been pursued in all offices. Perhaps the most lucrative office is that of secretary of state, where the fees from all sources during the past year totaled \$192,883.95. As a matter of comparison the preceding year the receipts of the office amounted to \$147,609.52, thus showing a net increase in the business of that office of \$51,284.43. This handsome increase was taken care of without a cent of increase in salaries or any other expense and is a record breaker in the history of the state. This large volume of money was collected from people in all parts of the state, some of it in large amounts and a great deal of it in extremely small fees, sixty cents being the sum collected for a commission for either an elective or appointive officer. From this amount it runs up into large figures in the incorporation department which is fast becoming a revenue producer for the state. The governor is elated over the good showing made in all the offices and asserts that a payment on the state debt must be one of the accomplishments of the coming year. As soon as the auditor's office gets the year-end accumulation figured out, a comprehensive statement of the finances of the state for the past year will be given the public, and accompanying this will be a comparison of the state's resources for the few years preceding. The showing will be one that will reflect credit upon the officials in charge.

The Denison hotel Monday evening

was packed to the doors, the occasion being the grand lodge meeting of the Knights of Pythias. Three candidates for outer guard were making a red-hot campaign, and there was much of a resemblance to a state political convention. Hon. James E. Watson mingled in the crowd as did many other shining lights in the political world. One of the largest meetings ever held is now on tap, the election of officers being the most stirring event of the program. Dore B. Erwin and Samuel Shamp were the representatives of Kekionga lodge, and they were on deck during all the proceedings.

The coming of Vice President Sherman next week is the big card in political circles. The vice president is to be the guest of Hon. James E. Watson for two days. One of these will be spent at Rushville and the remainder of the time will be given over to the entertainment of the Nip and Tuck club at Newcastle. Other dignitaries there will be Senator Kern, former Vice President Fairbanks, and others. It is expected that some big politics will be played during the two days that the vice president will be in the state, and it need not be surprising that it will end in the re-entry of the Hon. James E. Watson into politics.

L. G. E.

D. B. Erwin and S. E. Shamp have returned from Indianapolis, where they attended the grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Erwin going also to attend to business. Through the efforts of these two gentlemen, Decatur is in line for the next district convention, which will be held some time between now and spring, and it is quite likely that Decatur will be named the place for holding this convention. Professor Huyette, superintendent of the Wells county schools, was named the district deputy for this district. The lodge sessions were very interesting, among the speakers being Past Supreme Chancellor Shively of Richmond, James E. Watson of Rushville; John B. Corcum, and other men high in the ranks of the K. of P. lodge, as well as others.

All the state officers were moved up a station in their office, and Dr. Priest of Marion was elected to the vacant office of outer guard. Representatives to the supreme lodge of the world were elected as follows: Jone Monahan, Orleans; Arley M. Brown, Randolph county; Arthur Lowe, Greensburg.

After eighteen hours and a half deliberation, the jury failed to agree in the matter of Benjamin Ayres, charged with wife desertion, and was discharged at 9:30 o'clock Thursday, the defendant being discharged without prejudice to the state. The case went to the jury about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and the jury spent the entire night and until 9:30 o'clock this morning in deliberation. It is said they were about evenly divided regarding the matter of Ayres' guilt. A new trial may be asked.

James M. McKee, against whom a charge of issuing fraudulent checks was preferred by D. M. Hensley, who cashed the worthless check, has been discharged without prejudice to the state, a motion to quash the indictment having been sustained. An application to defend as a poor person was sustained and L. C. DeVoss was appointed his counsel.

The county commissioners held a short session Thursday, concluding the work for the term. The contract for the concrete sidewalk in front of the jail was let to Amos Fisher, his bid being twelve cents per square foot. Jacob Buhler was appointed superintendent. The Berne Supply company secured the contracts for the Sam Darr bridge in Union township for \$324, and the William Hart bridge in Union township, for \$359. There were five bidders.

Martin Miller vs. Dallas and Katharine Butler, note and foreclosure of mortgage, \$1200. Answer filed by defendant.

Otty Bolds vs. Silah W. Hale et al., quiet title, ejectment and \$1000 damages. Appearance by Smith for defendants. Rule to answer.

Joseph D. Krick vs. E. Burt Lenhart et al., case from Justice of the Peace. Appearance by Hooper and DeVoss for defendants.

Rudolph Schug was appointed guardian of Jesse, Laura, Herman, Merthen and Dale Ellenbarger, filing \$9,000 bond. Chauncey Lautzenheiser is the attorney.

David Archer, administrator of the Susannah Archer estate, filed receipts for disbursement and was discharged.

Emerson Elzey, executor of the Thomas J. Elzey estate, filed report of sale of personal property, which the court approved.

Real estate transfers: Thomas E. Mann to Charles Pyle, lot 205, Geneva, \$500.

WONDERFUL FILM TONIGHT ONLY

How many people understand what the Crusaders are? If you don't know be sure that you attend the Star theater this evening where four thousand feet of sacred war film will be shown. The name crusader is derived from the cross, which the warriors wore on their breasts as a sign of their undertaking. The first of these wars were in 1095. Price ten cents.

NEW MOTOR CAR DIRECTORS.

The stockholders of the Decatur Motor Car company held a very important session Wednesday afternoon at which time the following board of directors was elected: M. E. Brackett, W. J. Vesey, M. Kirsch, L. A. Graham, L. W. Coppock, A. H. Barnard, J. S. Bowers, C. C. Schafer and John I. Taylor of Boston. The board selected officers as follows: Mr. Brackett, president and general manager; Mr. Vesey, vice president; Mr. Kirsch, treasurer; Mr. Graham, secretary; Mr. Coppock, factory manager; Mr. Barnard, sales manager. The factory has before it a prosperous future, and plans for the enlarging of the factory will probably be announced soon.

A rare group of entertainers, under the direction of the Coit Lyceum bureau of Cleveland, Ohio, is booked for the lecture course to be given this winter, in the Bosse opera house under the auspices of the senior class of the Decatur high school. This is the same bureau which furnished the entertainers for the course given last winter, which pleased the hundreds of attendants, and the course this year is even better, being varied greatly to please all tastes. The course will open on November 9th, with the appearance of the Apollo Concert company and bell ringers. This includes Arthur Wells, banjo soloist and saxophone player; G. E. Holmes, cornet and flute soloist; Clay Smith, guitar soloist; Mrs. Alta R. Wells, pianist; Miss Coyne as M. Spring, reader.

The second number will be given November 20th, and will be a lecture by Colonel George W. Bain, the Kentucky orator of national fame. December 8th will be given "The Captain of Plymouth," a successful and shagbuck comic opera, by S. S. Tibbals and H. C. Eldridge. A lecture by Albert Edward Wiggam is scheduled for January 5th, and the last number, given February 1st, will be an entertainment by Ned Woodman, humorist, cartoonist and rhymist. The seniors will soon be busy selling tickets, and as many interested in the course have been inquiring far in advance of the season, they will doubtless go like "hot cakes."

SHIP GOODS.

The household goods of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Vogt were today placed on the road to their destination at Jonesboro, Ark., where the Vogts will make their home. Mrs. Vogt will leave this evening for Fort Wayne to visit until Sunday, and will then proceed to her home in the southwest. Mr. Vogt, who has been appointed city engineer, is already there, having been engaged in his work for several months, and he will have things in readiness for the arrival of Mrs. Vogt, so as to settle down in their new home.

WILL BECOME A NURSE.

Miss Bessie Jeffrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Jeffrey, of North Sixth street, is preparing to enter the nurses' training class at the Lutheran hospital, Fort Wayne, for a three years' course, and will leave a week from next Saturday, October 14, to enter upon her studies. Miss Jeffrey has long had the desire to become a nurse, a profession to which she is well adapted.

A wedding of much surprise to her many friends occurred Wednesday, when Miss Loretta Bosse returned from Lima, Ohio, with her husband, Mr. John Noonan, the wedding taking place at 6 o'clock from the St. Rose Catholic church, with Rev. Father Reiley officiating. The bride was attended by Miss Anna Kinzer, a near friend of hers, while Mr. Henry Kinzer, a brother of the bridesmaid, acted as best man. The bride was gownned in a pretty suit of white, with hat to match, and carried a prayer-book. Her attendant was also very pretty in a suit of blue, she also wearing a large picture hat. The groom and his attendant wore the usual black. Immediately following the services a wedding breakfast was served and shortly afterward the couple left for Decatur by way of Fort Wayne, arriving in the afternoon for a visit with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bosse, on Nuttman avenue. The home had been neatly arranged for the reception of the happy couple, with streamers from the center of the rooms to the

walls, and otherwise prepared, to take on a pretty appearance. Many of the bride's friends called to congratulate her and to extend their best wishes to the happy couple. The bride resided here all her life until about a year ago, but since that time has been making here home at Lima, where she has been working. Mr. Noonan is a popular young man of Lima, being a barber by trade, and enjoying the acquaintance of many. They will remain in the city until Friday, when they will leave on a wedding trip further, returning to Lima, where a home, neatly furnished, awaits them. While here they were the recipients of many pretty and useful presents.

COMING IN SIGHT.

Can be Seen in the Morning by Means of the Naked Eye.

Geneva, N. Y., Oct. 5.—The new comet recently discovered by Belansky was observed this morning by Dr. William R. Brooks at Smith observatory in right ascension 11 hours, 27 minutes and 40 seconds north; declination 11 degrees 13 minutes, or in the eastern part of the constellation of Leo. The comet is visible to the naked eye. Thus two comets are now visible in the morning sky, one in the northeast under the handle of the big dipper and the other low down in the eastern sky.

C. D. Kunkle, of Root township, the well known and prominent farmer, not only of this county, but also throughout the state, was greatly surprised when on Tuesday of this week he received a letter from Governor Marshall, stating that he had appointed him as a state representative to be held at Columbus, Ohio, on the 13th of this month. Mr. Kunkle was entirely unaware of this honored appointment, never thinking that the executive had his name under consideration. He has been attending these important meetings now and then and it was no doubt that at one of these meetings the governor came in touch with his well posted knowledge in this line, and it is no doubt how he received the appointment. If everything is satisfactory and nothing interferes at this time he will attend the gathering which he knows will be of great value throughout. The appointment is one requiring a man well qualified for the work, and since it comes from Governor Marshall, he can feel assured that he is capable to fill the place.

DEALS FROM ERWIN OFFICE.

The D. N. Erwin real estate agency continues to be a busy place, where property deals are made almost daily. Two changes in Decatur property were reported today. Hubert Zerkle of the True & Runyon store, having purchased the residence property on Mercer avenue, formerly owned by Hubert DeVoss and will occupy it at once as his home. Reison Mumma has bought from Henry T. Thieme of Union township his dwelling on Eleventh street, where he will reside in the future. The town continues to move and the question of more houses is fast becoming a mighty important one.

NO LIFE INSURANCE.

A mistake was made Wednesday in the statement that Walters & Graham, the new firm, would also engage in the life insurance business. They are agents for all kinds of property insurance.

A large delegation from the local Woman's Relief Corps left bright and early over the Clover Leaf railroad at 8:30 o'clock this morning for Montpelier, where they attended the fourteenth annual convention of the Eighth district, which was held there, the regular business sessions coming during the day, the convention being held in the Odd Fellows' hall. At 8 o'clock this evening a camp fire program will be given in the Methodist church. On the camp fire program for this evening is Mrs. Vinnie Lyons, of this city, department inspector of the W. R. C., who will give the response to the greetings tendered by Mayor Burris of Montpelier. Three hundred delegates were in attendance. Under the auspices of the Montpelier auxiliary, of which Mrs. Florella Weston is president, the visitors were most royally entertained. Meals were served to the ladies in the Methodist church by the Ladies' Aid society. The convention was held in this city last year. Those from this city who were at the Montpelier convention were: Mrs. William Kitson, Mrs. John Williams, L. H. Purdy, Mrs. John Melotte, Mrs. L. N. Grandstaff, Mrs. Joe Hower, Mrs. Joshua Parrish, Mrs. C. T. Rainer, Mrs. Randall Sprague, Mrs. Agnes Andrews, Mrs. Michael Westberger, Mrs. Margaret Louthan of Ft. Wayne, formerly of this city, accompanied the local members to Montpelier.

The best lighted room in Decatur

is the office and salesroom of the Indiana Lighting company on Monroe street. It is a beautiful and attractive place, particularly so in the evening, and your attention is hereby called to it. If you want to witness an exhibition of what you can do with gas, it will pay you to walk around to that place any evening. The new resident manager, Mr. J. S. Peterson, assisted by Carl Ernst, have transformed the room into a brilliant and inviting business house, that fairly makes one gasp as he looks in. In the big windows are shown about fifteen gas stoves of various sizes and quality, sure to attract you, while on the interior are found every kind of gas range and heater imaginable, tastefully arranged to catch the eye of the housewife as well as anybody else's eye, but the thing which adds beauty to the place is the wonderful display of lights, there being twenty-four lamps of every kind filling the room with a blaze of pretty white light, almost equaling daylight. Mr. Peterson has already added a number of new customers and is looking for more, this being the season for gas and this week they are paying particular attention to the Renzor heater. Take a look at this place of business. If Mr. Peterson is busy, Mr. John Wemhoff will wait on you.

SYNOD AT HOAGLAND.

The Northern Indiana synod of the English Lutheran congregation will be held in Hoagland, beginning next Tuesday evening and continuing over through Wednesday and Thursday. The Concord Lutheran church of Root township is a member of this synod.

FIX DAMAGES.

The interurban cars between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock today ceased to run, the power plant being shut down for the remedying of the mishap which occurred two weeks ago, when considerable damage occurred at the plant. The repairs having all arrived, they were this morning put in shape, hence the shut-down of the entire business of the line.

Huntington, Ind., Oct. 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Carrying a four-leaf clover for good luck and with his machine working perfectly, Aviator Rodgers, flying from ocean to ocean, left here at 11:40 this morning for Chicago, a distance of 142 miles, where he expected to reach by 3 o'clock.

Chicago, Oct. 5.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—It is reported at the Erie station that Rodgers landed between Bass Lake and Aldine, seventy-five miles from here, at 12:55.

Huntington, Ind., Oct. 5.—Driven by the last of the desperate earnestness of Aviator C. P. Rodgers, who is competing for the \$50,000 prize offered by William Randolph Hearst for an airship flight from coast to coast, a force of a dozen mechanics is engaged in stringing wires, tightening stays and spreading snowy canvas on the wings of his damaged Wright racer that he may be able to resume his scheduled flight tomorrow morning. While Rodgers is not so confident of being able to comply with all the conditions imposed by the donor of the prize, he is determined to complete the trip he has undertaken if it lies within his power to do so and nothing short of the total annihilation of his big air boat will stop him.

The air craft, which was wrecked soon after starting his flight Monday morning, has been removed to the Frazier garage where it has been practically rebuilt in record time. The lower left plane is entirely new, new skids have been placed under the machine, the wheels crushed in the fall have been replaced with new ones and every wire and turnbuckle in the aeroplane has been carefully tested and strengthened if suspected of weakness.

W. H. Taylor, personal representative of the aviator, is in direct charge of the work of making repairs and he has absorbed much of the enthusiasm and energy of his superior. Nothing is permitted to be done to the big racing machine unless done under his supervision. Besides looking after the welfare of the machine, he joins with Mrs. Rodgers in looking after the welfare of the man who drives the big air boat in its dashes through the clouds. Rodgers is not permitted to worry about the petty details of the trip. He is shoed off to bed at school boy hours and kept free from the annoyances incident to a flight of the character he is making as much as possible. Today he was bundled in the big "Vin-Fiz" car, which is carried aboard the special train accompanying the aviator, and sent to Fort Wayne for a day, just to keep his mind free from the cares that are putting wrinkles in the features of the rest of the party.

Tonight, the aeroplane, practically rebuilt, is ready to take the air with a bit of preliminary tuning up and Rodgers will begin his flight at the latest possible moment.

The Frazier garage, where reference to the airship are being made, is a hub around which the population of Huntington is revolving. Hundreds of people have crowded into the workshop each day to watch the operation of setting up the airship.

"I must say that the Huntington crowds are the most orderly we have encountered," said Manager Taylor yesterday. "In New York they simply mobbed our workmen, despite the efforts of the police to keep them back. At Geneva Sunday one man scratched his name on the wooden blade of the propeller with a nail. Here the people remain outside the rope and at a respectful distance."

A closer inspection of the rope reveals a very good reason why this silent monitor was so respected. Throughout its length had been swung a fine electric wire and those who leaned against it were given a severe shock. One lesson usually proved sufficient.

Mrs. Rodgers, who accompanies her husband as closely as may be aboard the special train, believes implicitly that her daring young husband is going to succeed in his great undertaking. Her cheerful belief that he is bound to win out is doing much to keep Rodgers keyed to the task.

"Of course I realize that flying is a dangerous profession," said Mrs. Rodgers at her hotel yesterday, "but Calbraith is careful not to take unnecessary risks and understands the operation of his machine perfectly."

"His flight Sunday should convince you that he is fully competent to drive his racer. Of course I am always delighted when we receive the messages while he is in the air saying that all is well and I am only human to be devoutly thankful that another day has passed and my husband is still alive."

ELECT OFFICERS.

Men Who Will Serve as K. of P. Officers For Coming Year.

The Knights of Pythias Grand Lodge of Indiana, in session at Indianapolis, elected Dr. F. A. Priest of Marion as outer guard, he receiving 687 votes, thus defeating F. J. Heller of Columbia City, W. D. Doves of Evansville and Aaron Johns, sr., of South Bend. All others were advanced one station and William P. Hart of Huntington was chosen as grand chancellor and Harry Wade of Indianapolis re-elected Grand K. of R. and S. Jonee Monahan, Orleans, A. M. Brown of Lynn and A. F. Lowe of Greensburg were elected as representatives to the supreme lodge. The question of maintaining a home for the orphans of the deceased members that has previously been considered by the grand lodge was again defeated.

The mystery of the exchange of a horse at the Schlickman feed yard for that of B. F. Beckler, of Bluffton, Friday morning, in which it was thought an attempt had been made to palm off a stolen horse on the people here, an account of which was given in Friday evening's paper, was cleared away about noon today when Sheriff Durkin received a telephone message from Fred Brown, the Berne liveryman, stating that the parties who had hired an outfit there had returned this morning, when it was found that the wrong horse had been brought back, but that everything was all right and the exchange had been made purely through mistake. According to the statement here, the Beckler horse was left at the Schlickman yard Thursday night, and on the same evening two strange young men, one light and the other dark, appeared there and also left a horse and rig over night. The next morning the dark-haired man appeared and got the outfit, he designating the horse which he thought was his, and with which he drove away. When Beckler found his horse gone and another in its place and as no return was made for the dark horse, it was thought that a stolen horse might have been left in the place of the Beckler horse by the strangers, and the sheriff immediately telephoned the officials of Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan to be on the lookout for the outfit. He also sent out cards, giving a description of the animal, the rig and the driver, but was relieved when the Berne message came. It seems that the horse and rig had been hired from the Fred Brown livery stable at Berne Thursday afternoon by the D. J. Bailey bridal party, after their wedding there, and they drove here, the horse being put up for the night at the stable. The next morning Mr. Bailey got a man to get the outfit and not knowing the horse he had taken there, pointed out the wrong one, and it was not until the horse and rig had been returned to the Berne stable this morning that the exchange was noticed. Mr. Brown immediately recognizing the exchange, The Berne bridal party will doubtless come in for a little pleasant company.

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